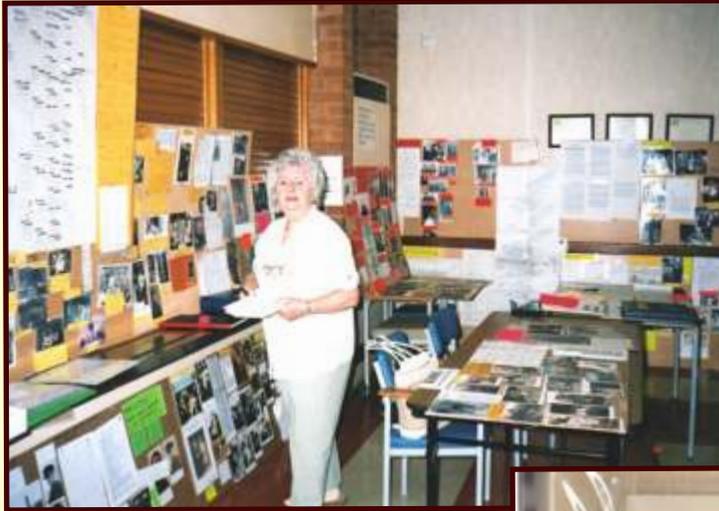


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**Saturday 14th
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**Village Hall
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Editorial

Happy new year everyone and best wishes for 2009!

Lycos have informed me that they are discontinuing the gazette email address in February as it is not profitable (meaning that it was free and we never upgraded to any chargeable services). For the time being will you all please use my personal email address judy@judyq.demon.co.uk as this is the only

one that will be working.

Next month is advert renewal month. We are holding our existing prices for the large adverts for one more year but there will be an increase in 2010. The price for the small adverts however has been increased to £4 per month with discounts for half and full year.

Hope to see as many people as possible at the Past Times Exhibition in the Village Hall on 14th February.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Forge Road	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates	Each Monday	9.30 - 10.30
Pilates	Each Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30 - 8.30 and 8.30-9.30pm
Pyramid Health & Fitness	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

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February

14th Past Times Exhibition - Village Hall
10am to 4pm

14th Fancy Dress Evening - Heros and Heroines - The Wheel

29th Quiz Night - Village Hall - 7pm

March

8th Blood Donors - Village Hall

13th Horticultural Society Annual Dinner

Looking Ahead

Speen Festival	10-19 September
Fireworks	7th November
Remembrance Service	8th November
Christmas Fayre	5th December

and not forgetting

The Summer Fete!
Saturday 6th June
Theme - Beano & Dandy

Directory of Village Organisations

Baby & Toddlers	Louise Lucas	488 255	
Bradenham Parish	Deirdre Hansen	562254	(Parish Clerk) bradenhampc@tiscali.co.uk
Brownies (Naphill)	Ruth Daly	565571	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.15
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Jan Hawkins	565080	Mondays 6pm
Community Police Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146
District Commissioner	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Guides and Brownies
Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332	
Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	562845	
Friends of Naphill Common	Trevor Hussey	563767	www.naphillcommon.org.uk
Gazette	Judy Whitehouse	562742	judy@judyq.demon.co.uk
Guides (Naphill)	Toni Green	562089	Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.45pm
Guides (Walter's Ash)	Toni MacDonald	565926	Thursdays from 7pm
Horticultural Society	Cathryn Carter	563233	www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770	
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888	Every 2nd Monday of the month at 8pm
	Hazel Vickery	563977	
Optometrists	Leigh Lewis	564600	
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	Julie Gibbs	565544	juliegibbs@skymarket.org
	Judy Whitehouse	562742	Judy@judyq.demon.co.uk
Prescription Collection	Betty Williams	563366	
	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650	
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Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634	glorialeflaive@msn.com
School	Kerenza Gwynn	562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
Surgery Pharmacy	Enquiries	565458	8am to 12.30pm 1.30pm until 6.15pm
Tennis Club	David Fletcher	532195	david@tvemf.org
	Sue Crooks	562539	Smcr2000@aol.com
Village Hall	Bookings	565604	mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk
Website	Andrew Wilmot		http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/
WI	Nancy Hussey	563767	

County Councillor's Report

The New Year has had a very mixed start. The economic crisis and the arctic weather have both driven home the difficulties which will confront many of us and our families this coming year. Financial difficulties face us all including the county council and

already plans are in place to make dramatic changes to the way we work and the services we provide. Despite this we are making every effort to maintain and improve services with reduced costs by improving efficiency. We aim to reduce Council spending by £22 million a year by March 2012 in order to live within our income. This could mean the loss of nearly 400 full time equivalent staff posts. It is hoped these posts will

be lost mainly through natural wastage or redeployment. This will be coupled with improvements in the service which will involve workers in the community, such as care workers, being able to access council systems from places such as libraries around the county so that they can spend as much time as possible with clients and reduce their need to travel.

The dumping of waste is not only illegal but it disfigures our countryside. The following case illustrates how the county council will prosecute those who dump. Lauren Charlotte Speck, 22 years, of Kent pleaded guilty and was convicted at Wycombe Magistrates Court on 3rd December 2008 for an offence of knowingly causing the illegal dumping of controlled waste. The court heard that early on Tuesday 27th May 2008 a member of the public at Greenwood, Walter's Ash, High Wycombe saw a woman take several carrier bags of what appeared to be rubbish from the boot of a car and place them to the side of the vehicle. The woman got into the front passenger seat and the car drove quickly off. The witness reported the matter to the RAF Military Police. The carriers were found to contain plastic and glass bottles, newspapers and magazines. The owner of the car explained that she had been driving on the day and had been visiting people in the area. She said that there was a rattling noise coming from the boot of the car and that her friend had told her to stop the car. She claimed that when she stopped the car, her friend had got out, opened the boot and removed carrier bags placing them beside the car. She said that having seen that the friend's action had been witnessed; she had panicked and driven off quickly. She said she later realised that the carrier bags contained waste materials that she had been intending to take to a recycling bank. The Magistrates ordered Ms Speck to pay £1,555 in fines and costs.

To date the Partnership has secured 120 convictions against individuals and companies for illegal dumping and related offences. This has resulted in a significant reduction in reported incidents and a saving to the Buckinghamshire tax payer of over £250,000, principally through reducing removal and disposal costs. If you see anyone dumping waste illegally in Buckinghamshire please report it on the illegal dumping hotline at 0845 330 1856.

My congratulations to the Hughenden Valley Community Shop group who have secured planning permission for a temporary building at Hughenden Village Hall which will sell essential food and household items.

I am trying to prevent heavy coaches and lorries from accessing Stocking Lane from Main Road but this is proving difficult to implement because of the existing right of access. Signage will be erected in High Wycombe centre to direct heavy traffic travelling to Aylesbury onto the A4010 to try and stop it from coming into Hughenden Valley as a result of satellite navigation directions.

The white lining and cats-eye replacement is still taking place along Main Road, Naphill. I am sure residents will agree that Coombe Hill Lane is now much improved for night driving.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Happy New Year!

I am sure you feel that Christmas seems such a long time ago because of the ever-changing economic conditions. But, I am optimistic for 2009. The District Council are proposing a number of cost reductions that are vital in order to keep the Council Tax at the agreed percentage and to maintain/enhance the essential services. This will inevitably lead to job losses. The decisions are necessary because we have standards to meet. I do believe that the district is looking good as a whole and I for one feel proud to be amongst determined people who care about our environment. You can attend the Council meeting at 6.30pm on 26 February. This will be when the annual council tax is set.

I spoke at the Development Control Committee in January when the Hughenden Valley temporary shop at the village hall was approved. This has taken nearly 18 months. This shows what spirit people have. I have also asked Co-Op to monitor the "yellow label" reduced items pricing. The Manager, Lyn, has said she will look into this.

I also attended a difficult Licensing Panel hearing to review a current licence, an informal cabinet meeting and a briefing from barristers regarding the Hoppers Farm appeal for 36 extra houses. I am also planning a surgery in the spring and will announce a date in the next issue.

Finally, before Christmas, I was pleased to allocate from my community budget £350 to Hughenden Parish Council covering a willow tunnel and/or landscaping for the Naphill play area on the Crick, and £200 for the Christmas tree lights at the village hall.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

Good news! The Parish Council has decided to keep the precept at the same level as this year (£155,000). Services will be maintained through careful budgeting and the use of about £7,800 of reserves. The Council considers that, in the current financial climate, it should do what it can to keep the Council Tax down. As you probably know, the procedure is for the Parish Council to set its precept and for Wycombe District Council to include this amount in the overall Tax it collects from residents.

Support for village halls will continue to be provided through annual grants as well as by major grants on request. Playground maintenance will be funded at the present level of about £10,000 pa, with another £20,000 included for major refurbishments. Naphill Crick playground had about £10,000 spent on its toddler multiplay so funding will go to other playgrounds in the Parish this year. It is still hoped to be able to update the junior end of the Crick playground; grants continue to be sought.

Bucks County Council is seeking to devolve some of its current activities to town and parish councils. The Parish Council is exploring the possibility of sharing some of these responsibilities provided financial arrangements are satisfactory. For example, it might make sense for the Parish to add some of the hedge and grass cutting done at present by BCC to its own schedules.

This year's Parish Meeting will take place on May 19th at a venue in Naphill and Walter's Ash. It is our turn. Please put the date in your diary. Further information about the venue, and a keynote speaker, will be provided nearer the time.

Our glorious countryside is free! Let us enjoy that!

Peggy Ewart - Vice Chairman

Bradenham Parish Council

The Parish Council met on the 12th of January. The main business had been to set the Precept for 2009/10. It was decided to set it at £5,000. This is a large increase, but we had not increased it for several years and had even reduced it in 2006, but now time and inflation has caught up with us.

Maintenance on our bus shelters is due; we are going to spend some money on traffic calming and fixed costs keep rising. We also support a number of local organisations, Friends of Saunderton Station being one of them. They are running a Special Charter Train trip from Saunderton to Carlisle via Settle on April 25. for details please contact 01453-834477.

Parish Councillors had attended the Planning appeal inquiry for Willow Barn, New Road Walter's Ash on 2 December 2008. Wycombe District Council's appeal, which the Parish Council had supported, had succeeded in part.

Our next meeting will be Monday 9th March 2009 @ 7.30pm at the Cricket club.

The meeting is open to the press and public, please feel free to attend. If you have any issues please contact the clerk Deirdre Hansen Riva Naphill Common, Naphill High Wycombe HP14 4SZ
Tel: 01494-562254 bradenhampc@tiscali.co.uk

Deirdre Hansen - Clerk to the Council, 562254

News from "Christians in the Community"

I know it seems a long while ago but I would still like to wish you a very happy and peaceful 2009.

I'm afraid we had to close the youth group KRASH at Christmas due to low numbers of children but it's not the end of the story because one day it may be re-invented.

By the time you read this we will have had a united service at the Hughenden Church to celebrate the Christian week of prayer but yet to come on the 31st January is the coffee morning at the Naphill Methodist Church. So we hope to see you there!

Norma Clarke

Naphill Evening WI

A belated Happy New Year to all our readers. The bitterly cold weather has produced some "Winter Wonderland" scenes in the Chilterns, so much pleasure amongst the economic gloom.

Going back to November 20th, we had a very enlightening talk by Keith Janz about "The History of the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists". Many of us were under the misapprehension that the artists receive very little money from the charity. That we now know is not the case. The artists are helped in so many ways as students, with support and very much encouragement. It has changed our attitude to buying their Christmas cards etc. What a pleasant evening we had on December 11th, our Christmas party. The usual scrumptious food and plenty of it, each member receiving a small gift and of course the fun of the bran tub. The icing on the cake was the entertainment – Beryl's daughter and singers made the evening complete. At this point we must also mention Pauline and Trish who made the beautiful flower arrangements. Carol O'Neil and Carol Gilliam hosted a sherry and mince pie evening on the 18th December. Those who attended said how much they had enjoyed it, but the numbers were down, supposedly due to the coughs and colds going around, plus the very cold weather. The village Christmas Fayre was the usual success with Father Christmas, mulled wine and home made mince pies, cakes, tea, and coffee, with plenty to buy from the stalls. A thank you to all those who supported it.

A committee meeting was held at Juliet's home on the 9th January to discuss the coming year and the new programme. Subs are due in January, so many of you will have joined again and are looking forward to more events. The visit to see Carousel on the 28th January is after we go to press, so as usual we will be telling you about it in the next Gazette. It is sure to have been another delightful evening. January 15th was an Open evening "The Time Team from Chenies Manor" by Mrs Valerie Edwards, again to be reported next month. Nancy and Betty attended the Disraeli Group meeting

on Jan 12th. The Group meeting is going ahead on the 26th March, but sadly the admission fee has gone back up to £3 as they made a loss at the October meeting due to poor attendance. Now moving on already to February 19th, there will be a talk by Dr Maisey on "Aspects of Health", the competition a "Healthy Living Recipe". A good incentive for 2009, so come on ladies, lets give it a go!

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

Christmas is a vague memory by now, as is our most enjoyable visit to the 20th Birmingham International Tattoo last November. Our Christmas Dinner lived up to expectations when over 70 members and guests sat down to a traditional meal followed by carol singing and entertainment.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Tombola at the Village Hall's Christmas Fayre. We didn't sell out quite as quickly as usual - probably due to the dreaded "credit crunch" - but raised a respectable £156 for the Village Hall funds.

In January Maureen Dennis told us about MISS DOVE & MRS TILBURY - Headmistress and Housemaid at Wycombe Abbey School. Miss Dove (later Dame Frances Dove), a pioneer of higher education for girls

in late Victorian times when marriage was considered the only future for middle class women (failing that they became governesses), founded the school in 1896. Mrs Ivy Tilbury's story was of life at the turn of the century and at the lower end of the social scale. It was told in her own words and made fascinating listening. She grew up in Wycombe and worked as a housemaid at the school.

Our February meeting is on 9th at 8pm when Mrs Valerie Edwards will talk to us about THE HISTORY, HOUSE & GROUNDS OF CHENIES MANOR. Tea hostesses will be: Lesley Potter, Yvonne Cook and Margaret Pearce.

Plans are going ahead for our 2009 outings and in the pipeline is THE BLOSSOM TRAIL (Evesham) on Tuesday, 21st April - £12 for members and £14 for guests. Names will be taken at the February meeting and money in March. The rose gardens at MOTTISFONT ABBEY (near Romsey) is our destination on Thursday, 18th June. Members and guests who are National Trust members pay only for the coach and guide £10 for Naphill Neighbours members and £12 for guests) and non-National Trust members and guests pay an entrance fee of £8 on arrival.

Wishing all our members a belated Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Past Times and Memorabilia of Walter's Ash and Naphill - Village Hall February 14th 10am - 4pm

I did say after my last exhibition in September 2007 that I would not be doing it again but after many requests "here I go again". However this time it will be in a different format. It will comprise of albums containing previous records which I have collated over the past 25/30 years. At 11am on the day, Christine Featherstone from the Local Studies Specialist of Culture and Learning Department of our new library and Mr Michael Dewey who is the Project Manager of "SWOP" (Sharing Wycombe's Old Photographs) will officially open my exhibition. Teas and snacks will be available and also The Wheel and The Black Lion public houses will do hot meals for folk travelling from away.

I am at present in touch with Mrs Mavis Batey (aged 88 years) who worked with Dilly Knox and Alan Turing at Bletchley Park during World War 2 when they broke the Enigma code which they say shortened the war by two years. Mrs Batey is busy writing her autobiography so I have been able to help her with Dilly Knox's years in Walter's Ash. Do see her splendid work in my Dilly Knox album. She lives in West Sussex but is hoping to get to my exhibition, would be great for people to meet her. Here's hoping.

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Hughenden Parish Council Results from Youth Questionnaire

Congratulations to Aidan Roberts (pictured below with all his swimming medals) who won the £25 gift voucher in the Prize Draw!



The first thing to report is that the survey did not get a great response, with only 12 replies received. I was disappointed as there is a genuine commitment by the Parish Council to reach the young people of the local villages and to try and shape the future with their needs in mind. It may be that the gazette/internet was not the most appropriate method of communication, so if you have alternative suggestions then I really would like to hear from you. Of course the other conclusion that we might reach is that our young people are content with their lives here and did not see the need to respond. I don't know the right answer to this at present but I do know that with such a small response we must be very cautious about the conclusion we draw from it. However I found the replies very interesting and I thought you might too, so here they are.

Of the young people that responded, **58%** lived in **Naphill**, **17%** in **Walter's Ash** and the remainder lived elsewhere or did not respond to this question. More boys than girls replied. **25%** were aged **9-11**, **58%** aged **12 - 15** and **16%** were **17 and over**. All except one went to school locally and one respondent was already out at work. **67%** of those that responded had lived in Naphill & Walter's Ash all their lives. **Those who had not lived here all their lives rated living here much better than where they used to live.**

The things that the young people liked best about living here were:

Smooth roads	Good friends
Fireworks/bonfire night/annual fete	Lots of things to do
Walkways through woods	The Crick
Lots of friends from the RAF	Proximity to Wycombe
Safe, friendly community	Peaceful and not too built up
No violence/drugs/gangs	Good pub

The things they liked less were:

Don't like the reputation us youths have	The staff in the Co-op
Lack of social facilities for older teens	Not many young people live here
Not much to do	Not allowed out in the evening as no street lights
Having to go to school somewhere else	No cycle path
Speed of cars on Main Road	Nowhere for teens to meet up

Our young people feel less safe in the following places:

Kilnwood
 Woods (only because I don't like woods)
 RAF base – personnel not letting you go through the gate and they have guns
 Sometimes by the Co-op in the dark
 On the Crick – as there is never anyone around at night
 Clappins and Stocking Lane (no pavements)

The local clubs that people were members of ranged from scouts/guides, to sport (football, tennis, cricket, hockey) to youth and dance clubs and the Air Training Corps. In their spare time they do sports, watch TV meet up with friends, spend time with the family, go to the park and go on the computer. Time was also spent on homework and going in to town.

The local facilities they would like to see improved are:

Scout hut	Pavements – more needed
Tennis courts/floodlights	Cycle path
Football pitch	Street lights

The play area – monkey bars – something for the older children
The floor in the village hall – to make it better to dance on
Bus stops – more and clearer

When it came to the question “If money was available for something in the village especially for teenagers, what do you think it should be?” there was no shortage of answers!

Theme park	Beach	Long slide through the woods
Golf driving range	Internet café	Monster truck rally course
Swimming pool	Sweet shop	Doctors
Wireless everywhere	Paintball centre	More local leisure activities
Cricket club	Cinema	Multi-use games area
Driving courses	First aid courses	Skate park
Graffiti wall	Bank open all day	Train station – because everywhere is down hill
Local youth centre for young people to enjoy, meet and relax in a safe environment		

Suggestions as to how the money could be raised for this included an "eatathon", lottery funding, sponsored events, local authority funding, car boot sale, sponsorship by local organisations

The most important issues they saw facing young people today were:

Lack of time to have fun	Bullying
Anti-social behaviour	Being able to afford to buy a house
Choosing a career	Diet and fitness
Gangs and gang culture	Knife crime
Exam pressure	Getting a job
Fights/safety	Adults not listening to young people's ideas/views
Probability of prejudice against activities of young people from other villagers	

The help they would most like was:

Reassurance that youths can belong in a close community such as this village
Help with career options
Sexual guidance

64% thought that a youth council would be a good forum to discuss these issues and ideas and four people expressed an interest in getting involved with this.

The Parish Council Youth Working Party will be meeting shortly to discuss these results and we will of course keep you informed. Meanwhile the discussion topic remains open so please feel free to contact your local Parish Council representatives with ideas and comments.

Judy Whitehouse

Day hope to see you on 14th February at Naphill Village Hall.
Pam Smith

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

Our meeting was a short one as it was on one of those very cold nights that we had at the start of the year, and everyone was keen to get back to the warmth of their own firesides.

The year started on a sad note with the death of Una Keen who has cleaned the Hall for us for many years. Una took a great pride in the Hall and worked diligently keeping it clean and tidy – not an easy job at times. Our condolences go to her family.

We do hope to have the heating sorted out now. Our apologies go to those of you who have had arrived at a cold hall. It was an electrical problem, the heating did

not come on automatically and had to be switched on manually

I would like to thank everyone involved in the Christmas Fayre. It was another lovely occasion and did well financially. Thanks to those who worked hard to organise it and those of you who supported it. A great result.

Our Christmas Tree was yet again stunning and admired from far and wide. We were helped by donations from The Wheel and from our local District Councillor John Gibbs. Many thanks. The lighting of the tree does cost a significant amount – but it wouldn't be Christmas without it would it? I know that our youngsters when they return home for the festivities are very proud of it. We are looking at ways of running it as economically as possible - and keeping it lit when the current bulbs are no longer available.

Our next event is Pam Smith's Historical Exhibition on February 14th from 10.00 to 4.00. This is a fascinating display of life in our community over the years. Don't miss it.

We then have the Quiz on 27th February.

The theme for the Fete on 6th June is characters from the Dandy and the Beano. Get your thinking caps on!

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

Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

The team hope everyone enjoyed the lights this year. The lead climber, for the 18th year in succession, was Mike Leggett. He was ably assisted up the tree by Kelly Fountain of Hughenden Valley, Mark Christian from "The Wheel" and Robin Stubbs from Amersham. The team on the ground consisted of Gary Putnam of Holmer Green and his son Ben, Stephen Fountain of Widmer End and his daughters Millie and Gabbie, John Harris, Ron Collins, Terry Aldridge, Peter Brown, Glenn Gavin, Peter Davis and myself. Ben, Millie and Gabbie were very useful, enthusiastically helping to put the lamps in the holders as the 900 foot cable went up, making sure the colour sequence was correct.

However, despite having more people up the tree and more people on the ground than ever before, putting

up the lights did not go smoothly. We hit many snags at the beginning where the lamp sockets became caught in the branches and the whole operation took 3 hours rather than 2 ½ hours – very tiring for those up the tree. We also had difficulties taking down the lights – snagging resulted in three cable breaks and the operation took about 50% longer. We took down the lights in what we believe were the coldest conditions yet – minus 5 degrees C. The bulbs were covered with hoar frost and some had icicles an inch or two long.

I have already reported on the very strong winds which wreaked havoc the previous winter. The final bill for the damage came when the lamps were tested in November 2008. Over 50% had to be replaced, and that was a first.

I must take this opportunity to thank Daisy Leek who has taken on the task of organising the collection tins in the village shops, Brenda and Jack Bates for the use of their long drive for the testing and repair of the cable, and Marlène Mason for assisting with the testing and repair and for the provision of the essential mince pies and coffee for the team. Thank you also to the members of the public who donated generously in the collection tins and via village organisations.

Various circumstances have combined to cause us to change completely the lights for the coming winter 2009/2010. Firstly, and very importantly, we are hitting more and more problems putting up and taking down the lights. In the past, when the sockets became lodged in branches, we could pull hard and either small branches broke or bent. Now the branches are much stronger and when the sockets are caught it is a real problem to free them. Secondly, our cable, the sockets and sleeves are outmoded. They ceased to be sold about five years ago after changes in electrical regulations and we have run out of our stock of spares. Thirdly, it will not be possible to purchase filament lamps in a couple of years as the Government wants all filament lamps to be replaced with low-energy light bulbs. So we will be forced to change. So a decision has been made, for all those three reasons, to go for low-energy light bulbs this coming winter. It is anticipated that, rather than having a single 900-foot cable we shall have a series of shorter cables radiating from the top of the tree. That would entail a complete change to our time-honoured method of putting up the lights. It will also involve considerable capital expenditure. The team will be coming up with proposals for the Village Hall Council later this year.

Mike Leggett has been a member of the team for 33 years and has been the lead climber for the past 18 years. He will be 60 in February and has decided to hand over the job of lead climber to a keen young person with a head for heights, great arm strength and an immunity to cold. Mike intends to be a support member up the tree to give advice and assistance. I am sure everyone in the village will wish to thank Mike for his splendid work over such a great number of years.

All the best for 2009!

Mike Mason

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

Friday 29th February
**(Doors open 7pm,
Quiz Starts 7.30pm)**
Teams of Four
Tickets £8 pp
(includes Ploughman's)
Full Bar Available
In Aid of Hall Funds
Tickets in advance from

Ted Chapman (563034) or
John Harris (562099)

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

It is time to roll the drums and sound the fanfare, as we are delighted to announce that the Horticultural Society now has its own website (address above), where you can find out information about us, events for the coming year, links to the Specialist Societies we are affiliated to, and read Mike Mason's wonderful gardening articles. Our Show Schedules will also be available on the website in the very near future. Our grateful thanks go to Peter Davis, who created and maintains the website for us. Please do have a look and if there are any changes or inclusions you would like to see, let us know.

Our next event is our **Dinner & Entertainment on Friday 13th March**
Doors open 7.15pm
Wine & Soft Drinks Bar

Tickets are now available, and cost just £15, including a glass of wine and Society Membership for 2009. 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 Steak & Ale Pie or Coq au Vin or a Vegetarian alternative of Aubergine wrapped Asparagus with a Cheese & Grain Mustard Sauce, all served with New Potatoes, Carrots & Roasted Vegetables. For dessert there will be either Steamed Treacle Pudding & Custard or Cheese & Biscuits. Tea and Coffee will follow.

After Dinner we will be entertained by a Ladies Close Harmony Group, who have promised a light-hearted programme.

Members and non-members are all very welcome, but I **must** have final numbers and menu choices by March 1st.

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

On Monday March 16th 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.

Looking forward to seeing you all on March 13th.
Cathryn Carter

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning :

09/05026/FUL Land adjacent Hillbrow, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Change of use from agricultural land to graze and keep horses and erection of a stable block. (Objections: (a) Development in open countryside in a conspicuous position on an AONB/Green Belt hillside.

(b) Change of use of a GB/AONB field from agriculture is not needed, as horses can graze the land without a change of use. (c) The site does not have access to any adjacent bridledways or byways as required by Policy RT17 (d) Dangerous access for horses and horse boxes on to Coombe Lane on 16% steep hill adjacent to blind bend.

09/0 5030/FUL 172 Main Road, Naphill. Construction of single storey side/rear extension with room in roof.

Date of Next Meeting: 8pm Thursday 12th February, 2009. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 01494 563634

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

Naphill has one of the finest commons in the Chilterns but one which has problems and is not as inviting as it might be. On 2nd December 2008 a "Friends of Naphill Common" group was formed to help conserve and enhance what is valuable about our common and to make its treats more accessible. We have begun with a steering committee but hope to attract as large a membership as possible to help undertake practical work, historical research, studies of the wildlife and other projects that members favour. Whether you just want to walk on the common or want to explore some of its many interesting features in more detail, you might consider joining us. If enough join we hope to organise walks, talks, events and activities that will interest people in the common and help safeguard its welfare.

The common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest but its natural history remains waiting to be properly explored. There are still some glorious ancient pollard trees surviving from when it was open wood pasture but we are slowly losing them. Amongst the existing trees we have some unusual specimens, including one common oak that thinks it's an evergreen. There are still some remnants of what was once a remarkable forest of juniper; there are fragments of other heath-land plant communities and, of course, there may still be specimens of the famous star-fruit lurking in the ponds. The common has many sorts of fungi including at least two notable rarities.

Woodland birds abound, including nuthatches, green and great spotted – and reports of lesser spotted – woodpeckers, and even hawfinches, plus chiff-chaffs, willow warblers, blackcaps and other visitors in their season. Red kites regularly roost on the common and ravens have recently made an appearance.

There are muntjac, roe deer and perhaps fallow deer, hares, and foxes, but are there any badgers? Frogs and newts breed in the ponds; grass snakes and common lizards have been seen, but do adders still survive from the heath-land days? The ancient trees attract rare beetles and in 1940 fairy shrimps were found – now a very rare species – but they might be re-discovered if we search. Could there be purple

emperor butterflies flying over the crowns of the oaks? If not, could we find ways of attracting them?

There is plenty of scope for amateur historians to explore. It seems likely that the common began as two commons, Moseley and Naphill, but its origins are, as yet, largely a mystery. There are stories of drovers, a ghostly lady and a Kibbo-Kift site. There is archaeological evidence of the original common boundary; a registered ancient monument, a Romano-British farmstead; evidence of iron smelting; WWII tank tracks, and numerous other features, all waiting to be investigated.

The common is big enough and quiet enough to welcome many more local people without being spoiled, but its qualities needs to be better known and its paths need improving. If you would like to join the Friends of Naphill Common for just £5 a year, (and do as much or as little as you like) please contact any of the committee: Kevin Bennett, Michael Clarke, Ron Collins, Peter Davis, Peggy Ewart, Philip Hussey, Trevor Hussey, Daisy Leek, Marek Pawlik and Steve Rodrick. We have a fine web-site which will be accessible by the time this appears. There will be a small display at the Past Times Exhibition at the Village Hall on 14th February and an open meeting in the same venue on the evening of Friday 20th March. All will be very welcome.

Trevor Hussey 01494 563767

Naphill & Walter's Ash Lunch Club

The New Year began on a very sad note for us. Una Keen, who has been a helper at the lunch club for many years passed away on January 1st after a short illness. She was a great asset to the Club; invariably attending to the preparation of vegetables for us each month plus her general willingness to help in any way she could. Additionally, we benefited from her other task in maintaining the Hall in a spotless condition for activities such as our own. We know Una's family meant a great deal to her and our deep sympathy goes out to them in their loss.

It seems a long time since we had our Christmas meal but once again it proved highly successful and was enjoyed by 32 members. Finally, by the time the Gazette goes to press the helpers will have had our annual evening meal out, an event started a couple of years ago and which is now keenly looked forward to.

Jan Gaunt

Fete - Tombola Stall

Now that Christmas is behind us we can start to look forward to summer and THE FETE. Helen and I have spent the winter months folding tickets for the tombola stall and all we need now is 600 prizes that we hope will be donated by the generous residents of Naphill. Last year on our stall we made over £550 and this

year if we don't have to buy any prizes we hope to exceed this figure. So could I please invite you to make a donation - any new item will be appreciated no matter how small in value terms - food bottles packets or tins, unwanted Christmas presents, cosmetics, drinks or sweets etc etc. Although the fete is still several months away it would be helpful if you could make early donations so that the work involved in labelling can be undertaken well in advance as it is a time consuming process!! I will gladly collect or if you prefer you can deliver to my home at Michaelmas Cottage, 2 Lacey Drive. Tel 01494 562240 Thank you in anticipation of an avalanche of donations!!

Helen and Ron Collins

Help Needed Please

I have a Samsung fax machine that I rely on but it is not working and apparently it needs re-programming. I have a manual for it but am not able to read the instructions myself. If you think you are able to help please give me a call. I am willing to offer reasonable payment.

Anna - 562330

Allotment Holder for 50 Years

Congratulations to Ron Crutchfield from the Walter's Ash allotments who recently received an award from Hughenden Parish Council in recognition of having an allotment for over 50 years. An amazing achievement. Well done Ron, leading the way as always, we love you!

Judy Whitehouse

Missing Pets

Before Christmas I received a letter from Evelyn Livett regarding missing cats in Naphill. At the time three cats had disappeared from the Downley Road area, the last one prompting Evelyn to write in. Happily this last missing cat has turned up three weeks later but Evelyn suggests that I should publish a regular section on missing animals as a service to pet owners and also if there is something more sinister going on to help reveal the full scale of the problem.

I am happy to do this, indeed it would have been most useful when my son's corn snakes escaped. One was missing for over a year and turned up in a neighbour's garden amongst a pile of leaves. The second was found sunbathing in the garden of the Black Lion! Both survived living wild through an English winter.

So if you have lost a pet let me know and I will happily include the details and a picture to make people aware.

Judy Whitehouse

Festival Fever Begins

Speen Festival 2009

Thursday 10th – Saturday 19th September 2009

First off, Happy New Year! Now for the news you've all been waiting for....It gives me great pleasure to announce the truly stellar programme for Speen Festival 2009! With a cosmic, yet earthy focus, this year's creative mix introduces astronomy, science and gastronomy. We also have more events than ever before, offering you a veritable cornucopia of artistic and musical delights gleaned from the four corners of this most talented of villages and beyond!

And just when you thought it couldn't get any better, we present SpeenFest Interactive! a host of activities linked to Festival events that are designed to inspire creativity before, during and after the forthcoming Festival. Finally to celebrate the 5th Festival, we're also delighted to unveil Speen Festival's spiffing new look – a classic feel with a highly individual twist that we hope will reflect the spirit of the Festival and help forge its continued success for years to come.

Before I pass out with excitement anticipating the delights to come, I urge you to put the Festival Programme dates in your diaries now. In particular, please note the Festival Show Spectaculars on Sunday 1 and Sunday 8 March 2009 from 2.00-5.00pm at Speen C of E School where you can read the script for the Community Theatre, find out how to get involved and meet artistic directors, Kate and Sam Laughton and stage director, Annie Hill. Everyone is welcome so see you there!

And that's about it for now except to say, Speen Festival is nothing without its heart and soul – in other words it's nothing without you! To make sure Speen Festival 2009 continues in the spirit of previous festivals, we need a willing team of volunteers. Just let us know whether you fancy something on-stage, back-stage, front of stage, or would just like to lend a helping hand. To find out more, please visit www.speenfestival.org or contact our festival secretary, Sue Taylor at secretary@speenfestival.org or on telephone 01494 488 168.

Best wishes - *Jem Symondson - Chair - Speen Festival 2009 Committee*

Festival Programme

Thursday 10, Friday 11 & Saturday 12 September

Community Theatre Production

Announcement of our production is imminent! All will be revealed at the Festival Show Spectaculars on Sunday 1 and Sunday 8 March 2009 from 2.00-5.00pm at Speen C of E School. Everyone welcome to read the script, meet the directors and have some fun!

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September

Photography Exhibition/Competition

Give free rein to your photographic talent!

Sunday 13 September

Food Fest

Local producers, culinary demonstrations and tastings

Sunday 13 September

Astronomy Talk by Dr. Heather Couper

Covering everything from Babylon to the Big Bang!

Monday 14 September

Music and Poetry

A candle-lit recital and poetry soirée in Speen Chapel

Tuesday 15 September

Wild about Wildlife

Loads of activities for all ages

Wednesday 16 September

Jazz Concert "The Irving Berlin Story"

The Martin Hart Quintet with Lynn Garner

An evening of jazz by the Martin Hart Quintet.

Thursday 17 September

Science Matters

Stimulating and thought-provoking debate with leading scientists.

Friday 18 September

Speen Big Sing!

Opportunity to sing "LOUD and PROUD" and have fun

Saturday 19 September

Teatro Unfortunato

More mayhem with this riotous children's theatre company

Saturday 19 September

Speen Bike Park Challenge

Races, competitions, and skilful demonstrations

Saturday 19 September

Cabaret Supper - Reaching for the stars!

A spectacular evening finale of star-studded performances

PLUS - SpeenFest Interactive! We're also planning a host of participatory activities linked to and inspiring Festival events including a Creative Writing Workshop; Art Activities inspired by Astronomy; Creative Projects in local schools; Drop into Science; Wildlife Bedtime Stories as well as Singing, Drama and Dance for all ages.

Financial Advice

Wilkinson James Associates Ltd are different – yes we offer a full financial planning service relating to mortgage advice, personal protection and pension/retirement planning. We were established in 1998 and are independent financial advisers so we are not owed by any insurance company.

But in our experience, all people require initially is advice, nothing else but advice.

Whether this includes clarifying clients existing policies/investments or guidance on equity release – we take a different approach. We give clients as much advice as they require and then they decide, so whatever you require advice on, we will steer you through the financial jungle.

Based locally Wilkinson James is directly authorised by the Financial Services Authority and being independent advisers means we can comment on existing investments and policies and offer unbiased recommendations for consideration without having a bank or an insurance company influencing any advice.

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Look forward to hearing from you and our contact details are telephone 01844 273022, email wilkjames@btconnect.com or visit our website www.wilkinsonjames.net

Three Cheers to Leigh Lewis

Leigh wished us all a Merry Christmas in the last issue – she certainly made the difference to us during the holiday period. In the run-up to Christmas she expertly prescribed and supplied our young daughter with toric contact lenses (for astigmatism) and supported her patiently as she learned how to use them so that this Christmas was Kirsty's first without spectacles.

All in the line of service you might say, but the quality of after-care was amazing. During the weekend after Christmas, Kirsty managed to tear one lens in trying to remove it, leaving a fragment in her eye which we could not find and her eye just got redder. On the Monday we went to check the opening hours of Leigh's shop, thinking we could well end up having to go to casualty if she was shut. Not only had she posted an

emergency contact number in her window, but as we were writing it down, Leigh came to the door and offered to see Kirsty immediately. Within 30 minutes she had found and removed the fragment and sent us on our way with no charge.

Thank you Leigh for the best optical service we've had in a long time. The rest of the family will be changing opticians to come to you soon and we can recommend you to everyone else in Naphill and Walter's Ash.

Eric & Cheryl Scott

The Wheel 2009

With 2008 now behind us, whether you had a good or bad year we can now all look forward to 2009 and the many challenges that lay ahead, be it the weather, financial or personal. The wheel and its staff aim to spread a little happiness and probably some madness during 2009 (not that much different to the last 2½ years really!!) Now that the festive season is out of the way, which was a very hectic few weeks of fun, ale and flu, in the pub Team Lance enjoyed New Years Eve by consuming a large amount of Stout so as to ensure Lance winning the £200 for correctly guessing the years ale count, which was an amazing 619 firkins or 44,568 pints of ale. There was also three winners for the Christmas Day Draw, Dave Adams won 1st £250, 2nd Vince Free £100 and 3rd to Jack Dell £43.

So 2009 is another fun packed year with a least two beer festivals planned (maybe more if Mark has his way) more live music, fancy dress evenings, 6 Nations Rugby, British Lions Tour, more quiz nights and much more...Where do we start?

We will be doing some lunch time food promotions over the next few months Soup and ½ baguette £3.00, Ham, Egg and Chips, Wholetail Scampi, Chicken Fillet Burgers all at £5.50 (available during lunch times Tuesday – Friday). Sunday lunches are still going strong and a just a quick reminder it is advisable to book to avoid disappointment.

The first quiz of the year is on the 4th Feb. And then continues every first Wednesday of the month. In February we have the start of the Rugby Six Nations of which we will be showing all the games as usual. It is also the month of love and on Valentine's Day and there will be a slight twist. We will be holding a fancy dress evening of Heroes and Heroines just for fun on Sat 14th Feb.

Last but not least, thank you to all of our customers and staff for your support during 2008, and here's to a cracking 2009.

Cheers

Claire and Mark

Dog's Mess

I live in Forge Road which obviously some small dog thinks is its personal toilet. I also regularly walk to the Co-Op and the Post Office where there is ALWAYS

mess on the paths and verges.

So many children walk to school that way, I hate to think what their shoes are like.

I was a dog owner until recently so I know there is no need for this.

Why can't these owners clear up after their dogs or let them use their own gardens?

MK1 Photography Studio Day

We are considering doing a MK1 Studio Day at the village hall in the near future. We will be providing a full studio setting to give families the opportunity to come and have a portrait sitting on the day.

Each sitting will receive a free 7 x 5 mounted print of an image selected from the password-protected gallery. An example of some different portraits can be found at:

<http://mk1.jalbum.net/Portrait%20Examples/>

To see who would be interested in such a service could I ask if you will e-mail your enquiry to mark@mk1photography.co.uk or call 01494 563940

The first to make an actual booking will get the sitting fee of £30.00 free!

Mark Dell

Sally Woodbridge

Energy Saving Light Bulb Myth Buster

Why use them?

Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) use 80% less electricity, save you about £3 a year each, and last up to 12 times longer than old fashioned tungsten bulbs.

What are they?

Think of them as compact versions of the strip lights in work places since the 1950s.

Have they improved?

You can now get all shapes and sizes, fittings and levels of brightness, including 150W equivalent and dimmable options. A recent blind test of 761 shoppers, found that 64% preferred the light from them.

Is it better to leave them running?

No, switching them on uses the equivalent electricity as leaving them on for a few minutes. Most now light

instantaneously.

How should I dispose of them?

Use the service your municipal tip provides for the safe disposal of fluorescent tubes.

Is mercury an issue?

Ironically, installing CFLs ought to help reduce the need for coal-fired electricity production - a major cause of global mercury emissions. CFLs contain mercury - about 5mg. Locked into its tube, this is harmless.

What should I do if I smash one?

Ventilate the room for 15 minutes. Put on your rubber gloves, brush the bits into a bag, seal it and drop it at the tip next time you go.

Are tungsten bulbs banned?

No. Manufacturers have agreed to withdraw them for sale, starting with 100W this year, 60W in 2010 and 40W in 2011.

Where can I find out more?

Contact the Energy Saving Trust on 0800 512 012.

Genetically-Modified Food – The Score So Far

The Case For

I have always maintained a strictly neutral stance on genetically-modified food. This may seem out-of-character since, for over 35 years, I have been a grower of purely organic fruit and vegetables in my garden and on my allotment. The reason I have been neutral is because of the awful statistic that around 40,000 people die every day because of starvation or because of a greater susceptibility to disease caused by inadequate nutrition. I did say 40,000 people per day. That is so awful that mankind must look at every means to provide more food for those without. When genetically-modified (GM) food was launched about 12 years ago there was a lot of publicity about the potential to increase food supplies.

There is another reason for my neutral stance. The world's population was about 2.5 billion in 1948. Sixty years later in 2008 it is about 6.5 billion. By 2050, only 42 years from now, the forecast is for 9 billion. Can we feed everybody? Between 1948 and 2008 there was a massive improvement in farmers' productivity, with the use of artificial fertilisers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and better crops being created through hybridisation. More land was also brought under the plough. By these means enough food was grown for 6.5 billion people. However, by all accounts, further such improvements in productivity are not possible. There will be some minor improvements – better availability of chemicals to third-world farmers, a little

more land coming under the plough and so on – but there is nothing on the horizon to feed an additional 2.5 billion people. The rate of increase of World crop yields from 1970 to 1990 was 2% per year but dropped to 1.1% per year from 1990 to 2007. For the same periods the rate of increase in the demand on the land for food, feed and fuel went from about 1.5% to about 1.8% per year so already we are surviving only by running down stocks. We have reached crossover (a term I have just invented), where the increase in food demand exceeds the increase in food supply. Crisis is on us. Can GM crops provide the answer to feed the 2.5 billion?

At the end of the Second World War food accounted for 50% of the average family's weekly expenditure. It is now only 12% because of the benefits of a very large increase in agricultural productivity – and the increase in productivity in the economy as a whole. A shortage of food causes prices to rise. Following "crossover", from mid-2007 to mid-2008 food prices in the UK went up by 12%. Could food prices rise to the extent of accounting for 50% of the average family's weekly expenditure in the future? Possibly. We had a period of very high inflation in 1976 and I remember the shock-horror of the £5 cabbage. The demand for allotments went through the roof. The waiting list for my allotment gardens was estimated at three years. There was a move for those with multiple plots to give them up to those on the waiting list. Such times could return – and people could be urged once more to "Dig for Victory", by digging up their lawns as they were in the Second World War when the German naval blockade reduced our ability to import food.

Now to my attitude to GM crops. I am not a Luddite when it comes to adopting new ideas for my crops. I do not use artificial fertilisers since my plants find all the nutrients they need from the manure I apply. My plants are healthy - and healthy plants are less liable to disease. I hand-weed and use physical barriers to keep out some pests. I am purely organic – and a no-dig gardener as well since the year 2000. I scan seed catalogues with great interest, looking for new varieties of my favourite fruit and vegetables. Improved varieties become available to the amateur gardener every year and I try them. If they work I then discard the previous variety. Over the years there have been great changes to what I grow and my crops are so much better these days. I welcome conventional innovation.

The Case Against

But when it comes to GM food I hesitate. It now appears that we have had two stages of GM crops. The first stage benefited the farmers, since they were able to use pesticides and herbicides in a more efficient manner. For example, GM seeds were sold to farmers with the assurance that the crops which resulted would not be affected by glyphosate weed killer – so the farmers simply sprayed their crops with that devastating chemical which eliminated all weeds. As well as the farmers, the first stage also benefited the companies which sold the GM seed and the

accompanying glyphosate. But there was no significant increase in the amount of crops harvested.

The second stage of GM food is now on us, with the promise of greater crops. One example is the fabrication of salt-tolerant plants which will grow in increasingly saline soil brought about by irrigation using water from aquifers, as in Australia. Another example is the fabrication of drought-tolerant plants. The latter could be vital in those countries adversely affected by global warming and ever-reducing rainfall. However, no breakthroughs have been announced so far regarding salt- and drought-tolerant plants. So again, GM crops have not increased the amount of food produced on any significant scale. Current developments are to extend the main list of GM crops of soyabeans, cotton, maize and rape to include rice, wheat, papaya, tomatoes, sweet peppers and other vegetables. As for GM animals, there is a lot of resistance but the Enviropig has been developed in Canada and the AquAdvantage salmon in the USA. About 8% of the World's cultivated land is now being sown with GM crops. Although Europe in general is reluctant to grow GM crops, GM maize is grown in Spain - and the European Union is considering two new types of maize which make their own pesticide and a potato engineered to produce starch for the paper industry. The EU has already approved about 20 GM substances for importation.

Now for the health effects. I remember the UK government reassuring the public about the safety of the drug thalidomide – and thousands of deformed babies were the result. I remember the UK government reassuring the public about BSE in cattle – yet over 160 people have subsequently died from the human form of the disease, CJD. Notes of a 1956 cabinet meeting have just been released from the national archive. The then minister of health proposed a campaign to emphasise the damaging effects of smoking on health – but was overruled by the then chancellor of the exchequer because the tax revenue from cigarettes was too important to be put at risk. How many people have subsequently died of cancer? No, time and again the government have lined up with vested interests rather than do their duty regarding the health of the public. So I look with a jaundiced eye at those who now say that GM food is safe. The World has been eating such food for only 12 years and that may not be long enough for health effects to become apparent.

Another example of the conspiracy of "them" against the public comes from the fooling of consumers over whether they are already eating GM food. From January 2009 "organic" food in the European Union can still be labelled "organic" if it contains less than 0.9% GM organisms. What does "organic" food contain now? And what percentage of GM organisms will the other 98% of food not labelled as "organic" contain? Much of our food and animal feed is imported from countries outside the European Union so, although GM crops are largely banned here that does not mean that the food in the supermarkets is GM-free. Can you imagine what sales would be like if

the supermarkets told the truth and put labels on food stating "This item contains genetically-modified ingredients". The public on the whole would not wish to take part knowingly in this vast experiment with human health going on elsewhere in the World (but are they already?).

This tug of war between vested interests on one hand and those responsible for public health on the other goes on and on. The latest example, although not about GM aspects, shows the motivations of people. The European Union has been conducting a review of farmers' chemicals since 1991 and has taken off the market more than half of the then available 952 products on safety grounds. The vested interests are now up in arms over the proposed withdrawal of a further batch of products. They say that the unavailability of these chemicals would make the growing of grapes, fresh fruit and vegetables in Europe problematic or uncompetitive. The EU would lose its self-sufficiency in wheat, potatoes, wine and cereals. Wheat and potato yields would drop by a third. Crops such as apples and hops could no longer be grown. Yet the vested interests seem to ignore the fact that these chemicals are to be withdrawn on safety grounds. The vested interests are quite willing to put their profits before the health of consumers. Can we believe their assurances regarding the safety of GM food?

Summary

The World is not managing to feed all of its citizens at present, with 40,000 people dying per day of starvation or disease brought on by inadequate nutrition. With the World population forecast to rise by another 2.5 billion in the next 42 years, and with a significant increase in food production above current levels looking unlikely, we appear to be in a very difficult situation. Already, food prices are rising – between 2007 and 2008 the World price of several cereal crops increased by 50 – 100% because of shortages. We have reached "crossover" in that the rate of increase in food demand has now exceeded the rate of increase of food supply. GM crops are seen as the answer to boost food production. But after 12 years of GM crops in various parts of the World the result so far is no significant increase in food production. The safety of GM food is unproven. The World is at a dangerous crossroads. On the one hand we seem to be faced with mass starvation of up to 2.5 billion people and on the other hand GM food does not appear to hold out the promise of a big increase in the production of food – and its long-term effects on health are not known. Help!

Mike Mason

Acknowledgement. I am grateful to the Financial Times for some of the data in this article.

Wren Davis Calendar

Did anyone else, like Hazel Vickery and I, get to the end of the Wren Davis calendar for 2008 and discover

that the beautiful photos of the area were taken by our very own milkman, Ian Kelloway? Congratulations Ian, they were superb and thoroughly enjoyed.

Judy Whitehouse

Animal Rights

As you know I am strongly opposed to the casual misuse of my garden by the Muntjac deer and take steps to prevent them gaining access to it. However despite all my efforts the deer clearly recognise that the standard of deer food (roses etc) available at Falcon's Oak is much above average and consequently they persist in finding entry to my premises. Therefore it was no surprise when at 2pm on Wednesday 7th January while I was in the kitchen washing up, I spotted a large Muntjac 40 yards down the garden. Almost immediately I realised that there were 8 legs visible and that I had a mother deer and infant in view. Seconds later the animals moved slightly and to my amazement I realised that in fact I had a mother deer suckling her baby, which was very small and standing with legs wide apart. The whole episode surprised me so much that I put my stun gun down!

When June came in later I told her what had happened, describing the episode as a "one-off" unlikely to be repeated. However to our natural surprise mother and child visited us again the following day and again used the garden as a nursery, much to June's surprise.

Finally today, just to round things off, mother and child appeared again, this time escorted by a large deer, presumably Dad! June and I are now thinking of moving out before our garden is overwhelmed by the entire herd!

David Leith

Wycombe District Ranger Events - February

Thursday 5th & 12th

Beech Thinning - Castlefield Wood, High Wycombe
Help the Rangers to thin out the overcrowded beech trees to help promote strong, vigorous growth of those left behind.

Meet: 10:00 am at the Environment Centre, The Rye or 10:15am Rutland Ave Car Park Grid Ref SU846933

Thursday 19th, 26th and Saturday 21st

Footpaths & Scrub Clearance - Round Wood, High Wycombe.

Join us as we improve this under rated woodland for both wildlife and people. We will be working on improving the footpaths and opening up the area to allow more light in to improve visibility and encourage more wild flowers.

Meet: 10.15am. Venue: Meet at the vehicle gate to the

Recreation Ground on Roundwood Road
Grid Ref: SU840929

Sunday 22nd

Of Wildfowl, Waders And Migrants - LMGP

A flat circular walk for all the family around a large gravel pit known for its variety of wildfowl and Winter visitors. Please bring binoculars if you have them. A spotting scope will be available for your use. Bring waterproofs and sturdy footwear. The track can get quite muddy. Approx 2.5 miles taking around 2.5 hours.

Meet: 10:00am Spade Oak Public Car Park,
Coldmoorholm Lane, Nr Bourne End (off A4155) Grid
ref: SU 883 876

Booking event.

Saturday 28th

"Wildfowl Walk at Little Marlow Gravel Pit"

Another chance to come and see the many different types of duck and geese that can be found at 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 as it can get muddy.

Meet: 10:00am Spade Oak Public Car Park,
Coldmoorholm Lane, Nr Bourne End (off A 4155) Grid
ref: SU 883 876

For further information or to book your place at an event, please contact WDC Ranger Service on 01494 421825 or e-mail Ranger_services@wycombe.gov.uk

Naphill & Hughenden Scout Group



Hello everyone,

It's time again for the leaders at Naphill & Hughenden Scout Group to give the community an update of what the boys have been doing and what we have planned for this term.

The group currently consists of one Beaver colony, two Cub packs and one Scout troop – in total 124 boys.

Beavers (6 to 8 year olds)

The programme for this term will include a "Senses" evening, a Chinese night, work for the "Health and Fitness" badge, pancake making, plus craft activities in the lead up to Mothers Day and Easter. We will also be preparing for the Spring Fair in March.

The Beaver Colony is currently full with 26+ Beavers and a waiting list approaching 45 names !

Cubs (8 to 10½ years)

At Hughenden

Last term featured the Autumn camp at Phasel's Wood with camp fires, go-karting, a revolving climbing wall, a hike, cooking and crafts. Great fun was had by all !

In December the pack staged a concert for parents, friends and invited guests, which resulted in the boys being awarded their "Entertainer" badges and raising over £90 for Pepper Nurses.

We start 2009 with 27 Cubs who are working towards their "Chefs" badges during January. This term we will be learning knots, going for a "welly-walk", holding a challenge evening, finding out about St. David and St. Patrick, and having lots of fun !

Our six oldest Cubs will be leaving us at Easter to move up to the Scout Troop, so we look forward to welcoming new boys into our pack. Please call Akela on 01494 452305 if your son will be 8 years old by April and would like to join us.

At Naphill

We had a varied programme last term, with a recurring theme of First Aid. We also had our traditional night hike and trip to Aqua Vale swimming pool. The highlight was our sleep out (a contradiction in terms) at Speen Scout hut with a hike and wide games in the rain.

This term we say good bye to seven Cubs who are moving up to Scouts and are welcoming five Beavers, keeping our total number at around 30.

Going forward, we are going to look at the basics of Cub Scouting including looking at the Cub Scout Law, Promise and Moto, and traditional skills such as map reading, compass work, knots and ropes, and camping.

Scouts (10½ to 14 years)

Firstly we'd like to say thanks to Sally Sharpe for her hard work over the past year in keeping the Scout Group going and welcome Adrian and Steve as new leaders, both with a strong background in scouting.

We had some great events last term including a night hike, wide games in the woods, cooking, pumpkin carving and a Karate session which was the highlight. 23 Scouts also gained their "Nights Away" badges - congratulations to them all !

We had a successful camp at Longridge in September and are hoping to go again in April to do more sailing activities, climbing, getting wet and lots of eating !

We are also planning a camp in Chalfont Heights in June where we will be doing archery, air rifle shooting, swimming, climbing and more.

As a group, our immediate issue is that we have about 25 boys old enough to be Beavers this term and to whom we cannot offer a place. We need to find a Beaver Leader and two assistants, so that we can start another Beaver Colony in Hughenden. This would involve a commitment of an hour and a half each week, plus a little preparation time. Scouting is an incredibly rewarding organisation for adults and children, so please give this some consideration, and get in touch if you feel you can help.

Once again, sincere thanks to all of our existing uniformed leaders, helpers and active parents. It is their hard work that keeps the group alive.

**Barry Reading
Shelagh Sheppard
Ed Atwell
Adrian Curtis
Jenny Harris**

Naphill & Hughenden Scout Group Leaders.

If you have any queries about our Scout Group, please contact Peter Byerley (Group Scout Leader) on 01494-565955.

Little Ash Pre-School

Happy New Year from all at Pre-school, and once again a big thank you to all those who put in so much effort ensuring the Christmas grotto, party and Nativity play were all a great success.

The children are now back into their new term, full of excitement following their Christmas break. The topic this half term is shapes and colours. The themes are circles and triangles, squares and rectangles, less usual shapes, my favourite colours and colours of the rainbow.

If anybody has any spare paper or card that the children could use for drawing and craft activities, we would be extremely grateful.

As I'm sure that many of you know Ofsted came and inspected pre-school on the 12th November 2008. This was a routine inspection initiated by our registration as a new pre-school. The feedback was very positive. Whilst the overall judgement was satisfactory, 50% of the elements were judged to be good. Positive comments were made about "opportunities for active and enjoyable learning," "positive encouragement of healthy eating habits," a "good range of planned activities" and "good opportunities for parental involvement" amongst others. The Ofsted inspector was impressed with the progress the pre-school has made since moving into the new premises and with the implementation of the new Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. At this point the staff and committee of Naphill and Walter's Ash pre-school would like to thank all of you who have

helped us move into our premises. Whether you have attended one of our messy play days, bought raffle tickets or came to the Spring Dance thank you for your support. We recognise there are further improvements that can be made and we are always looking for volunteers to join our supporters group. Please contact the chair Karen Crinyion at Karen.crinion@btinternet.com if you feel able to support the pre-school in any way!

On behalf of all the staff and committee of the Pre-School, we would like to pass on our condolences to Una Keen's family and friends and to say that our thoughts are with you all at this sad time. She will be deeply missed.

Una McNamara

Naphill Baby & Toddlers

We 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. We meet every Thursday (term-time) at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm. Admission price per session: £2.00 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 Louise 01494 488255.

Louise Lucas

Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette Advertising Rates 2009

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The large advert space is taken and renewed annually. The advertising year runs from 1st March to end February. The rates for 2009/10 are:

1/8 page A4	£40 for 10 editions
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Cost per month	£4
Cost for 5 months in advance	£15 (5 editions)
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The print deadline is always the 15th of the month before the month of issue.

Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette - March 2009



Friends of Naphill Common
Open meeting Friday 20th March Village Hall 7.30pm

Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette

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Editorial

Wasn't the snow fun? Thanks for the photos you sent me, I have been able to include a few just to record the event.

Our cover this month features the reformed Friends of Naphill Common. My thanks to Trevor Hussey, Peter Davies and Kevin Bennett for providing the photos, I'm sorry I couldn't use them all.

This month we welcome a number of new advertisers into the gazette. Despite these additions I still have seven people on the waiting list for space and every week I get new requests. I know our advertisers appreciate your support and likewise we appreciate theirs as without it the gazette would be half the size, three times the cost and our covers would be back to a single colour!

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Forge Road	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30
Pilates	Each Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30 - 8.30 and 8.30-9.30pm
Pyramid Health & Fitness	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
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Hope to see you

Naphill Organisations Online

Congratulations to Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

And Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

on their new web sites - check them out now!

PIN UP DIARY DATES

March

6th Blood Donors - Village Hall

7th Guide/Brownie Jumble Sale - Village Hall 2pm

13th Horticultural Society Annual Dinner

18th Easter Craft Fayre - RAF Community Centre 10.00 to 16.00

20th Friends of Naphill Common Open Meeting - Village Hall 7.30pm

21st Scouts/Guides/Brownies/Cubs and Beavers Spring Fayre - Village Hall

27th TRAILTREKKER fundraising Quiz - Naphill & Walter's Ash School 7.30pm

April

19th Guided Walk on Naphill Common - assemble Village Hall Car Park 2pm

24th Quiz - Village Hall 7.30pm

May

9th May Pre-School 70s/80s Disco - Village Hall 7.30 - 11.30

18th A Health Walk - assemble Village Hall Car Park 10,.30am

Looking Ahead

Speen Festival	10-19 September
Fireworks	7th November
Remembrance Service	8th November
Christmas Fayre	5th December

and not forgetting

The Summer Fete!

Saturday 6th June

Directory of Village Organisations

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Brownies (Naphill)	Ruth Daly	565571	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.15
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Jan Hawkins	565080	Mondays 6pm
Community Police Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146
District Commissioner	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Guides and Brownies
Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332	
Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	562845	
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Guides (Walter's Ash)	Toni MacDonald	565926	Thursdays from 7pm
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Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770	
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Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
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Tennis Club	David Fletcher	532195	david@tvemf.org
	Sue Crooks	562539	Smcr2000@aol.com
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Gazette Gazumped?

It is time to reveal the financial status of the Gazette in all its gory detail. Annual financial reports are usually rather dull affairs but the banking debacle has introduced into financial affairs, and element of frenzy. Former august, remote and almost magisterial figures in the financial markets have

behaved with the maximum of recklessness with investors money and have almost brought the economy to the entire world to its knees.

As the Treasurer of the Gazette, I have naturally wished to ensure that the Gazette should benefit from the "bull" market during 2008. I therefore carefully invested £1000 in the Minnesota Sub-Prime

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Donations	527.89	440.00	Postage	29.95	34.14
Interest	42.70	79.84	Petrol	30.00	30.00
Small ads	639.00	474.00	Phone	2.10	3.00
			Refunds	34.00	
TOTALS	7416.59	6272.84		8355.66	8157.46
			Deficit	939.07	1686.12

Mortgage Market and waited for it to double in value swiftly. I also invested in a similar sum in the National Bank of Iceland which was a thrustful force in European banking. £500 in the Zimbabwe National Bank was a fine gamble, with that supreme democrat Robert Mugabwe at the helm to ensure success. A further £500 in the Santander National Bank of Spain rounded off this outstanding range of investments.

Alas, things have not gone according to plan and I am therefore tendering my resignation as Treasurer and retiring from financial affairs! Well of course this is all utter fiction and yet, in real life the whole financial system has gone off the rails causing misery for many good folks.

In real Gazette life, during the past year I have run down our reserve fund to a degree (£3,100) while I awaited a fall in colour processing costs resulting from its extensive use. Alas this has not happened and so the time has come to stabilise the account, so that I have just enough cash in hand to settle initial monthly accounts before advertising and collection income flows in. Thus, sadly the Gazette subscription rises to £3 for the ten issues, hopefully all as comprehensive and informative as the February edition. The main advertising charges are unchanged; this will be a tough year for the economy and we wish our advertisers well in the chill wind of recession.

David Leith

County Councillor's Report

Road conditions in February had not been seen since the winter of 1962/63, when snow remained in the hedgerows until May and the village was cut off from Wycombe for two days or more. My bedside glass of water froze during the night and we heated the house with just two paraffin heaters! Now, our tolerance of such situations is far less, as indicated by the numerous complaints received by the county council, regarding the lack of gritting, breakdown of the bus services and school closures. The facts are that the capital investment required to cover all eventualities cannot be justified for a situation which fortunately occurs only every five or ten years. My

main concern is the aftermath of the winter weather and the resultant pot holes and broken road surfaces which have multiplied out of all proportion and will take many weeks to repair. I fear that our reduced budgets will be sorely tested.

Care of our older citizens during these Arctic conditions, (now called resilience activity in Adult Social care) has been exemplary, all essential services to the County's most vulnerable residents have been maintained throughout. Our own home care services and contracted domiciliary care were maintained every day. There were a reduced number of visits where clients were known to be safe and receiving essential support. As always community resilience has been good and family and neighbours have stepped up to the mark to allow the professional services to focus their resources on those in greatest need. We are indeed fortunate to live in such an area where community support is always forthcoming and immediate.

25th February saw the launch of the Buckinghamshire Local Involvement Network [LINK]. This is a new way for the public to get involved with the NHS and social care services. This is an independent statutory organisation run by service users for service users. It will listen to and consult users and pass on general views and opinions to the NHS and the county council as the provider of social services. More information can be obtained from the website www.buckinghamshirelink.co.uk.

The Station Commander of RAF High Wycombe has written to me and requested that I inform as many residents as possible that, subsequent to the receiving of planning permission, work has started on the building of two residential blocks at the Officers' Mess site at Walter's Ash. The building programme, in three stages, will take around 54 weeks to complete. It is hoped that the build phase will be completed by the autumn and the rooms occupied next March. The contractor's entrance will be off Bradenham Woods Lane, south of the present entrance to the Mess. The RAF have apologised in advance for the inevitable noise and dust that will be created. The contractors have

undertaken to keep any inconvenience to the minimum and this will be closely monitored. The noisy phase of pile driving will be completed during March and with the exception of one day; work will be restricted to normal hours. The Station Commander has indicated the wish of the RAF to remain a good neighbour, and asks me to seek the forbearance of residents during this construction period.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

I am sure you will agree that the recent weather has been challenging for all of us and in particular, the Councils. Despite appalling conditions, the waste collections in Naphill were just one day late with the green bin collections on time week during commencing 9 February. All credit to the team and especially to County Council for the gritting; I saw the gritting lorries three times on Main Road in one day. On a personal note, it did mean the children were off four out of five days!

On a sad note, Councillor Glyn Galbraith died aged just 54 after running on 14 February. He was a good Councillor, quite tricky in opposition, good on his feet and more importantly a friendly colleague who made a difference in his ward. He will be sadly missed at Wycombe.

Since the last report, at Council on the 26th, the Council Tax was set at the same percentage increase, despite the difficult conditions in balancing the books and the reduction in revenues from land charges and planning associated with the housing market. More initiatives will be implemented going forward. Our job is to govern and make decisions that are necessary to maintain the expected services.

I was pleased to attend Pam Smith's exhibition on the 14th; it was very busy right up to closing. I would have got there before, had I not been canvassing with County Council candidates in Aylesbury. I think the event could have merited a weekend rather than just the Saturday.

I attended the Civic Service on the 15th in Wycombe and the February Licensing Committee on the 19th.

Finally, two public dates for your diary are the Licensing Committee on 19 March with Council on 30 March.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

Peggy has very kindly let me have the Hughenden Parish Council slot this month so that I can tell you a bit more about the activities of our Youth Working Party. Diane Gosling from the Buckinghamshire County Council Youth Team came along to our last meeting and told us about the many activities they have planned around the county and the facilities that are available. We shared the results of the Naphill & Walter's Ash Youth survey with Diane and one of the conclusions we reached from looking at the "wish list" was that adventure and something a bit different featured quite strongly. Whilst we could not find an affordable and practical way to bring a beach to Naphill, and following a shortage of monster trucks in the area, the Parish Council are hoping it will be possible to bring the Bucks mobile climbing wall to the village one evening this summer. I will let you have more information about this once we have been able to confirm that it is available.

I have some other ideas to follow up but I would really appreciate some young volunteers to give advice on whether these would be popular. So if you are aged between 13 and 19 and have a spare few minutes please contact me. My email address is judy@judyq.demon.co.uk.

Judy Whitehouse

The Father's House

It has been a number of months since I have been able to find time to write an article in the Gazette so my I start by wishing you a belated Happy New Year.

There are and have been a number of changes taking place at The Father's House which I will hopefully tell you about over the coming months.

One of the first and saddest has been seeing the children's club KRASH come, for the time being anyway, to an end. I'd like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who have been involved over the years especially to Norma Clarke and Ann Long. I'm sure there are many children and young people who will have some great memories of good times had at KRASH.

One other change I'd like to mention is that for the next few months at our morning service (10.30am) usually on the 4th Sunday instead of a sermon by a visiting speaker or myself we will be showing filmed recordings of an inspirational speaker named Louis Giglio. The church will be set out in a similar way as when we ran Chatterbox with chairs around tables with tea/fresh coffee being served before the start. I apologise for not writing in previous months to inform you of ones we've already shown.

Snow!

Thanks to Mary Carter, Eleanor Ferguson and Kevin Bennett for capturing (and captioning!) the moment.



“Waiting in vain”

“Off to the snow ball”



There is a time of worship and prayer as normal before what many have found to be informative and motivating talks about God and how He can meet the needs of the world. The title to be shown on 22nd March is Part One of: "HOPE, when life hurts most", you are welcome to join us if you can. Previous talks have been "Indescribable" and "How Great is our God" and they may be shown again at some possible evening meetings we may start after Easter.

As I've done before I'd like to leave you with a Bible passage and a question as a thought for the month. If you'd like to talk about this or any other issues that you may have please do not hesitate to give me a call on the number at the end.

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11: 1

Where or in what is your hope and is it assured, guaranteed?

May you know God's peace and the hope found in Him.

Bob Semple - Tel: 563304

Naphill Evening WI

Here we are again with our March report writing on a very wet and snowy Monday in February, so nice to be indoors with lamps lit and a glowing fire.

We are pleased to tell you we had a very good attendance for our January 15th meeting with 39 paid members, 3 joint members and two visitors. Of the 39, two were new members and we welcome Eleanor and Carol. The talk was "The Time Team from Chenies Manor" by Mrs Valerie Edwards, a very pleasant lady. As some of us did not know Chenies Manor we feel sure there will be a visit there before too long. The speaker made an impression and we want more! What can we say about Carousel – it was wonderful, not a dry eye in the house. All the lovely well known tunes bringing back memories. How can we thank Marion? To be able to go to London with no problems, catch the coach door to the door of the theatre and to be brought home safely. We had a good driver who coped with all the traffic hold ups on the way home. Nancy thanked him and Marion for a very successful evening. The committee meeting had to be postponed owing to the bad weather so we met at Nancy's home on Monday morning the 9th February. We were discussing future events for the coming year. Jenny has agreed to do her ploughman's lunch as usual, we will do a float again for the fete, there will be the games evening at Valerie's on June 25th, and the August tea afternoon in Jessie's garden (or a dive in the house if the rain comes again). It was fun last year seeing Janet and friends braving the elements with their "brollies" up - we WI ladies do not let the weather



**Guides &
Brownies
Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 7th
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.

get us down.... There is sure to be a summer walk followed by a pub supper, and if any lady feels she would like to host a coffee morning, then that would be a real treat, please let a member of the committee know. That is just a taste of what we have planned for 2009.

On February 19th, weather permitting, Dr Maisey will give us a talk on "Aspects of Health", the competition a recipe for Healthy Living, so more news on that next month. Now we go on to March 19th, an OPEN meeting with Stephen Wilkinson telling us about Equity Release, giving us another option during the economic downturn and low interest rates. Bring along your husbands and friends as we look forward to learning about how we can get our hands on some money tax free. As it is an Open meeting please remember anyone can attend, and we look forward to welcoming those readers who would like to know more about what it entails. The competition is an unusual coin and we hope to see many of you there.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

We were very disappointed to have to cancel our February meeting but the risk of broken limbs on those expected icy paths was too great to be taken.

Our committee cannot remember ever having to take such a decision in all the 40+ years of the Club's existence. By the time you read this we hope to be experiencing much better weather.

At our March meeting on 9th at 8pm Kate Parker will be demonstrating CHOCOLATE DESIGNS. The tea hostesses will be Marian Reading and Wendy Free.

Our first outing of the year will be on Tuesday, 21st April when we will be leaving the Village Hall at 9am to travel to Evesham to follow the BLOSSOM TRAIL. If you would like to join us just phone Hazel on 563977 to put your name down. The cost will be £12.50 for members and £14 for guests and will be collected at our March meeting.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

We decided to cancel our February meeting. It was a vile night with snow and ice making it dangerous to get up to the Hall either on foot or by car. When I phoned round nobody was greatly disappointed! There was no urgent business that couldn't wait a month, so we hope for better weather for our next meeting at the start of March.

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

Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

Apologies for the delay in publishing this article.

A big thank you to all the shops, businesses and pubs who displayed our tree lights collecting tins this year and thank you also to everyone who donated. This year we also had a couple of very generous donations from Councillor John Gibbs and The Wheel. These, along with your generosity, will enable us to continue with the much needed repairs and replacements to the lights ready for next year.

Daisy Leek

Past Times Exhibition - Naphill Village Hall 14th February

The feedback from my exhibition was overwhelming, such wonderful comments. The six hours went by so quickly. People said there was not enough time to see it all and people said "Pam, will you do it again and for a longer time". We will see.

QUIZ NIGHT - 27th MARCH

On 30th/31st May I will be taking part in TRAILTREKKER (as part of a team of 4) to raise money for OXFAM projects throughout the world.

TRAILTREKKER involves walking/hiking 100kms in 30 hours - all members of the team have to pass the various checkpoints at the same time so there's no slacking! We're all in training to make sure we complete the event which starts and ends in Skipton - lots of lovely hills!!

We are aiming to raise £3,000 between us and Roger and Cathy Hillier have offered their support by volunteering to host one of their ever popular quiz nights at Naphill and Walters Ash School.

Tickets are £10 to include a two course ploughman's supper and entry to a "Heads and Tails" competition. Drinks will be available and we will also be holding a raffle.

Please call me (Sue Nash) on 01494-563234 to book your places and watch out for notices in local shops. Maximum 6 per team but come as singles or pairs as well and teams can be put together on the night.

Hope to see you there!

Sue

There are lots of friends I wish to thank. Judy and Cathryn who kept the supply of tea and cakes going in the kitchen area and by the way they made the scrumptious cakes. "Even heard one man asking if they were available for marriage he was so impressed". Well it was St. Valentine's Day!

The Barbara for doing the raffle and her husband Michael and my dear friend Noel getting the tables out for me on Friday night. There were many others taking the entrance money. Not forgetting Clive for the transport of my albums and others not mentioned.

As on my past exhibitions friends met up again after not seeing each other for years such delight for them.

So thanks all for making my exhibitions such as success.

The new committee of "Friends of Naphill Common" had a corner in the back room I do hope you had time to look at their display and talk to them.

Pam Smith

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

If you have not yet booked to come along to our annual dinner on March 13th, pick up the phone immediately- I might just be able to squeeze you in!! After dinner we will be entertained by a Ladies Close Harmony Group, who have promised a light-hearted repertoire to round off the evening. Full details can be found on our website (address above) or in last month's Gazette.

Looking ahead, our Plant Sale is on May 23rd, so if you are planting seeds or dividing perennials, how about nurturing some extra plants that you could then sell in May?

Finally, a reminder that our AGM will be held on Monday 16th 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. 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

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

PLANNING:

09/05100/FUL 29 Battingswood Gardens, Naphill. Insertion of door in side elevation of garage to replace existing window.

09/05106/CONCC Walter's Ash Combined School, Kilwood, Walter's Ash. Proposed construction of hard surface to existing area used for car parking. (Hard surface provision on area used for car parking conflicts with Green Belt policy, and provision of lighting on 3m posts contributes to urbanisation. Comment. Consideration should be given to specifying a hard surface in keeping with Green Belt status, and imposing a restriction on the hours when the lights may be switched on.)

09/05081/FUL Rossmere, Downley Road, Naphill. Construction of front entrance porch and bay window,

09/05030/FUL 172 Main Road, Naphill. Construction of single storey side/rear extension with room in roof. (Objection. This is a substantial extension which is out of keeping with adjacent properties in this village location, and represents over-development.)

09/05225/FUL Catalpa, Purssells Meadow, Naphill. Part conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation and associated external alterations.

09/05194/FUL Uplands, Coombe Lane, Naphill; Construction of single storey front and side/rear

QUIZ

Friday April 24th

7.30pm

In the Village Hall

Sally, Lorraine and Alison need sponsorship to do the RIBBON WALK for Breast Cancer Care.

£10 per ticket to include Fish & Chip Supper (Vegetarian option if ordered in advance)

Maximum 6 per table

Book early! We sold out last time.

Tel: Sally 01494 562281 for tickets

extensions, roof extension and enlarge front dormer. **09/05184/FUL** Land at 40 Main Road Naphill. Erection of two detached 5 bed dwellings and creation of new access. (Comment. Last application refused due to bulk, access, etc. This application is slightly modified and skilfully presented to address all the previous objections, but it still represents over-development of the site.)

09/05173/FUL 143 Templewood, Walter's Ash. Construction of single storey side extension.

09/05135/FUL 27 Vincent's Way, Naphill. Construction of two storey rear extension, detached garage to rear, insertion of front dormer window.

Gloria Leflaive 01494 563634

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

The group is underway and recruiting members. Our first event was a display at Pam Smith's "Past Times" exhibition. Thank you Pam, and thank you to all those who helped, including the Chilterns Conservation Board who produced the leaflets. Now we have organised some more events open to everyone, whether a member or not.

Friday 20th March, 7.30 pm at Naphill Village Hall: 'Talking About The Common'. This will be a series of short talks including an illustrated presentation by Dr Alan Showler about the natural history of the common; John Willson on commons and commoners' rights, and Trevor Hussey introducing Naphill Common, its delights and its problems. There will be time for discussion and teas will be served. Free and open to all.

Sunday 19th April, 2.30 pm. A Guided Walk on Naphill Common. Assemble in the Village Hall car

park for a walk around Naphill Common, visiting some of the veteran trees, the last juniper, the umbrella tree, historical and archaeological features, ponds, etc. The walk will be led by Philip and Trevor Hussey and will be a repeat (by popular request!) of the Heritage Open Day walk of last September. The walk is on the flat but paths are likely to be muddy, so wear boots or wellies. Free and open to all.

Monday 18th May, 10.30 am. A Health Walk. A walk to do you good led by Ron Collins. It will take a pleasant route around Naphill Common. Paths are level but may be muddy so boots are recommended. Free and open to all. Meet at Naphill Village Hall.

We must add that those participating in the walks and other events organised by the Friends of Naphill Common do so at their own risk.

If you enjoy the common and want to help conserve its best features and improve its worst, or help with research into its history, archaeology and wild life, please consider joining the Friends of Naphill Common. We hope to be a friendly, democratic group which can help protect and promote the enjoyment of our fine common by everyone, including young and old.

For more information talk to a committee member or visit our web site at www.naphillcommon.org.uk.

Trevor Hussey 01494 563767

MK1 Photography Studio Day - Village Hall

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- **Individuals or family groups**
- **Photos of your grandchildren to look great on your wall or to make a marvellous gift**
- **A few time slots still available.**
- **Contact us now to avoid disappointment.**

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An example of some different portraits can be found at:

<http://mk1.jalbum.net/Portrait%20Examples/>

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

PUT SPRING INTO YOUR STEP AND BEAT THE WINTER BLUES WITH A BURST OF ENERGY AND EXERCISE THIS MARCH AS NAPHILL'S NEW SEASON KICKS OFF TO A SMASHING START!

Come and be part of Naphill Tennis Club - you will find a bunch of energetic and social tennis players who enjoy playing fantastic tennis with loads of social activities in and around Naphill!! All new members are welcome and we would love to introduce you to our club. (For any help please call me Tel: 01494 533112)

Future Stars News

Friday 24th April "Junior coaching" – If you have a junior who dreams of Wimbledon success, well... start your dreams & get fantastic coaching from Mel again this year. (Start times to be confirmed)

Saturday 25th April "Under Sevens club" Its time to get your young stars into the swing of things, so give them the best start of having coaching with Lisa. (Start times to be confirmed)

New Season Info

The new season is soon to start and the 1st club night will be Thursday 16th April 2009 from 6.30pm to dark. It will be great to see you all again, for yet another awesome year of tennis.

One more note for your diary - Sunday 29th March 2009 we will have a work party to clean and tidy the club. All are welcome and any help is appreciated - then maybe a quick game of tennis!!

Chris Keats

Blood Donors

The last session in January produced 109 donations, an excellent effort. The next session will be held on Friday the 6th March, • 2pm to 4pm and 4.45pm to 6.45pm You can make an appointment by telephone 0845 7 711 711 or of course just turn up, it appears however the service recommends the appointment system to save a long wait.

Another change that has been made by the service is that they no longer will require voluntary help with the provision of drinks etc, another committee decision I dare say. I would like to thank all those who have helped at the sessions over the years in particular Vera (Burgess) who has been a regular volunteer since 1992.

Bob Davis

RAF HIGH WYCOMBE COMMUNITY CENTRE

EASTER CRAFT FAYRE WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2009

An Easter Craft Fayre will be held on Wednesday 18 March 2009 at the Royal Air Force Community Centre. If you wish to hold a stand please contact:

WO Kevin Wise on 01494 494471 or
Sgt Sandie Brain on 01494 496446.

The Craft Fayre will open from 1000 hours on Wednesday 18 March until 1400 hours. Directions to the Community Centre are as follows: From Walters Ash Main Road turn into Kilnwood and the Centre can be found on the right hand side at the mini roundabout.

Stand Cost £5

**Entry Cost 50p per person
(children free)**

All proceedings will go to Handicapped Children's Pilgrim Trust (HCPT)

HCPT is a charity which organises Pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes in France for people of all ages and abilities. Further information on the HCPT can be found at the [HCPT website](#).

icy paths had people come to their rescue. It is so wonderful to see everyone come together. As the snow is melting and life slowly goes back to normal and we start to look forward to spring and the next few months.

January and February has been a busy couple of months, with lots of spring cleaning the re-start of the quiz which was an extremely entertaining and enjoyable evening and we are now going to start doing the quiz every 2 weeks on Wednesday evenings at 8.30pm. The lunch time food offers are going well, with the homemade soup flying out. We also had our Christmas staff party, thank you to Sue and Ron for looking after the pub while we all went out bowling. We had a great time as it is the first time we have been able to get the whole team out together, whether it is advisable may be a question for the future!

So what next....March sees the much loved St Patrick's Day celebrations which we will be holding on Saturday 14th March with our usual Irish/folk music live from 8pm. Mothers Day is also in March on Sunday 22nd so can I please advise booking early to ensure your mum gets the day she deserves.

The beginning of April (3rd/5th) brings our first beer festival of the year. We are holding our usual 3 day festival with Music on the Saturday evening. The Ales will be a selection from local breweries, Rebellion, Loddon, Vale, Tring and Chiltern. The weekend of the beer festival leads us into UK Cask Ale Week, so we may even see some new ales from our local brewers.

See you all soon

Mark and Claire

Your Letters

Parish Precept

As a frequent critic of excessive rises in the parish precept it would be churlish not to say I am pleased to see there will be no increase this year.

David Frost

The Wheel

Naphill and Walter's Ash have been a beautiful winter wonderland with a week's worth of snow. And due to so many people stranded and unable to get to work, or get their children to school we have had a brilliant couple of weeks. Lots of people sought the warmth of the pub's log fire and our fine beers to help wind away the snowy days. There was a fabulous community spirit that spread throughout the locals as we all rallied round to help each other with stranded cars, even a few people falling on the

Body Conditioning Class

To continue with the fitness classes running at Naphill Village Hall, Niki Gibbs of modern pilates is starting a morning body conditioning class. This will combine low impact aerobics with a legs Tums and bums workout. Currently running the pilates sessions on a Monday morning Niki hopes this will provide a new group fitness workout that will offer an all over body workout burning body fat whilst strengthening and toning.

Contact Niki for start dates and cost and any other information on Niki's classes. Contact her on 01494 525459. E mail nicolagibbs123@aol.com.

Come on ladies start that new year resolution thought now.

Badminton

Are there any ladies interested in joining us for some not too serious games of badminton?

We are a small, friendly group who meet on Tuesday afternoons (1.15 to 3.15 pm) at Hughenden Village Hall).

Please contact: Jenny on 563085 or Nancy on 563767.

'Snow Joke

Being a milkman must be hard at the best of times but what about in present conditions!

How many in the village still have their milk delivered, we wonder? We do and have done ever since we lived here. We did in our previous house too and always from Wren Davies.

Ian Kelloway has always been our milkman since we moved to Naphill in 1985. When once he was one of a few that delivered in this area now he delivers to everyone in Naphill and Walter's Ash, as the majority of people prefer to buy their milk from a supermarket. Not us, for various reasons. We enjoy waking up to find our fresh milk and eggs on the doorstep; we wouldn't want to do Ian out of a job and, not least, because Michael's father was a Dairyman, so we understand how hard milkman work.

In the last few weeks when we have all struggled with freezing conditions, snow, blocked roads, closed schools, forced days off work, no papers, local shop opening late, our milk was always delivered. Sometimes two deliveries in one day, sometimes two days deliveries at once, always thought out by Ian as how best to make sure we received our order.

Having spoken to him on the telephone, to thank him, he admitted that one day in particular he was exhausted having been out so long, BUT, he sounded so cheerful about it.

So we would like to say publicly 'thank you Ian Kelloway for always making sure we receive our milk, you are much appreciated'.

Pauline & Michael Pool

Toes Are Us!

What happens when an older person is unable to cut their own toenails? Unfortunately the result can be painful and lead to problems in walking, standing and mobility.

There can be many reasons why someone is no longer able to reach their toenails; it could be through arthritis or after operations for hip or knee replacements. Or it could be because of conditions which make them feel dizzy when they bend; as a result of a sight impairment or because of thickening of the toe nails. Any of these can give a real problem to an older person.

In response to this genuine need, Age Concern Bucks has launched a new service for older people with a team of toenail cutters, all highly trained, and able to visit older people in their own homes. This will be a regular service, and available throughout the local area. The cost of this toenail cutting service is £15. For more information please contact Age Concern Bucks on 01296 431911 and ask for the Neat Feet organiser.

Book Review - "We Want Real Food"

by Graham Harvey, published by Constable in 2006, £9.99, 234 pages, ISBN-10: 1-84529-267-7; ISBN-13: 978-1-84529-267-6.

This is a blockbuster of a book. For those who care about their food (and that should include all of us) this book lays it all on the line – fact after fact of the way our food has been impoverished and adulterated over the past 60 years. Everyone should read this book – and then pressurise our politicians into doing something about the truly horrific situation.

The author (who has worked on farms and grew up in a "grow your own" environment) points out that until 1946 farming in the UK was mixed farming. In other words, the farmer grew crops and raised livestock, returning the manure to the land and using few artificial fertilisers. The returning of the manure to the land ensured that the soil was not denuded of its vital trace elements – and this method of agriculture was proven to be the best, over thousands of years. Then, in 1946, by a combination of Government and EU diktats, plus commercial pressures from the producers of artificial chemicals, everything changed. Farmers were persuaded to change to monoculture, where they specialised in growing just one crop per year or raised livestock in sheds rather than on pasture – with vast amounts of artificial fertiliser to massively increase the quantity of crops and vast amounts of herbicide/pesticide/fungicide/livestock medicines that were not necessary before. And the result? To quote "Today's fresh produce has little in common with the nutrient-rich foods of pre-industrial societies. Years of chemical farming and soil mismanagement have robbed them of health-giving minerals and antioxidants".

The depletion of minerals since 1946 has been dramatic and caused largely by the failure to return manure to the land. The UK Ministry of Agriculture estimated that over the period 1940 – 1991 farmland had lost 40% of its trace elements (24% of magnesium, 46% of iron, 75% of copper, etc). A dramatic example of this is the tomato – you would need to eat ten tomatoes of the 1991 variety to obtain the same amount of copper that one tomato contained in 1940 – that is why supermarket tomatoes are often tasteless waterbags. And of course the depletion of farmland goes on relentlessly, year after year.

The effects of modern farming on human health have been dramatic. For example, in 1900 Americans were the healthiest on the planet. By the late 1970s the Americans were close to the bottom of the 100 healthiest countries. One third of the British population is believed to be suffering from malnutrition.

The author is extremely meticulous in quoting the sources of the facts he throws at the reader. Scientific report after scientific report is listed, often with the page number of the quoted statistic. But this book is not a dry scientific tome. It is fluently written and most readable.

Some of the facts quoted are truly horrible. Take the example of wheat, which receives on average 2 types of weedkiller, 6 different fungicides, 4 growth hormones and 1 insecticide. Pesticides are then applied to the wheat grains in the silos. In the early 1950s wheat yields were 3 tonnes per hectare, now the figure is 8 tonnes per hectare. Progress? The author comments "Industrial agriculture is designed to produce large amounts of second-rate foods. It is impossible for traditional farmers to compete. Wheat growers no longer grow a food: they are producing a raw material for an industrial manufacturing operation. They must squeeze ever more production from their overworked soils."

Of course, pesticides from the crops leak into drinking water. Water companies in the UK spend £120M per year removing pesticides. But they don't remove them all – just enough to comply with legal limits. Thus, if you want to live on bread and water, be warned!

This book is dynamite. It should be required reading for every MP so that our legislators can do something about the situation. It is a fascinating read. Once you have read it you will probably rush out, buy some seeds and start growing your own in your garden or on an allotment. Buy the book, grow your own, change your life!

Mike Mason

Naphill Brownies

The brownies have had a very busy time since Christmas. We went outside to experience "Naphill at Night" including being led blindfolded by a trusted friend! We have been working on our seasons badge - looking at all sorts of things to do with spring. We fed the birds, looked at spring traditions and watched the wildlife.

Also as the Guiding organisation starts to build towards it's centenary in 2010 We have been getting involved with the Woodland Trust's Christmas card recycling scheme (One of Girlguiding UK's chosen charities).

This week we are very excited about our New Year Outing to 'Build-a-Bear'.

After half-term we shall be ready to do pancakes and Easter crafts.

Please be collecting your jumble ready for the next Jumble Sale on Saturday 7th March. Collections as usual around the village.

Ruth Daly

Little Ash Pre-School

The children enjoyed and had much fun with last terms topic of "Shapes and Colours". The themes were circles and triangles, squares and rectangles, less usual shapes my favourite colours and colours of the rainbow.

The theme for the next half term is "All Creatures Great and Small" and Easter. If anyone has any animals that they would kindly like to bring into Pre-School to show the children (we already have a dog coming in) then please call Debi on 01494 563832.

PRE-SCHOOL SPRING DANCE

Back by popular demand the pre-school will be holding the annual Spring dance again this year! So take the opportunity to dust off your flares and ra-ra skirts for the 70s and 80s themed disco which will be held on Saturday 9th May 2009 from 7.30-11.30pm at Naphill village hall. The entertainment will be provided by "The Full Monty Disco", the evening will also include an "Auction of Promises" and of course a great value bar. Tickets are £15.00 and include a delicious curry from the Mowchak Bar & restaurant.

This is open to everyone so come along as this is a fantastic way to support your local pre-school with all the proceeds going to Naphill & Walter's Ash Pre-school, helping us to improve the outside play area.

Advanced ticket sales only - please call/text Jane on 07919026328 or email jane@dynaband.co.uk

If any local businesses have skills/services they could offer for our auction please contact Viki Mitchell on 01494562451.

•EASTER CRAFT/MESSY AFTERNOON

One for the diary! On Tuesday 7th April (during the Easter Holidays) Pre-school are organising a craft/messy afternoon in the Naphill village hall from 2.00-4.00pm

There will be lots of fun, Easter-themed craft activities, ride on toys and stories for the children to enjoy.

This is open to all young children and we will be serving refreshments to the parents and of course your Easter bunnies. So come along and have fun sticking and glittering, and chat with other parents/carers over coffee.

Prices are £3.00 per child or £5.

Lastly a huge thank you from the Pre-School Supervisor to the Defence Fire Services who came to clear the Pre-School pathways during the recent snowy/icy conditions and for donating some bags of salt thereby ensuring that parents and children could use the pathways safely.

Una McNamara

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group Events 2009

12th February Craft Day: For mums and children to get stuck in on the creative front - painting, drawing, cutting out, sticking etc.

2nd April Easter Party: This will include a special tea and of course an Easter egg hunt with every child going home with an egg. There will be a £5 charge for this party.

16th July Teddy Bears Picnic: A normal toddlers afternoon and depending on the weather tea with teddies in the garden.

24th September Photographer: Barbara from Anne Statham Photography will be in attendance for mums to pop in and have their children photographed.

8th October Party Pots: Ruth Jones will be joining us for the normal Thursday afternoon session where you or your child can paint pots, plates, mugs etc - prices available on the day.

17th December Christmas Party: The infamous Christmas party to include Mr Marvel, a Christmas tea and every child will receive a present when Father Christmas visits the playgroup. There will be £7.50 charge for this party.

We 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. Admission price per session: £2.00 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months

Naphill Spring Dance



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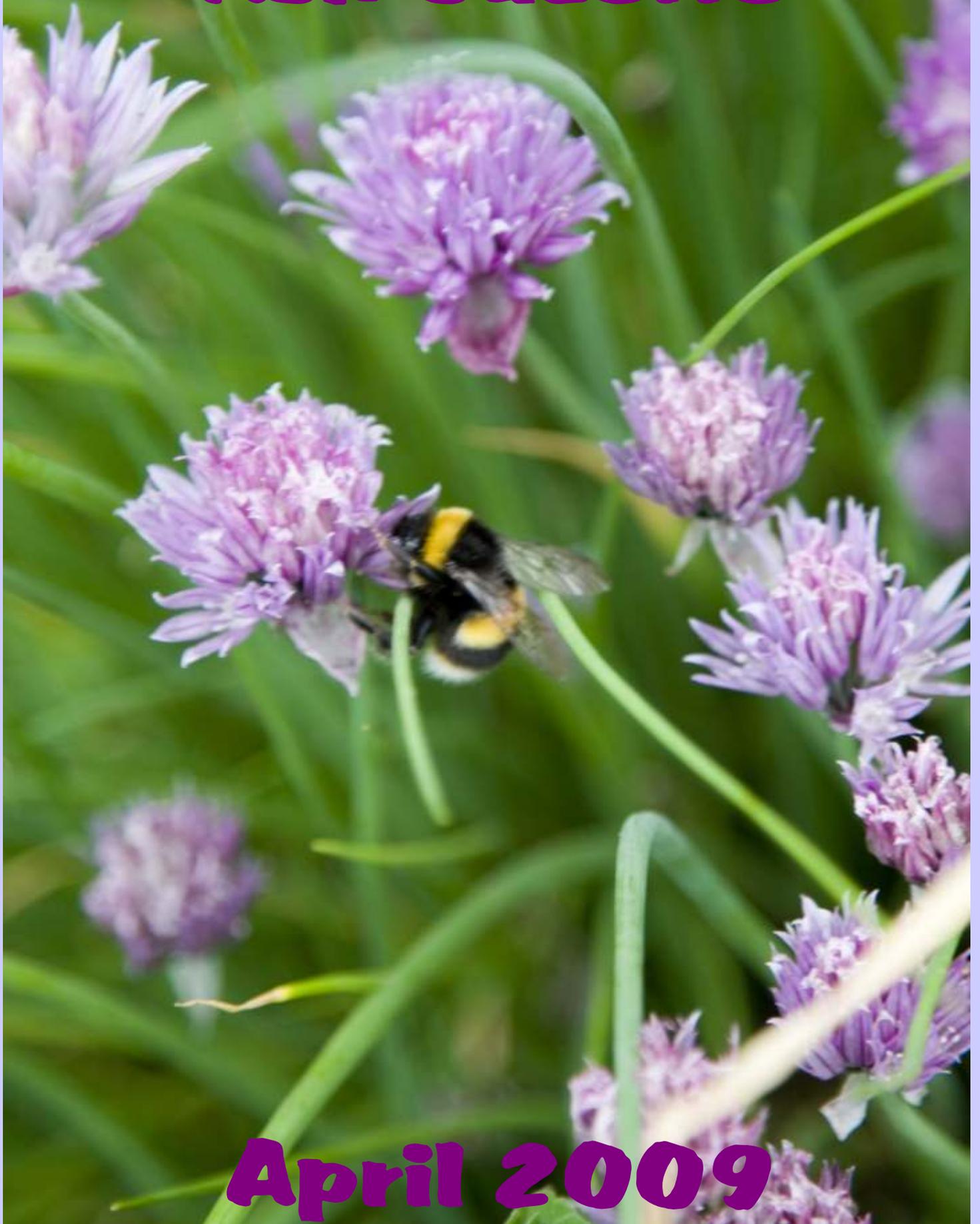
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Hurry last year was a sell out!

All proceeds go to the Naphill & Walters Ash preschool (reg charity 1031070)



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Editorial

This month's edition is full of mentions of spring, which will hopefully be here in full force by the time you read this. Behind me as I type the frogs are busy out in my pond. They are very late this year but are certainly making up for lost time! I have been saving Mark's beautiful photograph of the bee, taken on the allotments last summer, to remind you that summer is on the way. I can't wait any longer now to use it. Enjoy!

Finally, in addition to David Leith's article, I am also reminding you that the gazette subscription is due this month. Although it has gone up to **£3** for the 10 editions I do hope you still think it is good value. If not, or if you can think of ways that it can be improved, then do please let me know. I am always amazed that we are able to consistently put together enough copy each month for a good sized village magazine and the ever-growing list of diary dates proves just how much goes on here.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Forge Road	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30
Pilates	Each Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30 (& 10.30 - 11.30 after Easter)
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30 - 8.30 and 8.30-9.30pm
Fitness Pilates	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

* Boys FC training sessions held at RAF sports field

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Hope to see you

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PIN UP DIARY DATES

April

17th District Councillors' Surgery - Village Hall, 5.00 - 6.30pm

19th Guided Walk on Naphill Common - assemble Village Hall Car Park 2pm

24th Sally's Quiz - Village Hall 7.30pm

May

7th May "Bags for School" Day - Naphill & Walter's Ash School (see WANSA article in this month's gazette)

9th May Pre-School 70s/80s Disco - Village Hall 7.30 - 11.30

15th May WANSA Quiz Night - 7.30pm Naphill & Walter's Ash School Hall

14th NAWARA Progress Review (Walter's Ash Traffic Hazard) - Village Hall 8pm

18th A Health Walk - assemble Village Hall Car Park 10.30am

19th Annual Parish Meeting - Naphill & Walter's Ash School Hall, 7.30pm

22nd Blood Donors - Village Hall

Looking Ahead

VILLAGE FETE!	6th June
WANSA Summer Fete	4th July (Wild West)
Speen Festival	10-19 September
Fireworks	7th November
Remembrance Service	8th November
Christmas Fayre	5th December

Good News and Bad News

The good news is that the spring is showing definite signs of having sprung. It has been lurking over the Canary Islands for weeks but as I write a benevolent south-westerly breeze is establishing itself and encouraging the daffodils and crocuses to display their full glory.

The bad news is that it is collecting time for the gazette, the cost of which rises brutally to that of a coffee and snack (£3.00) for ten issues. **Please right now put aside £3 for our dedicated team of collectors** to save their time and foot leather when they appear with their red collection boxes.

Back to the spring. No doubt the Muntjac population will be celebrating the arrival of the spring by nibbling some fancy plants as their regular diet of roses and

Directory of Village Organisations

Baby & Toddlers	Louise Lucas	488 255	
Bradenham Parish	Deirdre Hansen	562254	(Parish Clerk) clerk@bradenham.org.uk
Brownies (Naphill)	Ruth Daly	565571	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.15
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Jan Hawkins	565080	Mondays 6pm
Community Police Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146
District Commissioner	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Guides and Brownies
Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332	
Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	562845	
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Guides (Walter's Ash)	Toni MacDonald	565926	Thursdays from 7pm
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Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770	
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	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650	
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Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
Surgery Pharmacy	Enquiries	565458	8am to 12.30pm 1.30pm until 6.15pm
Tennis Club	David Fletcher	532195	david@tvemf.org
	Sue Crooks	562539	Smcr2000@aol.com
Village Hall	Bookings	565604	mdbaclarke851@btinternet.com
Website	Andrew Wilmot		naphillvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk
WI	Nancy Hussey	563767	

camellias must be more or less exhausted in this area so stand by to have your exotic shrubs attacked. One of mine in the front garden adjacent to the common has already been trimmed by deer teeth, a very neat job indeed. If anyone can advise me as to what shrubs are genuinely deer proof please let me know.

David Leith

County Councillor's Report

The Audit Commission has announced that the County Council has regained its top performing '4 star' status. This achievement directly reflects the hard work and commitment of all Members and Staff to deliver excellent services to local residents. The

Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) is the process which the Government uses to rate all Councils in England. CPA is an independent assessment carried out by the Audit Commission in their role as the Government's "Watchdog" responsible for local government performance.

In terms of the future, the Commission recommended just one action for the Council. This related to managing our budget shortfall and protecting core services in the face of the recession, particularly for those residents made vulnerable by their circumstances. This is, of course, our single biggest challenge for the foreseeable future, which is why initiatives like our Transformation programme and Pathfinder are so critical to deliver. Our predicted future financial gap is well known and being honest it's why we are taking action now – to ensure the organisation is in the best possible position to respond.

I write this in the full knowledge that many readers have complained to me about the poor state of our roads, especially after the winter snow and rain. Steps have been taken to increase our maintenance teams and gradually the roads are improving. However, we have been complimented on social care and education and keeping safe our looked after children, that is, those who are in care. Overall, Bucks is rated as a good place in which to live and I hope we can all agree with that.

Recently I have been made aware of the organisation known as PALS, standing for Patient Advice and Liaison Service. They provide a wide range of information on local health services and can act as a "friend within the system" to patients, relatives and carers, helping them to deal with any difficulties arising in their primary health care. They can be contacted on 0800 328 5640 or by Email pals@buckspt.nhs.uk

As part of the county council's policy on "Because Every Adult Matters" (BEAM) the "In-Touch" service helps people to access and keep in touch with community services and local voluntary groups on a regular basis. To establish this contact a phone call to 0845 3708090 will enable a person to speak in confidence with a member of the Adult Social Care Team.

The mystery of the traffic cones placed on the bend of Main Road where it adjoins Chapel Lane is now solved. They originated from Thames Water who were proposing works on the Main Road since early in January. The cones re-appeared in the road mid March for work to start on Monday 16th March. By the time this is read the work should be underway.

I have been invited to the official opening of @3 Cafe Facility at RAF Air Command on 16th March. This will be on the site of what was formerly the OSCARS Club. This cafe will be open to all personnel and their families as well as civilians, including the local community.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

The District Council has recently been applauded for its community efforts in the last year. This is an important aspect from the latest audit commission report. The same report praised the opening of Eden in March 2008. However, we are minded of our need to improve the Customer Service Centre. The issue is a simple one. More people have applied for assistance and claims to the Council for housing benefit and Council Tax benefit. Demand has outstripped supply, although we are working on this.

Since my last report, Hon Alderman David Fieldhouse has died. David was a District Councillor from 1970-2007 (70-74 as Wycombe Borough Council). David was a hard working, decent and dedicated Councillor who served his ward without complaint and ease, despite battling illness for over 35 years.

I attended the opening of the new World War 2 war room at Hughenden Manor on 10 March and was very fortunate to be introduced to Victor Gregory, one of the original cartographers deployed in 1941. It is well worth a visit to appreciate the secret map-making and intricate work undertaken in respect of the planned D-Day invasion, implemented right here in our ward. I am also hoping to attend the Spring Fayre in March.

I previously mentioned my plan to hold a surgery. This has now been arranged together with my fellow ward Councillors, Richard Pushman and David Carroll. The surgery will be held in the small hall at **Hughenden Village Hall on Friday 17 April 2009 from 5pm-6.30pm**. To book, please telephone **01494 565544**.

We look forward to seeing you.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The Parish Council has facilitated the planting of a living willow structure in the children's playground on the Crick. It has been made possible by donations from the Community Funds of Councillor Richard Pushman and Councillor John Gibbs; I know the Village Hall Council is very appreciative of this funding.

The site has been very well prepared. A durable rubber mat floor has been laid to avoid erosion and the mats have been well secured to a stabilising mesh pinned below ground. Willow will do well in most soil conditions but, for best results, the site was dug over and fertiliser/manure added. Whips for living willow structures are pushed about 6 to 9 inches into the ground; they must be planted before the end of March. Ties are used for extra firmness and should, long term, result in pressure grafting of the willow stems together. The vertical whips will tend to sprout fresh growth only from the top, whereas the diagonally planted whips should sprout along the full length giving a denser

growth to the structure. (I have cribbed these notes as I wouldn't have a clue how to enable a willow structure to develop!! I may be seen over there with a watering can if we have a dry spring!)

We hope the children will enjoy having a living structure to explore. The Parish and Village Hall Councils will continue to seek funds to improve the "junior" end of the playground.

The Village Design Statement has reached the stage of being submitted formally to Wycombe District Council. We have consulted WDC at various stages during the process of compilation and have tried to incorporate all their suggestions. We are therefore hoping that the document can be sent out to residents for final consultation soon. This will be done through local groups, and will be available to individuals on request. It has been a long haul!

The Annual Parish meeting is to be held in Naphill and Walter's Ash School hall on Tuesday May 19th at 7.30pm. This year we have a keynote speaker to add interest to the meeting. John Morris, Manager of the Chilterns Woodland Project, will give an illustrated talk on aspects of woodland management, history and preservation. We hope many residents will be able to join us for the talk, official business, and, of course, for refreshments and the opportunity to meet and question Parish Councillors.

Peggy Ewart - Vice Chairman

Bradenham Parish Council

Bradenham Parish Council is very grateful to PCSO Clair Davis who with a colleague came out to Bradenham with a speed gun at the end of January. She was amazed by the number of people who exceeded the 30mph speed limit through the village. All persons caught exceeding the speed limit will have received a warning letter from Thames Valley Police. She plans to come back again in the next few months. Buckinghamshire County Council has put a temporary speed indicating device by the church; hopefully this will remind people to reduce their speed through the village.

The Parish Council had requested a reduction of the speed limit through the woods from 60mph to 40mph, but this has been declined by the County Council.

We had received a request from a serving member of the RAF to install street lighting on Bradenham Woods Lane from the entrance of No 2 site (Officer's Mess) to the junction with New Road. The Parish Council is not in favour of street lighting, this is a rural area within the Chilterns AONB and street lighting would detract from the enjoyment of the AONB. The cost is also a prohibitive factor. The Street lighting on Main Road is provided, maintained and paid for by the RAF.

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Various outside representatives who regularly attend Parish Council meeting have left their posts and will no longer be attending our meetings. We have had invaluable support and advice in the last few years from Nick Phillips, National Trust representative and Flt Lt. Shaun Taylor, the RAF representative. They will be sorely missed, but we look forward to welcoming their replacements.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm at the Bradenham Cricket club. We will be holding our Annual Parish meeting and our Annual meeting on the same evening.

All meetings are open to the public and press.

Deirdre Hansen - Clerk to the Council, Tel: 01494-562254

News from 'Christians in the Community'

I hope that by now our Easter cards with details of the service times have dropped in your letter boxes. If not and you would like a copy just 'phone me. Our next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th May 8 pm at The Father's house, Naphill. You will be very welcome.

Norma Clarke 563116

Naphill Evening WI

We hope you have enjoyed the lovely sunny weather and have made the most of it. The crocus and snowdrops have been particularly beautiful in my garden this year (Jessie's). Back to February 19th with Dr Maisey talking to us about Aspects of Health, if laughter contributes to healthy living we certainly had plenty that evening. Although, perhaps to the more sensitive of us, a bit too much information! Also, he pointed out the negative side to being a doctor and the strain there can be on their health in the NHS of today. The competition for 'A Healthy Living Recipe' was won



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by Beryl, with a modern twist on a good old cottage pie.

The Open meeting on the 19th March, a talk on Equity Release by Stephen Wilkinson, will occur once again, after we go to press. We hope to see a good attendance of members and visitors, comments in the next Gazette. Marion has been looking at theatre trips and places of interest for us. Before long we are sure there will be something in the pipeline to look forward to. Juliet has agreed to organise the float once again for the village fete, and fortunately has had a good response from members to assist her. At the group meeting on the 26th March we will have been climbing Mount Kilimanjaro with Ken Brazier at Liston Hall, hosted by Marlow Common WI. So more news about that next month. Jenny has decided on a date for the ploughman's lunch – it is to be on May 13th so tickets will be on sale at the April meeting.

Moving on to 16th April, BBC Gardener of the Year, Edwin Rye, will be speaking to us about all the secrets of creating a beautiful garden and the competition will be a single bloom. If you are a keen gardener (man or woman) do come along as a visitor, you will be made very welcome. By then we will all be keen to get out into our gardens, so a few tips will be very helpful. We are pleased to tell you we have a nice healthy WI with 47 members -well done Naphill, "In it to make a better world"!

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

Things are back to normal again after those wintry spells and it is lovely to see the signs of Spring in our gardens. With Easter in mind we had a most enjoyable evening at our March meeting when Kate Parker of The Chocolate Source helped us create a delicious Easter treat.

We are now looking forward to John Tyler's visit on Monday 20th April when he will be giving his illustrated talk on "The Changing Wildlife in the Chilterns". The tea hostesses will be: Margaret Stallwood, Peggy Ewart and Eileen O'Neill.

Our President and Committee have been busy planning all our outings for 2009 - they are scheduled for Tuesday, 21st April, Tuesday 16th June, Tuesday 11th August and Tuesday 1st December. The first one, to Evesham for "The Blossom Trail" is fully booked. Names will be taken for the June outing to the rose gardens at Mottisfont Abbey at our April meeting with money to be paid in May.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

After having to keep the January meeting brief due to dreadful weather, cancelling the February meeting due to even worse weather, it was good to be able to hold the March meeting as usual.

Those of you who attended Pam's exhibition and Ted's quiz will know just how excellent they were. Both of these entailed a lot of hard work but produced a real boost to the Village Hall funds and provided good community occasions. Our heartfelt thanks go to Pam and Ted and their helpers for all their hard work.

We also have to give thanks to Richard Pushman and John Gibbs for donating some of their community leaders funds to provide the new "willow tunnel" in the play area. As this grows, thickens out and develops it will provide a different experience in the play area for the children and a bit of welcome shade should we get any kind of summer weather.

The heated cupboard in the kitchen (the plate warmer) is getting a bit temperamental. The on / off switch has been repaired and should work fine provided you handle it carefully! Please be gentle with it!

The theme for the fete is to be characters from comics. Go back to your childhood and decide whether you are a Beryl the Peril, Minnie the Minx, one of the Bash Street Kids, Dennis the Menace or Desperate Dan. If you went for other comics you could be Dan Dare, Roy of the Rovers, or Susan of St. Brides. I have obviously given away my generation and half of you won't know who I mean - but some of you do!

We were very sorry to lose the preschool in the

summer when they moved to their new premises up at the school, but we have been able to fill in most of their slots with new bookings in the Hall. There are now more fitness classes going on so we are obviously becoming a fitter trimmer community. Either that or the sales of lineament in the local pharmacies are increasing.

I have recently had to fill in a 23 page National Village Hall Survey, and attended the Village Hall Forum organised by Bucks Community Action. These have made it obvious to me just how lucky we are to live in our community and how well we all work together to ensure our village is thriving even in the current difficult times.

Our next meeting is on 6th April at 7.30 in the Village Hall followed at 8.00 p.m. by the A.G.M. All are welcome so do please come and join us to find out how we work on your behalf.

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

The Village Fete – Saturday 6th June

Winter's snow has gone and the March winds and April showers will soon be distant memories. It will be time to come out and celebrate. What better way than to take part in the festive spirit of our Naphill and Walter's Ash fête? Do make a note in your diaries now. The Crick at Naphill is the place to be on Saturday 6th June. The fête is a shining example of what can be achieved by the people of our villages and is a great place to spend a really enjoyable day with your family, relatives and friends. If you miss it you will regret it, make a note in your diaries now!

The fête opens in the traditional manner. At 12 o'clock a super procession will leave Forge Road and head for The Crick led by the ex-RAF Halton Apprentice pipe band 'The Golden Oldies'. This year's theme for the fête will be 'Characters From Comics' which we hope will provide inspiration for those involved with the Classic Cars, the tableau, the stall holders and everyone else. Children can be Mickey Mouse, Daisy Duck, Barbie, Spiderman etc etc; adults can arrive as Super Woman, Hercules and many others (type 'Characters from Comics' into your search engine for endless ideas).

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 let the children loose in the area where most of their attractions are sited (close to the seated area by the beer tent and hot dog stalls!) We are going to invite Punch and Judy to come along and join in the fun!

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

Tombola Stall

Whilst the fete is at the time of writing still some thirteen weeks away, I am particularly anxious to receive donations for the tombola stall. With 3000 tickets already folded all I need to do now is to stick the winning tickets to the prizes and ideally I would prefer to do this well in advance of fete day as it is quite a laborious task. However, there is a slight problem as I need some 600 prizes and we are currently short of that number by 580!! So friends and neighbours of Naphill may I implore you to look into your kitchen cupboards and wardrobes for those unwanted Xmas presents, food tins, packets and bottles. If there are any company representatives living in the village that can assist with suitable items do please contact me. Any new and unused item would be gratefully received - it really does not matter how small the item is. If I do not have to buy prizes for the stall then more profit is made for the fete. Thank you in anticipation.

*Ron Collins, Michaelmas Cottage, 2 Lacey Drive(off
Chapel Lane) Tel. 01494 562240*

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

I must start this month by saying a few words about Jack Judge, who sadly passed away recently. Jack was, a member of the Society for literally decades, and President from 1997 – 2008, a role he carried out with

great conscientiousness, enthusiasm and humour. I think Jack's favourite events in the Society calendar were the shows, where, although he regularly declared he had nothing worth showing, he more often than not won several of the trophies available! We will all miss his joviality at the shows, and the benches will be a good deal emptier without his fabulous displays of chrysanthemums, gladioli and roses. Similarly our Committee meetings will not be the same without Jack saying "Now, about these show schedules"! The thoughts of all of us are with Janet and the family at this sad time.

As our Annual Dinner marks the start of the Society's year, we began the evening with a toast to Jack and to John Bullock, another previous President who also passed away in the last year.

The evening was a huge success with 84 of us sitting down to a delicious meal, beautifully cooked by Main Event Cuisine, and followed by wonderful entertainment provided by The Lamphouse Singers, who put together a programme ranging from Abba to Delibes with something for everyone in between. A huge thank you goes to the caterers, the singers, and all of you who came along on the night. The whole event was most enjoyable.

The gardening year is now well under way, so it is time to remind you of our annual **Plant Sale** which takes place on **Saturday May 23rd**, where we hope to have a good selection of flowering plants, vegetable plants and herbs. If you are a keen seed sower, like myself, or are busy dividing perennials, or have too many self-seeded plants, why not consider nurturing a few extra plants and bringing them along to the Plant Sale? We charge just £5 for a table, the rest of the money you keep for yourself- a bargain! If you are at all interested, please give me a call.

Cathryn Carter

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning: Applications to 12 March 2009.

09/05339/FUL Sergeants Mess, RAF High Wycombe, Main Rd., Walter's Ash. Provision of part 1 storey/part single storey new Junior Ranks Mess and rebuild of Senior NCO single living accommodation and provision of additional parking. (Development in 3 Site plan involves shared kitchen facilities for Junior Ranks and Sergeants Mess. Application for demolition of temporary SNCO block to follow.) **09/05368/FUL** Charity Cottages (formerly Auchinyell), Downley Rd., Naphill. Provision of additional car parking space in the parking area (amendment to p/p 07/05178/FUL to parking area and landscaping only). This tidies up the parking arrangements. **Appeal Decision.** Willow Barn, New Road, Walter's Ash. The Appeal by the owners of Willow Barn against Wycombe District Council's notice to cease the use of the building as a dwelling house was refused, and WDC's enforcement notice upheld.

Road Names. The road from the T-junction at New Road Walter's Ash to Bradenham has been signed at Walter's Ash, for many years, as "Bradenham Woods Lane". A new sign erected by the same Highways authority at the Bradenham end describes it as Bradenham Wood Lane (no "s"). An old map shows the road as "Bradenham Wood Lane", but Land Registry and the deeds of some Walter's Ash residents show it as Bradenham Woods Lane. The Highways authority says it will be too expensive to make any alterations.

Change of Date of Next Meeting. To avoid the school holidays the next meeting will be held at **8pm on Monday, 20th April, 2009, at Poland House** (at entrance to Ash Close).

Public Meeting. Progress Review - Walter's Ash Traffic Hazard. 8pm Thursday 14th May. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 01494 563634

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

By the time this appears we will have held our first open meeting, 'Talking about the Common' and, hopefully, our membership will have substantially increased. Thank you to all who attended and all who helped, and especially our speakers, Neil Harris and Dr Alan Showler. Welcome to all new members.

One of the motives for forming a 'Friends' group is to help conserve some of the more precious features of the common, including its rare plants. Juniper is one of these. It was once plentiful along much of the Chilterns but has now almost disappeared, and plans are afoot to save the last remaining specimens and even re-introduce it at suitable sites.

Naphill Common was once renowned for its juniper. In 1911, G. Eland wrote that: 'Among scattered and misshapen oaks and scrubby beech rise great bushes of juniper and gorse, eight or ten feet high.' Wilfred Smith recalled that around the turn of the Century: 'Some parts were covered with natural juniper forests, many so closely growing that it would be difficult to force a way through, many beautifully symmetrical columns of verdure 15 or 20 ft high.' Writing in 1948 he adds: 'Alas! Both gorse and juniper were the natural prey of the fire-raising vandal and have almost disappeared.'

Sadly, we now have only one healthy bush and about four more in various stages of decline, while another died three years ago. Perhaps one of our projects could be to help the juniper to prosper. One problem with Juniper is that the sexes appear on different bushes and this makes matters worse as scarcity increases. For example, there is a single female shrub on West Wycombe Hill and it struggles to produce berries, but can you blame her when the nearest male is at Bradenham!

Today we have few uses for juniper berries but they were once highly prized. The 17th Century diarist John Evelyn called them 'one of the most universal remedies in the world to our crazy forester; the Theriacle or Electuary I have often made for my poor neighbours, and may well be termed the Forester's Panacea against the Stone, Rheum, Pthysic, Dropsie, Jaundies, inward Imposthumes, nay Palsie, Gout and Plague itself.' Clearly, if we can save the juniper we can halve the Nation's bill for the Health Service.

Don't forget our future events – open to all. Last September's Heritage Open Day walk on the Common will be repeated on Sunday 19th April (2.30 pm at the Village Hall), and Ron Collins will lead a Health Walk on Monday 18th May (10.30 at the Village Hall). More events and projects are being planned.

Trevor Hussey 01494 563767

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club



We would love to welcome all of our NEW and existing members of Naphill Tennis Club to a brilliant year of tennis with some socialising thrown in... We are still looking for new and interested parties to join the club, to be social and have fun at the same time as keeping fit. (Just give me a call for any information: Tel: 01494 533112)

Things to look out for this year:

Junior Coaching - Under Sevens Club -- Club Coaching -- Rusty Racquets -- Men's Tennis Tournament -- Family Tennis -- Club Dinner -- Tinsel Tennis etc.....

These are some of the events to be held this year. All the information and news is found in the tennis newsletter for 2009. Of special interest for families will be the Junior and Under Sevens Clubs helping the future of British Tennis by coaching the next Federers and Williams sisters! We are also again to have Rusty Racquets to give people that have not played in a while a chance to regain the skills that they once had. I am also glad to announce for the first time in a very long while that we will be holding a Men's Tennis Tournament for a chance to see who is the 'best of the best'....

So let's play tennis...then go to The Wheel (Pub) for a refreshing cool drink.

Chris Keats

Apologies - Small Ads

An apology to **Jane Paul, Garden Designer**.

Her small advert had an error in it last month; her email address is actually

janeppaul@googlemail.com

Also to Paul Brzezicki of **PB Carpentry**.

QUIZ

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I managed to hide Paul's contact numbers with my box around his advert. They are:

07752 630427 / 01494 866579

Please make me feel better about these silly mistakes by having a look at the amended adverts!

Judy Whitehouse

Wycombe Beach

In the February Gazette the editor gave the results of the youth questionnaire. One request was for a beach. In the March Gazette the editor, wearing her parish councillor hat, said "we could not find an affordable and practical way to bring a beach to Naphill". Never fear, help is at hand. Global Warming to the rescue!

According to a BBC World programme on 7th March, once all of the ice in Greenland, Antarctica and various glaciers has melted, the rise in sea level will be about 200 feet, ie 61 metres. I got out my Ordnance Survey map and traced the contour line of 61 metres above Mean Sea Level. It goes through The Rye in the centre of High Wycombe. So the youth of Naphill and Walter's Ash will have their beach – in the middle of High Wycombe. Perhaps our various councillors will now arrange for a prominent sign to be erected on The Rye "Site for Future Beach".

According to my nautical almanac, the Highest Astronomical Tide for London Bridge is 4.7 metres above the Ordnance Survey Mean Sea Level. If we assume that the tidal range at High Wycombe in the future will be the same as experienced by London Bridge today, that means there will be 4.7 metres of sea water over The Rye from time to time – and the high water mark will be at the western end of The Rye. Our councillors should therefore plan for the beach

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huts to be no lower than the "magic roundabout" at the bottom of Marlow Hill. The climate would be much warmer than it is today and the residents of Maidenhead, for example, at 50 metres above today's Mean Sea Level, would have tropical fish in their living rooms without the need for fish tanks.

But when will all this happen? When will the youth of Naphill and Walter's Ash get their beach? According to an article I dug out of the Financial Times of 11th August 2006, the sea level was rising at 2.5 mm per year in 2006. At that rate it would take 24,400 years to reach The Rye, which would be rather a long wait. But do not despair, help is at hand. The same article stated that satellite measurements had shown that the speed of ice sheet melting had trebled in the past two years compared with the average for the previous five years. Acceleration is to be expected since, when the surface covering of snow melts, the sun's rays are no longer reflected back into space and so the earth receives even more heat from the sun (including the Arctic's ice which is due to completely disappear in a few years). A frightening example was reported in the Financial Times of 6th March, of the Amazon turning from an absorber to an emitter of carbon dioxide. There was an unusual drought in the Amazon in 2005. Normally the Amazon absorbs 2 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide per year yet it emitted more than 3 billion tonnes instead. The total change amounted to an extra 5 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere – which exceeded the annual carbon emissions of Europe and Japan combined. So, what if the trebling of the rate of rise of sea level in two years continued, ie trebling every two years. Well, the whole lot would melt by 2024 (2.5 mm per year x3x3x3x3x3x3x3x3x3 and summed – try it out on your calculator). So we have only 15 years to wait for our very own beach, if ice sheet melting continues to treble every three years.

Just imagine it! Going down to The Rye, swimming costume in hand, ready for a plunge into the warm, luxurious waters of the great ocean. The weather would be very warm. There might be a small problem of salt-water crocodiles and great-white sharks, but who cares? The odd tropical typhoon would blast

through from time to time, causing waves of up to 30 metres, but we in Naphill and Walter's Ash would be above all that. There would be plenty of work building 50-storey blocks of flats to re-house about 15 million people from the London area in the Chilterns. Land prices would go through the roof. On my allotment I could grow mangoes, papayas, bananas and avocados. On the allotment I would be watching African vultures circling overhead rather than red kites. Our various councillors would be hard at it rejecting planning applications from developers anxious to build on land protected by our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty status, surrounded by the Green Belt. I can hardly wait for the better weather.

Readers, was this a humorous or a serious article? Answers on a postcard or by e-mail to the editor (judy@judyq.demon.co.uk) please.

Mike Mason - Naphill 010409

A Big Thank You

Just a note to say thank you to all my customers who left me cards, notes and telephone messages and especially Pauline & Michael Pool for the article in last month's Gazette regarding milk deliveries during the two weeks of snowy weather in early February. It was one of the hardest two weeks I have had to cope with during my 37 years of delivering milk and your kind comments were very much appreciated.

Thanks once again, from your milkman.

Ian Kelloway

The Wheel

Well what can be said about our Valentine night apart from WOW! and THANK YOU. What an amazing evening, everyone who joined us made a massive effort with most of the pub in fancy dress and what an array of costumes we had. A large amount of people came as various super heroes with Spiderman, Super Girl (or boy), Bat Girl, and Wonder Woman. There were many more that were either hired or even made with Darth Vader, The Queen, Elton John, Robin Hood and Maid Marion, an Indian Chief, Zorro, St George and The Dragon. The staff made a great effort with our very own Buzz Lightyear, Credit Crunch Superman and Captain Jack Sparrow who took the role very seriously with perfect eyeliner and a lot of booze! As everyone looked so good we made sure an award went to everyone just to say thank you for their effort.

March has been a very busy month with the Six Nations, St Patrick's Day celebrations (thank you to The Expanding Wastrels for the music) and Mothers Day. We are also pleased to announce that from the beginning of April we will be changing our opening hours, from Tuesday – Sunday we will now be open all day. We are also starting our spring/summer (hopefully) menu. So it is all change again.

Talking of change we finally say goodbye to Jack who has worked for us on and off since we took the pub



over nearly three years ago. As our first member of staff we have seen Jack go from a shy 18 year old, to an outgoing, A+Star of a barman. We all wish you well in your new job and will see you for a drink or two no doubt. Kat another staff member has also just started a new job so again good luck but she is not totally leaving us. On the upside we have gained two new local girls Aby and Annabel who have come to join the fold we are sure everyone will make them feel welcome.

April starts with... yes The Beer Festival, we start the spring with 21 local ales, a selection of ciders, Les Roots (The Cheese Man), Live Music (James Henton) our usual menu will be on with a Beef Stew on the Saturday night rather than the Hog Roast. Easter Holidays are not far off so remember to book early for Easter Sunday. A new event is happening on 2nd May which is a Dog Day (yes that is what I said.) We have a professional dog photographer Nick Ridley joining us for a day (possible 2 days the 2nd and the 4th depending on the response). He is able to take your dog's picture, you can then view them on his computer, he can then print them and you can pay for the ones you want, all in the same place. This is going to be an interesting event, it does mean we will be required to book your dog /dogs in so that we have numbers and times for everyone. Please come and see us (Claire or Mark) to book your time slot.

Finally we would like to say congratulations to Mark and Sarah on their Wedding Day from all the staff and customers. It was a fabulous day that was definitely enjoyed by all. Jack and Ed say thanks for the sweets. We would like to say Thank You to Chloe for running the pub all day for us so we could also be at the celebrations.

Cheers!

Claire and Mark

The Twelve Foot Worm

I walked into the police station. A hatch opened and a uniformed police officer appeared. "I am looking for a twelve-foot worm" I said. His eyes glazed a little and he had the kind of look as if to say "another one has walked out of that place down the road". But I persevered. "The guide book says that somewhere near here is a tourist venue where giant worms are on

display, some up to twelve-feet long and some with a diameter of over six inches". At that he began to recall something. He used to patrol up and down the coast road from Melbourne going east, and he recalled that there used to be a display of giant worms near the village of Bass, but he believed that it was now a second-hand shop or something. (1)

So I was frustrated, unable to see the giant worms found in the area of South-West Gippsland, near Melbourne, Australia. I would have welcomed the opportunity of having my photograph taken with a giant worm, to give this article credibility, and to jest "you should have seen the size of blackbird which carried this one off". However, my plans came to nothing so you will just have to take my word for it – giant worms up to twelve feet long do exist in that part of Australia. They are called "megascolides australis" and are the World's largest earthworms. (Reference: "Down Under" by Bill Bryson, ISBN 0385 40817X.)

I am fascinated by worms because they dig my allotment for me. Nowadays I spread a three-inch layer of well-rotted farmyard (ie cow) manure on a third of my allotment every year and then grow crops in it. Over three years the worms pull the manure down into the soil until it is completely mixed and I can then sow small seeds such as carrots. (In year 2 the second third of my allotment receives the manure, and so on.) The worms create vertical holes, allowing oxygen from the air to enter and be available to the bacteria etc in the soil. I therefore do not have to dig to achieve aeration of the soil. In nature nothing digs. Leaves fall, grasses die and the worms drag the debris down into the soil, thus aerating it. There is no need to dig or plough. It is wasted effort, and counterproductive because of damage to the soil ecosystem.

I do not know how large my worms are after the application of manure every year since 1973. Since the year 2000 I have just left the manure on the surface of the soil, following the no-dig method. When I used to dig I found a few worms that were twelve inches in length, but not twelve feet. When I empty my compost heaps I tip out hundreds of "compost worms", ie the short (3 inches) red ones that seem to specialise in breaking down material in compost heaps. They seem able to detect compost heaps at a hundred paces and make a beeline for that lovely grub.

A very important benefit of having lots of worms is their worm-casts. The worms bring up all sorts of nutrients from deep in the soil and leave the nutrients in worm-casts which considerably enrich the top layer of soil. The no-dig method, of course, leaves the worm-cast-enriched layer on the surface of the soil rather than mixing it with much deeper soil. My top layer, a mixture of soil, compost or farmyard manure and worm-casts, is a fantastic growing medium for vegetables and fruit. It is full of trace elements.

The top layer of soil in which plants are grown is by no means a static medium. In the top 6 – 12 inches of soil there are millions of organisms, living their lives and doing what comes naturally. However, and most

Speen Festival

10-19 September 2009
All the latest news....

Speen Festival 2009 is now less than six months away! Needless to say, we've all been working flat out in recent weeks crafting and fine-tuning our truly magnificent galaxy of exciting events and fun activities. As a result, we are thrilled to announce some fabulous news!

Speen Festival's first event is here! Developed as part of 'SpeenFest Interactive' (all of our *hands-on*, participatory activities that are linked to the main Festival Programme), our first event will be "Creative-Writing Challenge", a creative-writing workshop given by a professional writer for ages 16+. The workshop is planned to take place some time towards the end of April/early May at Speen Church so keep an eye on your local notice board or watch out for our next Email Update for further details.

To keep up the tempo of anticipation, we're also delighted to announce that the Community Music-Theatre at Speen Festival 2009 will be the Olivier Award-winning Show **HONK!** described by Time Out as "stonkingly brilliant", and having "the colour and wit of Disney's 'Jungle Book', mixed with the vivacity of '40s Hollywood musicals". Honk! is a musical retelling of the Hans Christian Andersen story 'The Ugly Duckling'. Set in 'a backwater of England', Honk! features an ugly duckling who discovers his inner beauty when he becomes a swan; his tearful mother Ida; a drake who 'ducks' his fatherly responsibilities; a gaggle of comical geese; a sly French tomcat who wants to befriend Ugly so he can eat him; a wisecracking bullfrog plus loads of barnyard creatures and even more 'fowl' puns!

Our last piece of news (for now at least) is that Beechdean Dairies has agreed to become one of the Festival's major sponsors. This is fantastic news as Beechdean's support will not only help ensure Speen Festival's continued success, it will also allow us to expand the Festival's repertoire of artistic and cultural events, and in so doing, enable the Festival to bring fun, entertainment and learning to an ever wider network of local communities. So a *huge* thank you to Beechdean!

Of course, the Festival is continually evolving all the time so do watch this space or if you really want to have *the most up-to-the-minute news* on the Festival, why not just visit our website www.speenfestival.org or sign up for our Email Updates by emailing update@speenfestival.org.

Sam & Kate Laughton

seriously, there is the constant leaching of essential trace elements. (To be able to be absorbed by the roots of plants, the trace elements have to be in a form which is water-soluble.) Unfortunately, rain takes these water-soluble elements down into the subsoil below, where they cannot be taken up by plants, apart from a few very deeply-rooted vegetables such as parsnips. (My parsnips have roots up to 2.5 feet in length.) Thus, left to itself, the top layer of soil in which crops are grown would be devoid of the essential elements for plant growth – and essential for our health. Happily, we have the worms. They retrieve the valuable trace elements from the depths and deposit them on the surface of the soil, where they can be accessed by our vegetables. This situation can be considerably enhanced by the application of a layer of compost or manure on the surface of the soil. Apart from the worms then taking the compost or manure into the soil and mixing it in, rain will wash nutrients out of the compost or manure into the soil, thus providing our vegetables with more of the valuable trace elements they need. In effect, the roots of the vegetables "catch" the trace elements as they pass by on their way to the subsoil, carried down by the rain.

Interestingly, there is another method which gardeners can use to extract valuable trace elements from the subsoil. One can grow (inedible) perennial comfrey. This plant has very deep roots and sources trace elements in the subsoil. One then cuts off all the above-ground comfrey and adds it to the compost heap, to ensure that the compost which results will be rich in trace elements. The comfrey can be left to grow

year after year and crops taken at regular intervals for the compost heap.

And where is the payback for all of these attempts to give the crops we grow access to trace elements? There are three benefits – healthier plants, healthier people, and taste. If plants are grown in soil which is deficient in nutrients they grow weakly and are more susceptible to all kinds of plant diseases. If we do not consume adequate amounts of trace elements every day we can suffer from malnutrition and be more susceptible to many life-threatening or debilitating diseases (about one-third of people in the UK suffer from malnutrition). Now for the third benefit. One of the most apparent benefits of growing plants in nutrient-rich soil is taste. The taste of many of my vegetables is so different to supermarket vegetables that it is hard to believe that they are the same plants. I am convinced that the enhanced taste comes from the increase in the amount of trace elements in my vegetables. To illustrate the point, I shall let you in on a little secret. I used to think that the wonderful, delicious, mouth-watering taste of my greenhouse tomatoes (grown in farmyard manure and soil) was because of their freshness. I picked them just before eating them. But when I went away on holiday I took many tomatoes with me – red ones, orange ones just about to turn red, light green ones and hard green ones. During the following four weeks they all ripened off. It then dawned on me that the taste was the same as before – wonderful, delicious and mouth-watering. So the superb taste was not because of their freshness – it must have come from the vital trace elements they had taken up from the soil. It may be

sacrilege to say what I have just said about freshness, but that is what I have found and that is the conclusion I have reached.

So there we have the benefits of growing plants in soil full of vital trace elements. The worms are key here. They break down compost and manure and they retrieve vital trace elements from the depths and deposit them on the surface of the soil in their worm-casts. And they dig my allotment for me. A toast to the worm!

Note. (1) True story.

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

WANSA

WANSA, the schools fundraising charity, has been busy this year trying to raise funds for the school to improve the facilities on the playground. The school is in need of some seating areas, new markings for a variety of games ie football court, hop scotch and snakes and ladders. So far this year we have organised a Race Night which raised an amazing £640.00 profit, so thank you to those who attended. It was a fun evening. We also have planned our annual Quiz Night run by the Quiz Master himself Roger Hillier. If you would like tickets please contact the school. We also have planned for the children a sponsored "Keep the Ball Rolling" day and also a children's disco. After the success of last year we have also arranged for the "Bags 4 School" to collect any clothing, bags, belts, shoes, bedding, curtains and cuddly toys on the 7th May. These items are then weighed and the school gets the amount per kilo. The items are then reused not recycled and sent to countries in need. If you would like to help the school please bring your items in any bag along on the morning of the 7th May. For further information please contact the school or myself at home on 01494 563053.

Tanya Stevens - Chair of WANSA

Naphill Brownies and Guide Jumble Sale

We had a fantastic Jumble Sale on the 7th of March. Many thanks to all those people who volunteered to help, donated Jumble and came to buy it all. Every time we are amazed how well we do. Thanks to all of you. Some of the helpers have been coming for more than 20 years. This time we made an amazing £644 profit, thanks to you. It helps to keep the subscriptions down, contributes towards insurance costs, rent, donations we are able to make to other charities, activities and equipment for the girls.

There are a few items which were found when we cleared up at the end:

A pair of ladies gloves, a purse with money in it and a pink girls top. If you have lost any of these items at the Jumble sale please ring Deirdre Hansen on 01494-562254. otherwise they will go into the next Jumble Sale.

The date of the next Jumble Sale is Saturday 3rd of October 2009. See you there!

*Deirdre Hansen - Hughenden District Commissioner
Tel: 01494 562254*

Naphill Brownies

This ½ term, I am delighted to say that we have welcomed two new volunteer adult helpers at Brownies one of whom is a qualified guider. This is fantastic news and means we will not have to rely on parents helping out each week. Thank you to them.

In recent weeks we have been finishing our 'Seasons' badge. We have been looking at Spring – feeding the birds, finding out about spring festivals and customs and noticing the signs of spring. This has tied in nicely with our Girlguiding 'Change the World' project to do with the Woodland Trust. This project got us involved with Springwatch 2009, so we've all been looking out for frog spawn, ladybirds and peacock butterflies.



Our recent Jumble Sale was a tremendous success; thanks to all the willing helpers and kind people who donate jumble for us to sell. I'm sure the brownies will thoroughly enjoy thinking of what they would like to do with the money.

As well as our badge work we have found time to celebrate Chinese New Year and Pancake Day. We have made gift boxes and cards for Mothers Day and are currently trying our hand at a bit of woodwork.

On top of this we have learnt some new games to play and the brownies have been teaching us some new songs.

Now the light evenings are upon us and we are looking forward to enjoying some outdoor sessions and are making plans for the summer term.



Ruth Daly

Little Ash Pre-School

This term the children have been looking at "All creatures great and small". We were extremely fortunate to have a company called Zoolab come in to spend an hour long session with the children. The Zoolab ranger brought in an amazing selection of animals and insects such as a giant millipede, giant snail, tarantula, milk snake, stick insect, frog, mouse, giant cockroach and a guinea pig. The children and staff had the opportunity to handle some of these creatures as well as ask lots of questions.

The children loved the experience, they were absolutely fascinated. This was a fantastic way of making learning about these exotic animals great fun!

With spring just around the corner thoughts have turned to the preschool garden. We would be extremely grateful if anybody could donate any troughs, hanging baskets, compost, seeds or other garden items that we could use to develop the garden.

EASTER CRAFT/MESSY AFTERNOON

The Easter holidays are fast approaching and a reminder that the preschool committee are organising an Easter themed craft day.

On the afternoon of Tuesday 7th April in the Naphill village hall from 2.00-4.00pm
There will be lots of fun, Easter-themed craft activities, ride on toys and stories for the children to enjoy.

This is open to all young children and we will be serving refreshments to the parents and of course your Easter bunnies. So come along and have fun sticking



and glittering, and chat with other parents/carers over coffee.

Prices are £3.00 per child or £5 for two.

PRE-SCHOOL SPRING DANCE

Just a quick reminder that the 70s and 80s themed disco will be held on Saturday 9th May 2009 from 7.30-11.30pm at Naphill village hall. Tickets are £15.00 advanced ticket sales only - please call/text Jane on 07919026328 or email jane@dynaband.co.uk

So to avoid disappointment hurry as the tickets are selling fast!!

Una McNamara

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We 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. Admission price per session: £2.00 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling). For further information please call Louise on 01494 488255 or Emma on 01494 488603. Alternatively join us at any Thursday meeting between 2pm and 4pm at Naphill Village Hall during term time.

Louise Lucas

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Editorial

Nearly fete day already! I know people are busy planning their floats and costumes so good luck to them.

Helen and Ron Collins who organise the tombola need many more donations this year so please read their article this month and then see what you can spare. The tombola is a big fund raiser at the fete

but it does depend on your support.

I am now running a waiting list for small ads as well as for the boxed adverts so apologies to anyone who now contacts me and may have to wait until more space becomes available. It is fantastic that we get so much interest in our advertising but I need to keep a balance between adverts and articles!

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Forge Road	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30
Pilates	Each Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30 (& 10.30 - 11.30 after Easter)
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30 - 8.30 and 8.30-9.30pm
Fitness Pilates	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
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May

7th May "Bags for School" Day - Naphill & Walter's Ash School

9th May Pre-School 70s/80s Disco - Village Hall 7.30 - 11.30

15th May WANSA Quiz Night - 7.30pm Naphill & Walter's Ash School Hall

14th NAWARA Progress Review (Walter's Ash Traffic Hazard) - Village Hall 8pm

18th A Health Walk - assemble Village Hall Car Park 10.30am

19th Annual Parish Meeting - Naphill & Walter's Ash School Hall, 7.30pm

22nd Blood Donors - Village Hall

June

6th VILLAGE FETE

21st "Below Stairs" - Naphill Village Hall 7.30pm (Ticket required)

July

2nd Climbing wall - Village Hall Car Park 6.30 - 8.30pm

4th WANSA Summer Fete - Naphill & Walter's Ash School (Wild West)

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Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Jan Hawkins	565080	Mondays 6pm
Community Police Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146
District Commissioner	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Guides and Brownies
Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332	
Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	562845	
Friends of Naphill Common	Trevor Hussey	563767	www.naphillcommon.org.uk
Gazette	Judy Whitehouse	562742	judy@judyq.demon.co.uk
Guides (Naphill)	Toni Green	562089	Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.45pm
Guides (Walter's Ash)	Toni MacDonald	565926	Thursdays from 7pm
Horticultural Society	Cathryn Carter	563233	www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770	
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School	Kerenza Gwynn	562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Mondays & Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
Surgery Pharmacy	Enquiries	565458	8am to 12.30pm 1.30pm until 6.15pm
Tennis Club	David Fletcher	532195	david@tvmf.org
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Village Hall	Bookings	565604	mdbaclarke851@btinternet.com
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WI	Nancy Hussey	563767	

County Councillor's Report

The observant will have noticed the newly installed roadside white gates which have now appeared around the area. These came about after a long period of discussion and consultation with parish councils and the public, to implement traffic calming

under the Tranquil Roads scheme in the rural areas of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It was to make drivers aware that they were entering residential areas and should take extra care. National research has indicated that such schemes overall, do increase driver awareness and reduce traffic speed by one or two miles per hour. Public

reaction has been mixed, my phone and e-mails have indicated concern at the gates positioning, their effectiveness and cost. Overall, the majority feel that the gates do identify settlements and define communities in an acceptable way. As for speed reduction – we must wait and see!

Readers may or may not be aware that Naphill & Walter's Ash are in the Risborough area of the county council's "Getting Closer to Communities" scheme known as GC2C. This local forum brings together parish councils in the area of greater Risborough, the district councillors and the three county councillors whose divisions make up the area. The meetings held quarterly, are open to the public and deal with matters that affect the communities in which we live. These can range from highways, bus services, school catchment, social services and environmental matters. The police do attend the Risborough Forum and it is hoped that in due time the boundaries will be co-terminus with the police's own "neighbourhood action groups". The next meeting will be on 23rd September, at Longwick Village Hall commencing at 7.00 pm.

A review of the Speed Limits is taking place and one adjustment in this area will be the extension of the 30 mph limit down Cryers Hill Road. Over the next two months new directional signs will be placed at road junctions in the Tranquil Area of the AONB. These will be the traditional finger posts and replace the existing pressed steel type. The residents of Stocking Lane should have been notified of an intended road closure for one week from 8th May. Traffic will be re-directed but pedestrians will still have access to Main Road. Early in May the road work gang will be working in our community area.

There is a new cooking oil recycling facility at the Bledlow Waste Recycling Centre. This oil will be used for electric energy generation and routed to the National Grid. This service is free of charge to householders only.

Finally, I would like to thank Group Captain Judith Good, the RAF Station Commander for her help and consideration. I am sure we all wish her well on her leaving the RAF and at the same time welcome her successor, Group Captain Tony Radcliffe.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Firstly, hoping you and your family had a pleasant Easter. There was cloud here although Easter Monday brightened up considerably.

I am also hoping that some of you attended the

surgery at Hughenden Valley Village Hall on 17 April. This is the second "on the road" surgery and I do want to commit to more. What do you think? It can be very easy to assume that a small turnout means everyone is happy! It could mean more surgeries are required with improved publicity. Seriously, I would like your views. Perhaps we can discuss when canvassing for the County Council election on 4 June.

I wanted to update you on two planning announcements. You can now obtain a pre-planning advice service from the Council for £60 plus VAT. This is an important service whereby an Officer will look at your potential application, which could save people both time and money in the long run. You just contact the Planning department or you can go online at www.wycombe.gov.uk.

Furthermore, what do you do if there is a potential breach in regulations or a situation that requires enforcement? Again, you can contact Planning, or go online and complete the form. This will be logged and an Officer will make contact with you and advise you of the process and timescales. Visit <http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/eforms.asp?contentID=163&categoryID=3732>

Finally, Annual Council is on 11 May and I am attending two Licensing panel hearings on 14 May.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

You may know that the Parish Council owns a number of Community Assets, including 8 allotment gardens totalling about 25 acres. In addition there are 12 acres of land at Cockshoot Wood and recreation ground, 10 acres at Hatches Lane field, and the Common at Great Kingshill. The Garden of Rest at Four Ashes covers 4 acres; this cemetery is beautifully maintained by local contractors. Vincents Meadow is currently being grazed by sheep in order to comply with the requirements of the stewardship scheme under which some grants are received.

In addition to the care, maintenance and improvement of the 60 plus acres of land identified above, the Parish also tries to enhance the Parish by planting trees and bulbs. Every year each ward receives a large bag of bulbs; these have been planted in recent years at the corner of Bradenham Woods Lane, Chapel Lane corner, and also by pupils in the grounds of Naphill and Walter's Ash School. The Village Hall Council has requested some daffodils from next year's allocation.

Moseley Road has recently had its avenue of trees restored. Seven of the original trees had been taken down and these have now been replaced by quite mature young trees which should enhance the wide

green vista in this cul-de-sac. A new tree has also been placed at the corner of Vincents Way where there is a wide verge. Any other ideas for placing more trees next year? Please get in touch.

Other areas in Hughenden Parish have also benefited; the 4 ashes at Four Ashes were replaced last year, and some more trees have also been planted recently on verges in Widmer End. There have also been some replacements on Cryers Hill.

Naphill is fortunate to have a large area of woodland "on its doorstep" but it is good, too, to enhance the roads where possible. The permission of Bucks County Council Highways department always has to be sought.

This year's annual Parish Meeting takes place on May 19th at Naphill and Walter's Ash School. Do join your local councillors to hear more about the ways in which the Parish Council tries to serve its residents. The meeting commences at 7.30pm. The formal part of the meeting will be followed by a talk from John Morris, the Manager of the Chilterns Woodland Project, on aspects of woodland management, history, and preservation. Followed by refreshments!

Your local councillors hope to see you on the 19th.

Peggy Ewart - Vice Chairman

Hughenden Parish Council

What is a Parish Council? What does it do?

Under recent local government re-organisation Buckinghamshire County Council opted for a continuation of the three tier system of County, District, and Parish councils, Parish being the third level close to the grass roots.

A parish council is an elected body, and is re-elected every four years. Hughenden Parish Council is divided into four wards; Great Kingshill (3 councillors), Hughenden, including North Dean and Bryants Bottom (4), Naphill, including Walter's Ash (4), Widmer End (4), making a total of 15 councillors.

The elections of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, and appointment of committee members, take place annually at the Annual General Meeting prior to the May Council meeting. A Parish Meeting also takes place during May and is held in each of the four wards on a rotation basis. This provides an opportunity to meet Councillors, to discuss the recent work of the Council, and to make suggestions.

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Phone Sally 562281

The Council meets each month, with the exception of August, on the second Tuesday of the month. The Council has three main committees which look in detail at all matters within their particular remit and bring recommendations to Full Council; Finance and Administration, Services and Planning.

The Finance and Administration Committee deals with all administrative matters and recommends the annual budget. The Council's main income is from the annual precept which is submitted to Wycombe District Council and then included in the Council Tax. This year-2009/10- Hughenden is one of the few councils to have kept its budget at the same level as the previous year, ie. £155,000. This Committee usually meets four times a year.

Hughenden Parish Council tries to spend its income to the benefit of the whole community. For example, administrative expenses about £56,000, Garden of Rest and other open spaces £35,000, play areas £30,000, grants £14,000.

The Parish owns and maintains two children's play areas, and maintains four others owned by the Village Halls. Three areas of land are used, mainly by young people, for football and cricket. Other land assets include a number of conservation areas such as woodlands at Widmer End and Vincents Meadow in Naphill, all open to the public, allotment gardens, and the Garden of Rest at Four Ashes. All are maintained using local contractors.

Annual grants are made to all the Village Halls to assist with their running costs, and the Council considers making further grants to assist with major projects when requested. The Council also makes annual grants to help defray the cost of village newsletters.

Why does the Council spend money in this way? If the villages did not provide these facilities the Council would have a moral obligation to do so. With an area as diverse as ours this would be an impossible drain on resources. Therefore the activities of Village Hall Councils make a very important contribution.

The Services Committee meets four times a year and deals with all aspects of the Parish's assets, as indicated above.

The Planning Committee meets every three weeks. Hughenden Parish Council is consulted in an advisory capacity by Wycombe District Council on all planning applications within the Parish. The final decisions on all applications are made at District level.

The monthly Council meetings, and all Committee meetings, are open to the public. The date and times of meetings, together with the agendas, are posted on the Council notice board at the Parish office at least three working days before the meetings.

The Hughenden Parish Council website is up and running and contains much information about the Council's activities. It may be viewed at www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk.

Lynne Turner - Clerk to the Council Tel: 715296

News from "Christians in the Community"

Just a reminder that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th May at 8 pm at the The Father's House, Naphill.

Norma Clarke 563116

Naphill Evening WI

We hope you all had a happy Easter, the weather was disappointing after the few days of lovely sunshine. Still, plenty to see in the countryside - trees blossoming, green shoots appearing, and the ever wonderful display of daffodils. Down to business - our "open" meeting about Equity Release on the 19th March with Stephen Wilkinson: he enlightened us to the fact that we need not live in poverty if we own our own home and that there are ways of capitalising on our asset without endangering our right to live there until we die. It really is a way out if you are feeling "the pinch". Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro at Liston Hall Group meeting with Ken Brazier proved to be an amazing feat, but sadly he failed to make it sound the exciting project it must have been. A very nice man who has achieved more than most of us! April 16th we were lucky to have the BBC gardener of the year, Edwin Rye, as our speaker, so for all us non-gardeners perhaps we will have been inspired to have a go. Beryl has suggested small coffee mornings to introduce would-be new members to the WI, so if you cannot face walking into a hall full of women and do not know anyone to come with, our small

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the songs accompanied by a narrator.

coffee mornings might be just the thing for you. For sure, you would certainly make lots of new friends. Do try it. Juliet has had her first meeting to organise the float for the fete on June 6th, there was much hilarity as we were given our parts to play and planned how we will set the scene! Jenny is working equally hard to "theme" the WI tombola. As Marion cannot get reduced tickets to see Oliver, (the seats are £50, quite expensive if you are bringing a husband or partner), she is leaving it for the moment. However, there will be a trip to Kew Palace and Gardens in June. We have also booked the village hall for a family and friends evening on

Friday October 16th, when we hope to raise funds towards the Christmas tree lights. More details nearer the time.

At the April meeting Jennie will have sold tickets for the ploughman's lunch on the 18th May, but if you have missed buying one you can always pay on the day. And of course, it is our Resolutions meeting on May the 21st; and not just resolutions, but home-made puddings to try. Also, lots of recipes we hope – so do jot down one of your favourite pudding recipes and bring it along. Forget your diets for one evening and come and enjoy yourself.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

The date of our April meeting and that of the deadline for articles in the Gazette have fallen inconveniently for our report this time, so I can only say I hope everyone enjoyed the last meeting when John Tyler gave us an illustrated talk on THE CHANGING WILDLIFE IN THE CHILTERNs and our outing to Evesham for THE BLOSSOM TRAIL the next day!

On Monday 11th May John Credland will come to Naphill to talk to us about the MAGIC OF PHOTOGRAPHY. The tea hostesses are: Sheila Veysey, Ruth Isaac and Connie Green.

Looking ahead, we are hoping for fine weather and good timing on Tuesday 16th June when we go to MOTTISFONT ABBEY which is during their spectacular “rose season” when the gardens should be at their very best. A good photographic opportunity perhaps?

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

Our April meeting is always very short and concentrated as we only have half an hour before the start of the A.G.M. This time we got through in a record time of 25 minutes. This gave little time to talk things through at length, but luckily there was nothing on the agenda that needed urgent attention.

The good news is that we have managed to attract enough new bookings to more than make up for the income we lost when pre-school moved up to the school. We now have several fitness classes that fill up the mornings. If we aren't the best kept village maybe we will be the best kept residents!

We also heard that the fair will be coming for its annual visit over the May Day bank holiday weekend.

The bad news is that we have had some damage to the new cooker in the kitchen. We are therefore putting up a notice saying that “No unaccompanied children should be allowed in the kitchen.” I'm sure that you can appreciate that it is not a safe or sensible environment for children.

Some of you may have noticed that the clock on the sports pavilion has been missing. It is not another case of vandalism - it has been in for some routine repairs.

At the A.G.M. we reported on the achievements of the past year and our next plans for the development of the Hall. The next big job is the heating as you know. It has been difficult to find people prepared and suitably qualified to do this work as we are looking to install a “green” system which will give use advantages when applying for grants as well as being environmentally desirable.

The accounts were discussed and approved and John Harris was reappointed as the Independent Examiner.

The officers were re-elected, as follows;

Hazel Vickery - Hon. Secretary
Ken Wright - Hon Treasurer
Barbara Clarke - Hon Lettings Secretary
The village reps re-elected were Sarah Bacon, Daisy Leek, Valerie Pushman, and Ian Bond.

Our next big event is the Fete on 6th June. Fingers crossed for a beautiful day. Arrangements are well in hand and it should be another great occasion. See you there!

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

Naphill Fete - Tombola Stall

Firstly a very big thank you to those four villagers who kindly donated to the tombola stall following my appeal in the last edition. Secondly we are now desperate!! With donations we have received to date we still need about 550 prizes!!! So could I please ask that you root around your cupboards and drawers to see if you have anything that would be suitable as a prize on our stall. It does not need to be expensive. Bottles, tins, boxes or any non perishable food items would be gratefully accepted. I look forward to the avalanche from you all!! I am quite prepared to collect donations from your home, alternatively you can leave items in our porch at 2 Lacey Drive (off Chapel Lane). Tel No. 01494 562240.

Very many thanks,

Ron and Helen Collins

Bookstall at the Naphill Fete

I am running the bookstall at Naphill Fete again this year. I would be delighted to receive good quality paperback books, adult's and children's books please.

Delivery to my address from mid May and no books on the day as it does not give me time to sort them.

Also, if you think you will purchase books on the day please bring a bag as carrier bags are very difficult to get hold of now, in these days of "environmentally friendly" living!

Pauline Pool - 564226

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Our **Plant Sale** this year takes place at the Village Hall on **Saturday May 23rd** from 9.00 – 11am. This is the perfect opportunity to buy all the plants you need to make your garden flourish this summer, whether you think you may need drought tolerant or water loving plants!. There is always a good range of flowers, vegetables, herbs and some shrubs, all locally grown and at very reasonable prices, so do come along and have a look. We are doing our best to provide more bedding plants!

Should you be inundated with plants you have grown yourselves and be interested in having a table to sell your surplus stock, you can book one through me at a cost of just £5.

Now, at our recent AGM, it was brought to our attention that many of you would love to enter at one or both of our shows, but perhaps think the shows are for professionals and are embarrassed in case you are laughed at, or simply that you do not know how to stage your produce.

Our shows are for all those with an interest in gardening and we welcome all entries. When people do pluck up the courage to enter for the first time they are pleasantly surprised as to how much fun it is, and often win prizes. In fact in 2008 there were several new entrants and some of them were delighted when they won a prize.

You do not have to be a professional to exhibit in either of our shows. Above all exhibiting should be fun! So, to try and help you, we have put together a page on our website with guidelines to help any potential exhibitors, explaining exactly what is required for each class. You can also contact us for any advice you may require- we are all only too happy to help.

Schedules for the Summer and Autumn shows will be available at the Plant Sale, on our website, or from Peter Davis, the Post Office or myself. Do look through a copy – there is sure to be at least one class you could enter, especially with all the help now available to you!

Membership subscriptions are now due for those who were not at the annual dinner, and remain at £1 per person. Again you can pay at the Plant Sale or via any Committee Member.

See you all at the Plant Sale.

Cathryn Carter

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

8pm Thursday 14th May 2009 Third Public Meeting. Traffic Hazards at Main Road, Walter's Ash. Naphill Village Hall.

As a community we are continuing to press for effective ways of improving road safety and regulating parking around the Co-op in Walter's Ash. On 14th May we have another chance to consider how much real progress has been made since the meetings in May and November 2008. To bring you up to date:

- (1) Of the measures agreed at the November meeting we still await:
 - (a) Marked parking bays on Main Road opposite the parade of shops near the garage.
 - (b) A white access protection line on the road adjacent to the parade of shops.
- (2) A proposal is to be made to the RAF to sell a strip of land in front of the RAF building south of the Co-op to provide several parking spaces.
- (3) Speeding. The idea of installing a TSID to register vehicle speeds is not now an option, since the available TSIDs in Wycombe District no longer carry the necessary recording equipment.
- (4) Agreement is yet to be reached on double yellow, no-parking lines.

Our local Councillors and other official representatives, including Ms Si Khan, Bucks County Council Highways' representative, will be at the meeting on the 14th May. This will give local people the opportunity (1) to say what they think about the steps already taken to ease the traffic problems around the Co-op and (2) to reach agreement with the decision makers on further action to be taken.

Minutes of the second Public Meeting on 13th November 2008 are available by e-mail. Please phone me if you would like a copy.

Planning :

09/05465/FUL. Office Barn, Little Moseley House, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Change of Use of existing B1 studio office (53sq m) use back to ancillary residential use.

09/05467/FUL Wychwood, Louches Lane, Naphill. Construction of single storey rear extension and conservatory.

09/05577/FUL Dartmeet, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Raising of roof and roof extensions to provide living space in roof, construction of side extension and alterations to driveway.

09/05587/FUL. 3 Hychenden Close, Naphill. Construction of single storey side and rear extensions following demolition of existing garage and utility room (alt scheme to pp08/07314/FUL).

09/05617/FUL. 209 Main Rd., Naphill. Change of Use of ground floor office to 2 bed ground floor self contained flat.

09/05651/FUL. Land adj. 155 Main Rd., Naphill. Householder application for erection of detached double garage and construction of vehicular access.

Date of Next Meeting: 8pm Thursday 14th May 2009. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 01494 563634

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

Since our meeting **Talking about the Common** on 20th March our membership has risen to over seventy, so we can now start to plan various events and activities. In my brief opening session I may have given the impression that those who joined would be expected to take on various forms of hard labour or exacting research. I am sorry if I did and must stress that members can get as involved to whatever extent suits them: from everything to nothing. Thanks to the efforts of our treasurer, Peggy Ewart, we now have a bank account, so progress is possible. What the committee would like are suggestions for a programme of activity. Any ideas?

A couple of things caught my attention from the talks we had. Neil Harris showed a copy of the 1847 Tithe Map of Bradenham. This clearly showed that the open area on Bradenham Hill, which includes the Umbrella Tree and the "Clumps", was part of Naphill Common. Present-day maps of the common exclude this area. I suspect that the apparent loss of this space was due to the fact that it was, and is, under different ownership from the rest of the common. None-the-less, I feel we should welcome it back! For one thing, it will allow us to investigate the enigmatic Clumps and find out if the persistent

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rumour that they were drover's enclosures is true, or if they were just rings of trees.

I was struck by the figures Dr Alan Showler gave about the rare starfruit *Damasonium alisma*, he first discovered in Manning's Pond in 1989. They had previously been recorded in 1864, 1897 and 1902 but no one had recorded them since. Yet, with careful work on the ponds the numbers soared. For example, in 1992 there were 300 plants in Daisy Pond and 30 in Manning's. Unfortunately, they have not been seen for several years, but this remains a striking illustration of what might be achieved if conservation work could be carried out, not just on the ponds but in other locations on the common. Who knows what other rarities could be found? A look at Wilfred Smith's map of 1948 (on the web site) gives some hints at what might be waiting there.

Thank you to all those who came on the walk on April 19th. (As I write I assume it happened.) Don't forget the "Walk for Health" on Monday 18th May, with Ron Collins, starting from the Village Hall at 10.30 am. We are committed to another, but different, Heritage Open Day tour in September. Other events will be announced.

Trevor Hussey 01494 563767

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club



Now the Season is underway and the club have now again been busy to prepare our calendar for the coming year. Don't be dull, come and join in and have some brilliant fun and see what is happening so far this year.....

Saturday 6th June - Tennis Club Open Day (the same day as the Naphill Fete) Enjoy a classic of Strawberries & Cream with tennis thrown in for a fun

Hughenden Church Teas

The church teas season starts on
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Why not come and sample our home
made cakes with a cup of tea or coffee
whilst enjoying the views from the
historic Church House in Hughenden
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arrangement

day for the whole family.

Wednesday 6 May and 20 May at 9.30 am for 1 hour - **FREE** Rusty Racquets Coaching Session for everyone - your chance to blow the dust off that racquet and get back into the swing of things! All standards of player welcome. Just turn up at the courts (far side of football field by Village Hall). If you require further information, please call Jenny Tench on 565406.

Wednesday 13 May and 3 June at 7 pm for 1 hour - **FREE** Club Coaching - A chance for players of a reasonable standard to brush up their skills. Members and non-members welcome. Just turn up at the courts.

JUNIOR COACHING - Is now under way on Friday evenings from 5 pm for the older Juniors and Saturday mornings from 9.30 am for the Under-7s (NB - actually starts Fri 24 April and Sat 25 April). Not too late to join - just contact the Membership Secretary, Sue Crooks on 562539.

New Club Members - Please don't hesitate to contact Naphill tennis club, if you wish to pursue your dream of being the greatest tennis player Naphill has to offer. Just contact the Membership Secretary, Sue Crooks on 562539.

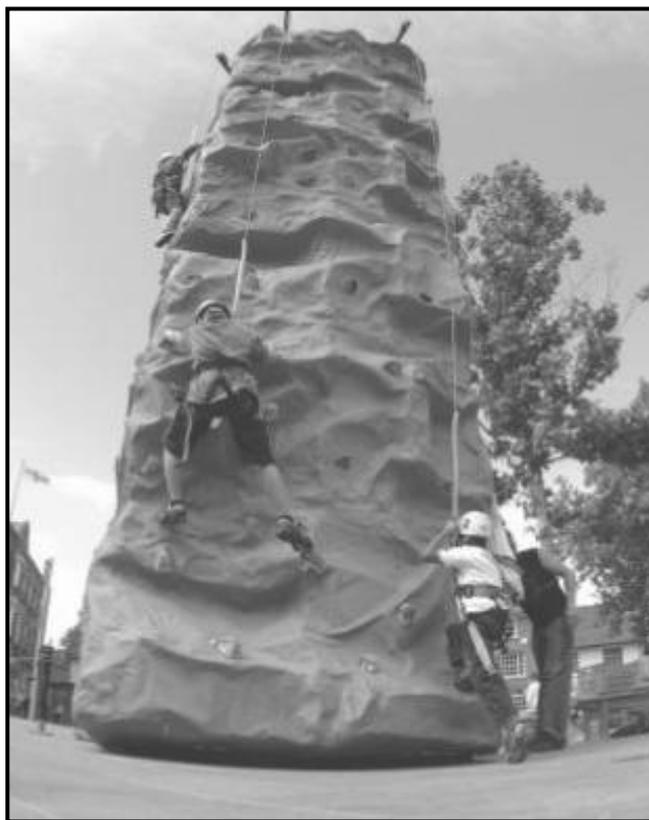
Chris Keats

Climbing Wall Coming to the Parish!

Hughenden Parish Council is delighted to announce that a Climbing Wall will be provided for children and teenagers in various locations around the Parish over the spring and early summer period.

The wall will be in Naphill Village Hall Car Park on Thursday 2nd July 2009 from 6.30 to 8.30pm. The evening will be organised by Green Park Outdoors, an activity centre in Aston Clinton which is managed by Bucks County Council. They will be sending fully

trained staff to supervise the activity, which has been funded by the Parish Council and is free of charge to the young people of Naphill & Walter's Ash.



Councillor David Davies, part of the working party who booked the event, said "It's part of an ongoing operation to bring youths and younger people together and give them something to do around the villages. There is a problem, as with all rural communities, in trying to give older children something to do without to go to into Wycombe or larger towns".

The Parish Council hope it will be enormously popular and a really enjoyable experience!

The Wheel

Mark and Claire would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all of our staff and customers who worked and helped out during the Beer Festival. It was an amazing couple of days, with so much support from all of our regular customers and many, many more who travelled from far and wide (including New Zealand and North Yorkshire) to join in on all the festivities. The two days were jam packed with every age group either enjoying the sun and swings in the front garden, sampling all the fabulous ales on offer, enjoying the music on Saturday evening, tasting the cheese from Les Roots Delicatessen and generally having a brilliant weekend. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made it another special village event with everyone taking part.

We managed to sell out again in the beer tent on the Saturday night at 8pm. A total of 2052 pints of

real ale were sold in just 20 hours before the marquee was drunk dry, an amazing average of 1.7 pints of ale per minute.

To prove how successful the beer festivals, ales and events have been, we are extremely pleased to announce that we are one of the four finalists for CAMRA (campaign for real ale) pub of the year, for the Vale of Aylesbury and Wycombe area.

Not bad for a little village pub, we should all be proud that in the current economic climate we are not one of the statistics of pub closures each month. So once again, thank you Naphill and Walter's Ash for your support.

So how can we ever meet your expectations now? Well we will be trying something different by holding the Dog Day on Saturday 2nd May. Professional animal photographer Nick Ridley will be here taking stunning pictures of your best friend, that you can view, have printed, pay for and take them home all in the one day. We will need people to book your dogs in so please call the pub to get a time slot.

We have now launched the new summer menus. The lunch time menu has jacket potatoes, salads, baguettes, breakfast and much more, and the evening menu has salmon fillets, local sausages in a giant Yorkshire, steaks and many of the old favourites. We are also now using our local Beechdean Dairy to supply us with their fabulous ice cream that can be enjoyed on the hot summer days to come (hopefully).

Fete day is getting closer so I hope everyone is ready for joining all the village fun on 6th June, we will of course have our usual float and we are currently getting as many people involved in the tug-o-war as usual. Once the fete has wound up for another year the celebrations will carry on with live music in the front garden which is licensed as with all our events, outdoor food (hopefully the hog roast and jackets but watch this space)! So here's to another year of village fun and frolics.

Cheers

Mark and Claire

Wanted - Help With Carriage Driving

Disabled person who loves carriage driving is looking for someone to accompany her and enable her to continue with her passion. No experience necessary, just common sense, but a love of animals would be an advantage. If you are interested contact Jo for more information on 563449.

Below Stairs - Lacey Green Singers

The musical *Below Stairs*, by Chesham writer Trevor Pilling and Naphill composer Alan Lewis, was premiered at the Elgiva Theatre in 2002 and has since had a further five productions to great acclaim. The show, set in 1914 at the start of World War 1, tells the tale of ladies maid Lucy Ambleside whose objective is either to marry into money or to make a name on the stage. At the same time, local bobby Tom, who has set his cap at Lucy, volunteers for the army and ends up at Ypres during the worst of the fighting.

Now, Lacey Green Singers are busy rehearsing the songs for a concert performance of the show on Saturday 20 June at Piggotts, North Dean with a repeat performance the following day in Naphill Village Hall. A "concert performance" is a static singing of the songs accompanied by a narrator telling the story.

Both evenings begin at 7.30pm and the £5 admission charge includes refreshments. The aim of the concert – apart from introducing more people to the toe-tapping tunes and to encourage further productions – is to raise money for Cancer Research UK, as composing the show helped keep Alan sane through successive cancers of the colon, liver and lung. During the rehearsals, Alan has been occasionally deputising for regular accompanist Thelma and is now looking forward to sitting anonymously in the audience.

Tickets may be booked either with Helen on 01494 562240 or Maureen on 01844 346823.

Some Interesting Numbers

150,000. BBC 1 News recently stated that there were over 150,000 people on waiting lists for allotments in the UK.

1,000. The National Trust have announced that they are to create a further 1,000 allotments in the next 3 years on 40 National Trust properties. The National Trust already has allotments and active kitchen gardens on 50 properties. They include a walled garden created in 2005 at Hughenden Manor.

6. Councils have a statutory duty to provide allotments to those who want one. If 6 people on the electoral roll request an allotment the council have to provide it. Therefore, if there are no allotments in your area or the waiting list is frightfully long, find 5 other people of like mind and make a formal request to your council.

94. In 1988 80% of the fruit consumed in the UK was imported. That has now risen to 94%. The reason for this appallingly-high figure is that labour

costs are lower overseas – and some fruit cannot be grown in our climate.

61. For food as a whole, there has been a decline in the UK over the past 10 years in food self-sufficiency from 68 to 61%. The latter figure is 74% if one considers only food which can be grown in our climate. The cause of the decline in self-sufficiency is that our supermarkets choose what to buy on price, and often foreign farmers offer a lower price. However, the damage to the Earth's climate from burning fossil fuels in the transportation of foreign food is not allowed-for in the price. In my opinion, for each ton of imported food the importer should pay a "climate change" levy of a few pence per food-mile, whether the food is imported by lorry, ship or aircraft. That would make UK-grown food more competitive and, hopefully over time, lead to greater self-sufficiency. Such a measure would be unpopular with vested interests in our supermarkets and would raise prices in the shops, but it would ensure that the real cost of producing food was taken account of.

54. In the UK, 54% of sewage is spread on farmland. Bon appétit!

050292. The first genetically-modified food went on sale in the UK on 5th February 1992. The genetic modification was to stop natural decay of the food, prolonging shelf-life.

22. The European Union (EU) has authorised 22 genetically-modified items for import into the EU.

80. In the USA, 80% of food in supermarkets now contains genetically-modified ingredients.

25. The number of countries now planting genetically-modified crops is 25 and the number of farmers growing them is 13,300,000. There were 114 million hectares planted in 2007; that rose to 125,000 hectares in 2008. Only one genetically-modified crop is authorised to be grown in the EU – Bt maize, which is grown in 7 EU countries. The most widely-grown GM crop in the World is soya beans, mostly for export to the UK and the rest of the EU for use as animal feed.

95. Of food consumed in the UK, 95% has been grown with artificial fertiliser.

6,000,000,000. In a handful of soil there are about 6 billion species of micro-organism, working away, helping our crops access the trace elements they, and we, need.

26. There are 26 species of earthworm in the UK. On my no-dig allotment they are working away, doing my digging for me.



Mike Mason demonstrating his "no dig" philosophy!

3.75. A trailer-load of well-rotted farmyard (ie cow) manure weighs about 3.75 tons. I have at least one load each year and shifting it keeps me out of trouble for a while.

30. It has been reported that seed merchants in the UK have experienced an increase in vegetable seed sales of about 30% over normal levels. Many more people must be growing their own.

1,000,000,000. Scientist James Lovelock, an expert on global warming, has predicted that the rise in average temperatures by the end of this century will be about 5 degrees Centigrade. Whereas this prediction agrees with forecasts made by other bodies, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, where he differs is that he reckons that with such a rise the Earth will be able to support only 1 billion people. The World population is currently around 6.5 billion and growing at about 1.5% each year. The United Nations predicts that by 2015 the World population will be 7.2 billion and will reach 9.2 billion by 2050. If it then declines to 1 billion by the end of the century one wonders what will happen to the other 8.2 billion people. James Lovelock predicts that the UK will continue to have adequate rainfall, but the only other areas able to grow crops by the end of this century will be northern Europe, Siberia and Canada. He says that carbon emissions into the atmosphere are only half the story – taking land for farming is the other half of

causing global warming (because the trees which previously grew on the farmland are no longer absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere). Another aspect of global warming is unexpected – increasing temperature reduces crops since photosynthesis slows as temperature rises. As to whether doom awaits 8.2 billion people, economists have a saying that “the only certain thing about a trend is that it will end”. Let us hope that the trend will end, that mankind will curb damaging emissions into the atmosphere, and we shall all be saved.

RECOMMENDATION - Grow your own!

Good gardening.

Mike Mason

Walter’s Ash Allotment Group

Although slow to get started the group is now growing in numbers. If you would like to join then email: judy@judyq.demon.co.uk.

One of the issues we are tackling is the increasing problem of dogs mess through the allotments, especially at both gate ends. Whilst we love to see everyone taking their dogs for walks through the allotment and have made lots of friends that way, we would ask dog owners to appreciate that we are growing food for our tables and that this is made a rather less pleasant process when we come out to find heaps of dog excrement on our allotments. I have had dog poo actually left on the surplus crops that I had put at the side of the allotment for people to help themselves to. Others have found piles in the middle of their growing crops or even tied up in a bag and then left in their compost bins!

We have therefore asked the Parish Council to enforce the dogs on leads rule and to display the Wycombe District Council fines notices at each entrance. Please will dog owners respect these and carry bags to take any dog poo home?

Judy Whitehouse on behalf of the group

Hope Springs Eternal

Early April, the sun is shining and the magnolia blossom is truly inspirational. The brain is bubbling with ideas which will help solve the economic problems of the world, even although my personal finances have suffered from the falling interest rates which penalise the old and thrifty. And with President Obama (did you ever think that an American President could have such a name - the vowels and syllables outnumber the consonants) here to hold Gordon Brown’s hand, perhaps I should dial his hotel to give him some heavily unsolicited advice.

Alas, in the middle of this tumultuous brainstorm, what happens? The wife points out that there are no logs available for the fire and would I please cut some. Thus I must put the brain to bed and wield the axe to cope with a minor local problem instead of flirting deliciously on the world stage.

Why is it that the female of the species has this unhappy knack of deflating the male ego? Perhaps I should write an article on this male predicament. However we have a female editor, who is doubtless a master (or mistress?) of the art of obfuscation (whatever that means) and can, with a few crafty “typographical” errors, render the whole article nonsensical.

I am depressed. I shall cease this scribble and admire my magnolia. It was devastated by frost last November but has survived and thrived to flower again. There must be hope for us all if a mere tree can survive such a severe test and yet still manage to produce a mass of blooms within six months. If nature can triumph in this way, surely our global politicians (note that I do not use the word statesmen) can work together to keep the sap flowing through the World’s economic miseries. I feel a wave of optimism sweeping over me. They can and must! I might even send an Easter card to Sir Fred Goodwin of R.B.S. Mind you the wording would be quite unsuitable for a village magazine!

David Leith

DPS (Deer Post Script)

On 10th April, whilst enjoying breakfast, I saw a small muntjac tucking into the new growth of one of the few remaining roses in my rear garden. I immediately rushed out and it flew through a small “cat” hole in a hedge, which I promptly blocked.

On that night we had “lights out” at 11.30 (very military) and settled for the night, only to be disturbed by a female deer barking (calling for a male deer) from the Common, immediately adjacent to Forge Road. It persisted in loud barking for some 20 minutes and I was on the verge of putting on my dressing gown and venturing forth to chase it away, when, presumably it met with success and silence fell. It is frustrating enough dealing with the problem of food for muntjacs but, really, becoming involved in their sex lives is the last straw!

Little Ash Pre-School

Once again another term has whizzed by, Little Ash has welcomed some new children and more will be starting in the new summer term. Please remember if you would like to register your child for a place at Little Ash please contact Kate Worthington on info@nawapreschool.co.uk, alternatively call on

01494-563832 or visit the website
www.nawapreschool.co.uk.

The children have been involved in lots of seasonal activities and for Easter made some chocolate Easter nests, Easter baskets, decorated an egg and made an Easter picture.

For the next half term the theme is "Fairy Stories".
The topic each week is:-

- Week 1 - The Gingerbread Man
- Week 2 - Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs
- Week 3 - The Elves & the Shoemaker
- Week 4 - Little Red Riding Hood
- Week 5 - The Hare & the Tortoise

Fundraising

As we are a registered educational charity we rely heavily on fundraising activities so we can purchase

new toys and equipment for the children. The money raised over the last 2 terms is being used to purchase and erect a notice board on the outside of the building. Fundraising money has also been used to buy new sports equipment for the children. We are now focusing our activities on developing the outside space where the children play, currently there is not much for the children to play with and as summer draws near this space will become vitally important. We are hoping to raise enough funds to resurface the play area and provide several other outdoor facilities, including a child friendly garden, blackboards and a Wendy house.

The Spring Dance

The main fundraising event of the year for the Pre School is the **Spring Dance**, tickets have almost sold out with only 15 remaining, they are **£15 each** and include a curry supper and a 70/80s disco.

Please contact Jane on 07919026328 if you are interested in a fantastic night out, fancy dress is optional so dig out those brightly coloured shell suits, leg warmers and ra ra skirts and come along for a boogie!
There will also be a raffle and we are in need of some good raffle prizes so if there are any local companies that are willing to provide us with a prize or two please, please, please get in touch, contact details as above.

Charlotte Tindale

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We 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. Admission price per session: £2.00 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling). For further information please call Louise on 01494 488255 or Emma on 01494 488603. Alternatively join us at any Thursday meeting between 2pm and 4pm at Naphill Village Hall during term time.

Louise Lucas



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Naphill & Walter's Ash

Gazette - June 2009

Summer Fete Edition - 6th June on the Crick



Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette

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Editorial

First of all, apologies to the Lunch Club. Not only did I forget to mention who they were on last month's cover, the photos also did not come out as clearly as we would have hoped either. We will feature them again at a later date to make up for this.

This month we have a collage of last year's fete photos to put you in the spirit for the 6th June. Thank

you to Michael Bowker and Ian Banks who supplied them to me. I am really looking forward to seeing the village transformed into scenes from the Beano and Dandy! Good luck to everyone taking part. I hope to do a colour section again next month so please let me have any suitable photos.

Finally, a thought for Ted Chapman. As you read this he is probably having sleepless nights so thanks Ted for all that you do to make the fete such a splendid occasion.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Forge Road	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30
Pilates	Each Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30 (& 10.30 - 11.30 after Easter)
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30 - 8.30 and 8.30-9.30pm
Fitness Pilates	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

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June

- 6th *** FETE ***
- 13th NCH Action for Children - Methodist Church 1 -3pm
- 20th Quiz Night - Village Hall
- 21st "Below Stairs" - Village Hall 7.30pm (Ticket required)
- 21st Midsummer Picnic - meet end Forge Road 3pm
- 24th Looking at Grasses on the Common - start 7pm Village Hall

July

- 2nd Climbing wall - Village Hall Car Park 6.30 - 8.30pm
- 4th WANSA Summer Fete - Naphill & Walter's Ash School (Wild West)
- 9th NAWRA Traffic Hazard Meeting - Village Hall 8pm
- 20th A Walk for Health - meet 10.30am Village Hall

August

- 5th A Common Botany Walk - meet 7.00pm Village Hall
- 31st Treasure Hunt - meet 2.30 pm Village Hall.

Looking ahead

- Speen Festival 10-19 September
- Fireworks 7th November
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District Commissioner	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Guides and Brownies
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Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	562845	
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Guides (Walter's Ash)	Toni MacDonald	565926	Thursdays from 7pm
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Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770	
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County Councillor's Report

The Councillor's Report is suspended until after the Election on June 4th.

New direction signs are appearing on the quieter lanes in the area. These finger posts are thought to

be more environmentally pleasing than the larger, more intrusive signage used on main routes.

Concern regarding parking congestion at the school start and finish times in Kilnwood, Walter's Ash is being addressed by both the RAF and the School. Road traffic has increased in recent months and

more parents appear to be driving their children to and from school. Possible solutions may include a re-instatement of the "walking crocodile" and the parking of cars away from the school site.

A similar situation exists outside the shops in Walter's Ash and although some measures have been adopted by the county council there needs to be re-enforcement of parking controls to prevent obstruction and the possible safety of pedestrians whose visibility is obstructed by parked vehicles.

Fly tipping appears to be on the increase, especially by unregistered waste disposal services. Several householders and small businesses have been prosecuted in recent months for using the services of unregistered operators. Their names and addresses have been on correspondence found in illegally dumped rubbish. Every home owner has a duty of care and should establish that any contractor acting on their behalf is a bona fide registered operator. Otherwise they are responsible for the action and they pay the fine which, in several cases exceeds £1,000.

District Councillor's Report

Firstly, I am not writing my usual report for this month owing to the "Purdah" period. In essence, this means that owing to the Current County and European elections, I am not permitted to publicise the Council or my party.

On a personal issue, I would like to express my gratitude to the Co-Op. Several weeks ago, I foolishly left the cash I had withdrawn at the ATM! Luckily it was handed in by a member of the Coop staff. Having written separately to the Management to express my appreciation, I wanted to say that all credit must go to the honesty and integrity shown, despite very difficult times.

Thank you.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

May is the month in which local councils elect their chairman and sort out the membership of committees for the ensuing year. In Hughenden this is done at the Annual Parish Council Meeting which takes place before the regular monthly meeting of the full Council, and prior to the annual Parish Meeting (held this year on May 19th).

Wycombe District Council dealt with these matters on May 11th, and Hughenden Parish Council did so on May 12th. The Chairman for the year is elected

by the full Council; I am pleased and proud to have been elected to serve in this capacity. I am also humble, realising the responsibilities the office holds. I believe strongly in the capacity of parish councils to work with and for their local communities. The parish is the "bottom" tier of a three tier system in the counties; it is the level which is closest to its local community. I hope Hughenden will remain responsive to residents needs, listen to concerns, and use the annual precept wisely to preserve and enhance amenities in the Parish.

I look forward to working with you, and will always be pleased to hear from you. With best wishes.

Peggy Ewart - Chairman

Bradenham Parish Council

The Parish Council re-elected Ivor Herbert as Chairman and Ken Hale as Vice-chairman at its Annual Parish Council meeting. At the Annual Parish meeting Ken Hale had given the Chairman's report in the absence of Ivor Herbert. Much of the business at the ordinary meeting was routine for this time of year. The accounts were approved; we had reports from the RAF Representative, from our District Councillor, David Devine and from our County Councillor Paul Rogerson. The Parish Council was asked to gather local opinions about local priorities for the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG). Speeding is already on our list as are HGVs, but please contact the clerk with any other issues.

Our next meeting which is open to the public, will be on Monday 13th July at 7.30pm at Bradenham Cricket Club

Deirdre Hansen - Clerk to the Council
clerk@bradenham.org.uk - Tel: 01494-562254

News from "Christians in the Community"

Arising from a recent meeting it was decided to offer to everyone various events during the year. Starting from 6th June we'll be at the Naphill Fete with our face painting stall and then on the 13th June we'll be at the Naphill Methodist Church from 1 until 3 pm supporting the event NCH Action for Children. I'll tell you of other future events at a later stage. Our members also do the important job of visiting people who are sick, have been in hospital or are just lonely. If you know of anyone who needs a visit just let me know.

Norma Clarke 563116

Naphill Evening WI

June already, nearly half way through the year – where has all the time gone? Sitting by the Thames at Bourne End enjoying the sunshine, whilst writing this report, is just bliss. We are so lucky to live in this beautiful county.

Back to the 16th April, Edwin Rye impressed us with his outstanding white garden, adding white fencing and an arbour, which gave him the prestigious position of Gardener of the Year 2002. He made us realise how much hard work and exact timing goes into this competition and demanding with having the camera on him for long spells. He also gave us some useful hints on avoiding pests, such as white fly and black spot.

After we go to press, there will be Jenny's Ploughman's Lunch on the 18th May, and the Federation Literary Lunch on the 19th May, 11 of our members attending, which we will report on next time. This also applies to our Resolutions Meeting on May 21st, and we will tell you all about the lovely puds as well. We hope also to have got some good recipes. June the 3rd is the outing to Kew Palace and Gardens, lets hope for fine weather to make another enjoyable outing organised by Marion. What would we do without her!

The BIG DAY, June 6th, the village fete. Again we pray for fine weather. We are well on the way sorting out the food, the float, and WI tombola stall – food products only required for this. If you haven't already given something to Jenny, please take it to the stall on the crick by 9.30 on the morning. All in keeping to the theme of comic book characters.

Our 26th Birthday party falls on the 18th June, and members from other groups have been invited. We are being entertained by Mr and Mrs Healey who are talking to us about Nanna and Pappa dolls. You can be sure the food will be appetising and tempting as usual, so put your best frock on and come along!

On to the 25th June, when it is our Croquet and Games evening with supper at Valerie's home. Another event needing fine weather, but with good food and lots of fun, what better way to spend an evening with friends.

And lastly, the Disraeli Group are having a summer lunch on July 8th at Lacey Green Village Hall, It is a social event to meet and chat with other members; we are supplying the puddings. So as usual, lots going on, hope you can be there.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

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Naphill Neighbours

A belated report on our April meeting when we enjoyed John Tyler's illustrated talk on "The Changing Wildlife in The Chilterns". A fascinating journey from a hundred million years ago when the sea covered this area through the ice age to the present time.

Also we had a lovely day in and around Pershore on the Blossom Trail with our guide taking us to many places of interest.

More recently at our May meeting John Credland gave us an insight into the secrets and magic of photography. One of his illustrations was producing clear pictures from very old celluloid slides with a modern scanner.

Looking forward to June when we will be running our usual cakes and preserves stall at the fete on Saturday 6th June. All donations from both members and local residents will be most welcome. Cakes to be handed in to our stall on fete day after 10.00am.

On Monday 8th June at our club's monthly meeting Mrs Sylvia Brown will tell us about her 35 years on a milk round. The tea hostesses will be Jean Fortesque, Ann Thomas and Jo Keattch.

Another treat in June will be on Tuesday 16th when we will be travelling to Romsey to visit the beautiful rose gardens at Mottisfont Abbey. The cost is £10.00 per person for the coach only. This is a National Trust property so their members will go in free but non-members of the National Trust will pay an extra £8 on entry.

Betty Jones

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

In the children's play area, a new cushion fall surface is to be laid by the Parish Council around the slide. This will be a temporary measure until funds are available for a new slide and surface. It has been suggested that use of the slide generates

unwelcome static but this is thought to be due to the wearing of synthetic fibre clothing.

Could I remind users of the Hall not to stack chairs across any of the fire exits and, in particular, across the main front doors. This is a practice which is not allowed by our fire regulations.

The new Best Neighbour cup will be brought into use this year. The old one, with many inscribed names, has been offered to Pam Smith to add to her village archives. This, I am sure, is a very suitable resting place.

Apparently, this year, hay bales for use at the Fete are proving expensive. If anyone knows of a free/cheap source Ted Chapman (563034) would be delighted to hear from you.

Hay bales or no, we would love to see you at the fete. We need your support and you could have a great time as well.

Don Turner - Vice Chairman, Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Naphill Fete - Tombola Stall

A very big thank you to all those kind residents who responded to our - and our kind editor's - plea for donations to the tombola stall. We have an amazing response. Thank you so much for your generosity and support. All we need now is a sunny day and we will then sell all our tickets. If we do so we will raise £600 for the fete. So if you have not made a donation to our stall, come and buy a few tickets on the day!! In the meantime we shall be busy labelling your donations - a time consuming process but one we shall enjoy doing!!

Good luck to Ted and all other fete contributors.

Ron and Helen Collins

PS It's not too late to make a donation so do please try to find us something.

Village Information Stall at Fete

This year, as an experiment, the Gazette is hosting a Village Information stall. So you can pick up back copies of the Gazette, or pay that subscription you keep forgetting to do. Maybe you have a suggestion for something to be included? Or have ideas for a future cover? Are thinking about advertising with us and want to know more about our rates? It could even be that you fancy having a go at being Editor when I step down and want to know more about what is involved. For children, we are running a

drawing/writing competition with the winning entries published in a future gazette. We may even be handing out lollipops!

Also available on the stall will be information/ displays/handouts about Naphill & Walter's Ash School, Little Ash Pre-School and the work of the Parish Council.

If you have any questions to ask about what goes on in the village and we don't know the answer then we undertake to find out and get back to you.

I shall be on the stall the whole time so do stop by and say hello.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Horticultural Society

Summer Show

Naphill Village Hall

Saturday July 4th

"I've got a bigger one than that at home", "Mine are much longer and straighter than those", "I would have won a prize with mine" Yes folks, it's Show Time again, and these are the sort of comments we get from people who are too shy to enter!

Our Annual Summer Show takes place on Saturday July 4th and is your chance to show off what you can grow in your garden or allotment, your baking or flower arranging skills or prowess with a camera.

We have had excellent growing conditions recently, and there is still plenty of time for you to pamper your plants and talk to your veggies, between now and July 4th so why not pick up a schedule and have a go?

To try and encourage more of you to enter, we have produced a list of guidelines, explaining what is required for each of the classes. This information can be found on our website, and has also been included in the show schedules, so no excuses - have a go- it really is quite easy, and there are always people on hand on the day of the show who are only too happy to give advice and help.

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

The Children's classes were very well supported again last year, so why not encourage your youngsters to have a go this time? There are two classes for them to try -

- "It came from outer space" exhibit made from vegetables
- An exhibit made from liquorice allsorts

If you forgot to pick up a schedule at the Plant Sale last month, they are available from Peter Davis (569303), the Post Office or myself.

If you are not up to being an exhibitionist you could 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. Refreshments are available throughout the afternoon and there is also a sales table, so if you have any contributions to this, please let Peter know.

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Cathryn Carter

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning applications to 11 May 2009

09/05716/FUL 172 Main Road, Naphill. Householder application for construction of single storey side/rear extension.

09/05731/FUL Ambleside, Pursells Meadow, Naphill. Householder application for insertion of window to front in connection with garage conversion.

09/05745/FUL Land adjacent to The Paddocks, Ashburnham Drive, Walter's Ash. Erection of 1 x 3 bed detached dwelling with detached garage.

09/05803/TPO 279 Main Road. Walter's Ash. Crown reduce by 20%, remove dead wood and broken branches to 1 Atlantic Pine. Crown reduce by 20% and crown lift to 3m to 1 Norway Maple tree.

Postponement of Public Meeting

Due to the forthcoming local elections some Councillors asked that the meeting on Traffic Hazards in Walter's Ash, planned for 14th May 2009, be postponed to 8pm Thursday, 9th July. Households were notified by a leaflet drop and posters. We very much regret any inconvenience caused.

Date of Next Meeting: 8pm Thursday 11th June 2009 at Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 01494 563634

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

Things are looking very positive. Our group has been in existence for just over six months and we have around eighty members. Our walk on 19th April attracted 38 people, some from as far as Tring. Hopefully, by the time this appears Ron Collins' first

Naphill Football Club

Presentation Day

On the Crick - June 20th 12 -4

Everybody welcome. Come along as the boys and girls collect their well earned medals and trophies. Our age groups are under 6 to under 16 and some groups are looking for more players for next season.

Clive Rowland 562845 & Bob Hathway 563332

Walk for Health will have been a similar success. This enthusiasm has encouraged us to draw up a programme of events for the rest of the year, which is set out below. We hope that you will find something of interest, but still welcome any suggestions for events and activities.

Several people have expressed an interest in joining working parties to undertake practical tasks such as scrub clearance and path improvement. As you will see from the programme, we are not yet in a position to organize this. Because Naphill Common is an SSSI we have to get permission from both the landowner and Natural England before we undertake any significant work. We are devising a maintenance plan and seeking clarification about what we can and can't do. We will let you know when working parties are planned. If anyone has a view about this let us know. No one wants to turn the common into a park, but only small improvements to paths and bridleways would help make the common more accessible.

On a less positive note, it has been reported that someone has put fish in Pickup's Pond (at the end of Downley Road). We appeal to people not to do this because fish do serious damage by eating young newts and frogs and the larvae of dragonflies and damsel flies. Perhaps a heron will solve the problem for us.

We propose the following programme (All are open meetings):-

- 1. Saturday 6th June. A table at Naphill Fete.**
- 2. Monday 8th June. A Walk for Health** led by Ron Collins. Meet at 10.30am at Naphill Village Hall.
- 3. Wednesday 24th June. Looking at Grasses on the Common**, a walk led by Angus Idle. Meet at 7.00pm at Naphill Village Hall. You will be helped to identify some of the grasses on the Common.
- 4. Sunday 21st June. Midsummer Picnic.** (Weather permitting.) Meet at the Common end

- of Forge Road at 3.00pm. Walk to the Umbrella Tree. Bring your own picnic. Children welcome.
5. **Monday 20th July. A Walk for Health** led by Ron Collins. Meet at 10.30am at Naphill Village Hall.
 6. **Wednesday 5th August. A Common Botany Walk**, led by Dr Alan Showler. Meet at 7.00pm at Naphill Village Hall. Alan will help us to identify some of the Common's flowering plants.
 7. **Monday 31st August (Bank Holiday). A Treasure Hunt on Naphill Common.** (Weather permitting.) Children welcome. Meet at 2.30 pm at Naphill Village Hall.
 8. **Sunday 13th September. Heritage Open Day Walk. "Ponds and Ancient Sites".** Led by Trevor and Philip Hussey. Meet at Naphill Village Hall for 2.30pm start.
 9. **October. A Tour of Naphill's Junipers** led by an expert. Details to be confirmed.
 10. **October. Common Fungi Walk.** Details to be confirmed.
 11. **November/ December. FONC AGM.** Speaker(s) at Naphill Village Hall open meeting. Details to be confirmed.

Trevor Hussey 01494 563767

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club



June is a fantastic time for the lovers of tennis. Play from dusk till dawn, why not come up this month and enjoy the weather and tennis.

Club events for June

Wednesday 3rd June - Rusty Racquets 2nd Coaching session - Have another chance to improve your tennis skills.

Saturday 6th June - Naphill fete day - We will again be having strawberry and cream stall and tennis that's fun for every body.

Saturday 20th June - Naphill men's tennis tournament - Please can all entries be emailed to Chriskeats@btinternet.com or call 01494 533112 by the 6th of June 2009. Entree Fee: £3 to members & £8 to non-members... This will be a chance for the men to see who is the best of the best...

Chris Keats

Vincents Pond

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

A lot of work has gone into the management of the

pond over the last few years. Overgrown hornbeams were coppiced (on the left, backing on to the orchard) as they were drinking the pond dry. With replanting and trimming, a more manageable hedge has been established.

We are lucky enough to have **great crested newts** in the pond and these are a protected species. In order to keep them safe, we need to keep all fish and ducks out. To maintain the integrity of the ecology of this pond, the Council follows a strict regime, in line with the Countryside Stewardship guidance.

I am afraid that we have received reports that some people have been interfering with the pond and someone has introduced goldfish to the pond in recent weeks. There is also evidence that dogs have been allowed to swim in the pond. These undermine the pond's ecology and a great deal of work will have to be done over the next few weeks to bring the pond back into correct management and the area will have to be closed while this takes place.

In order to ensure that the pond can be enjoyed for many years to come, the Council asks that everyone remembers that the pond is for quiet enjoyment, not to take the place of a garden pond, where goldfish can be encouraged. If you notice anyone interfering with the pond, please let the Council know as soon as possible on HW 715296. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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The Wheel

With the year flying past and another month gone it is amazing to think that Mark and I will have been in this beautiful village for 3 years. On the 19th June it will be our third anniversary at The Wheel and what an amazing and fun packed three years it has been. Here's to many more years of causing chaos and helping to support the village in all its events and goings on. Talking of the Village events we are looking forward to seeing everyone on 6th June for fete day in all your fancy dress and to supporting one of the best days the village has.

This year we will be taking part in the parade but you'll have to be there to see what as, we have also had some new interest in the Tug o War event with possible teams from the Tennis Club and Football Team. I would like to thank our customers for dropping prizes for the tombola to us which have all been gratefully received along with the boxes of books for the book stall. We will have our usual outside bar and BBQ during the day and then once the main village fete is over we will be serving a hog roast whilst listening to live music in the front garden. The music is due to start at 5.30pm (after the tug o war) and will finish by 9pm, so for those who like an early night we won't be keeping you up too late and for the rest come on down and carry on partying.

May was an entertaining month with Mark's birthday and the Whip's Beer festival which was a great success and brilliant to see another village pub doing well and with so many of our customers supporting the festival with us. The Dog Photography Day was lovely, with 30+ dogs having their photos taken which were all brilliant and showed all their different characters, and they were all so different! All the dogs and owners were well behaved and it was lovely to have so many of you down for the day. Here's to possibly doing another one....

The next few months after June are due to be a little less chaotic so that we can all enjoy the start of the summer holidays and spend the days out in the garden (pub garden).

Mark and I would just like to thank all our customers for their support over the last three years and all the fun and entertainment we have had since we arrived in the village. We cannot forget all of our staff who have helped make this little village pub so friendly and successful, we appreciate all the hard work you've all done.

Mark and Claire

Hughenden Church Teas

Why not come and sample our home made cakes with a cup of tea or coffee whilst enjoying the views from the historic Church House in Hughenden Park.

Open every Sunday and Bank Holidays through to October 18th

2.15pm - 5.15pm

Midweek group teas by prior arrangement

Lacey Green Singers

Our musical director is leaving the choir this summer so we are looking to recruit someone to take his place. We meet every Thursday evening between 8pm - 10pm at St John's School hall in Lacey Green. The choir has been together for 25 years and have an experienced accompanist. The musical director is paid for his/her services. If you are interested do please give me a ring. Lacey Green Singers are a group who like to meet socially once a week and sing a variety of light hearted and classical music.

We are also looking for new members of all ages, and we need to boost our male members particularly!! Why not come along and give us a try. No auditions necessary, just turn up on a Thursday evening - you will be warmly welcomed.

Helen Collins 01494 562240

Rocky Ride for Sarah

34 year old Sarah Bromfield from Naphill has taken on the challenge of a lifetime. She is cycling over 400 kilometres in the Canadian Rockies, with altitudes reaching over 2,000 metres, in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care Buckinghamshire. Sarah has been very actively involved in charity work before. She worked in Thailand after the tsunami carrying out initial relief aid and then ran a support-a-child programme for children orphaned by the disaster. She also spent some time providing support to families in the north of Thailand after huge mudslides devastated the region.

As if that wasn't enough Sarah has also completed a sky dive to raise money for children affected by the Chernobyl disaster.

The reason for her supporting Marie Curie Cancer Care is that both of Sarah's grandfathers both suffered with cancer. They were both keen sportsmen and Terry spent a fabulous holiday in the Rockies. The opportunity to raise money for the



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Sarah said, “I wanted to do something to help people in the same situation benefit from the help of Marie Curie Cancer Care nurses.”

She will complete the ride in June this year and needs to raise £2,750 sponsorship. All administration costs will be covered by Sarah, so all donations will directly benefit Bucks Marie Curie Cancer Care.

If you can help Sarah would love to hear from you, you can email her on sarahbrom@yahoo.co.uk.

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20th June – Quiz Night - at the Village Hall

I will be hosting a quiz night at Naphill Village Hall at 7:30pm on 20th June 2009. I need to raise a minimum of £1,350 as my personal contribution to Raleigh International to take part in their India Expedition 3 July – 30 Aug 2009. I will be holding Car Boot Sales and a Sponsored Bike Ride, together with the Quiz to bring me close to this total. The cost will be £10, to include a fish and chips supper and there will be a bar open throughout the evening. Tickets available for Margaret Wagner on 01494 562206.

Raleigh International is a registered charity and this year they have expeditions in Borneo, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and India. The expeditions are for young people aged between 17 and 25 to develop themselves, becoming part of a team and undertaking a project that will benefit the host country. Many of the young people come from Britain, pay to take part and raise their own personal contributions. There are other underprivileged young people from Britain who also take part and also underprivileged young people from the host country. They are put into teams of about 12 youngsters with 3 managers to take part in the expeditions.

I will be part of the field base team in Mysore, Karnalaska in the Western Ghats region of India undertaking the duties of the Logistics Co-Coordinator. My job will be to ensure that the teams on project sites have all the food, materials and equipment that they need. (Easy then!)

Last year a team went into a village to help build 10 composting toilets, one for each family in the village. The team was housed in the local school and helped by the villagers to build the brick structures. When they left the village three weeks later they were given flower necklaces and there were many tears on both sides. The team then went on to undertake a 10 day trek through Kerala; with 2 days mountain biking and 3 days kayaking in the peaceful back waters. They then went on to the Nagarahol National Park where they repaired elephant trenches, which stopped the marauding elephants raiding the sugarcane fields, and so stopped the angry farmers from trying to shoot the elephants. This was very hard physical work but very rewarding for the team.

Without mature volunteers the young people would be unable to take part in these activities, which provide life-changing experiences for people from all walks in life.

Margaret Wagner

Jack Bates, 1934 - 2009

Jack had a brilliant brain; he was a real intellectual. He was brought up in Portsmouth. His initial training was at the Royal Naval Dockyard College then he went to Durham University, where he met Brenda. His subsequent profession was that of a control systems engineer, surely the most difficult branch of engineering to master. After he came to Naphill 29 years ago, already a paraplegic, he tried to carry on working for a while but it was just too difficult. Nevertheless he took on complex technical challenges at home with his computer, patiently using a pointer to operate the keys one by one. In the early days of computer games he invented and produced the software for several games. He also delighted in puzzles with which to confound his friends and neighbours. Nobody could compete with Jack's logic and very broad general knowledge.

His computer was his chief distraction but he also enjoyed painting despite his difficulty in controlling his hand movements. He produced some very delicate watercolours to a high standard. Brenda and Jack have a very nice garden. Jack did the design on his computer and supervised the work, driving Brenda mad at times. One of the best memories is that of the wedding of Brenda and Jack's daughter Carole to Bill. The sight of Jack in his wheelchair coming down the aisle dressed in a light grey morning suit and top hat, to give away Carole, will live with us forever. Jack was so happy that day.

He also had a very good sense of humour and would enjoy a good laugh. There was a famous incident when his neighbour, namely myself, released hundreds of large frogs into my garden. The frogs had been collected from his ponds by Frank Ridgley, who has the house at the back of my allotment. Frogs like to return to where they were born to procreate, hence Frank's problem with hundreds of frogs in his ponds. Frank usually deposited large drums of frogs in the countryside far away from his ponds, but on this occasion I wanted them for my garden to decimate the slugs. Now, when I tipped the frogs out, instead of hopping in all directions they made a beeline for the then rickety log-lap fence adjoining Jack's garden. It seems that frogs have a homing instinct similar to a racing pigeon's - and Jack's house lay on a direct path to Frank's garden. There were holes in the fence.....

Jack was in his wheelchair, in front of his large picture window, facing the fence when he saw a large frog advancing across the lawn towards him, then another, then another. He called Brenda. In no time there were tens, then hundreds of frogs coming at him. It was like a biblical plague. Jack used to recount this tale frequently, hardly able to speak while laughing about the frogs. He certainly had a great sense of humour and that is how we shall remember Jack - laughing despite all his problems.

One must pay a tribute to Brenda for her devotion and sheer hard work in looking after Jack following his car accident 29 years ago (they were married for almost 50 years). The burden grew as Jack's condition deteriorated. It was sheer unremitting toil. She deserves a medal.

Mike Mason

Possible Lynx Sighting?

On 11th May we were woken at 1.30 am by a huge crash, and a large piece of decking from around our balcony was on the floor. I looked up to our garage roof, which is close to the balcony, and saw a very large cat jumping from the garage roof back onto our balcony. I'm pretty sure it was a Lynx. It was very large with a square head and I could not see a tail. A normal cat could not have dislodged the heavy piece of wood. I have reported the sighting and RSPCA will be informed.

I think it is using our low roofs as a footpath! probably crossing Main Road then back to the woods. We live along the Main Road, near the Chinese, so perhaps somebody else has seen it?

If you have let the Editor know where and when so that we can collate more information to pass on.

Chris Ashworth

Below Stairs - Lacey Green Singers

A reminder that Lacey Green Singers are doing a concert performance of the show "Below Stairs" on Saturday 20 June at Piggotts, North Dean with a repeat performance the following day in Naphill Village Hall. The aim is to raise money for Cancer Research. Both evenings begin at 7.30pm and the £5 admission charge includes refreshments.

Tickets may be booked either with Helen on 01494 562240 or Maureen on 01844 346823.

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Saturday 4th July

2.00 p.m

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Naphill Brownies

This term we are spending as much time as possible outside and are working towards our "out and about" badges. We shall be doing some map reading as part of a treasure hunt on and around the crick, a sausage sizzle around a campfire and lots of other outdoor fun and games.

We have welcomed 3 new brownies this term, who are being well taken care of by their brownie buddies. They have thrown themselves into brownie activities trying their hand at jewellery making, flamenco dancing and plenty of new games.

Later in the term we have lots to look forward to, with, amongst other things, the fete, a camp-over in the guide hut and hopefully a bit of climbing. My thanks as ever go to the fantastic helpers, who give up their time to come and do brownies each week. They all contribute to the smooth running of the unit and have such a variety of talents. (Who would have thought that we had a talented flamenco dancer in our midst!) .

However....if any of you, out there, have a skill which you may be willing to share with the brownies. We would really love to hear from you. They really are a tremendously enthusiastic audience!

Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) 565571

Little Ash Pre-School

This half term has once again been very eventful with the children enjoying "fairy stories" as this term's theme. The pre-school has also benefited from the recently revamped outdoor space. Many thanks to Jackie Farrel who co-ordinated the development of our garden and to all those who lent a hand to transform the garden area. This work was made possible by the fantastic fund-raising efforts that have happened since September last year.

With summer now fast approaching the children will be making the most of the garden with various activities such as planting and potting seeds & bulbs. Therefore could we please ask you to check your sheds, greenhouses & garages for any unwanted flower pots / containers.

Spring Dance

Oh what a night!! For this year's Spring dance we were transported back to the 70s & 80s, a fantastic time was had by all. Thank you to those who went to such great effort with their 70s and 80s inspired fancy dress which ranged from flares & platform boots to ra-ra skirts & mullet style hair dos.

A huge thank you must go to Jane who co-ordinated the event, Kerry the bar man who kept the drinks flowing all night and all the other committee members and supporters who did an amazing job and went to a great deal of effort to ensure the night ran smoothly.

The event raised approximately £1900 which is absolutely brilliant! So once again we offer our thanks to all those who bought tickets and to the generosity of those individuals and companies who donated gifts for the raffle and auction.

Naphill Village Fete

The next big event on the calendar is the Naphill village fete. As usual the pre-school will be joining the procession by entering a float ensuring that the children and staff can arrive at the fete in style.

This year our theme is going to be based on the CBeebies comic. The children are very much looking forward to dressing up as their favourite CBeebies characters. Fete day always provides the children with the opportunity to have great fun but as you can imagine it takes a lot of work to put together such an event. So if you can help in anyway with costumes or to decorate the lorry please contact preschool.

We owe a big thank you to local business Wrights for donating paint / materials for the float decoration. Thank you also to Agile scaffolding for once again providing us with a lorry for the procession.

Pre-School looks forward to seeing you all at the fete!!

Una McNamara

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We 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. Admission price per session: £2.00 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling). For further information please call Louise on 01494 488255 or Emma on 01494 488603. Alternatively join us at any Thursday meeting between 2pm and 4pm at Naphill Village Hall during term time.

Louise Lucas

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Editorial

There's a lot to cover in my Editorial this month so for the first time I've had to overflow!

This year's fete really showed what community spirit is all about. Thank you everyone who helped, everyone who took part and everyone who came along and supported the event. Most of all, thanks to Ted for all his hard work.

I have been given some wonderful photos and will spend the summer choosing which ones to include in the centre pages of our September edition.

I was amazed and very flattered to be nominated for the Best Neighbour award at the fete. Thank you to whoever put me forward. Anything I do for this lovely place we live is a privilege and a pleasure.

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Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Forge Road	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30
Pilates	Each Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30 (& 10.30 - 11.30 after Easter)
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30 - 8.30 and 8.30-9.30pm
Fitness Pilates	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

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July

- 2nd Climbing wall - Village Hall Car Park 6.30 - 8.30pm
- 4th WANSA Summer Fete - Naphill & Walter's Ash School (Wild West)
- 9th NAWARA Traffic Hazard Meeting - Village Hall 8pm
- 12th Family Tennis & Games - Tennis Club
- 20th A Walk for Health - meet 10.30am Village Hall
- 23rd A Summer Tea Party - Village Hall

August

- 5th A Common Botany Walk - meet 7.00pm Village Hall
- 31st Treasure Hunt - meet 2.30 pm Village Hall 2.30pm

September

- 13th Heritage Open Day Walk. 'Ponds and Ancient Sites' - 2.30pm Village Hall
- 10-19 Speed Festival

Looking ahead

- Fireworks 7th November
- Remembrance Service 8th November
- Christmas Fayre 5th December

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District Commissioner	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Guides and Brownies
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Editorial (Continued)

Our cover this month features the re-formed Hughenden Beaver colony, part of Naphill & Hughenden Scout Group. Many thanks to them for supplying the photographs and good luck to all the new Beavers.

Finally, congratulations to Richard Pushman for his appointment as the new Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council.

The Gazette is taking a break now but we will be back in September. Meanwhile, enjoy the summer!

Judy Whitehouse

County Councillor's Report

First of all I must thank all those readers who took the opportunity of recording their vote at the recent County Council Elections. 44.1% of the Electors of Greater Hughenden voted in person or by postal vote. For those who have not seen the full result it was as follows;

Richard Pushman, Conservative	1,877 votes	65.7%
Kevin Peters, Lib Dem	426 votes	14.9%
Mike Slack, UKIP	381 votes	13.3%
William Cass, Labour	172 votes	6.0%

Whether your vote was for me, or another candidate, I will continue to work for the benefit of the community as a whole.

We have a challenging 4 years before us, with reduced funding and a strict limit on council tax increases. All councils must work with greater efficiency and already plans have been made to change the way we supply services to our communities. Building on the successful programme that was carried out last year, Buckinghamshire County Council has this year committed £4.2 million to carry on the good work of transportation including road improvements.

This year there will be several strands to this work. Community gangs will be visiting Parishes on a regular basis throughout the year carrying out work as requested by both Parish and County Councillors to improve the local environment. The work typically includes the cleaning of road signs, cutting back of vegetation both at junctions and alongside footways and the clearance of roadside drainage channels and gullies.

The second strand of work involves carriageway patching work. County Councillors, together with officers of the county council, have identified roads in their respective divisions that will benefit from patching work. This work is in addition to the normal patching programmes that are operated by our area teams. The programme of work has commenced. As with last year's programme an additional gang will be dealing with vegetation issues and a 'lining gang' will be following on refreshing line markings in the area.

On the 1st April 2009, Transport for Buckinghamshire was formed to deliver the transportation services on behalf of Buckinghamshire County Council. As a consequence of the cost savings that this new organisation is able to generate, the patching programme has increased from 57,000m² in 2008/09 to a target of 84,000m² in 2009/10 for the same cost.

Such arrangements for the delivery of efficient services will follow on in other areas of the councils work with cost benefits to all council tax payers. Challenging times but with exiting prospects.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Firstly, well done to Richard Pushman in being returned as our County Councillor for the Greater Hughenden Division. He will also be the Chairman of the County Council for 2009-2010. The energy and enthusiasm that he possesses, never ceases to amaze me. Congratulations, Richard!

I do hope you enjoyed the Fete? Despite the awful weather, I was optimistic that the weather would improve, and so it did. Nothing was going to stop the procession and I can only imagine the anxieties that both Ted Chapman and the others were going through. As usual, it was well attended and I also understand that approximately 1000 burgers had been sold!

Since my last report, I have been confirmed as Spokesperson for the Cabinet member for Younger and Older people. I have also been elected as the Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee. Licensing is both challenging and interesting. Two recent panel hearings lasting all morning! The Council is certainly getting tough on the licensing and sale of alcohol; particularly to younger people. We are also prepared to suspend or revoke a licence if necessary.

Looking ahead, we have full Council on 6 July with a reminder of the Residents Association meeting in the village hall on 9 July as an update to the last two meetings.

I mentioned about surgeries in the April edition. What are your thoughts? Would you prefer other ways to communicate? Do let me know. With that in mind and having conducted research, it was clear to me that people do want to communicate in new ways, embracing new media including email, blogs and micro-blogs, such as "Linkedin" or "Twitter." I decided some time ago to start both my own blog and "Twitter" entries. Only time will tell if this additional medium will be effective. I believe it is and will continue to be. I really am an advocate of an integrated approach encompassing a mix of both traditional and new media methods. I will persevere with surgeries and letters, public meetings and so on. I will also engage with people whom prefer "instant" and direct communication methods. Furthermore, the use of Social media is a growing phenomenon with sites as such as Myspace, Facebook, MSN and so on growing at a dramatic rate. You can now view my blog, which contains a variety of news, views, links and useful

community contacts at www.johnmgibbs.wordpress.com. You can also see a link to my "Tweeps" which are short views or comments via Twitter. Alternatively, go to www.twitter.com/johnmgibbs. I look forward to your comments and views.

Both Julie and I wish you a happy summer.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

60 and counting!!!!

No. This is not a reference to age but to goldfish! So far over 60 goldfish have been trapped in the pond at the end of Downley Road (Pickup's Pond). They are multiplying at a great rate and the current estimate is over 200! It is presumed this is because of recent breeding rather than dumping. The work will continue in order to rid the pond of these inappropriate incomers but it is a lengthy and costly process.

There have been reports of clearance of unwanted goldfish from local garden ponds into this special place which contains protected species such as great crested newts. This is illegal. So the hunt is on for the phantom goldfish dumper: clues, reports, and other evidence will have to be followed up. Please, please, do not add to the problem, and do report any interference/suspicious activity to the Parish Council Clerk (715296). Surprise! Surprise! The contractor has surplus goldfish in his own facility. Contact the Clerk if you would like some.

The Annual Parish Meeting, held in May at Naphill and Walter's Ash School, was less well attended than we would have liked but was, nevertheless, very successful. Those attending had the pleasure of listening to a very informative talk by John Morris, Director of the Chiltern Woodlands Project. His subject was the "Cultural Heritage of the Chiltern Woods", including reference to local archaeological features. The talk was illustrated by photographs, diagrams and maps from John's recent book, published by the Project and supported by the Chilterns Conservation Board. Fascinating!

Meeting our Editor's deadlines seems to make the time pass very quickly. By the time we all write again it will be the middle of the school summer holidays. I would like to wish Judy Whitehouse a well earned rest from collating and publishing our splendid Gazette. Well done, Judy, and "thank you".

Peggy Ewart - Chairman

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Ron Collins Tel. 562240

From the Vicarage - July 2009

Whilst listening to the car radio I recently heard a part of a phone in talk show. The subject was redundancy and the lengths people will go to to keep their jobs. One caller said that he had in fact been made redundant twice in the last twelve months. He was asked the question "would you seek to undermine someone else to make them look more expendable than you in order to keep your job?", he replied that he wouldn't, in fact he said that with one of his redundancies he had offered to "take the hit" because he felt that he was better able to do so than a younger man who had a young family to support. The other caller was then brought in and his comment was "are you mad?" When asked to expand he said that he would stop at nothing to maintain his job. His policy was to make himself look essential but to make his colleagues look expendable. He would think nothing of mounting a dirty tricks campaign to show up others in front of his employers and would do his best to subtly undermine them. He thought this was unavoidable behaviour. Bring in the first caller again whose comment was "well I'm glad I have never had to work with you?"

I reflected whether these were extreme examples, one man who would take the redundancy instead of someone whose need he felt to be greater, and another who would stop at nothing to keep his job, however savage he had to be with others to do so. Now, I have to confess that the life of the clergy can seem very divorced from what goes on in the "real" world, I just don't work in that sort of environment and so I freely confess that I am probably naive about the realities of the modern workplace. However I do try and listen to those whose lives daily take them to places which can be aggressive and negatively competitive. Year ago I did some work about management theory and how good practice would be well used within the church. I really believe in teams in the church and they can be sources of great creativity and energy. I believe that good teams bring out the best in people and most effective use of their gifts. I believe that those who are lucky enough in their workplace to be a part of such a team are far more likely to develop a

"brand" loyalty and feel a sense of worth as significant contributors to something bigger than themselves.

However it would seem that I am rather a dinosaur. For many the workplace, rather than creating a positive environment of loyalty trust and respect of others in "the team" is in reality a negative environment in which people are deliberately set against each other. This form of competition has of course been used as a management tool for many years now. Add to this very aggressive work practice the sort of economic uncertainty we are facing at the moment and the language of "dog eat dog" and "looking after number one" becomes even more commonplace.

Back to the phone in - and forgive me my musings - but it had me reflecting that behaviour that lends itself to the sort of social cohesion that I am sure we would all like to see, is only a veneer and it doesn't take much for far more primal instincts to take over. "It's a tough world out there" is the cry of the moment, and yes it is tough and for many increasingly ruthless. There is nothing new in this of course, it is a reflection on how human society has always been, we've simply emerged from a period of great prosperity and growth into a very rude and stark awakening. It also had me musing just how hard it is to maintain a stance which exhibits truly Christian standards in all of this. It is very easy for the vicar on a Sunday to pontificate about our calling to "live as citizens of God's kingdom" but it is very hard for his or her congregation to go to work on a Monday and do just that. Jesus challenged his followers with the commandment "do to others as you would have them do to you", but how does this work itself out in the face of ruthless competition and aggression that will have others undermine us if we don't first undermine them? The church consistently offer prayers for people who are obviously in the "caring professions", doctors, nurses, teachers and so on. They need our prayers of course, and their workplaces are tough as well, but we need to be equally praying for Christians in business and commerce, for those in companies which encourages aggressive competition between colleagues, and yes we need to be praying for Christians working in the world of finance and banking. It is a tough world out there at the moment, but it doesn't change the call: Followers of Jesus are to shine out as a clear light, "a city set on a hill which cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14), we need to pray now as never before for the integrity of all those who are followers of Jesus in these hard places to live by this call and show by their examples that there is another way to do things.

Simon Cronk - Vicar of St Michael and All Angels

A Summer Tea Party

Naphill Village Hall
Thursday 23rd July

Time 2.30pm to 4.30pm

In aid of:

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A donation of £3 for tea and cakes.

There will be a Bring and Buy and various other stalls and a raffle. Everyone welcome to support these two charities.

Naphill Evening WI

Let's start with the Naphill Fete. What a day! The heavens opened and the rain poured down. Did that stop us, not a bit of it. Mothers and Dads turned up with their children; we donned our comic costumes and climbed on the float; the walkers walked, the pipers played, the bikers biked and the princesses were there in their beautiful dresses – and the crowds cheered. The stalls were busy, the kitchen sold out of food, and although we were soaked, it was wonderful. Thank you to all the people who made it possible and Congratulations to The Wheel for best senior float and best adult costume – we can see we will have to try very much harder next year!!!!

Jenny's Ploughman's Lunch on the 18th May was a lovely social occasion and the food was delicious. Several members also enjoyed the Literary Lunch on the 19th May. The Resolutions meeting was so much more palatable with a variety of home made puddings. Thank you to the cooks amongst us and we did get one or two recipes. On June 3rd Marion's organised trip to Kew Palace and Gardens was made much more successful with the sunny weather. (Just right, they said.)

The next event we are looking forward to is our 26th Birthday Party (more good food), we are all interested to know about Nanna and Pappa Dolls, we are sure Mr and Mrs Healey will enlighten us. Report in the next Gazette. And to round up the month, it's Valerie's croquet and supper evening, and with good weather it is an enjoyable way to spend a summer evening. August 5th is the afternoon tea at Jessie's, tickets in the form of a quiz will be on sale at the July 16th meeting, when

Sue Norton will be talking to us about The Federation Archives. Competition: an old photograph of yourself – hopefully you can all find one, so we can have fun guessing who you are. The summer events end with our ramble, followed by a pub supper at The Plough at Cadstone on the 20th August. Such a busy time the last few months, we hope you have all enjoyed it as much as we have writing about it, and hope the good weather continues for the rest of the summer.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

The weather gods let us down on fete day, but the local residents did not! Neighbour's cake stall and the hamper raffle (which was won by Robert McMurray) raised a magnificent £502 for Village Hall Funds. Thanks to everyone who baked all those delicious and tempting cakes and those who braved the elements to sell and buy them. A special thank you goes to Janet King and Val Gibbs who trundled the wheelbarrow over the sodden Crick grass to sell two books of hamper raffle tickets.

Congratulations to our President Sheila Rolfe and her husband Nigel who were worthy winners of the Good Neighbour Award.

At our June meeting we had a taste of nostalgia when Sylvia Brown reminisced on her 35 YEARS ON A MILK ROUND.

We are hoping the weather will have been kind to us on 16th June for our visit to the famous rose gardens at Mottisfont Abbey.

Looking ahead to Monday, 13th July – Mrs CUNDELL will be giving us a FLOWER ARRANGING demonstration. Tea hostesses: Gillian Church and Merle Abbott.

As has become our habit – instead of the usual club meeting in August we will be going on an afternoon outing. This year, on Tuesday, 11th August, we have booked a 3-hour canal cruise and cream tea on the Grand Union Canal from Marsworth Lock. We leave Naphill at 1pm and expect to be home by 6pm. Tickets are £20 for members and £22 for guests. If you haven't already done so and would like to join us, please phone Sheila on 562888.

Wishing all our members a sunny and enjoyable summer break.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

Our meeting was preceded by the annual litter blitz, when some members of the council don their rubber gloves and give the Hall and its surrounds a general tidy up in preparation for the Fete and the judging of the Best Kept Village competition. It is not the best of jobs to do, but this year there was little litter to pick up thanks to those who were out on the Crick in the morning. Many thanks to them and to all of you who do their bit to keep our village tidy.

We were sorry to hear that the fair were unable to make their annual visit this past month due to staff shortages. However they do hope to be able to come up to the Crick later in the year. Watch this space. They are very welcome visitors bringing great entertainment and leaving the Crick spotless when they have finished.

The toddler multi play equipment in the play area is now repaired. Somehow the Abacus managed to get itself removed from its brackets one Saturday night, but luckily was not taken away and so we have been able to get it put back in place. Many thanks to Hughenden Parish Council for facilitating this for us and also for laying "cushionfall" under the big slide. The equipment is well used and it is great to get it back fully operational. I know that there have been reports of some children feeling static when they use the toddler slide but this due to a reaction between the plastic of the slide and some synthetic materials. If your child has a problem look at what they are wearing.

We were informed that there has been a spate of break ins recently. Residents are advised to be extra vigilant, to make sure garden sheds are locked as these seem to be targeted at present, and to be careful leaving windows and doors open on hot days. If you are targeted then make sure you let the police know so that they can log the crime and give us extra protection.

I write this the day after the fete – and it is still raining! What a great day and what a wonderful response from you all on a day when the weather made sitting in front of the telly seem very attractive. It was great to see such a good crowd. Thanks go to all those of you who were up there all day getting cold and wet manning stalls, setting things up and taking things down. Thanks to all those of you who came up to support us. The fete is such an important day for the village both socially and financially that it wonderful to see that the rain didn't dampen your spirits. It seemed appropriate to see the "British spirit" so much in evidence on what was the anniversary of D day. Of course the biggest thanks go to Ted who has been working so hard for months to make it all go like clockwork. I know he

will say that he has a committee, but he bares the brunt of it. Many, many, many thanks Ted.

Our next event will be the fireworks in November. Lets hope that we get a dry night this time!

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

Fete Book Stall

I would like to say a big **"thank you"** to everyone who made this year's book stall such a success!

The kind people who supplied wonderful books, many in immaculate condition; my willing band of helpers who transported books, put up gazebos, sold books and helped us clear up again and, of course, all the villagers, family and friends who bought so many books enabling us to raise almost £400 on our stall.

I always say "never again" but the day is such fun (yes, in spite of the weather) and I know I shall be just as happy to do it in 2010!

To Ted Chapman, I would like to say "congratulations, you have managed a wonderful event yet again".

Pauline Pool

Do Fetes Make You Go Strange?

Our reporter recently visited the villages of Naphill and Walter's Ash in deepest Buckinghamshire and discovered a previously unknown group of strange people.

It was a wet and dreary day when he came across people who obviously were affected by the credit crunch and could not afford new cars. They were driving ancient vehicles on the road – good job the police didn't see them for they surely belong to an ancient civilisation and are they really safe? Odd thing was that bystanders cheered them and encouraged this eccentric behaviour. One Mini had Paddy Hopkirk's name on it and a Monte Carlo plate – surely that doesn't belong to the man who won the rally three times? Oh yes it does!

Then along came wild invaders from the north wearing kilts, squeezing strange instruments and banging on drums. These were followed by three beautiful princesses and lots of strangely dressed children. There were vehicles with adults clothed in the oddest ways pretending to be pirates and other characters that you may find in comics. Quite weird.

This strange group marched into a muddy field and set about enjoying themselves! They appeared to

be happy but did they notice that the rain put a stop to some dancing, the climbing wall, Punch and Judy and the tug-of-war. Never mind. These poor demented people obviously loved the dreadful conditions. They came in great numbers and stayed a long time. Candy Floss sales and Strawberries and Cream did very well as did war-like activities such as the Coconut Shy and the many other attractions.

Strange behaviour and lots of very good music was provided by Wycombe Hospital Radio. Because of the poor weather it seemed unlikely that the expected Hurricane aircraft would turn up but the pilot was as mad as those on the ground. A cheer went up when it surprisingly appeared on this miserable day and what a great display the pilot gave.

It was quite clear to our reporter that all of the people who were in the procession and manned the stalls etc were also mad. Why else would they do it? These villages have very special (but mad) people.

Ted Chapman (also mad!)

Good Neighbour Award

Mike and Pauline Pool would like to say "thank you" to the person/persons who nominated them for a "Good Neighbour Award". It was a delightful surprise.

Tombola Stall - Naphill Fete

Well what a marvellous achievement. As a response to my appeals for donations to our stall we received all of the 600 prizes required so we did not have to buy one prize!! The good news continues as despite the rain we sold every one of the 3000 tickets albeit the last few had to be sold at a knock down price of 8 for a pound. Our profit therefore should be something in the region of £590 which will be a significant contribution to the fete income. So a very big thank you to our donors and to all our customers who kindly spent their money on our stall. We would like to convey particular thanks to Claire and Mark at The Wheel who kindly encouraged their customers to make donations and they did a brilliant job as their contribution was significant! Also thanks to all our helpers on the stall without whose help we could not have managed.

Finally, Ted Chapman and all the other fete contributors deserve a very big thank you as you all did a marvellous job as did all the local residents who gave their support in turning out on a rainy day. Well done everyone.

Helen and Ron Collins

Fete Fancy Dress

Please could Erin Bradelle get in touch with me. She was a 3rd place winner at the Naphill Fete Fancy Dress - 5-8 year olds.

Norma Clarke - 563116

Naphill Horticultural Society

Summer Show

Naphill Village Hall

Saturday July 4th

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Please remember that our Summer Show takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 4th July, so if you have not yet got a schedule and decided what you can enter, contact Peter Davis right away. The show opens to the public at 2pm when you can admire the exhibits. As usual, 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.

We also have our Autumn Show, in exactly the same format and that will take place on Saturday 5th September. The schedules cover both shows, so you can plan ahead for September if your plants and vegetables are not ready for July! Do come along and support us if you can.

Lastly, I leave you with some gardening definitions my Dad sent to me. They made me smile and I hope you enjoy them too

- Furrow:** Horizontal line on forehead of gardener
- Garden:** One of a vast number of free outdoor restaurants opened by charity-minded amateurs in an effort to provide healthy balanced meals for insects, birds and animals.
- Hose:** Crude but effective, and totally safe, type of scythe towed through gardens to flatten flower beds and level vegetable plantings.
- Nursery:** The only known place where money grows on trees.
- Perennial:** Any plant which had it lived would have bloomed from year to year.
- Bulb:** potential flower, buried in autumn, never to be seen again.
- Drought:** weather immediately following planting.
- Harden Off:** kill by frost

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Looking forward to hearing from you

Wynyard - Wright & Ellis

- Hoeing:** manual method of severing roots from stems of newly planted flowers and vegetables.
- Green Fingers:** black fingernails

Despite the above, remember that taking time to sit back and admire your hard work is just as rewarding, so remember to take the time to enjoy your gardens this summer.

Happy gardening.

Cathryn Carter

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Parking – Main Road Walter's Ash

Many discussions with County, District and Parish councillors, Bucks CC officials, the RAF and the Co-Op have continued, There is not yet a clear impression of the viability of providing extra land for parking spaces on the Main Road. Until the availability of land can be shown to be feasible, then the current situation will prevail. The Residents' Association has made a formal enquiry to the Defence Lands Agents regarding the possibility of acquiring land and the likely cost. A reply is awaited.

The Third Public Meeting on the Traffic Hazards at Main Road Walter's Ash will take place at 8pm on Thursday 9th July 2009 at Naphill Village Hall.

We hope that official representatives will be available but all are welcome to come and voice their concerns.

Planning to 7 June 2007

09/05912/FUL R19/05 E23/06 2 Jubilee Cottages Naphill Common. Householder application for the construction of two storey rear extension.

09059426/FUL R22/05 E26/06.1-3 Charity Cottages (formerly Auchinyell) Downley Road Naphill
Erection of 3 x3bed terraced houses with associated car parking and landscaping following demolition of existing dwelling (alternative to pp07/05178/FUL) to allow the addition of one conservatory to each of the three dwellings (1-3 Charity Cottages) and other alterations (part retrospective) **09/06047/FUL**
R08/06 E09/07. 34 Main Road Naphill. Householder application for the construction of first floor side/rear extension, new pitched roof over garage projection and external alterations.

09/06081/FUL R11/06 E17/07 238 Main Road, Naphill Erection of 1 x 1bed attached dwelling with associated parking (alternative to pp08/07263/FUL)

09/06083/FUL R11/05 E tbd. Sergeants Mess RAF High Wycombe, Main Road Walter's Ash. Provision of part two storey/ part single storey Junior Ranks Mess and rebuild of SNCO kitchen to include demolition of SNCO single living accommodation and provision of additional car parking (alternative scheme to pp 09/05339/FUL).

Gloria Leflaive 01494 563634

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Friends of Naphill Common

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June was a busy month for the Friends of Naphill Common. It began with a remarkable Fete day: remarkable because, despite the weather, a brave crowd turned up and it all went happily.

Congratulations to Ted, all who worked hard to set up the attractions and to all who came. The FONC tent attracted a lot of attention and by the end of a damp day our membership had raced past 100. By the time this appears we hope that our walk led by Angus Idle to look at the range of grasses on the common and our Midsummer Picnic at the Umbrella Tree, were equally successful. The Walks for Health have proved popular. These are led by Ron Collins who reports:-

“Our very first Walk for Health took place on 18 May . There were a total of twenty one residents who enjoyed a pleasant and leisurely walk from the Village Hall to Downley Common via Naphill Common. We returned passing Cookshall Farm and then via Cuckoo stile to return to Naphill common and then back to the Village Hall. Our walk took one and a half hours at the end of which there was much support for more walks to be organised. There was even one suggestion that there should be a community walk held on New Year's Day which will be arranged. Further information on this will be published at a later date.

Our second walk of just under four miles took place on 8 June when a total of 15 of us walked through to Hughenden Park. Although it was not particularly warm for a June day it turned out better than expected as rain was forecast, but we managed to return home without getting wet! Most of the walkers had been on our first walk so it was quite a social event with much chatter from start to finish. This walk was slightly longer than the last but we were

back at the Village Hall in one hour forty five minutes

Our next walk is scheduled for the 20 July again starting at 10.30 and meeting at the Village Hall car park. Subject to weather I will probably make this walk slightly longer - say two and a half hours - and anyone wishing to join us might like to bring a flask for tea or coffee as if we have good weather we can stop for a while half way- If there is anyone out there that has not joined us and would like to do so please do come along. We walk at a leisurely pace and have enjoyable conversation. Dogs are welcome too but owners must be responsible for them. Anyone joining the walk does so entirely at their own risk. We look forward to seeing you."

Our success has brought one small problem: we desperately need a **membership secretary**. Is there anyone (with a computer and email) who could take on this job? It would not be very demanding or onerous – just a matter of keeping the list up to date and reminding people when their subscription is due. We have an excellent treasurer so you would not have to undertake that task.

Our future programme is:-

- (1) **Monday 20th July. A Walk for Health** led by Ron Collins. Meet at 10.30am at Naphill Village Hall.
- (2) **Wednesday 5th August. A Common Botany Walk**, led by Dr Alan Showler. Meet at 7.00pm at Naphill Village Hall. Alan will help us to identify some of the Common's flowering plants.
- (3) **Monday 31st August (Bank Holiday). A Treasure Hunt on Naphill Common.** (Weather permitting.) Children welcome. Meet at 2.30 pm at Naphill Village Hall.
- (4) **Sunday 13th September. Heritage Open Day Walk. "Ponds and Ancient Sites"**. Led by Trevor and Philip Hussey. Meet at Naphill Village Hall for 2.30pm start.
- (5) **October. A Tour of Naphill's Junipers** led by an expert. Details to be confirmed.
- (6) **October. Common Fungi Walk.** Details to be confirmed.
- (7) **November/ December. FONC AGM.** Speaker(s) at Naphill Village Hall open meeting. Details to be confirmed.

Trevor Hussey 01494 563767

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club



Our club sessions are going well, particularly on a Tuesday evening men's team night, with up to 12 players turning up at the last session. For years there has been a shortage of men – now there's the opposite! The junior coaching on Saturday mornings

and Friday evenings is also proving to be very popular.

The Tennis Club helped at the brilliant fete again in June, and we are very proud of our Tennis Club members, who did such a tremendous job again. Well done Jenny, David, Judy & Mady! Tennis club members ran a generously-loaned ball machine, and the strawberries and cream. Given the unusual weather conditions, we could have sold a lot more, but as always it's difficult to predict these things.

Future Event:

SUNDAY 12 JULY - FAMILY TENNIS & GAMES

Why not come and bring you and your family to this fabulous event. A perfect time with the whole family enjoying tennis, from kids to grandparents anyone can be invited. We will be serving Tea & cakes as refreshments and any other refreshment you so wish to bring, also please bring along any other games that you would love to play and make this event a memorable one.

Chris Keats

A Fetish About the Fete?

The combination of the enthusiasm and dedication of the organisers and the willingness of village families to participate in the various respects of the Naphill fete on 6th June, despite the gloomy conditions, sparked off a double reaction by me. First, warmest congratulations to Ted Chapman and his team but also a special mention for the families who turned out in sufficient numbers to make a remarkable success of the event, despite the efforts of the elements to spoil it.

My second reaction (the off-beat one!) was to consider the whole affair as an unseemly display of excellence! At this stage I remembered an article I wrote for the Cambridge University Magazine, the CAM, some 30 years ago. This is referenced below with my tongue firmly in my cheek.

"Dear Editor, I have just re-read the Michaelmas edition of the CAM and appreciate more than ever what a splendid range of disciplines is available at Cambridge and an equally fine variety of extra-curricular activities. In fact it struck me that the combination is almost too ideal and that some kind of counter-balance is required, preferably one in which Cambridge can, as usual, assert its role as World Leader in education. After prolonged thought, I believe that I have the answer. What Cambridge needs is a new Chair: to wit a Chair of Apathy.

Establishing the Chair will inevitably pose especial problems. Furthermore, will there be any candidate sufficiently well versed in all aspects of apathy to be

worthy of the Chair? And how in detail do we set about tackling this essentially supine matter?

It seems to me that the first step should be to hold a general meeting within the University to discuss the proposal. Clearly the Chairman will have to be a person of infinite lethargy, well qualified to do nothing with tremendous style. The secretary will require no writing skills because there will be no requirement for further meetings and no actions to initiate or minutes to prepare and circulate. Indeed his/her main duty would be to discourage enthusiasm and liveliness amongst members. The treasurer would require no mathematics and computer skills as there will be no subscriptions to collect and no functions to finance. In the dynamic continuum of Cambridge these may be difficult posts to fill.

Apathetically, it is extremely difficult to look beyond this meeting but provided sufficient albeit languid support is generated for the vision of a Cambridge Chair of Apathy, it can surely be left to normal University procedures to progress the establishment of this prestigious post and then begin the long and doubtless laborious process of selecting the first Professor of Apathy.

PS This entry for the CAM is late - naturally - and will probably not be printed. Does this matter? Apathetically, no! Requiscat in Pace!"

Incidentally, for those interested in statistics, the fact that the weather was of the "unkind to fetes" variety this year means that it is odds on for sunshine for next year's fete.

David Leith

Open Letter to Naphill Gazette

I and my family would like to thank all our friends in Naphill for their cards and very kind messages of sympathy on Jack's death. In particular Richard Pushman who spoke at the funeral and Mike Mason for his piece in the Gazette. We were very moved and greatly appreciated their kind words. Jack's death leaves a big hole in our lives; he will be sadly missed by us all.

Brenda Bates

Jason Lawrence

Clive, Heather and Tanya would like to thank all the friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts and condolences on our sudden loss of Jason. We are still coming to terms with Jason's death in Norway and are comforted by the many cards and expressions of sympathy we have received. As you probably know we had a service in Rjukan where Jason was the church organist and choir master. The service was attended by 130 people including the Ladies choir and also the Mens choir and both

of the choirs sang in the service. After we returned from Norway a thanksgiving service, conducted by Michael Webb was held for Jason in the Methodist church in Naphill. We would like to thank Michael Webb for conducting the service and all the members of the Methodist church for their assistance.

Clive, Heather and Tanya Lawrence.

Another Big Cat Sighting

Geoff Brown from Downley Road was excited when he read of the possible Lynx sighting in last month's gazette. On two successive nights at the end of April around 11pm he saw a large cat in his garden. It was about 3 feet high and black with a thin tail. Geoff reports that the reason he saw it was that it made his security light come on.

Open Evening at Princes Risborough Bowls Club

As supporters of the Town Festival celebrations, Princes Risborough Bowls Club is once again staging an Open Evening. Whether you are an experienced bowler or someone who simply wishes an introduction into what flat green bowling is about, all are welcome. It will be held on Wednesday 8th July commencing at 6 p.m. You will find us off New Road, at the top of the private road which is immediately opposite Risborough Coachworks. Our club Members and qualified bowling Instructors will be on hand to provide a warm welcome and a helping hand. Suitable footwear and bowls will be provided for your use, making it easy for you to - COME AND HAVE A GO!

Ted Stratford

Money Found

An amount of money has recently been found in Main Road. If it is yours please call 564469.

The Wheel

Well, what an interesting Fete Day we had this year! We owe the customers and staff who participated, a massive thank you for dressing up and supporting our theme this year and for making it an enjoyable and fun day, despite the miserable weather. Of course it was the perfect setting for our float this year which won Best ~~Stall~~ Float. Speaking of which, our very own Captain Jack Sparrow also won Best Senior Costume.

Also a huge thank you goes out to Mark and Steve for keeping control of the BBQ and the Hog Roast throughout the day, which went down extremely well and was almost a total sell out. Another thank you must be said to Ian Banks who throughout the day

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in the rain took photos of the parade and general Fete Day activities, which are displayed in the pub for everyone to remember.

The evening finished off with live music from the incredibly talented John James Newman, from The Velvet Hearts, and we were extremely privileged to have him in our pub. We were all mesmerized by his terrific style and his ability to engage all ages with his music. Due to his success and sheer talent, we may have him and his friends back on a more permanent basis, so watch this space!

We would once again like to thank everyone in Naphill and Walter's Ash for supporting Fete Day as best as they could, it really was one to remember! Both of us were overwhelmed by the villagers and customers support over the attempted burglary last month. We both appreciate this and would like to thank everybody for their concerns.

We have decided to have a couple of months with very little planned as we will be concentrating on the quiz nights and our food sales, so do come down and support both. We also have to start planning for

the next beer festival with The Whip which will be held in September, dates and a theme are to be confirmed. Last but not least, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome Amelia to the Wheel Family, who started working for us at the end of June.

Cheers

Claire and Mark

Naphill and Hughenden Scout Group

You may remember in previous editions our appeal for more leaders and our expressed desire to open a Beaver colony at Hughenden Village Hall – well the great news is that after a number of years, Hughenden Beavers restarted on 20th May !

This was the culmination of a lot of work from our existing Beavers leaders – and our three new leaders - now known as Fox, Adder and Dash.

The opening of the new colony has enabled us to move 25 youngsters off of our waiting list, and to better serve Hughenden Valley and Kingshill – but has also generated more places at Naphill. The interest generated means that we have had a significant number of new enquiries – so our waiting list has grown back a little – but we are in a much better position than before.

So far, the Beavers have been to the St. George's day parade, have been working towards their Imagination Badge, they've played lots of games and learned about team work, have learned about doing good deeds especially at home, and have taken part in a Sun Flower growing competition. They have even had a visit from the police – for educational purposes only !

In the near Future they will go on a day camp and visit the local Fire Station.

We still have a number of leader vacancies from Beavers right through to Explorer Scouts – and have a medium term aim of starting another Scout Troop - so if you are interested in joining the team – then please make contact.

Can I extend a big thank you to Barry, Theresa, Dale, Marcus, Gill and Cheryl who have worked hard to make our new Beaver colony a reality. Also many thanks to the other leaders within the group who continue to do a great job.

If you have any queries about our Scout Group, please contact Peter Byerley (Group Scout Leader) on 01494-565955. Regards.

Peter

2nd Naphill Guides

2nd Naphill Guides were very busy last term. We made pancakes, celebrated Thinking Day and made sweets and boxes for Mothering Sunday. Since Easter, the Guides have enjoyed numerous activities. One of these being a trip to the new bowling alley in High Wycombe, the unit paid for this with proceeds from the March Jumble Sale.

Recently the Guides took place in a 10K Competition Hike which organised by Bucks Guide Association. As part of the preparation for the Hike, during one of our recent meetings we ran a course on map and compass reading. The Hike started at the Guiding Centre in Ellesborough and took place in the surrounding area around Chequers, with each team locating check points along the route. Naphill Guides entered two teams, both teams completed the course with one of the teams coming in first place. Congratulations and well done to both teams!

Thank you to everyone who visited our stall at the village fete last month. It was lovely to get your support.

For the forthcoming weeks until the end of term we have the following activities; singing traditional guide songs and games evening, a cookout, first aid evening and making preparations for our camp in July.

Toni Green - Guide Leader - 2nd Naphill Guides

Local Brownie and Guide Units

We have flourishing Brownie and Guide units in our villages, these are run by volunteers. As always we need more adult volunteers to keep going. Brownies are aged 7-10 and Guides aged 10-14. The units are run by Warranted Guiders, who have all undergone training. All Guiders are assisted by other adults some warranted, some not. We often have young people assisting aged 14-17. All the units in this area need more help to keep running and at times to remain open. We are in particular short of Warranted Guiders. If you did your warrant some time ago and would like to get back to Guiding, we need you. 2010 is the Centenary year of Girlguiding, many many events and celebrations are being planned. To be part of this big celebration, come and join us.

We do all sorts of things, craft, sport, special interests, out of doors, cooking, food and much more. All units meet term time only. If you are interested in working with girls and are below the age of 65 please contact Deirdre Hansen, Hughenden District Commissioner for more information on 01494-562254 or Deirdre-jim.hansen@tiscali.co.uk

Little Ash Pre-School

Pre-school are the proud winners of the best junior float at this years Village fete. Well done to all the children and staff who looked fab in their costumes while braving the great British summer weather! Special thanks must go to everyone involved in the co-ordinating and decorating of the Pre-school float. Again thanks to Agile scaffolding for providing the lorry, local business Wrights, Paint-ability of Naphill and Geoff Smalley of Walter's Ash who supplied the paint and other materials. And last but by no means least all the volunteers who helped in the running of the bouncy castle and those who supported us on the day.

Dates for the diary

- **Sports day - Friday 10th July** (all the Dads have no doubt already begun their training regime for the annual dads race!)
- **Teddy Bear's picnic/leaver's presentation**
- **Last day of term- Thursday 16th July** - this a great way to finish the summer term for both the parents and children involving a walk to the nearby woods spotting teddy bears picnicking on the way!

With the end of the school year fast approaching the current committee will be stepping down at the AGM in September. Thank you to this years chair Karen Crinyion, who has done a fantastic job especially for ensuring the relocation from the Village hall to our new premises was a resounding success. We would also like to thank all the other Pre-school committee members and supporters for all their hard work this year especially for the fundraising events they have helped to organise. Finally a special thanks to all the pre-school staff, Debi, Annabel, Lisha, Shannon, Pat, Marian and Danny for the wonderful job they do of making the pre-school a safe and happy place for all our children. The last day of term will also be time to say a happy farewell to all the children who are leaving Pre-school to move on to big school in September. These children have started to visit their new classrooms and teachers, this is a very exciting time for them and we would like to wish them well for the future. We hope you all have a great summer!

Una McNamara

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We 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. Admission price per session: £2.00 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling). For further information please call Louise on 01494 488255 or Emma on 01494 488603. Alternatively join us at any Thursday meeting between 2pm and 4pm at Naphill Village Hall during term time.

Louise Lucas

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Martin Hart Quintet - an evening of jazz
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Ella James Hart - Cabaret Supper
Saturday 19 September



Speen Bike Park Challenge II
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Speen Festival 10-19 September
Full programme of events inside

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Editorial

Back again - hope you all had a good summer, and that there still might be more of it to come.

Many thanks to Ian Banks, who so beautifully captured the spirit of the fete this year. I am really pleased to include these in the centre pages to remind you of the day. The fete princesses look so beautiful, and they must have got soaked!

Apologies if I mislead anyone last edition. Whilst Mike and Pauline Pool and I were honoured to have received our nominations for "Good Neighbours" at the fete, the award was rightfully won by Sheila and Nigel Rolfe. Congratulations to them.

This month's front cover features the Speen Festival, and there is a full programme of events inside so do take a look.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Forge Road	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates - Nikki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30
Pilates - Nikki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

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September

- 5th Horticultural Society Autumn Show
- 13th FONC Heritage Open Day Walk. 'Ponds and Ancient Sites' - 2.30pm Village Hall
- 10-19th Speen Festival
- 25th Blood Donors - Village Hall 2pm - 4pm & 4.45 pm - 7pm

October

- 9th Blood Donors - Village Hall 2pm - 4pm & 4.45pm - 7pm
- 28th FONC Common Fungi Foray - Naphill Village Hall at 10 am.
- TBC FONC Tour of Naphill's Junipers

November

- 7th Firework Night - The Crick
- 8th Remembrance Service - Village Hall
- 21st NAWARA Dinner Dance

December

- 5th Christmas Fayre - Village Hall

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Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332	
Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	562845	
Friends of Naphill Common	Trevor Hussey	563767	www.naphillcommon.org.uk
Gazette	Judy Whitehouse	562742	judy@judyq.demon.co.uk
Guides (Naphill)	Toni Green	562089	Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.45pm
Guides (Walter's Ash)	Toni MacDonald	565926	Thursdays from 7pm
Horticultural Society	Cathryn Carter	563233	www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770	
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888	Every 2nd Monday of the month at 8pm
	Hazel Vickery	563977	
Optometrists	Leigh Lewis	564600	
Hughenden Parish	Lynne Turner (Clerk)	715296	hughendenpc@btconnect.com
	Peggy Ewart	565969	pegwat1066@aol.com
	Phil Crawshaw	563721	philcrawshaw05@uwclub.net
	Julie Gibbs	565544	juliegibbs@skymarket.org
	Judy Whitehouse	562742	Judy@judyq.demon.co.uk
Prescription Collection	Penny Leggett	562866	
	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650	
Pre-School (Little Ash)	Debbie Conn	564037	Alt: 01494 563832 (am) or 07907 102149
Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634	glorialeflaive@msn.com
School	Kerenza Gwynn	562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Mondays & Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
Surgery Pharmacy	Enquiries	565458	8am to 12.30pm 1.30pm until 6.15pm
Tennis Club	David Fletcher	532195	david@tvmf.org
	Sue Crooks	562539	Smcr2000@aol.com
Village Hall	Bookings	565604	mdbaclarke851@btinternet.com
Website	Andrew Wilmot		naphillvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk
WI	Nancy Hussey	563767	

County Councillor's Report

The County Council returns from the summer break to a full workload for the next 6 months. Apart from the financial challenge of the budget there are several local issues which need resolving. A recent public meeting regarding the parking difficulties at Walter's Ash was organised by the residents

association and attended by 50 plus interested people. They have undertaken to conduct a survey of readers as to the desirability of marking part of the footway, outside the RAF store building, for identified parking spaces. This would allow cars to park, part on the footway and part on the road, whilst protecting the path width for pedestrians with push or wheel chairs. This would be achieved by

white lining along the path marking the extent to which the nearside of cars could encroach. At the present time drivers are parking without consideration of pedestrians and blocking the path. Examples of this shared use of roadside path parking can be seen outside Great Kingshill Village Hall and along the London Road at Wycombe Marsh. This would be a temporary measure until the possibility of acquiring land from the RAF, for a parking lay-by, is further explored.

With the help of the parish council and other colleagues using our community leader's fund, we hope to install temporary speed indicator displays along selected sites on Main Road. This will visually inform drivers when they exceed the 30 mph limit.

The use of a private dwelling on Cryers Hill for the parking of emergency vehicles whilst their drivers are on call has caused serious concern as to the suitability of these premises for this commercial operation. The company supplying this emergency service is operating out of London and is not for local hospitals.

The parking of heavy lorries along Warrendine Road is causing much distress to local residents as they suffer their drives being blocked and engine noise, whilst the vehicles are parked up awaiting entry to the site at the junction with Bryants Bottom Road. There are no easy answers to this dilemma as the operator is acting within the site permissions granted at Appeal. This is no comfort to those who suffer from the deprivation of tranquillity, caused by these heavy vehicles delivering to the site. I am exploring all possible solutions with council officers and the police, as to how we might help.

At a cabinet meeting in June members from Buckinghamshire County Council agreed the way forward to changes in the way social care will be delivered in the future. Over the past year adult social care has been developing the new model for helping vulnerable people which is being tested out and will be implemented from next April (2010).

The new model, called self directed support, is aimed at giving people, who need social care, more choice over what services they use, and control over where and how they are purchased. Under the new system people will know how much money can be used to fund their care and will then be able to work through a plan to support their needs with the funding available. It is envisaged the new system will allow people to purchase their care in many different ways, for example by paying someone to help them live independently.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Since my last report, I have remained optimistic about a change in our weather fortunes and either way, hoping you had a pleasant summer break, irrespective of whether you stayed at home or went away.

Many thanks to the Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association for organising the Co-Op follow up meeting on 9 July. It is obvious that progress has been made and that most of the stakeholders, including the RAF and Co-Op, were in attendance. Obviously, I do not want to duplicate the reports of either NAWARA or Richard Pushman in respect of actions, except that I have committed some of my community budget for the two-week installation of a TSID (Temporary speed indicator Device) along the Main Road following the school holidays. I really want to work towards speed reduction and the use of alternative means to get around our village. It is obvious to me and others, that speeding is both a problem and commonplace in the Village. I forwarded the original Co-Op planning decision to Gloria Leflaive. It was interesting to note that the assumption would be for cycle use rather than heavy car use. Of course, no one could predict the demise of both the Country Store and Coombe Lane Store.

Have you noticed more adults cycling on the pavements? I have. There should be no reason why this should happen. In one instance, a lady rushed passed me, whilst on a mobile telephone! It looked funny at the time, although an accident could have been imminent. Please think of other people i.e. the people on foot!

Additional attended meetings included Council on 6 July and an informal cabinet on 9 July. I also chaired a Licensing Panel hearing on 30 July.

Finally, I have allocated £400 from my community budget to the Naphill & Walter's Ash Pre-School for the provision of outside equipment for the play area and a very important space for a "Quiet" area for the children.

John Gibbs

Pilates - Village Hall

An apology to Sue Maynard who runs the Pilates classes on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Village Hall. Since May her contact details have been missing from her advert. So if you are interested in pilates classes, Sue's details are:

Telephone: 01494 670385
Mobile: 07949 134835
Email susiemaynard3@googlemail.com

Hughenden Parish Council

This is being written in the Lake District in mid August. Such devotion to duty! It also means that I do not have any notes to hand to refer to so may not be very informative!

August is the only month in which the Parish Council does not have a full Council meeting so things are quieter than usual. The Planning Committee will have met twice in the month, keeping its usual watchful eye on new proposals.

Several councillors accompanied the Services' Chairman, David Davies, on the annual Parish Walk. We like to look at the Parish Council's land assets, familiarizing ourselves with the 60+ acres of allotments, woodland, playing fields and conservation areas. There is always ongoing work to be done but overall the Parish land is looking well maintained and cared for. The walk also provides an opportunity for identifying possible improvements.

Allotment judging has taken place and the results will be available shortly. There is much enthusiasm for working allotments at present. One of the ways in which the Parish is keeping up with the demand for plots is to split some in half so more people are able to 'grow their own'.

Parish villages have achieved well in the annual Village of the Year competition organized by Bucks County Council. Naphill and Walter's Ash are runners up for the second year in succession, with Great Kingshill and Hughenden Valley being highly commended. Stokenchurch won the larger settlement category this year. Third time lucky for us perhaps?

Back to the fells!

Peggy Ewart - Chairman

Naphill Evening WI

We hope you all had a good holiday in spite of the weather. It seems a long time ago, but let us go back to June. The Birthday party and the talk by Mr & Mrs Healey – it was a refreshing change to see all the beautiful dolls they had made and dressed and there was of course, delicious food as usual. A happy evening. Next there was Valerie's Games evening, another success as always. Now on to July 16th where Sue Norton spoke about the Federation Archives; she brought samples and photographs of present and past memorabilia. After a lot of hard work collecting all Naphill's WI past achievements, it was quite exciting to see it all there on display - the history of the banner and Cynthia's beautifully embroidered tablecloth with all our names sewn on it for the Millennium. It was a proud moment.

Well, the rain kept us on our toes once again for Jessie's afternoon tea. As soon as we put the tablecloths on it poured down as usual. But, half an hour later the sun came out and we were able to enjoy our tea in the garden. Pity about the wasps! Had we have known, we should have given them the Pimms, we would have been left in peace (6 wasps in one tiny drop). We were sorry to hear four of our members have not been well. So we wish Rita, Betty, Hazel and Vera a speedy recovery and are pleased to say that Nancy is feeling better now.

Now onto our next meeting, September 17th with Mrs BM Taylor, we are going "Up the Amazon Without a Paddle & Devil's Island", should be fun, report next month. More events are in the pipeline so we will be telling you about them at the meeting. So do not miss out, come and see what is happening next month.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

The July club meeting was a demonstration of the art of flower arranging by the appropriately named Primrose Cundell who had exhibited and won gold at the Chelsea Flower Show some years ago.

Our August meeting was an enjoyable outing - a three hour afternoon cruise on the Grand Union Canal from Pitstone. We had a leisurely journey in glorious sunshine past the village of Marsworth and up five locks along the reservoirs where some of the more energetic amongst us left the boat to walk on the towpath appreciating the peace and quiet of the canal. On the return journey we were served a delicious cream tea.

We are now looking forward to our next meeting on Monday 14th September when Sally Botwright makes a welcome return visit to give us her presentation on LONDON ODDITIES. The tea hostesses are Molly Butler and Alma Hussey.

Way ahead in the autumn, Mrs J Gudge will be giving us an illustrated talk on ORKNEY, SHETLAND ISLES, PAPA STOUR and FOULA on Monday 12th October.

Future plans include our Christmas outing. We have revised our original choice of destination and have now booked to go to A CONCERT OF FESTIVE MUSIC by the National Children's Orchestra at the South Bank Centre in London on Sunday 6th December at 2.30pm, followed by a tour of the Christmas lights. Tickets are £25 for members and £27 for guests. We will be taking names at our September meeting or you may phone Sheila on 562888 or Hazel on 563977 to book your seat.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

As I sit writing this in the middle of August it seems a long time since our meeting at the start of July. I seem to remember that the weather was better then – still maybe we will have an Indian Summer. The bonus of the poor weather is that it keeps the vandalism down!

The play area has had its annual inspection and the equipment was all passed. Since then it has been reported to me that the monkey bars had been damaged. Hughenden Parish Council arranged for them to be removed and repaired and they are now back good as new. Many thanks to them for sorting this for us. The play area is well used and we thank the Parish Council for maintaining it for us.

The final figure for the income from the fete has still to be finalised but it is obviously down on recent years because of the poor weather. It was still a “grand day out” and thoroughly enjoyed by all despite the rain dripping down our necks. Ted as ever did a great job and we are now looking for someone to fill his shoes. He assures us that he will be available for advice and the files are very thorough. Some things have already been booked already for next year and we are looking for someone to take on the chairmanship of the committee. There are many people who work hard on the fete and do it happily so there is plenty of support. You would not be doing it alone - just leading the team. If you could consider becoming chairman then please let us know. We can't let the fete die out, it is such an important day for the village. Think it over.

With the proceeds of the fete being lower than we had hoped we could do with another fund raising event to make up. Any bright ideas?

Date for the dairy - Play - Twelve Angry Men - 24th October. Contact John Harris for tickets.

The evening we had the climbing wall in the Village Hall car park was great success. Let's hope it can be repeated. Thanks to the Parish Council for arranging it.

We have come second again in the Bucks Village of the Year Awards. We know that we live in a great village and it is nice to have it recognised. Many thanks to all of you who organise so many activities that make it such a vibrant community, and thanks to Peggy who filled in the application form to such good effect. Next year we will try to do one better!

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

Naphill Fête 2009 - Prize Winners

BEST WALKING TABLEAU – NAPHILL & Walter's
ASH SCHOOL – SILVER EGG CUP

BEST JUNIOR FLOAT – NAPHILL AND Walter's
ASH
PRE-SCHOOL – SILVER SHIELD

BEST SENIOR FLOAT – THE WHEEL PUB –
SILVER CUP

BEST SENIOR COSTUME – THE WHEEL –
CAPTAIN JACK SPARROW (PIRATE)

BEST STALL – TOMBOLA STALL – SILVER CUP

GOOD NEIGHBOURS – SHEILA AND NIGEL
ROLFE – SILVER CUP

Under 5's fancy dress – Johnny Goddard

5-8 years – Matthew Gibbs

9 & over – Imogen Spencer

Naphill Horticultural Society

<http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk/>

Autumn Show

Saturday 5th September

Naphill Village Hall 2pm

We may not have had the summer we were hoping for but it has been fabulous growing weather for fruit, flowers and vegetables. If this is the case for all you keen gardeners and allotment holders, then why not show off the fruits (and veg) of your labours at the Autumn Show?

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 – useful if you are looking for something to do in the last few days before going back to school. Also, in the cookery section we have a class for a tea loaf, which is open to W.I members only- so come on ladies, the oven gauntlet has been thrown down!

The schedule is very clear and easy to understand, it also contains handy hints for new exhibitors, and advice on how to show your exhibits. You can get a copy from Peter Davis, the Post Office or myself.

If you prefer to just come along and admire the exhibits, the doors open at 2pm, giving you plenty of

time to look around and have some refreshments before the ever popular auction of donated exhibits at 4pm.

Finally, a reminder that our annual Cheese & Wine evening will be on Friday October 30th. 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

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Report on Third Traffic Hazard Public Meeting
A well attended public meeting took place On July 9th 2009 attended by Councillors, School Governors, senior Co-op management and RAF representatives. The purpose was to continue to seek ways of reducing traffic hazard near the Co-op in Walter's Ash, and speeding through the village. The Residents Association had progressed Cllr Richard Pushman's idea for a lay-by near the Co-op by asking the Defence Estates if it could release a strip of land for that purpose. Wing Commander Neil Sturtridge reported that in 1957 a Deed of Dedication was made handing over a strip of land for highway use, and this land may include the proposed lay-by area. If this is confirmed, funding and planning permission will be sought for the lay-by.

Cllr Pushman suggested a continuous white "no parking" line to prevent parking between the Co-op and blind bend north of the Co-op, agreed a "Slow" sign approaching the blind bend, and sought support for half-pavement parking bays south of the Co-op as an interim measure.

There continues to be a difference in opinion between the Highways Department and local residents on the amount of speeding in the vicinity of the site. Cllr John Gibbs agreed to have a Temporary Speed Indicating Device installed on Main Road for a fortnight twice a year. At present, we are told, a permanent SID would be too expensive.

Planning applications to 11 August 2009.

09/06105/FUL 19 Battingswood Gardens Naphill
Householder application for construction of side & rear extensions raising of roof, new dormer windows and replacement garage .Application **refused by WDC Planning Committee**

09/06238/FUL Dartmeet, Stocking Lane, Naphill
Alterations to roof and formation of covered porch to front, construction of single storey rear extension to bungalow and alterations to existing vehicular access.

09/06296/FUL Hillbrow, Coombe Lane, Naphill.

Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension.

09/06395/FUL Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Erection of 3 pylons to provide lighting to manege (6 lamps in total) until 8pm each evening (Residents Association object strongly to this light pollution and loss of amenity to neighbours. It is also contrary to Green Belt and AONB policies.)

09/06411/FUL 23 Vincents Way, Naphill
Householder application for insertion of 1 front and 1 side dormer windows in connection with loft conversion.

09/06479/FUL 5 Cherrycroft Drive, Naphill.
Householder application for 2 storey rear extension and enlarged dormer windows to front.

Finally, a reminder that the NAWARA Dinner Dance will take place on November 21st - full details next month.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Questionnaire

Half-Pavement Parking Bays

It was considered impractical to have full parking areas marked on the Main Road as this may cause further problems. An alternative proposal is to designate one half of the pavement as an allowed parking area with the rest of the space being marked on the road. This would ensure that the pavement retained an acceptable width and would prevent wholesale blocking. Such 50/50 parking designations have already been used elsewhere in the District. This proposal is potentially controversial and will not be acted on unless there is majority support in the villages. We therefore seek your views before further action is taken. Please e-mail as many views as possible to glorialeflaive@msn.com or fill in the form below and drop it in to Marek Pawlik at Poland House, corner of Ash Close.

Name.....

Address.....

My Views on Half-Pavement Parking Bays south of Co-op, Walter's Ash.

In favour?

Not in favour?.....

Other comments?

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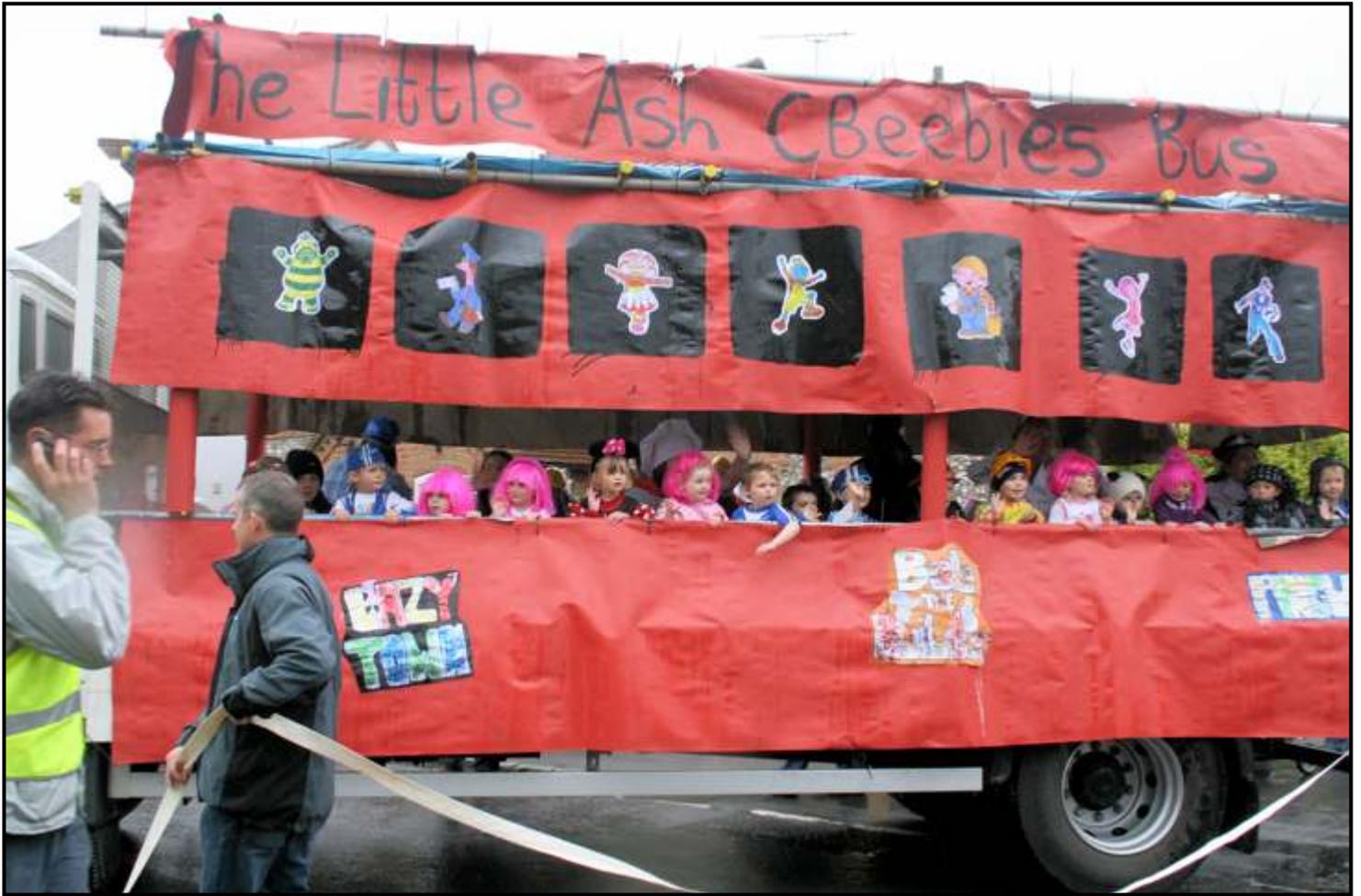
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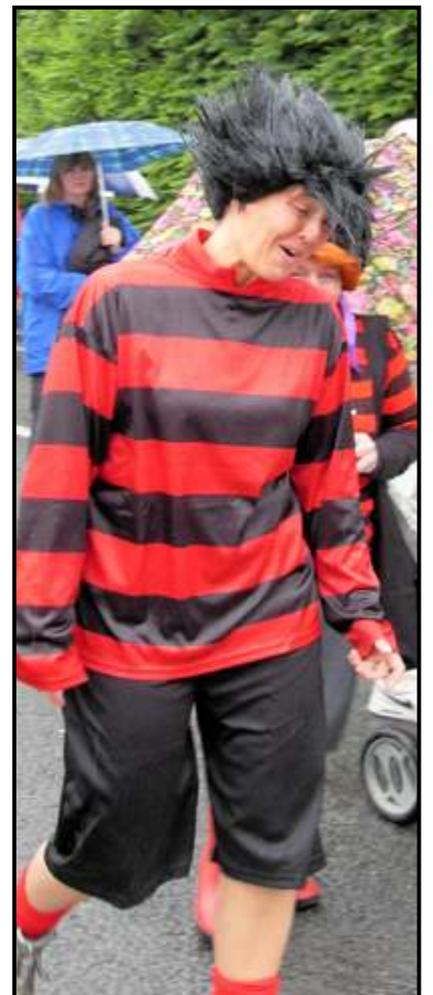
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The Fete - 6th June 2009

Many thanks to Ian Banks for these beautiful pictures.....





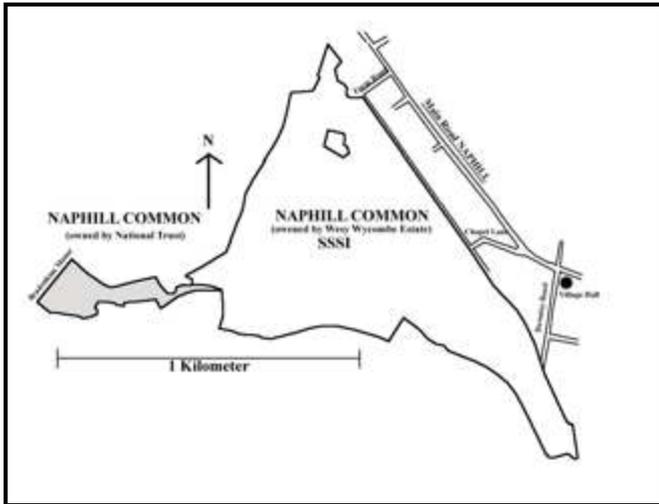




Friends of Naphill Common

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Following up the 1847 Tithe Map of Bradenham we can now confirm that the true boundary of Naphill Common extends on to National Trust land to include the open area around the Umbrella Tree and the woodland sloping down towards Bradenham, making the wall of Bradenham Manor the Eastern edge of the common. See the shaded area on the map.



Our programme of events continues to be a success. On Monday 20 July Ron Collins led the third Walk for Health. He writes: as on previous occasions the walk commenced from the Village Hall. A total of 13 people took part of varying ages - the eldest being 82! The walk was approximately three miles long and the group made their way through Naphill woods into Bradenham woods via "the umbrella tree". Having emerged onto Bradenham cricket green by the church we then crossed the road and entered the fields behind what was the youth hostel. Here we saw numerous Argentinean polo horses grazing in several of the fields. We then proceeded to climb up the right hand section of fields where we were able to look across towards the Risborough road and beyond - a beautiful view. Whilst waiting for some of the slower walkers to catch up the question was posed as to whether there was anyone present who was prepared to volunteer their services as membership secretary for FONC. To my great surprise a hand went up and Stephanie Morgan was immediately invited to the next committee meeting! So a very big thank you to her. Having reassembled we then made our way back to Naphill via Bradenham woods behind the officers' quarters, crossed the road and emerged on the track in front of the houses by Forge Road. The walk took about two hours and was enjoyed by all - many of whom have participated in all three of our walks and appear to have made it quite a social event (much female chatter all the way round!) I look forward to

leading more walks in the future - details will be announced in due course.

Twenty-two joined Dr Alan Showler on a Botany walk over the common on Wednesday the 5th of August. Some fifty different trees, flowers and shrubs were identified as well as various insects. Among the rarer finds was the impressive Hairy Bindweed unknown anywhere else in the locality.

Dr Showler also pointed out the small group of oak trees, home to a colony of the elusive Purple Hairstreak butterfly. Two ponds were visited including the one where Dr Showler first discovered the even more elusive and exceptionally rare Starfruit. Another rarity - a warm evening, made interesting.

At the time of writing the **Treasure Hunt** is yet to happen but I hope it turns out to be a fine day and a lot of fun. Future events include:-

- (1) **Sunday 13th September. Heritage Open Day Walk. 'Ponds and Ancient Sites'**. Led by Trevor and Philip Hussey. Meet at Naphill Village Hall for 2.30pm start.
- (2) **Wednesday 28th October. Common Fungi Foray**. Led by Derek Schafer and Penny Cullington from the Bucks Fungus Group. Meet at Naphill Village Hall at 10 am.
- (3) **October. A Tour of Naphill's Junipers** led by an expert. Details to be confirmed.
- (4) **January 2010 FONC AGM**. Speaker(s) at Naphill Village Hall open meeting. Details to be confirmed.

Trevor Hussey 01494 563767

News from 'Christians in the Community'

I do hope everyone enjoyed the summer albeit interspersed with rain and sunshine!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th October at the Naphill Methodist Chapel at 8 pm when we shall be planning the united service on the 25th October.

Norma Clarke

Fake Clothing Collections

Thanks to Alan Lewis, who has alerted us to leaflets that you may have had through your door asking you to leave out clothes for a charity collection. The latest one had the breast cancer pink ribbon. Alan was made suspicious by the fact that the leaflet contained lots of errors and then checked out the company who claimed to be distributing it to find that they were actually dissolved on 24 March 2009 and that there had been similar incidents in other

parts of the country with fake collections. The police have been informed. So before you donate - check that the collectors are genuine.

The Wheel

What shall we say about July and August, we probably shouldn't mention them. With the weather doing its best to keep people at home, we have had a fairly peaceful couple of months with nothing arranged. However we did welcome back John James Newman, from the Velvet Hearts for a brilliant evening of live music. Thanks to everyone who made the effort to leave the comfort of their own homes. Everyone enjoyed the night and couldn't help but to participate in the sing-along's (some more than others). We will be holding more live music nights and the next one is the 5th September so do come and join us.

In the spirit of fun and entertainment what a great time to mention our 2020 cricket match against The Whip which was an afternoon of interesting cricket mixed with beer and a BBQ at Lacey Green Cricket Club. Thanks to everyone who played and to those who came to support both teams.

Talking of The Whip it is that time of year again when we join forces and hold our annual joint Beer Festival. So this years Beer Festival will be held over the weekend of the 18th and 19th September (note no Sunday date, although ales may still be available in the pub)! We will have ales from the North of England and The Whip will have ales from the South of England and we are each allowed one island, so the selection of fifty plus ales and ciders between us is going to be fantastic with a huge choice. Live music from James Henton will be here as usual starting about 5.30pm in the Marquee on Sat 19th for everyone to enjoy, and from previous experience to join in. We are planning the hog roast for Friday evening but this may change so do call us to check or come in and ask while having a pint. So hope to see you all over the weekend for another fabulous Beer Festival.

I'm please to introduce you all too a few new additions to The Wheel family and also sad to say goodbye to a couple as well. Firstly the hello's go to Alex and Mi Mi (another Amelia) who joined us in July. We have also added 4 new chickens to the family who have settled in and are producing eggs even under the stressful conditions of two Labradors staring at them all day, they are not named yet so no formal introductions. We sadly said goodbye to Katrina who left in July as she is now a fully qualified physiotherapist and has a new job in London. Mel has also left to go back to Gloucestershire where the majority of her family are so good luck to you both and come back to visit soon.

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Looking forward to hearing from you

Wynyard - Wright & Ellis

Thanks, as always to all our customers who show fabulous support and I'm sure we will see you soon and to those who haven't joined us yet we look forward to meeting you.

Mark & Claire

Crime Prevention

The main method of entry by criminals into someone's home or into a business property is via tools and implements found at the location. The common method of entry into a house is the use of gardens tools, particularly spades and forks. This is due to the leverage that they provide. Please ensure that tools are securely locked away and

please ask your neighbours also to secure their tools. The police are discovering that on numerous occasions that tools are removed from a neighbours shed and used to break into another property nearby. Please spread the word.

Sgt Andrew DEANE - Neighbourhood Police Team

Criminal Damage, Naphill.

My wife was briefly parked along the main road through Naphill on a Friday night in late July, about 19.30pm, delivering a birthday card when a very aggressive chap walked past, objected to her parking and smashed her wing mirror off with his hand! Sadly, she was in the house at the time, so she didn't see him do it. However, her 14 year-old nephew and his younger cousins, along with their father, did see it and they were somewhat frightened by the experience. By the time my wife was told, the chap was long gone. I did drive around to look for him but by the time I did that, another 15 minutes had elapsed and the coward was nowhere to be seen.

He is male, grey hair, about 50-ish with a black Labrador. He came from the direction of 'The Wheel' public house, on that side of the road, heading towards Wycombe direction.

The smashed mirror glass cost £55 to replace.

The assailant must have a very bad temper indeed but that still doesn't give him the right to go round smashing others' cars. I would imagine that he has done it before, so if anyone else has suffered a similar fate, then perhaps it will help identify the perpetrator. I think he needs to be stopped before he attacks someone, he was clearly spoiling for a fight. I just don't expect this kind of behavior in Naphill.

We hear so many negative things about the "youth of today", yet this was a man in 50's, frightening children and committing acts of criminal damage. Hardly an example to follow.

Any information would be gratefully received by me or the local police.

Name and address supplied - please contact the Editor if you have further information

Thank You

I would like to thank the Lacey Green Singers for staging concert versions of *Below Stairs* on 20 and 21 June and more especially for raising over £540 for Cancer Research UK. The two evenings – at Piggotts and Naphill Village Hall – were the first concert performances of the show. For anyone interested, the Apollo Players are putting the musical

Hughenden Church Teas

Why not come and sample our home made cakes with a cup of tea or coffee whilst enjoying the views from the historic Church House in Hughenden Park.

Open every Sunday and Bank Holidays through to October 18th

2.15pm - 5.15pm

Midweek group teas by prior arrangement

on in Newport, Isle of Wight, for ten performances in December, again raising money for the charity.

Alan Lewis

Wanted - Help With Carriage Driving

Disabled person who loves carriage driving is looking for someone to accompany her and enable her to continue with her passion. No experience necessary, just common sense, but a love of animals would be an advantage. If you are interested contact Jo for more information on 563449.

Thames Valley Farmers' Market

The new High Wycombe Farmers' Market will be launched on Saturday 19th September in Frogmore and be held every third Saturday of the month from 9am to 1pm. Everything sold at the market will be grown, reared and made by the people selling it. For further information go to www.local-flavours.net.

The Hungry Gap

(Editor's comment - due to space constraints this month I have included an abbreviated version of Mike's article, however the full version is available on the Naphill Horticultural Society web site)

It grieves me sometimes, in late autumn or winter, to see whole allotments, or parts of allotments, dug over for the winter. My grief is not just because I am a no-dig gardener. Those allotmenters will be missing out on all the produce which could be harvested during the winter months. Some crops such as overwintering onions, shallots and garlic are much better if planted out on the first of October then left to grow throughout the winter. Since plants generally will continue to grow if the temperature is above 42°F (5°C), and since our winters seem to be getting warmer, then winter should be increasingly regarded as a growing season for many types of

crops. However, I said “my grief is not just because I am a no-dig gardener”, so what is the other aspect? It is the hungry gap.

The hungry gap is that part of the year after winter, from about the end of March to the end of June, where there is nothing much around to eat. The winter crops have finished and the spring sowings have not yet produced their crops. So how do we fill that gap? What can we grow in that period to provide the fruit and vegetables we need?

The first thing we can do is to prolong the cropping season of the traditional winter vegetables. Carrots, underground beetroot, swedes and parsnips can be left in the ground and cropped into April. Sprouts and purple sprouting broccoli should crop well into April, and there are some varieties of winter broccoli and winter cauliflower which will crop into May. Red cabbage should be available until May and is delicious raw in salads. Chinese mustard “green in snow” seems to survive any amount of frost, as do salad leaves (polycross), winter purslane (claytonia), wild garlic and perennials salad burnet and lovage. Watercress and lamb’s lettuce can be grown overwinter in the greenhouse and cropped in the hungry gap. Radishes and delicious early turnips should be available from mid-May. A few crops can be stored, such as garlic cloves which will keep well into July. As for spring onions, one of my

favourites is ciboule, a perennial spring onion which is available all year round but is especially nice in spring. Spring cabbage is a must – but sow only a few! My spring cabbage plants this year measure up to three feet across and have been available from early June. Leeks can be cropped from autumn until early June.

The second thing we can do is to advance crops sown in, say, March, by covering them with fleece, so that they will crop early, such as various types of lettuce and radishes. This also applies to early potatoes – I plant them under fleece in mid-March and am eating my first early potatoes at the beginning of June.

The third thing we can do is to grow perennial vegetables and cover them with fleece to bring them on early, such as asparagus (available from early April), sea kale (covered with impermeable black polythene sheet and cropped from April onwards) and Good King Henry.

And what about fruit? Rhubarb can be brought on under black plastic sheeting and should be available from March. Strawberries can be hastened under fleece – I pick my first strawberries in early May. However, for other fruit one has to rely on the freezer. Raspberries freeze extremely well, as do gooseberries and cherries. Pears and plums can be bottled and consumed in the hungry gap.

What about exotics? I have developed techniques for growing chicory and so that I can crop it right through the winter and sea kale from March. See the full article for further details. Another winning vegetable is Swiss chard, variety silver chard. Silver chard produces a crop in the autumn – broad white stems which are prepared like asparagus and surrounding green leaves which can be prepared like spinach. However, silver chard comes into its own in the spring when fresh leaves appear which can be cropped from early March to mid-June. Silver chard is a real winner and a wonderful filler of the hungry gap.

The overwintering onions should be available from mid-May, as should early, immature garlic. Perennial Welsh onions should be available from mid-April. As for herbs, perennials marjoram, tarragon, sorrel, thyme, rosemary and sage should be available throughout the hungry gap and the first sowings of parsley should be available from mid-May. Basil, parsley and dill can also be grown on a windowsill and be available in the hungry gap.

So you see, the hungry gap does not really exist. One can eat from one’s garden or allotment all year round.

Mike Mason



**Guides &
Brownies
Jumble Sale**

**Saturday
3rd 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
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Community First Responders

Do you want to make a difference and give something back to the people in your local community when they need you the most? You could make a difference by providing emergency life saving skills to a member of your community until an emergency ambulance arrives.



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When the ambulance service receives a call in an area where there is a responder available and if the call is suitable for a volunteer to attend, the responder will receive a message on a mobile phone alerting them to the call. Responders are not sent to all 999 calls in their area, only the life threatening calls where time can make a difference. Also, their safety is our priority, so they won't be sent to fights or car accidents for example.

The initial training is done over 2 days, normally a weekend, and gives the responder the skills to use in real life situations, as well as training on the equipment used. There are monthly update and refresher courses that responders can attend to keep their skills and confidence at the highest level.

Most responder schemes work in groups with a volunteer coordinator to arrange an "on call" rota so all the responders within that scheme do as much time on call as they want to commit to, without affecting their work and family life and their other commitments. The personal rewards are great and the knowledge that you have helped save a life is almost indescribable. In order to remain an active responder, all that is asked, is that you attend a short refresher course and assessment in performing

resuscitation and using a defibrillator every six months, although most of the existing responders do a lot more.

All you need to join is to be over 18, have a full driving licence, pass an enhanced criminal records bureau check and be willing and able to give up some free time to help your community.

There is currently only one responder group in the Naphill and Walter's Ash area, and that is me! We desperately need more volunteers so that we can provide cover for more of the time. Whatever time you can commit, however small will help. If you don't fancy the idea of attending an incident personally, we need volunteers to help organise the rotas and help raise funds and awareness of the scheme, there are lots of ways that you can get involved and help, so if you are interested please do get in touch.

If anyone would like more information, feel free to drop me an email or give me a call, you would be very welcome to pop round for a chat over a coffee, take a look at the kit we use and ask any questions. I can also put you in touch with the correct person at the South Central Ambulance Service so you can apply to become a responder.

I look forward to hearing from some willing volunteers!

Contact: Chris on 01494 562355 or email chris@nonanet.co.uk

Naphill Horticultural Society

Autumn Show

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL



Saturday 5th September

2.00pm

Flower, Vegetable, Domestic
& Childrens Classes

Refreshments

Raffle

Auction of Produce 4pm



Festival Programme 2009 10-19 September

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7.30 to 9.30pm, Thurs 10, Fri 11 & Sat 12 September

Speen Festival Marquee Licensed Bar

Tickets: £8, £4 16 years and under

A fabulously entertaining, musical retelling of the Hans Christian Andersen story 'The Ugly Duckling'. This Olivier Award-winning show features a host of crazy farmyard characters including an ugly duckling who discovers his inner beauty when he becomes a swan. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd. Book and lyrics by Anthony Drewe. Music by George Stiles. Advance booking essential.

Creative-writing Expo

10-20 September

Speen Chapel Free entry

An exhibition of local writing: a collaboration with Speen & North Dean News.

Photographic Exhibition/Competition

2.00 to 5.00pm, Sat 12 & Sun 13 September

Speen Village Hall Free entry

Be inspired by six highly skilled photographers from Speen who will be exhibiting a themed collection of work, some of which will be available for sale. And why not take part in our competition for adults and children?

Visit www.speenfestival.org for competition details.

Festival of Food

11.00 to 4.00pm, Sunday 13 September

Speen Festival Marquee/Playing Field Tickets: £2 Adults, Children free

Celebrate the fabulous food of the Chilterns at our very first Festival of Food. Sample a diverse and delicious range of local fayre, indulge in a glass or two of your favourite beer or wine and feast your eyes on an array of tempting culinary demonstrations by local producers and chefs. Check out the children's food competitions on www.speenfestival.org.

Cosmic Quest: A History of Astronomy

7.30 to 9.00pm, Sunday 13 September

Speen Festival Marquee Licensed Bar

Tickets: £5 Adults, £3 Children

Internationally-acclaimed astronomy experts, Heather Couper and Nigel Henbest will be discussing the people and personalities who have shaped our vision of the cosmos. From the moment the universe was born, via the Aboriginal astronomers of 40,000 years ago, through Omar Khayyam, Copernicus and Galileo to the present day quest for alien life – prepare for an evening of spectacular imagery and fascinating insights.

Heavens and Earth and In Between

8.00 to 9.30pm, Monday 14 September

Speen Chapel Refreshments available

Tickets: £9 (incl a glass of wine and canapés).

An evening of voices and music. Readings from the 17th Century into our own times; music from local stars, Alexandra and Charlotte Reid (violins) and Sam Laughton (harpsichord). Programme includes homage to Henry Purcell and poems, politics and prose from the Chilterns.

Wildlife Fun for Families

4.00 to 6.30pm, Tuesday 15 September

Speen Festival Marquee

Refreshments available

Tickets: £1 Children, Adults free.

Where do bats live? Could there be snakes in your garden? What's in an owl pellet? Take your family on safari in Speen and uncover the secrets of your natural world. For children upto 12 years old. Children's tea at King William IV pub (not in ticket price).

Wild about Speen

8.00 to 9.45pm, Tuesday 15 September

Speen Village Hall Refreshments available

Tickets: £3 Adults (incl a glass of wine) £1 Children

A fascinating photographic presentation and exhibition about wildlife in Speen and environs by local wildlife expert Peter Symonds.

Jazz Concert 'The Irving Berlin Story' SOLD OUT

8.00 to 10.45pm, Wednesday 16 September

Speen Festival Marquee

An evening of jazz by the Martin Hart Quintet.

Science Matters

8.00 to 9.30pm, Thursday 17 September

Speen Festival Marquee Licensed Bar

Tickets: £5 Adults, £2 Students

Healthcare, food, energy, the environment – all contentious issues facing society today. What are your views? And where does the scientific community stand? Come and join the debate at Speen's own take on Question Time. Our discussion panel will include Dr John Emsley, author and former science writer in residence at Imperial College and Cambridge University; Dr Robert Trezona, Head of Research and Development at The Carbon Trust who is an expert on how technology can help us deal with climate change; and Professor Chris Lamb, Director of the John Innes Institute and international expert on agriculture and food. Email questions by 10 Sept to director@speenfestival.org

Speen Big Sing!

6.00 to 7.30pm, Friday 18 September

Speen Festival Marquee Free participation

The day that Speen turns up the volume to prove that singing is LOUD, PROUD and FUN! Come and join in a specially commissioned vocal work written by whacky and ingenious composer, Julian Allwood. To bring a group or for more information, email: director@speenfestival.org

Teatro Unfortunato – Snow Dreams

10.30 to 11.30am, Saturday 19 September

Speen Festival Marquee Refreshments available

Tickets: £5.00 Children, Adults free

This riotous children's theatre company is back with a captivating winter wonderland show. In the land beyond the fridge, our hero Pip discovers a world of polar bears, abominable snowmen and penguins so expect plenty of fun, silly songs and of course, lots of snow! Why not come dressed as a snowman or a polar bear?

Speen Bike Park Challenge II

2.00 to 5.00pm, Saturday 19 September

Speen Bike Park BBQ available

Tickets: £2 Children (incl BBQ), Spectators free

Test your skills on a variety of exciting courses and challenging obstacles. With three age groups (8-18 years), compete against your friends for awards and prizes.

Cabaret Supper - Reaching for the Stars! – SOLD OUT

6.45pm till late, Saturday 19 September

Speen Festival Marquee

Celebrate the finale of Speen Festival 2009 with one of the very finest forms of entertainment: cabaret!

Still hungry for more?

If you fancy a bite to eat during Speen Festival, then call Speen's King William IV on 01494 488329 for a special 2-course set meal from 6.30pm for ticket holders. For further details, see the pub notice board. And if you're still hungry for more rabble rousing, join us after Speen Big Sing! at the King William IV for some Festival Friday Folk!

Box Office

Booking forms are available from most local pubs in your area as well as the Tourist Office and Library in Princes Risborough. Please visit www.speenfestival.org or call the Box Office on 01494 488 637 to check availability on all events.

Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette



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Editorial

I have quite a full edition for you this month. There is plenty going on in our villages as we lead up to Christmas and I have been sent lots of letters and articles in addition to our usual columns, plus several photos which I am delighted to include.

Many thanks to the Guides who provided pictures of their recent camping trip for this month's cover. It looks like it was a whole lot of fun.

Speaking of gazette covers, I am now starting to plan the covers for next year so if your organisation would like to take a slot, or you have a good idea for a place or person to feature on a cover then please let me know.

Advertising space remains under pressure, a nice problem to have in these hard times!

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Forge Road	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm and 8.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

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- 9th Blood Donors - Village Hall 2pm - 4pm & 4.45pm - 7pm
- 16th WI Family & Friends Evening - Village Hall (Tickets required)
- 24th UTTC "Twelve Angry Men" - Village Hall (Tickets required)
- 28th FONC Common Fungus Foray - Village Hall at 10 am.
- 30th Horticultural Society Cheese & Wine - Village Hall 7pm (Tickets required)

November

- 7th Firework Night - The Crick
- 8th Remembrance Service - Village Hall
- 21st NAWARA Rock'n'Roll Dinner - Village Hall (Tickets required)
- 28th Christmas Fair - Naphill & Walter's Ash School 11am

December

- 5th Christmas Fayre - Village Hall

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Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Mondays 6pm
Community Police Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146
District Commissioner	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Guides and Brownies
Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332	
Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	562845	
Friends of Naphill Common	Trevor Hussey	563767	www.naphillcommon.org.uk
Gazette	Judy Whitehouse	562742	judy@judyq.demon.co.uk
Guides (Naphill)	Toni Green	562089	Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.45pm
Guides (Walter's Ash)	Toni MacDonald	565926	Thursdays from 7pm
Horticultural Society	Cathryn Carter	563233	www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770	
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888	Every 2nd Monday of the month at 8pm
	Hazel Vickery	563977	
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Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634	glorialeflaive@msn.com
School	Kerenza Gwynn	562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Mondays & Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
Surgery Pharmacy	Enquiries	565458	8am to 12.30pm 1.30pm until 6.15pm
Tennis Club	David Fletcher	532195	david@tvemf.org
	Sue Crooks	562539	Smcr2000@aol.com
Village Hall	Bookings	565604	mdbaclarke851@btinternet.com
Website	Andrew Wilmot		naphillvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk
WI	Nancy Hussey	563767	

County Councillor's Report

The darker evenings and shorter days are not always welcomed by our more vulnerable residents, especially those who live alone or in isolated communities. That is why I have been particularly interested in Telecare, a system which links to a local call centre that can arrange for immediate reassurance or assistance to those who live alone or in vulnerable circumstances. Telecare equipment links to a call centre in High Wycombe. If an incident occurs, an instant message is sent via the phone line and help can be called quickly. The simplest form of accessing the system is by a small pendant button which can be pressed to call for help. It operates for up to 50 yards from the unit so will operate in the average garden, and can be worn on a cord or as a wristband. It is waterproof and can be used in a shower or bath.

Any reader who is already in touch with Adult Social Care can speak to their care manager or occupational therapist about the scheme. If you would like more information on Telecare please contact 01296 383774 or you can phone me on 01494 564152. There is an easy application form to fill in and this will be followed by a visit to explain the quarterly cost, or outright purchase scheme, that is available and what financial help might be available to those applicants of limited means.

The county council's Cabinet has selected Covanta Energy as the preferred bidder to treat the county's residual waste for the next 25 years. The American-owned company proposes to build and operate an energy from waste (EfW) and materials recovery facility at Rookery South Pit, near Stewartby, Bedfordshire. Covanta already operates 40 EfW plants in the United States. The disposal of household waste is a major cost to our council tax payers and penalties for disposal in land fill sites are set to increase year on year. The energy from waste option is the most practical solution in the circumstances. Re-cycling targets are being increased in line with good practice and Buckinghamshire residents are already ahead of targets.

Parking issues and speeding cars are two concerns that dominate my postbag and I suspect will continue to do so, as there is no immediate solution available until all drivers drive within the limits. A recent speed check in Warrendine Road and Valley Road, Hughenden found a high level of speeding, in some cases, well above the indicated limit of 30 mph. Perhaps the related police prosecutions and resultant publicity might make drivers more aware.

On parking issues at Walters Ash, I am awaiting the results of the residents' survey, to see if a part solution might be found in allowing limited roadside parking by recognising "part on and part off" use of

the footpath, alongside the stores building, towards Woodcock Avenue.

Congratulations to Naphill as runner-up in the Village of the Year competition. This competition, sponsored by Calor, looks for community effort in the provision of local facilities and clubs. We are indeed lucky to live in such an active community with so much provided by a loyal band of volunteers.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Since my last report, I have had contact regarding the proposed temporary speed advice and have received good support regarding the concerns over speed. And in particular the attention of the adults amongst us, cycling on our pavements.

The Council has now appointed a new Cabinet member responsible for Finance. We are under pressure to deliver both cost savings, due mainly to the ever decreasing national Government support, and our pledge to maintain or even freeze Council Tax. Naturally, we are working hard for sharing services in particular the waste and procurement areas. Of course, the many Government initiatives, that while initially appear attractive, often require heavy scrutiny to both understand and deliver, with no money to deliver. The Council is left with both communicating the incorrect and/or disappointing news and worse still, unable to implement the so-called initiatives. However, there is lots of work to do. The Council does need to reduce overhead and certainly improve upon its customer service response rates, both initially and on going.

As usual, I am confident. We are working on further programs, that include the relocation of the running track, updating the memorial at the All Saints Church, which incidentally is tilting, and providing much needed impetus for people looking for work or returning. We are also in the process of the joint waste programme between all the Councils.

Within the ward, the situation at Cryers Hill, with the parking of the Ambulances, appears to have calmed, and I am confident there will be a satisfactory conclusion for all concerned. .

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

There is a nip in the air as I write and doubtless our 'barbecue summer' will have been forgotten by the time you read this!

The Planning Committee of the Parish Council continues to meet every three weeks throughout the

year. As you probably know, the Parish is a consultee in the planning process, making representations to Wycombe District Council. Very often the comments of WDC and Hughenden Parish Council are similar. When WDC officers recommend that an application be permitted, contrary to the opinion of the Parish, then a councillor will go to the District Planning Committee meeting and express the Parish views.

Recent applications to which the Parish Council has objected include a proposal to extend 5 Cherrycroft Drive; the new dormers would be out of keeping with the symmetry of other houses in the Drive and the proposed extension would overdevelop the site. The decision of the District Council is awaited. A decision is also awaited on the application for lighting of a manege at Hunts Hill Farm, to which the Parish has strongly objected.

The Parish objected to the proposed major alterations of 19, Battingswood Gardens on the grounds that the height, scale and bulk would be out of keeping with other bungalows in the cul de sac. I am pleased to report that this application has subsequently been refused by the District Council.

We are still waiting for comments from Wycombe District Council on our Village Design Statement which the Parish submitted for consideration six months ago. It is understood the planning department is overstretched.

The Parish is holding its second public meeting of the year at Great Kingshill School on November 4th at 8pm. The main topic on this occasion is Planning and we have a senior officer from Wycombe District Council coming to give a presentation on the application process, the criteria used to judge applications, etc. I have been present on a similar occasion and can recommend the content and quality of the information provided. We hope to see many residents from Naphill and Walters Ash.

Peggy Ewart - Chairman

Naphill Evening WI

It is hard to believe we are now into October; it has been a disappointing summer weather-wise, so how fortunate it was for the ladies, husbands and friends that they were able to enjoy their ramble on August 20th, finishing with an excellent and delicious meal at The Plough, Cadsden. Pity about the landlord! On September 17th, which was an Open meeting, we will have been 'Up the Amazon Without a Paddle and Devils Island' with Mrs B M Taylor. Again, this will be after we go to press, so you will be hearing about it in the next Naphill Gazette.

Pilates - Village Hall

I do hope I have finally got this right now! Apologies again to anyone who I have confused in the process. The Pilates bookings are:

Monday 9.30 am & 10.30am	Niki Gibbs
Tuesday 9.30 am	Sue Maynard
Wednesday 7.30 pm & 8.30pm	Sue Maynard
Thursday 5.30 pm	Niki Gibbs
Friday 9.45 am	Pyramid Health & Fitness
(Fitness pilates)	

Sue Maynard

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Now, going onto October 15th, it will be our Annual Meeting. Do come along, as we will also have a quiz, and the sales and book tables. Pam Smith will be providing the flowers, with Heather, Pat and Aileen doing the teas. A new WI year, perhaps with new members on the committee?

Friday 16th is our Family and Friends evening, sausage and mash supper followed by a fun auction and raffle in aid of Naphill Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights. So do come along and enjoy bidding for a good cause. Tickets price £6 must be purchased in advance and are available from Juliet. You never know you might pick up a bargain!

The Group Meeting this year is at Downley Evening WI, on October 20th at 7.45pm. Simon Brown from Bourne End Antique Auctions will be the speaker. It will be a good evening and there will be refreshments as usual.

We look forward to seeing you, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

After the summer break our club got together last month to be entertained by Sally Botwright. She didn't disappoint us with her very professional presentation on LONDON ODDITIES. She gave us a really interesting insight into a different side of our capital.

Another year has nearly flown by and on Monday, 12th October we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. The brief business will be followed by an illustrated talk entitled ORKNEY, SHETLAND

ISLES, PAPA STOUR and FOULA. Tea hostesses will be Margaret Bracey, Mary Pawley, Edna South and Edna Chamberlen.

As I wrote in last month's Gazette, our December outing has been finalised and on Sunday afternoon, 6th December, we are off to the South Bank Centre to attend A CONCERT OF FESTIVE MUSIC BY THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA and afterwards we will drive through London to see the Christmas lights. Tickets are £25 for members and £27 for guests. If you would like to join us please contact Sheila on 562888.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

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238 Main Road, Naphill

Starts 12pm both days.

Refreshments

Available early - enquiries please phone

01494 566064.

Look forward to seeing you there.

News from 'Christians in the Community'

Just a quick reminder that our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th October at 8 pm at the Naphill Methodist Church. All are very welcome to attend.

Norma Clarke

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

We started our meeting with a discussion on the future of the Christmas Tree lights. As you know the traditional light bulbs that we used for the tree are now no longer available. The tree is growing and the cable has become too heavy and unwieldy for the tree climbers to manage without becoming exhausted - not the best when you are so far above the ground in the chilly weather. So the time has come for a drastic rethink on how to light the tree.

Mike Mason has put in a lot of research and has found bulbs that look to be suitable. We would have a series of 20 "garlands", which would be easier to handle than the long one, and bulbs in a mixture of white, amber, red, blue and green. We have looked a sample garland of bulbs, in the dark in Mike Leggett's garden, and they seem to fit the bill. It was unanimously agreed that we go ahead with purchasing this new system as none of us wanted to stop lighting the tree, I'm sure you will agree. The tree has been such a wonderful feature of Naphill and Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without it.

It is obviously going to cost – about £2,500, A couple of fundraising events are in the pipeline to help with this. Do please support them and if you would like to sponsor a garland of bulbs at £45 please contact me (563479) or another member of the Village Hall Council.

The kissing gate leading onto the Crick opposite The Wheel is due to be replaced by a nice new wooden one. This is being donated by the relatives of Alan Fry in his memory. Many thanks to them.

We were again runners up in the Buckinghamshire Village of the Year competition. This competition is judged on the facilities the community offers all its residents. We have been presented with a framed certificate which you will see hanging in the Hall shortly. Next year we must try for the top prize as that involves a cheque as well as a certificate! It is nice to have our community recognised by outsiders and it might put the house prices up!



Sarah Bacon, Hazel Vickery and Richard Pushman receiving the Village of the Year Runner Up certificate

We are investigating getting the hall properly insulated before we sort out the heating. This will obviously be expensive initially but should save money in the long run. We will investigate grants but will still have to find considerable funds ourselves. This past year both the fireworks and the fete suffered at the hands of the weather. We pray for better luck this year as we really do need the boost to our funds. Next year's fete is under threat unless we can find organisers. Ted has done a wonderful job for the past few years, but needs a successor. Please come forward if you possibly can. There is plenty of support for you. We really can't let the fete die. Talk it over amongst your friends and see if you can possibly take it on.

The next fundraisers we have planned are:

- **A play on 24th October - tickets from John Harris**
- **Fireworks on 7th November**
- **Concert by The Lamphouse Singers on 28th November in aid of the Christmas Tree Lights.**
- **Christmas Fair on 5th December**
- **Ted's quiz on 26th February**

Do come and support us.

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

Naphill Theatre Club

I am delighted to welcome Ubiquitous Touring Theatre back to Naphill Village Hall on Saturday 24 October to perform *Twelve Angry Men*. It is a taut drama set in a jury room where one man's life hangs in the balance and one man stands alone against eleven until the personalities reveal themselves and the prejudices unravel. Many of you will have seen Henry Fonda as juror number 8 in the brilliant film version.

Tickets will be £8.00 each which includes a cheese supper and the bar will be open as usual. Please arrive by 7.00 for a 7.30 start and pay on the door.

We have had the pleasure of seeing many superb productions by the Ubiquitous Touring Theatre over many years now and this will be no exception. Please telephone me on 562099 or Cathryn Carter on 563233, to reserve your tickets as soon as possible.

John Harris

News from our Local Historian

Back in August I had a call and a visit from Tony Monks who was brought up in Naphill. He married an Australian girl and emigrated to Australia but was back in England for a holiday staying in Naphill. He was interested in tracing his old friends in the area. Someone said go and see Pam Smith.



Pam Smith and Tony Monks August 2009

We had a long afternoon together and I was able to show him some things from my exhibition of Naphill and Walter's Ash. He was excited on the cricket photos as his father Stan Monks was the Captain of our well known cricket team (which we have no more).

Mr. And Mrs. Monks lived for sometime in a cottage at the end of Forge Road (was called Short Lane at the time until Pam asked for a road name to be put up when building our bungalow there and was told it should be Forge Road). From there Mr. And Mrs.

Monks moved to a bungalow on the corner of Clappins Lane and Stonefield Road. Mr. Monks worked in the office of Smith & Sons, Walter's Ash. I thought people in the village would be interested in a 1946 photo of Middlesex versus Naphill at a Leslie Compton benefit match at Naphill Crick. In this photo is Leslie Compton and Bill Edrich with many of the village folk including Stan Monks (father of Tony Monks).

The same week of Tony's visit I had a phone call from a lady who was travelling from an Aylesbury meeting through our village tracing some of her relatives who lived in Hunts Hill. She had stopped a couple of people to ask about them and was given my phone number to ask questions. I was surprised when she said their name was Newell and we were both so excited as our family line was the same. I said was it Joseph George and his wife Sarah and daughter Ellen because they are my great great Grandparents living there back in 1861 time and were also hers.

Joseph George died aged 71 years (born in 1797) and Sarah aged 81 years (born in 1794) and both are buried in Hughenden churchyard. Their daughter Ellen was a Sunday School teacher at Hughenden Church. She died in 1912. She has a gravestone near the old almshouses now used as tea rooms and at other occasions by the church and in the 1901 census she is a teacher of music in Hunts Hill Lane. I keep the gravestone tidy. She must have been at the church when Benjamin Disraeli was at Hughenden.

My newly found relative has since travelled down from London to see me. We spent a long afternoon and evening time swapping all our family history and are planning another get together soon.

All family historians will appreciate what a wonderful surprise this has been for me.

Pam Smith



Leslie Compton Benefit Match 1946 Middx v Naphill

In no order:

Bernard Smith
E. Bowell
H. Janes (Umpire)
Stan Monks
Brian McQueen
Frank Stubbs
David Johns?
Bill Edrich (first middle row)
Ralph Lacey
Albert Brown
Leslie Compton (last middle row)
Don Coleman

Some names missing



Firework Display

Saturday

7th November

On the Crick

BBQ and bar from 6.00pm

Fire lit at 6pm

Display at 7pm approx

BBQ run by Sports Club

Pavilion Bar run

by Men's Club

Mulled wine

Soup

Tickets available from

Costcutters, Co-Op, Black Lion,

The Wheel or phone 562770

In advance

£5.00 adults, £1.50 children

On the night

£6.00 adults, £2 children

Under 5s free

Please note: NO sparklers allowed

Firework Night

Material for the bonfire can be placed on The Crick up to a week in advance. Please DO NOT leave anything in the car park as it can cause an obstruction and takes too long to move on the day. Many thanks.

Andrew Wilmot

Naphill Horticultural Society

<http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk/>

Cheese & Wine Evening

Friday October 30th

Naphill Village Hall

7.00 for 7.30pm

Tickets £9.00

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 30th** in the Village Hall.

The evening will start with an illustrated talk by Naphill-grown talent Dave Talbot who will introduce us to the wildlife of Kenya and the Masai Mara. A fascinating subject for any of us who can only dream of visiting such places.

At around 9pm we will 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.

Lastly, a huge thank-you to those of you who took part in our recent Autumn Show. The entries were superb, despite the weather.

The whole day was enormous fun, and the excitement in the afternoon when exhibitors came back to see how their entries had fared was almost too much to bear!

Our particular thanks go to those who were entering for the first time, many of who won prizes, and I hope have now realised that it is not a scary thing to do at all. Well done to all of you.

Whether you were an exhibitor, a viewer, or a buyer at the auction you helped to make it a great success.

See you all on the 30th.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Annual Rock'n'Roll Dinner Dance

Naphill Village Hall

Saturday 21st November

As the festive season approaches its time to book the 21st November to join old friends and new for a tremendous evening dancing to live music from the 60s, 70s and 80s played by Geoff Jolliffe's celebrated Trampoline (Late Edition) Band. If it's just eating and drinking you are interested in then you are also superbly catered for with a terrific two-course meal and a well-stocked bar that suits everyone's requirements. Bar opens at 7.30pm. Money raised goes to the Association to help fund local residents' causes (so please don't bring your own booze!) Tickets still only £22 and available from Carole 563508, Liz 562697, Gloria 563634, or Susan 564370.

Traffic Hazard, Walters Ash.

Questionnaire on Half-Pavement Parking Bays south of the Co-op. This appeared in the September Gazette but received nil response.

Land for a Lay-by south of the Co-op. We should shortly have an answer from the Defence Estates regarding the 1957 Deed of Dedication and possible availability of land for a lay-by.

Planning: Update on 09/06395/FUL Manege Floodlighting at Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill in unlit AONB countryside. This application has attracted an exceptional number of objections (around 100), from the Chilterns (AONB) Conservation Board, Hughenden Parish Council, the Residents Association, and numerous individuals, on grounds of policies, prejudice to the AONB, its wildlife, the local night sky and gross intrusion on residents. Several people felt it was the interests of one household versus the village and wildlife. A decision is awaited imminently. All the letters re. 09/06395/FUL are available for viewing on Public Access Wycombe DC Planning website.

Date of Next Meeting: 8pm. Thursday 8th October 2009, Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

Now that we know that Naphill Common extends to the boundary of Bradenham Manor, and so includes 'The Clumps', it seems appropriate to say a little about them. The Clumps, sometimes called 'The Rings', are a group of five (perhaps six) earthworks situated on the narrow piece of land at the

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Looking forward to hearing from you

Wynyard - Wright & Ellis

Bradenham end of the Common, owned by the National Trust. As you walk along the footpath H2 towards the Umbrella Tree and Bradenham, they are on the right. Each is roughly oval and consists of a low bank with a slight ditch on the outside. The largest is 29 x 24.4 metres and the smallest is 14.9 x 12.7 metres. The questionable sixth one is 12.2 x 11.5 metres and may be the remains of a pond.

The Clumps are a mystery and have been the subject of speculation and debate for generations. By far the most popular explanation connects them with the drovers, who brought herds of cattle from Wales and the West across the country to the

London markets, in the years before the railways made them redundant. The drovers needed to pasture their cattle overnight and, according to the theory, they enclosed them in the Clumps for safety. This story has been repeated many times, including in Rex Leaver's admirable book *Naphill and Walters Ash: Looking Back at Village Life*, published in 1999 to celebrate the Second Millennium.

Unfortunately this romantic story is unlikely to be true. There are several facts that count against it. First, the Clumps are so small: even the largest would hold very few cattle and would certainly not provide a significant amount of grass. Second, the bank is very low – quite unlike those used for enclosing livestock – and the tiny ditch is on the outside which indicates that, if it had any function at all, it would be to keep animals out, rather than in. Third, while the banks have been worn down in places where paths cross them, there are no signs of entrances. Presumably, the entrances would have been as wide as a farm gate.

So what are the Clumps? There is a clue in the trees. The Clumps have trees on their perimeters and in their enclosures and these are of unusual kinds. There are limes, horse chestnuts and ash trees; all species that are either found nowhere else on the Common or, as in the case of ash, found very infrequently. There are some oaks but they may have invaded from the Common. I suggest that the Clumps, as the name suggests, are 18th Century groups of trees. It was very common for landowners to plant trees in small circular enclosures to mark the edge of their estates or screen off their tenants' humble dwellings.

But, what about the drovers? Just behind the Clumps there are two long meadows, now very overgrown, which they may have used, or they could have simply grazed their cattle on the Common itself which was, at that time, open meadow land with a few pollard trees, and with the necessary pond for livestock. Dare I add that we need evidence to support the folk stories that told of drovers using Naphill Common? As you can see, these are contentious issues and they underline the need for The Friends of Naphill Common to encourage some historians to do some detective work.

Our **Treasure Hunt** did not attract many participants, but four teams enjoyed a sunny afternoon and the Yellow Jelly Bellies from Chinnor won the champagne by completing the quiz and hitting the ape with the most wet sponges. The children found the buried treasure chest and emptied it of sweets in seconds.

As I write the **Heritage Open day walk** has not taken place but the weather prospects look good.

The **Fungus Foray** will be on **Wednesday 28th October** starting from Naphill Village Hall at 10 am. It will be led by two experts from the Bucks Fungus Group: Derek Schafer and Penny Cullingham.

The expedition to take cuttings from our few remaining junipers has been moved to a date which is thought to be the optimum for success. So **Juniper Walk Sunday 17th January 2010**. Our **AGM** (with speakers) will be on **22nd January 2010** in the Village Hall. Details of both to be announced.

Trevor Hussey 01494 563767

Naphill Tennis Club



It has been a fantastic Summer Season of Tennis and the courts have been full of brilliant and enthusiastic players of all standards. Now it is time for the Winter Season, when the nights draw in and we all wrap up warm to play tennis. Please don't use winter as the excuse to not play as we still have matches to play. If any one feels there good enough to join the Naphill tennis teams and wants to play, don't hesitate to call Chris Keats on the number below.

Whilst we are a members' club, we always welcome visitors. Whether visitors want to play on their own, or with an existing member, we will always try to accommodate their wishes. All we ask is for a contribution to club funds of £3 per adult and £1 per junior (under 18) for the playing session.

As ever, if you want any more information about these or any other club activities or information, please call me on 01494 533112.

Chris Keats

Hughenden Church Teas

Why not come and sample our home made cakes with a cup of tea or coffee whilst enjoying the views from the historic Church House in Hughenden Park.

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2.15pm - 5.15pm

Midweek group teas by prior arrangement

Last opportunity until next Spring!



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Naphill and Walters Ash School Christmas Fair

The Naphill and Walters Ash School Christmas Fair is on Saturday 28th November from 1100 - 1400. Hopefully by now any local stall holders will have received a letter inviting them to come along, we have unfortunately mislaid last years list so are having to rely on memory. If you have not been contacted and would like to have a stall, or if you are new to the area and would like a table please contact Tanya Stevens Chair of WANSA on 563053. The cost of a table is £15 and all proceeds go to the school.

Thank You

A very big thank you to all those who supported our Tea Party afternoon on the 23rd July. To Norma and Betty who made endless cups of tea, those who manned the stalls, Elsie who organised the raffle and made £117 and others who provided cakes for the teas. It was a very successful afternoon and well supported by the residents of Naphill. £744.66 was the result including some donations which has been divided between Multiple Sclerosis and the Friends of Wycombe Stroke Club.

John and Sheila Veysey

Diversion Theft Warning

I have had a message from someone in the village who was recently the victim of a diversion theft in Morrisons. A girl caught her attention asking questions about the produce while another stole the purse. She asked that I pass on the warning to everyone not to get distracted when in crowded places and always keep your eye on your purse/wallet.

Judy Whitehouse

Dear Editor,

I refer to your article entitled "Criminal Damage, Naphill" in the September Gazette. Someone I know (Mr A) approached me after reading this article and said that the article referred to him. He was distraught that such a biased and un-researched article could be published in the Gazette.

Mr A would like to provide his story.

Mr A was walking quietly along Main Road one evening where the pavement is particularly narrow. A car appeared from nowhere, mounted the pavement and drove along close to Mr A startling him. This is not only a very dangerous manoeuvre but also against the Highway Code. Mr A challenged the driver regarding his bad driving and asked him not to park on the pavement. The driver refused and started to argue and cited other cars parked on the pavement. Just because there is another stupid and thoughtless person parked there, it does not make it correct to obstruct the pavement even more. After some time he became exasperated by the driver's attitude, and Mr A turned around to carry in his way. In doing so he accidentally bumped into the door mirror of the other car on the pavement bruising himself (he did not smash it off with his hand as was stated in the article - Mr A is not a wrestler or a gladiator). As we all know door mirrors are designed to recover from an impact so Mr A did not take much notice of it. From recollection the car was an old one and so the mirror was probably either weak or damaged previously.

The writer of the article in September's Gazette was not at the scene and has made some omissions from the story, some mistakes, and exaggerations, and has embellished it with his own musings. For example, he wrote "I imagine that he has done it before" - the writer can imagine anything he likes but it will not be factual and certainly not relevant to what actually happened. Also he claimed that Mr A frightened children; in this case I expect that the children were frightened by the driver who mounted the pavement and then sought to argue about it. I

could go on, but I think enough has been said for you all to understand my point.

I would ask the editor to be careful when publishing letters of this sort. A little research would have revealed that much of what the writer said was fiction, and not fact. It would have been better to entitle it "reader's letter" and then we would all have known that it could be biased.

Finally, perhaps I can make a plea to the majority of sensible and thoughtful drivers, not to park on the pavement as it stops people with children, buggies, wheelchairs from walking by, as well as being against the Highway Code. The police can also give you a ticket for obstruction which perhaps we should encourage them to do so. Apparently you can park on a grass verge but not on the pavement. We have a wide road and narrow pavements !

Horticultural Society Autumn Show

Please pass on my gratitude to all the team of the Naphill Horticultural Society and to all the members of the public who banded together to present the lovely range of produce at the Autumn Show.

The beauty and range of flowers, vegetables, produce, pictures and crafts was as admirable as in the past when I have only popped in to have a look. However, this year I learned just what a lot of effort, determination, enthusiasm and organisation skills is manifested by the group of people who worked so hard to make the day run smoothly. The putting up of the tables and setting the cloths and cards out, the cheerful greetings, the filling out of entry cards, the judging and organising of the prize envelopes and always the joyful cries of:

"Hello, are you alright?"

"Can I help you?"

"Is there anything you need?" made me feel very welcome and encouraged.

This was the first time I had been tempted to actually have a go and I am really glad I did. It was a pleasure to take part and be among a group of people who also seemed to enjoy themselves as they looked, studied and compared the entries while chatting to friends and neighbours and strangers alike.

The sheer joy of going to claim my prize has certainly 'hooked' me and I am now looking forward to entering future shows.

Thank you everyone who made this happen.

Suzanne Senter

Badminton

Are there any ladies interested in joining us for some not too serious games of badminton?

We are a small, friendly group who meet on Tuesday afternoons (1.15 to 3.15 pm) at Hughenden Village Hall).

Please contact: Jenny on 563085 or Nancy on 563767.



WANTED

A Village Fete next year.

WANTED

People to help organise it.

If no-one comes forward we will have no Fete.

Do you have a commitment to our village?

Do you enjoy the annual Fete?

Could you give your time and energy to help organise the Fete?

Could you organise the Grand Draw, or the procession or the stalls?

Please contact Sarah Bacon on 563479 or speak to anyone on the Village Hall Council, and pledge your support.

The Chiltern Society Walks

The Chiltern Society aims to conserve and protect the natural beauty, environment and heritage of the Chilterns. The Society's Rights of Way Group actively protects and restores open access land and public rights of way in the Chilterns — some 5,000 paths. It has surveyed every individual path and takes up irregularities with parish, district or county councils to preserve and enhance public rights. The charity has over 6,500 members and organises weekly walks and cycle rides, as well as volunteer

work parties to carry out footpath maintenance and other conservation projects.

We welcome non members to join our walks, it is an excellent way to meet our members and learn more about the work of the Chiltern Society. If you become a regular member of our walking programme, we would ask you to become a member of the Chiltern Society, to support our work in caring for the Chilterns. Dogs are welcome on the walk at the discretion of each walk leader.

Details of our walks can be found on our web site:

www.chilternsociety.org.uk/content/news-walks.php



**Guides &
Brownies
Jumble Sale**

**Saturday
3rd 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.

Out On a Limb

Recently, several highly literate members of the village (!) enquired why I had not written a light-hearted article for the July/August Gazette. The answer was quite simple – lack of time. Why? It stems from an incident which occurred at 2.52 pm on 28th May.

June and I were visiting our younger daughter who now lives at Wing, near Oakham in Rutland. We had driven up on Friday morning, enjoyed lunch and

were chatting in the conservatory when a telephone call informed Clive and Alison that a swarm of bees was available for their second hive. A few minutes later it arrived by car, clustered around the cut branch on which the queen and her bees had settled.

We then stood up to walk down the garden to watch the transfer of the bees to their new home. Bees are curious insects and the transfer is quite remarkable. A plank is positioned with one end resting against the entrance to the hive and the other on the ground. The swarm is placed on the “ground” end and immediately the queen despatches a group of scouts who walk up the plank (incredibly bees prefer to walk up a slope), inspect what is there, in this case a custom built home for bees, like it and report back to the queen. On hearing the good news that miraculously, their new accommodation is just a stroll away, the queen orders the swarm to take up residence and up they go, in this case all 80,000 of them, and settle in the hive.

Alas, we did not see this highly interesting incident because when we stood up at 2.52 pm, June wricked her right ankle and fell heavily, thumping her right arm against a heavy coffee table and breaking the humerus. An ambulance appeared in good time and after temporary strapping of the arm by the emergency team and the administration of morphine, we travelled to Peterborough Hospital in the oldest ambulance in the country, a real bone shaker. After the usual examination and X-ray procedures, the decision to operate was made on Saturday morning.

By 10am we were back at the hospital only to find that at the last minute the surgeon had decided that the 1/2 inch gap between the two broken portions of the bone could best be left to heal itself. Thus to our surprise we returned to Naphill to see the specialist at Wycombe Hospital two weeks later, who immediately ruled that the 1/2 inch gap would take at least 9 months to heal, which was quite unacceptable and an operation was booked for 18th June at Stoke Mandeville. And so it came to pass and as I write it is 12 weeks since the two sections of bone were pinned together (straight down the middle, top to bottom) with minimal indications of access at both ends and no sling to wear.

So why do I write about this minor epic of surgery? First to point out how two medical experts can disagree totally on the appropriate action to be taken even over a relatively minor break. Second, June is and I use the technical term, right hand dominant and her right arm has been largely useless for some weeks. Thus another right arm has to be pressed into service, namely mine! Consequently I developed a fair degree of competence at hovering, washing up, preparing

vegetables, hanging up washing, ironing etc. Indeed there appears to be no limit to my (temporary) domestic capability.

As you may now, physiotherapy is not available on the NHS when you need it most. The current waiting time is three and half weeks. June therefore paid for a private session after ten days, which was a complete failure. It was too ambitious and resulted in three days and nights of misery. Clearly pushing the pace of recovery is risky particularly when dealing with the not so young.

Now 12 weeks after the operation the arm is fine but the shoulder is still a problem. Progress is good and the domestic pressures on me have reduced rapidly. Looking back my particular *bête noirs* involved bed making and some aspects of work in the kitchen. I find making a double bed on your own is a real chore as you have to go from side to side to complete a good tidy job. A badly made bed is an abomination.

The kitchen posed many problems and could provide the basis for an article on its own! I would make special mention of Sunday lunch which is a testing experience. The main problem is, of course, timing. There is plenty to prepare but getting the various elements of the Sunday lunch to "peak" at the right time is a nightmare for a newcomer, or in my case and old comer! And as for making gravy that is the last straw and quite an epic in its own right.

Now Madam has progressively taken back most of the vital roles in the running of the house, I can catch up on the depressing garden scene. The weather has improved and my extensive hedges are now under control, grass likewise. But above all I have someone who doesn't just share my bed but shares its making. Life is good!

David Leith

SSAFA News

Week by week news of fatalities in Afghanistan hits the headlines - so many now that each report seems to have a matter of fact quality which does not do justice to the enormous and tragic significance it has for each bereaved family. The wounded, however severe their injuries, get even less coverage, although there have been some stirring reports about the ways in which the victims are coping with the loss of limbs or other permanent disabilities

And then, largely hidden from the public gaze, there are the very many cases of combat stress, of bereavement broken relationships, and of difficulties in re-settling into civilian life, now aggravated by an ailing economy.

Government has responded and is under heavy pressure to enhance its support for military and civilian victims of contemporary warfare but a huge part is played by the charity sector. In Buckinghamshire, The Soldiers, Sailors Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) is fully engaged in giving a wide range of practical, financial and emotional support to ex-service families.

Some 40 fully trained caseworkers are on hand to visit homes, consider very carefully the problems of the clients and arrange for appropriate support. We currently manage about 350 cases a year but want to reach out to more. Our charity provides for people of any age touched by any military experience in their lifetime. In Bucks it gains from a partnership with the Royal British Legion, which widens the sources of available caseworkers and financial resources.

We are now in a period of intense public awareness of the demands on our service families. If readers have been moved by recent events - perhaps reminded of the horrors of warfare by the passing of the last of our WWI veterans - there are three ways in which they might like to help:

1. by bringing SSAFA to the attention of anyone with military service connections who has fallen on hard times;
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3. by making a donation, or perhaps a legacy

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The Wheel

Firstly, we are extremely proud to let you all know that once again we are in the Good Beer Guide for 2010. Mark and I would like to thank the staff and the customers in helping us achieve three years of consecutive success.

In last month's edition we mentioned about our annual cricket match between The Wheel and The Whip, and due to our psychic powers we predicted that the weather and support was good. Well, I can now confirm that the weather was spot on and the support from the customers of both pubs and Lacey Green Cricket Club was fantastic. I am also glad to

inform you that The Wheel did win this year's cricket match, and everyone who attended helped raise roughly £250 profit from the clubs bar to go towards Lacey Green Cricket Club itself. We are all looking forward to next year's re-match!

With the recent introduction of live music into the pub, we have had fabulous support from all of our customers, we were very lucky to have Megan Henwood play at the pub in September; Megan is the BBC Young Folk Award Winner for 2009. Everyone who could get into the pub enjoyed themselves and I am pleased to let you know that she will be back on October 3rd. Talking of future dates here are some for your diary:

- **3rd October** – Megan Henwood from 8.30pm (Folk)
- **21st October** – Re-launch of Quiz Nights from 8pm
- **22nd October** – Matt Empson from 8.30pm (Rhythm & Blues)
- **23rd/24th October** – High Wycombe Rugby Club Beer Festival
- **7th November** – Naphill and Walters Ash Fireworks Night

We are pleased to let you all know that due to the fantastic turn outs we have for the live music, we will now be holding regular music nights, please look out for the A-Boards which will tell you when and who will be playing. Quiz nights will be restarting on Wednesday 21st October at 8pm and will be a regular fixture on the first and third Wednesday of the month. For those of you who haven't been, this is a fun evening for all to enjoy, prize money is won by raffle tickets (so everyone has a chance to win) and best team name will also win a bottle of wine.

During this month we will be introducing our new Winter Menu. Granny B's (My Mum) Homemade Soups will be returning, along with Curries and Winter Casseroles. So as the nights draw in and the temperatures drop, The Wheel is happy to ensure that you still have your home comforts with a log fire, warming food and bloody good beer! So we look forward to seeing you soon!

Cheers

Claire

Naphill Guides

Guides has started this term with the addition of three new girls to our unit. They were introduced to us on the first meeting of the term, with a slide show

(plus popcorn) of our camping trip at the beginning of July (as you can see by this month's cover we had a really great time). We have a few things planned this term including completing our first aid badge, a firework party, Ready Steady Cook (we might find some budding Nigellas!) and a trip to the cinema. In this term we also have the Jumble Sale on 3rd October, Remembrance Service on 8th November and our District Christmas Carol Service. We do have places in the unit at the moment, so if anyone is interested in joining Guides, please contact me on 01494 562089.

Toni Green

Naphill Brownies

It is an exciting time for the Brownies and Guides as we start the Centenary year of Girlguiding.

Saturday 5th Sept saw 13 Naphill Brownies joining 2,500 other girls from Buckinghamshire for our county Launch Party celebrations. It was a day of fun activities to do and watch. We tried everything from assault courses and circus skills to crafts and karaoke. Our girls were a credit to us as always.

This term we are working towards our 'World Guiding' badges. We shall be finding out about brownies around the world and hopefully even asking them about their experiences via some Brownie pen-pals.

As our older brownies turn ten and move on to Guides, we are able to welcome new brownies to join us. This term 4 girls have joined us and are being well taken care of by their brownie buddies.

Last term we also said farewell to one of our excellent young leaders, Ruth Passmore, who leaves us to go off to university. Ruth has been helping the Brownies for more than 4 years. We would all like to thank for all her help and her wish her well.

This half term we have lots to look forward to, with a Beetle Drive, a Cheerleading session and a visit to the caves. As well as the Brownies and Guides **Jumble sale on the 3rd Oct** – always carried out with true Brownie-enthusiasm. Do come and support us.

Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) 565571

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

I was appointed as the new Head Teacher at the school in July of this year, having been the Acting Head for two terms and before that the Deputy for four years. Before that I worked in Slough, which despite the description in John Betjeman's poem,

was a great place to work and is still a good place to live! Apparently, when the staff were asked what they wanted in a new Deputy the main reply was “someone who could take football” – the requirements for being Head were slightly more strenuous! I do take football and love ditching the suit and heels for football boots and a muddy tracksuit. I follow the fortunes, or as this season is going, the misfortunes of Ipswich Town – they were good when I was young and impressionable.

I love being outdoors and am really looking forward to promoting outdoor learning at the school. Our Reception classes now spend 50% of their time outside, whatever the weather, and cover the whole curriculum out there. Last term our Year 2 children spent a lot of time over in the woods and used the woods as a setting in a film that they made. I firmly believe that all children, but especially our younger ones, learn more when the lessons are ‘hands on’ and practical and that being outside appeals to them far more than being in a classroom.



The school greenhouse - made from recycled plastic bottles



The Year 5 Garden



Close up showing the plastic bottles threaded on bamboo canes

Our Year 5 children with the help and support of several parents and staff have built a greenhouse which was made out of recycled plastic bottles. They have also developed a garden area for growing vegetables and flowers. If anyone in the village would like to help us with the school gardens then please contact us, any ‘green-fingered’ help would be appreciated.

Kerenza Gwynn

Little Ash Pre-School

September brought significant changes for Naphill and Walter's Ash Pre-School. Firstly, the staff welcomed about 30 new children and, secondly, the parents' management committee all resigned their posts at the AGM as their children moved on to school. The new Committee would like to express their sincere thanks for all the hard work of the outgoing committee.

Every member worked voluntarily, devoting hours of their time to ensure that things continued to run smoothly. The move to new premises last September greatly increased the workload of the Committee.

Our thanks go to Karen Crinyion, Jane Lomas, Claire Goddard, Chrissie Owen, Charlotte Tindale, Hilary Spearing, Lucy Barber, Una McNamara, Sharon Booker and all the parents who helped at the Pre-School.

The theme for the first half-term at Pre-School is "houses and homes". Our website contains lots of information. It can be found at:

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Jackie Farrell

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

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Louise Lucas

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Editorial

Many thanks to Nina Downes for the fabulous photos on this month's cover. These feature some of the non-floral exhibits from the Horticultural Society Autumn show and demonstrate what talented people we have locally.

Thanks also to Ian Banks who very patiently enhanced Pam Smith's very old photo to make it

suitable for publication.

I always get very excited when Firework Night approaches, just something about that blazing fire, the smell of frying onions, the mulled wine and the glorious anticipation of the display. Of course last year it didn't quite work out as planned so fingers crossed for a glorious, crisp autumn day on 7th November.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday - Forge Road	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Village Hall	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm and 8.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
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- 8th Remembrance Service - Village Hall
- 21st NAWARA Rock'n'Roll Dinner - Village Hall (Tickets required)
- 28th Christmas Fair - Naphill & Walter's Ash School 11am
- 28th Lamphouse Singers Concert - Village Hall (tickets required)

December

- 5th Christmas Fayre - Village Hall

January

- 17th FONC Juniper Walk - details TBA
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Remembrance Day – Sunday 8th November 2009

Did we learn no lessons from the first and second world wars? It seems not for since then many conflicts have taken place somewhere in the world. Unfortunately war brings to our brave forces not only death but horrendous injuries.

In order that they may be helped funds are badly needed. Please do give as generously as you are able as tins and poppies are made available throughout Naphill and Walter's Ash.

Our own village remembrance service will be held in the village hall at 2.45 pm on Sunday 8th November and everyone is welcome. Thank you.

Valerie Pushman (564152)

County Councillor's Report

One of the more humbling experiences of being chairman of the county council is in meeting so many people in the voluntary services. There is no doubt that our society could not function without the untiring work of those volunteers who give freely of their time and effort looking after those less fortunate members of our communities. One such organisation is the "Young Carers", now recognised and better supported than was the case in the past. These young people, some as young as six, look after parents and siblings who are unable to care for themselves because of a physical or mental condition. These young people miss out on much of their youth, unable to have the usual parental help of the fetching and carrying enjoyed by most of our children. Now that "Young Carers" is recognised as a charity, it is able to seek grant funding to enable respite holidays and "days out" to be provided for these young people. It enables them to experience some normality in their otherwise very busy young lives.

On a similar vein I attended a presentation of "Canine Partners" at Chilton House, where I witnessed an amazing display of the help given, by trained dogs, to those confined to wheelchairs. It is easy to forget that pressing a pedestrian control button, or calling a lift, presents a problem to someone in a wheelchair. This is where dogs can be trained to carry out these tasks. They even assist their owners in taking off coats, pass credit cards to checkout operators at superstores, take washing out of machines and fetch the post and newspapers. They are truly remarkable animals that make their owners less dependent on carers, and give them a real sense of independence.

Pupils showed how much they care about their schools during a recent survey at local schools. Buckinghamshire County Council, working in partnership with the schools, asked pupils, parents, staff and the local community to comment on their schools. Over 1800 responses were received, including over 900 replies from pupils, commenting on

everything from the learning environment, the size of classrooms, dining facilities, toilets and changing rooms. The feedback will be used to help determine the priorities for investment in buildings and infrastructure, and should lead to significant improvements to school buildings in the future.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Since my last report, I attended full Council on 5 October, where members received a presentation on disability awareness. It is blatantly obvious that there is still a mismatch in understanding disability needs, in a world that seems to accommodate the able bodied. There is more we can do.

The Council is also battling hard with budgets and in particular, the relocation of the running track, which appears to be rather problematic.

I recently received a call regarding the collection times for the grey and green bins. The normal requirement is for you to place the bins outside **before 7am** on the day of collection. Apart from special circumstances and adverse weather conditions, there should not be any reasons for a change or cancellation. However, If your bin is not collected, you need to call the Waste Team by **4pm** on the day, on **01494 421415**. Alternatively, email wastecleansing@wycombe.gov.uk

Speaking of budgets, from 19 October, you will be able to access and take part in the Council's budget planner. An excellent application for **you** to decide your priorities for local service provision and spending. You will also be able to set your own budget that reflects your choices. Visit the website at www.wycombe.gov.uk.

In terms of additional meetings, I attended a Licensing Panel hearing on 22 October. Furthermore, did you know you can now apply online through the Council for a Licence, both long term and short term.

In November I plan to attend a Licensing committee on 5 November, followed by Remembrance Sunday events/services on the 8th. You will also receive a call soon from the Annual Poppy Appeal volunteers. Please give what you can. This would be much appreciated.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The Parish Clerk has received calls regarding the closure of Vincents Meadow while sheep are grazing there. This land has to be grazed from time to time in order to keep it in good order and to qualify for grant under the Stewardship Scheme. The intention is to share the grazing with another field in the Parish, Little Burnhams. Unfortunately Vincents Meadow had to be

grazed for longer than anticipated because of fencing work required elsewhere. Sheep could escape through the kissing gate so the Meadow has been closed off.

The Council intends to install a stile, with a dog flap, so that in future residents can walk their dogs all the year round. However, dogs MUST be on a lead when sheep are present in the Meadow. It is a delightful place to walk and we understand why people are keen to continue to have access to it.

John Morris, Director of the Chilterns Woodland Project, has been advising the Parish on woodland management and there will be some felling in Cockshott Wood. He is to produce a long term plan to guide future work in the Parish's woodlands.

Some of you may be aware of the Neighbourhood Action Groups which are being formed throughout the area. These groups are led by Thames Valley Police, in consultation with parishes, village halls and residents associations. Hughenden Parish used to be included within a wider grouping extending beyond the Parish boundaries. We are pleased that it has now been decided to have one NAG covering just our Parish. The public are encouraged to attend meetings, and to help decide upon local policing priorities. Speeding, anti social behaviour and parking have been identified as areas to be tackled and all have been addressed to some extent and to good effect. The work needs to continue, of course, so becoming involved with your local NAG in order to identify

priorities and to seek resolutions is a very worthwhile use of volunteer time. The first meeting of the newly formed NAG will take place shortly; time and place to be advised. I hope Naphill and Walter's Ash residents will want to get involved; your parish councillors certainly will be.

REVISED DATE:-

The date of the Parish Meeting, which I mentioned last month, has had to be brought forward from November 4th to Monday 2nd. It will be held in Great Kingshill School at 8pm. Alastair Nicholson, from Wycombe District Council, will be speaking on planning issues. His presentation is clear and very informative. I hope the Gazette reaches you in time to hear about this. Information is on display in the villages.

Peggy Ewart - Chairman

Naphill Evening WI

On the 17th September we went with Mrs B M Taylor "Up the Amazon without a paddle and Devil's Island." We were impressed with her wonderful narrative as we journeyed on and learned many things, especially interesting for those of us who would never go there.

October, a very busy month. On the 15th we have our Annual Meeting, where hopefully we will see some new faces on the committee and this year, a new president. Thanks to Nancy for doing an excellent job for the last 3 years. Following that on the 16th October, we have our friends evening where we hope to make lots and lots of money for the Christmas tree lights. We take cheques.....! October 20th is our Group Meeting at Downley Evening WI. The speaker will be Simon Brown from Bourne End Antique Auctions who, by reputation, is guaranteed to keep us entertained. Refreshments as usual and a chance to talk to other members of the various groups - another event not to be missed. Unfortunately, again, this all happens after we go to press, news next month in the December issue.

Now on to November, our meeting on the 19th is a talk by Dr Jill Eyres on fossils and how to become one (?) The competition is a fossil. Husbands and friends are welcome, so do invite them to come along. Joan Kearsy will be doing the flowers and Carol, Carol and Janet will be making the teas. To all our members who have not been well recently we hope you are now feeling a lot better. I (Jessie) am now signing off as your press reporter, (situation vacant !) so I wish you all good luck for the future and look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

Another year has passed in the life of our club and at our brief but businesslike AGM at our October meeting we looked back on a successful year in which we

Naphill Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 5th
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.

continued to flourish with over 70 members enjoying a variety of speakers and outings. Afterwards we were entertained by Mrs Gudge with her slides of Shetland, Orkney and some of the many surrounding islands. The stark, craggy coastlines were really beautiful and quite breathtaking and made one wonder why we so often travel South instead of north for our holidays ("the weather", I hear you muttering!)

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 9th November when Barbara Taylor will be giving an illustrated talk on THE LIFE, LOVES AND LAUGHS OF A BLUE BADGE TOURIST GUIDE. Please note that this is a different subject to the one previously announced in our 2009 programme. At this meeting money will be taken for our club's Christmas dinner and please remember to bring along your donations of bottles and tins for our tombola stall at the village's Christmas Fayre which takes place on Saturday, 5th December. Tea hostesses will be: Margaret Pearce, Nancy Hussey and Carol Armitage.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Firework Night

A reminder that material for the bonfire should be placed on The Crick up to a week in advance. Please DO NOT leave anything in the car park as it can cause an obstruction and takes too long to move on the day. Many thanks.

Andrew Wilmot

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

Have you seen and admired the new kissing gate? If not you can find it along Main Road just about opposite The Wheel. It looks great and a great improvement on the old rusty one. Many thanks to the family of Alan Fry who have donated it in his memory.

The pay phone in the Hall is expensive and we had a discussion as to whether it was really necessary in this age of mobile phones. As reception for mobiles is generally poor in the village it was felt that we should continue to pay the line rental and keep the phone. It can only be used for outgoing calls but might be vital in an emergency.

The equipment in the play area has had its regular check and was found to be totally satisfactory. The willow tunnel has been growing well and is due to have the straggly "whips" tied in

The front of the Hall has been painted and looks fresh and generally more loved. The memorial stone has also been cleaned and consequently the names of the fallen are now legible again. Many thanks to Sheila Draper for giving up her time to do that.

The Christmas Tree lights appeal has had a great response. Many thanks to those of you who have generously sponsored a garland of lights. There are

still garlands looking for sponsors - £45 made payable to Naphill Village Hall. We are trying to recoup the tax through Gift Aid as we are a registered charity, so if you would like to donate then give me a call - 563479 and I can give you a Gift Aid form to sign. It is a great testament to the team who are responsible for installing the lights every year that the whole village is so keen to keep the tree lit.

Our next fundraising events are:

- **The UTTC play - Twelve Angry Men on 24th October. Tickets from John Harris or Cathryn Carter**
- **The Fireworks - 7th November**
- **A concert by the Lamphouse Singers in aid of the Christmas Tree lights on 28th November.**
- **The Christmas Fayre with Santa's Grotto on 5th December.**

Do come along, enjoy these events and support us.

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

Naphill Horticultural Society

<http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk/>

As I write, it is still 2 weeks until our Cheese & Wine Evening, and once again we are sold out already. It never fails to surprise me how popular this event is, let's hope it is as successful as in previous years.

It has been another strange year for us gardeners, the weather never really made its mind up all summer, but we all persevere and keep trying to improve! One of the best ways to get inspiration for next year is to look through a seed catalogue (it also cheers up a dull winter afternoon). So, once again, we are running a scheme this winter to enable you to order seeds, plants, fruit canes, organic fertilizer etc. at greatly reduced prices- in fact, the more you spend, the more we all save. We will be using Dobies again this year, a long established firm with lots of experience in the seed and plant world. In the latest Gardening Which? Dobies came top of their seed supplier survey with an impressive 91% of seeds germinating in the varieties tried. The scheme is open to everyone, so if you would be interested in placing an order, let me know and I can get a catalogue and order form to you. All orders are delivered direct to your door.

Fete Photographs

Following several enquiries about obtaining copies of the fete photos featured in the September gazette I am delighted to tell you that prints are available from Ian Banks for a small charge to cover costs. Please email

ian.banks@btinternet.com

If you placed an order last year, you will automatically receive a catalogue this year. Happy browsing!!

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Saturday 21st November 2009 Rock'n'Roll Candlelit Dinner Dance. Naphill Village Hall.

Residents seem determined to enjoy themselves, judging from the speed at which tickets are being sold – a tribute to Geoff Jolliffe's tremendous Trampoline Band who specialise in music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Those who just come for the delicious meal can enjoy Main Event Cuisine's excellent two-course dinner, including a vegetarian option, with coffee to follow. Remember all money raised goes to the Association to help fund residents' causes. Bar opens 7.15pm, with dinner at 8.15pm. The remaining tickets at £22 are available from Carole 563508, Liz 562697 or Janet 564569. Get ready to rock from 7.15 onwards! A great evening to welcome newcomers and meet up with old friends.

Planning

09/6757/FUL 238, Main Road, Naphill. Erection of 1 x 1 bed attached dwelling with associated parking and insertion of 4 Velux windows to side and 1 roof light in connection with loft conversion to main dwelling. (Alt. to 09/06081/FUL. Approved in spite of strong objections on over-development and traffic problems). Objection to this appn. - extra bulk, urban features, over-development, incompatible roof redevelopment, out of keeping with existing properties, loss of amenity to neighbours. Addition of 3rd bedroom increases parking problems adj. to Main Rd., a strategic bus route and a priority access to HQ RAF Air Command.

09/6781/FUL Sania, Christopher Close, Naphill. Householder appn. For construction of two storey rear extension, roof extension and insertion of two roof lights in connection with loft conversion and relocation of existing conservatory to side. (Objection. Overlooking properties on Main Road, resulting in loss of amenity to neighbours.)

09/6854/FUL 2 Dene Cottages, Naphill Common. Householder appn. For the erection of workshop/sheds to rear for use as a workshop and to store garden equipment and bicycles.

Decisions. 09/06395/FUL Manege Floodlighting at Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. in AONB countryside. Refused.

Neighbourhood Watch. The Chairman of this NWatch area warns that when the clocks go back crime increases. Leave lights on when your house is unattended. Inform reliable neighbours when you are away. Don't leave anything valuable in your car by day or night. Covering up valuables in a locked car or



PLANT & HARVEST
Garden Centre Cafe Farm shop

A Taste of Christmas...

Thursday 19th November 6-9pm
Cafe open until 8.30pm

- Come along and join us for a glass of mulled wine or Chegworth Valley's Hot Spiced Apple Juice, whilst you sample our Christmas Food range.
- Try our Copas Very Special Christmas Turkey, and get 10% off any orders placed on the evening.
- Be inspired for gifts this Christmas by our extensive range of chocolates, gift sets and our new Stocking Filler Pick 'n' Mix.
- Come and see our new retro and old fashioned sweets range; Take your friends and family back to their childhood days this Christmas. (Or save up your pocket money to treat yourself!)
- Sample the Chiltern Valley wines and liqueurs – perfect for something special at Christmas.
- This year we are offering ready-made gift hampers, or make up your own and we will wrap it for you!
- Browse our Christmas shop with our unusual range of traditional and rustic decorations.
- Be inspired for gift ideas with our selection of unusual home and gardening gifts and planted arrangements.

And if all of that isn't tempting enough, we will be offering

10% off ALL purchases
made on the night!

Tel: 01494 438 635 www.plantandharvest.co.uk
Chorley Road, West Wycombe, Bucks. HP14 3AP



concealing them in the boot will not deter the suitably equipped criminal.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 12th November 2009. 8pm Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

Our not-so-sunny summer is shuffling off to be replaced, I hope, with a dazzling autumn. Naphill Common is already changing. The birch trees are the first to let go their leaves and soon the beech, field maples and cherry trees should give us a blaze of colour. The oaks are too dignified to go in for such flashy displays and the solemn yews don't even try. Perhaps the hornbeams around the edge of the common are the most subtle: the outer leaves turn a bright lemon yellow while, for a time, the body of the canopy remains dark green, as if to show off its artistry. Of course, the holly ignores the whole carnival but, in most years and if they are not too over-shaded, the female trees make up for it by a display of berries.



Firework Display

**Saturday
7th November**

On the Crick

BBQ and bar from 6.00pm

Fire lit at 6pm

Display at 7pm approx

BBQ run by Sports Club

Pavilion Bar run

by Men's Club

Mulled wine

Soup

Tickets available from

Costcutters, Co-Op, Black Lion,

The Wheel or phone 562770

In advance

£5.00 adults, £1.50 children

On the night

£6.00 adults, £2 children

Under 5s free

Please note: NO sparklers allowed

The bird population is changing too. The summer visitors are leaving. Sadly the list gets ever shorter. We lost the whitethroats, lesser whitethroats and linnets long ago as the last juniper and gorse scrub gave way to the march of the trees, but what explains the decline in woodland birds? This year there were plenty of blackcaps and a scattering of chiffchaffs but did anyone see or hear the once common willow warbler or a rarer wood warbler? There is a similar puzzle about the hirundines in the village: a few swallows remain but there are very few swifts and martins. Perhaps the decline of the farms from fourteen to none, together with the barn conversions, explains the loss of swallows and swifts, but why have the martins disappeared? Their nesting sites remain – even the signs of their mud nests still mark the eaves of the post office.

There are some compensating gains. Red kites now roost on the common; there are buzzards regularly soaring over the village and even sightings of ravens. Our resident birds are preparing for winter. For example, the local robins have started their winter songs: cold and tinkling as if, like Hardy's thrush, they can see what is coming. At the turn of the year you will hear their songs change to a much more warm and mellow tone, which speaks of spring. Soon the flocks of fieldfares and redwings will arrive from the North and East. How many come and how hungry they are will determine whether there is holly with berries remaining for us at Christmas.

Once the leaves have fallen and our satellite positioning device can see the sky, we will resume our survey of the veteran trees. Over the last three years we have covered about a third of the common and recorded around 380 trees over 2.5 metres in circumference. Whatever your interest in the common we hope you will enjoy it though the coming months – mud and all. Thanks to some of our members, the paths are better marked with footpath numbers and there are maps available for those who need them.

Future events will be advertised on posters and our website. They include:-

- A Fungus Foray, Wednesday 28th October 2009 starting at 10 am from the Village Hall. It will be led by Derek Shafer and Penny Cullington of the Bucks Fungus Group.
- A walk to see the last few junipers and collect cuttings, Sunday 17th January 2010 led by Andy McVeigh. Details to be announced.

Books Wanted for Christmas Fayre

Very good quality children's books needed for the small book stall at the Christmas Fayre.

Please contact Pauline on 564226 or Sally on 562281

- Friends of Naphill Common AGM, Friday 22nd January 2010 in Naphill Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm with a cup of tea or coffee. You are very welcome to come and hear speakers on the red kite and on a proposal to study and conserve our local orchards. It is also a chance for you to have your say. Please come.

Trevor Hussey 01494 563767

Naphill Tennis Club



The Weather is now drawing in and the temperature beginning to cool, Why not come along to Naphill Tennis club and get fit and keep warm, enjoy the friendly atmosphere of Sunday Club mornings or soon to be afternoons and play a game of tennis. We enjoy all levels of tennis from beginners to semi professionals, all are welcome. for more information don't Hesitate to Call Chris on 07979 574458

News - AGM 23rd November 2009

The Annual General Meeting of the Naphill Lawn Tennis Club will be held on Monday 23rd November at 8pm in The Wheel (opposite the recreation ground) in Naphill. The Committee has decided to hold the meeting there rather than the clubhouse to avoid having to find your way across the football field in the dark. We will have the use of a room at the back ,and as an inducement to people to attend, if you arrive before 8pm the club will pay for your first drink. The outgoing committee extends a warm welcome to ALL members to attend and have a say in the future of the Club. We are always looking for new committee members, and would welcome anyone willing to stand for election. If you are that person, or would like to nominate a candidate for the election, please contact the Secretary, Jenny Tench at normanandjenny@tench.me.uk or by telephone on 01494 565406.

Chris Keats

The Allotment

I am truly amazed that my allotment on the Walter's Ash site was awarded second place in this year's Parish competition. I am not at all surprised that Eddie Wilson came first, nor that he was top man in the whole parish. His pitch is always immaculate.

I did not think that my pitch was anywhere good enough to even be considered for an award. However my leeks are still running; my Brussels are sprouting; my beetroot are bolting; my potatoes were mashed; my beans ran and fell over; my peas have all podded; my cabbage are shredded; my spinach was squashed; my courgettes were sauteed; my marrows were stuffed, etc., etc. But the weeds are growing in profusion.

I know I will never beat 'Top Man' but I will do my best to keep up a good standard.

Mike Pool

The Wheel

I'd like to welcome everyone to a very special edition of the Wheel's article, as for this month the staff have been let loose to write something for you!

Let us take you way...way back to our joint Beer Festival with the Whip in September. It was a wonderful weekend packed with old and new faces, lots of drinking on both sides of the bar and a hell of a lot of work from the staff. So thank you to each and every one of you for your continuous hard work and enthusiasm throughout the whole weekend. We would also like to thank all the customers who showed support to ourselves, The Whip and the fantastic range of cheeses supplied by Les Roots on the Saturday afternoon.

Once again we were extremely privileged to have James Henton play for us on the Saturday in the marquee which was as energetic as Chloe was on coffee! The Hog roast, as always, was delicious and was devoured by hungry ale drinkers, and it was basically stripped to the bone by the end of the night. A big thank-you must be said to Martin the Butcher and to Granny-B for serving the hog roast to the many customers that evening. All in all the whole weekend was a success for both The Whip and for us at The Wheel as we both ran out of Beer Festival ale. So thank you to every one of our customers who showed us support and we really hope you had a fantastic weekend!

Bonfire night is now upon us, and we as staff have overheard it will be a good one. The Naphill and Walter's Ash Firework Committee and the RAF always put on a fantastic display over at 'The Crick' no matter what the weather will throw at them! Tickets will be available to buy here when you nip in for a pint or three. For those who don't venture over to 'The Crick' for the display, and are more than happy to sit in our beer garden, we will also be collecting money for the display. We will have the outside bar up and running along with mulled wine and homemade winter vegetable soup available throughout the evening.

Speaking of upcoming events, here are some more dates for your diary:

- 3rd November – Quiz Night
- 7th November – Naphill and Walter's Ash Fireworks Night @ The Crick
- 12th November – Live Music with Ben Lee from The Stone Saloon at 8.30pm
- 18th November – Quiz Night
- 3rd December – Quiz Night
- 16th December - Carol Singers @ 6pm – with mulled wine and mince pies

Last month we welcomed back the very talented Megan Henwood, the BBC Young Folk Award Winner for 2009. The whole pub was packed in support of Megan and those who managed to get a space in the front bar were left in awe of her style and performance.

The Lamp House Studio Presents

A LITTLE LIGHT MUSIC

An Evening of Song and Entertainment in Aid
of the Naphill Christmas Lights

Featuring

Former and Future West End

Performers

The Lamp House Singers

&

Other Talented Artists



**SATURDAY 28TH
NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM
AT
NAPHILL VILLAGE
HALL**



Tickets: £10 (including a glass of wine and canapés)

For information call: Beryl Gossage

01494 564665

Our Quiz Nights are now full in swing happening on the first and third Wednesday of each month. If you haven't been to one before, questions get asked and you do your best to guess/know the right answer! Or is that just the staff's team? The twist is the prizes are drawn by raffle tickets so don't be disheartened if you don't know all the answers! The fun as always is taking part. So brings some friends, form a team and if your team name is deemed the best a bottle of wine is yours!

We hope to see you all soon! Cheers!

The Staff

O Dear or Much Ado About a Nothing

Something wrong here you may think. That heading does not make sense, surely the "h" is missing from the "Oh". However I am sticking to it, so let me explain.

I rashly assume that you read my domestic notes relating to my wife's broken arm incident in the October edition of the Gazette. There I listed many of the domestic activities in which I had become involved while June was recovering from her operation. One

was "hoovering" which is an interesting word as it does not appear in the Oxford Dictionary. There is such a word as "hoove" which is a disease of cattle, but "hoovering", based on suction, cleansing action is in regular use, although it has not yet been included in the full lexicon mode.

Now of course our Editor is a stickler for word discipline and rightly refused to reproduce an illegitimate word in the hallowed pages of the Gazette, but craftily substituted one with one less "o", namely "hovering"..... Now you see the point of the heading of this note. However as it happens, even the word which she has included, hovering, is on reflection applicable to my situation during June's period of recovery. I most certainly "hovered" when she was tackling any job which I felt was on the fringe of her ability, as she adjusted to the limitations imposed by the damaged arm.

So there, even when the original meaning of a word is rejected, the editor has the ability to substitute a word which is still relevant. This surely is an unmatched talent to have at the disposal of the Gazette. Long may she rain over us!

Let me end on a slightly bizarre gardening note. This appears to be the year of the badger, which you know as a shy creature which really does its very best to stay out of the limelight. However the long and vicious dry spell of weather has made the badger's feeding regime very difficult. As you know they feed on worms and are a threat to golf courses whose fairways and green are vulnerable.

Those of you who walk past the big tree at the Common end of Forge Road may have observed a mass of deep holes and scrapes made by badgers as they frantically dug for food during the dry spell. I hope today's rain will ease the badger's food problem and give me a chance to save the green sward. It is in a horrible mess at the moment. It all goes to prove that in the gardening world there is always b..... something. Certainly this is the first time for over thirty years that this particular problem has occurred.

David Leith

Editor's Comment: *I have now added "hoovered" to my spell-checker and turned off auto-correct. By the way, those of you involved with the school will know that I do love a good badger story!*

Our Christmas Tree Lights - Dilly Knox of Bletchley Park

Back in 1937 the village had celebrations for the coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth (see photo).

The village had a May Queen Phylis Smith who was the daughter of Frederick and Doll (was Hussey) Smith. She was crowned by Coningsby Disraeli's wife. Phylis had 6 attendants. Amongst them was her sister Freda, Betty Lawrence and Christine Jenkins.



On this day of celebrations Coningsby Disraeli's wife and Phylis planted our village hall tree which was given to us by Dilly (Dillwyn) Knox who lived at Cournswood, Walter's Ash. He took it from his own plantation which he planted with his two sons.

At the time of writing this article both on our tree and at Bletchley Park where Dilly worked with Alan Turing breaking the Enigma code are in the news.

Mike Mason and Mike Leggett who with our other volunteers decorate our tree for Christmas have had great problems needing many replacement bulbs which you will have learnt have now been phased out so alternative ways have been worked out by the two Mikes but the cost will be £2,400, a great amount to be raised.

We have in our village a great social community and at the time of writing this article the W.I. will have had a sausage and mash/apple pie and auction evening and on the 29th November the Lamphouse Singers are giving a concert at the village hall for raising funds. Other groups are also giving help to raise monies towards the cost. If you would like to donate monies for a strip of lights costing £40 plus or pop some money in the tins which will be around the village it will be gratefully received. People come many miles to see our wonderful tree decorated which has many historical connections.

I have in the past put up items in the gazette how it all started to be lit up. The President/Chairman of the Tennis Club Mr Don Ing who lived in our village with his family had an electrical shop in Desborough Road, High Wycombe and the Tennis Club used to have a Christmas Eve dance at our Village Hall and he started to decorate the tree for this occasion. Very sadly in 1964 he and his wife left their two small sons with Rose & Arthur Busby (relatives) to look after them while they took a Holiday in Switzerland but the plane went into the mountain at Innsbrook killing all on board. The tree continued to be decorated since then.

It is only recently that information is being released on the work which was carried out at Bletchley Park during WW2 when they worked endlessly to break the

German codes with the Enigma machine which shortened the war by two years. I send posters to Bletchley Park before my last exhibition of Walter's Ash and Naphill and I received letters from Mavis Batey who was Dilly's personal assistant at the time.

Dilly was born in 1884 and died in 1943 when working with Alan Turing who came with him to his house at Walter's Ash some weekends. Mavis said they worked so hard not stopping for meals and sleep and she once watched Dilly feeding his pipe which he smoked with part of his sandwich. Mavis is writing her own auto biography which I helped her with photos etc which his family gave me. Dilly became very ill and returned home with Alan Turing visiting him when he died. His sons and wife said "he died while giving more of his work to England than he could really afford. Doing his secret work after the war Alan Turing committed suicide as it was leaked that he was gay. In 1915 Dilly joined the Admiralty Room 40 and in 1917 broke the U boat coding continued the work for his county up to his death a brilliant man we had in our village.

I have been asked if I would do my exhibition again. I could do if the village would like me to now I have everything in albums it is easier to do. If you would like me to let me know will think about it in the future.

Pam Smith - 563364

Litter & Dog Mess

I am absolutely fed up with people dropping litter along the track at the back of our house. Every day I pick it up and by the next there is more and I am constantly picking up empty cigarette packets left at the bus stop by the old barns. Now for my next bugbear, I am fed up to the back teeth with people walking their dogs up and down the length of this same track that leads to Coles and Blackwell purely to let them mess and it is everywhere. A couple of days ago I spotted something in my hedge that backs on to the track. It was a brown stained tissue and whoever placed it there would have had to stretch to reach one of the branches it was hung on underneath. It was covered in dogs mess and this mess, a couple of piles of it, I had the misfortune to tread in and it is right next to our gate. So whoever it was picked up the mess with a tissue and placed it under my hedge, together with the mess covered tissue. On one occasion I confronted someone who regularly walks their dog up and down this track and not only did it do its business but the owner denied it and I received a mouthful of expletives for my trouble. On one final note I am no longer able to collect grass or dandelion leaves for our rabbits, even though they are growing outside my gate, thanks to the ever increasing number of dog owners who allow their dogs to foul the verges not only outside my home but all along the track as well as the track itself. I am now of the opinion that the majority of dog owners are unfortunately extremely irresponsible as well as arrogant. Oh yes, one more thing, what is the point of putting dog mess in a bag and then throwing the whole thing in the woods where it hangs on a branch and will not degrade for a few hundred years. We live in a beautiful village and are

fortunate to do so. Yet these letter and dog mess louts are spoiling our environment. In conclusion, I wish to say to these people stop spoiling my environment. Let your dog mess where you live, in your garden and not mine. Why can't you take your litter home and put it in the bin. Do you really have to drop it outside my house or even worse stuff cans and crisp packets in my hedge as well as sweet wrappers.

Richard Marshall, Silverbirch Park

Jumble Sale Thanks

The Guides and Brownies would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported us at our October Jumble Sale. We raised nearly £700 for Guide and Brownie funds, which will allow us to do outings and activities with the girls, which we otherwise could not do. We were fantastically supported in every way – donations of jumble, helpers (some of whom no longer have a direct connection with the Guides or Brownies) and buyers. Thank you all.

From Ruth Daly & Toni Green

Fundraising Letter

My name is Lizzy Bedder. I live in Grimms Meadow and am currently in my final year at Princes Risborough School. I hope to go to Durham University to study zoology in 2011. Before that, however, I am planning a gap year working as a science teacher in Guyana, South America, for Project Trust, an Educational Charity.

In order to do this I must raise £4,850. I have several ideas 'on the go', including a part time job and applying to charitable trusts. I also plan to organise various fundraising events such as a disco and a bingo night. Please look out for separate adverts for these. I also have an Odd Jobs Service up and running, so if you need anything (within reason!) doing, in return for a contribution, please contact me on 07854135788.

Further details of Project Trust can be found on their website: www.projecttrust.org.uk or on my fundraising website: www.justgiving.com/lizzys-off-to-guyana.

Thank you!

Nutrition

Some of you know of me through the Pilates classes that I have run in the Village Hall over the last couple of years. In conversation many of my Pilates pupils seemed interested in understanding the benefits of healthy nutritional eating so it was an easy decision to enrol to study for Level 3 Certificate in Non- medical Nutrition Advice and Weight Management. It did not take masses of research to conclude that Pilates and good eating compliment each other.

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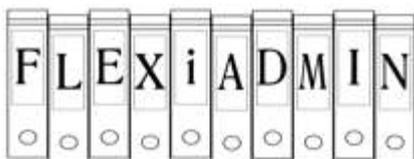
Having previously achieved the highest Pilates qualification I embarked on the nutrition course in September 2008. As with any new study regime not surprisingly I quickly realised that I had a lot to learn but the more I got into it the more interested and passionate I became. How fortunate I am to have chosen Pilates and Nutrition when both have subsequently become my favourite subjects and passion. On reflection the last year of studying has, at times, proved challenging but now that I have qualified I am ready to share my knowledge and am confident that I can assist most people to improve their diets and realise the substantial related benefits .

I have been amazed by the scope of the subject which demands an understanding of vitamins, minerals, and the Essential Fatty Acids: Omega 6 and Omega 3 and how they affect our health. The study requires me to understand how our bodies work and knowledge of the workings of the urinary tract and digestive system and how they react to our food intake is a fundamental part of the course. I now understand why it is necessary keep these healthy and moving!

I have learned that, for many reasons, our Western Diet often includes too much refined foods, carbohydrates, crisps, biscuits, cakes, and pre cooked meals. As a result our diets can and are often lacking in many of the important and necessary nutrients necessary for a healthy lifestyle. An overload of unhealthy fats, sugars and salt is likely to mean we often become tired and lethargic after eating – symptoms that can be avoided.

There is more and more evidence that significant numbers of people are becoming clinically obese and diagnosis of Type 11 Diabetes is increasing at alarming rates. Unfortunately the statistics are applied to children as well as adults and anything that can be done to reverse the current trends must be worthy of consideration.

I could go on for hours about this subject but sadly I am restricted to a very small space. I will be available to clients soon so if you are interested in meeting and learning more please contact me.



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Naphill Brownies

Brownies continues to be as action packed as ever. Inspired by the circus skills at the County Centenary Launch Party, we had enormous fun making our own coloured gymnastic ribbons on sticks, and then tying them in knots as we tried to make patterns with them.

We had a truly excellent evening of cheerleading culminating in an impromptu performance, all led by Katie Cobie of Kobika Dance co.

At the end of October we have a Halloween tour of the Hellfire Caves planned. A bit of dressing up will be the order of the day, I think.

In this, our centenary year, we are looking at guiding around the world and have now got a pen-pal link (via the Girl guiding Organisation) with a brownie pack in Quebec, Canada. We are looking forward to receiving our first letters through the post.

After half term we will have enrolments, where our new brownies formally join the Guiding family. We also have a science night and then preparations for the rapidly-approaching Christmas ‘carol’ concert. As well as all this we have the annual remembrance service in the village hall where we give an hour to express our appreciation to those who gave so much for us.

We have recently welcomed 2 new young leaders (Rachel and Lucy) who are helping run the activities and learning to take the lead with a few games and songs. Thank you to them for volunteering their time and energy. We hope they enjoy it.

So much to do and so little time!

Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) 565571

Naphill & Walter’s Ash School

Half term is here! The past six weeks have certainly been busy; our youngest new children have settled into school and are enjoying being outside in all weathers. There is bit of a rumour going round the playground that come the really cold weather they’ll all be inside – but no they won’t!! Get those hats, scarves and long johns out. Later on this term some of our Key Stage 1 teachers are starting their Forest Schools training which will equip them to deliver lessons in an outdoor environment. All the teachers are had an Inset day on outdoor learning in October so don’t be surprised if you saw a rather odd group of people playing in the woods that day.

The school football team got the season off to a great start by winning their group in the District Cup and are now off to compete in the finals in November. Bit of a slow start in the first match (but after an inspirational team talk from the coach) they picked up the pace in the rest of their games. At least I have one team that can win matches; unfortunately Ipswich got off to a slow start and have now ground to a halt!

The children in Key Stage 2 have had a session with one of the Stomp performers and all of them got very involved. It was good for the boys to see a man leading dance so it became ok for them to have a go and enjoy it.

Christmas preparations are under way at school. The orchestra are rehearsing carols and the 'Red Red Robin' hasn't quite reached 'bobbin' speed. The Nativity has been planned and we are going for something different this year so watch this space. Bring out the donkey.

Kerenza Gwynn – Football Coach (Head teacher)

Little Ash Pre-School

Well at the Little Ash, Naphill and Walter's Ash Pre-school the festive season is fast approaching and we are counting down the days with lots of seasonal activities. In December we are expecting Santa and his helpers to visit the Grotto in Naphill Village Hall and see the children, I'm sure if we have a repeat of last winter's weather his 4 hoof drive Reindeer will see him through.

The New committee are bedding in nicely and it's great to be able to keep the continuity of previous years with our great staff all in place.

Fundraising is a vital part of any charity and we always looking for donations to support our projects. In the coming months we are looking at installing new playground flooring and in preparation for the summer are looking into sun protection for the outdoor area. Our events are organised with the aim of continually improving the pre-school facilities for the children so if you are able to help with raffle prizes or gifts then please contact us at the e-mail address below.

Next month we will give out further details on the Calendar of events below and a review of our Halloween messy play from the village hall.

Calendar of Events

- Messy Play – 28th October 2009 2-4 pm Naphill Village Hall.
- Xmas Grotto – 5th December 2009 Naphill Village Hall.
- Nativity Play – 14th December 2009
- Xmas Party – 16th December 2009

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John Delaney

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We 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.

Admission price per session: £2.00 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling). For further information please call Louise on 01494 488255 or Emma on 01494 488603. Alternatively join us at any Thursday meeting between 2pm and 4pm at Naphill Village Hall during term time.

17th December - the infamous Christmas party to include Mr Marvel, a Christmas tea and every child will receive a present from Father Christmas when he visits the playgroup. There is a £7.50 charge for this event - please telephone Louise on 01494 488255 or Emma on 01494 488603 to reserve a place.

Louise Lucas



The Hampden Arms Forthcoming Events

28th October - Curry night £10 to include choice of 3 curries, rice, breads and side dishes and bottle of Indian beer. Please telephone the pub for reservations.

8th November - Fireworks in the pub garden starting at 6pm. No charge for this event.

18th November - quiz night in aid of the MPS Society starting at 8pm. £2 per team member maximum of 6 people in 1 team.

26th December - quiz night in aid of the MPS Society and Great Hampden Village Hall starting at 8pm. £2 per team member maximum of 6 people in 1 team.

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**Merry
Christmas**

**Happy
New Year**



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Editorial

Many thanks to Mark Dell and his 17 year old son, Myles for the cover photos this month. I have my fingers tightly crossed that they will reproduce well.

As the year draws to an end please join with me in thanking everyone involved with bringing the gazette to your door. David Leith, our Treasurer. Mike and Pauline Pool who manage the distribution. The large team of volunteers who deliver your copy

and collect your subscriptions. All the local organisations who contribute articles. Everyone who has written letters for publication, or supplied photographs. Our advertisers, for their continuing support in tough financial times (I still have a waiting list, you are a popular audience!).

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and best of luck for 2010. The gazette is back in February.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday - Forge Road	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Village Hall	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm and 8.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

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PIN UP DIARY DATES

December

- 5th Christmas Fayre - Village Hall
- 20th Carols by Candlelight 4pm Village Hall

January

- 8th Blood Donors - Village Hall
- 17th FONC Juniper Walk - details TBA
- 22nd FONC AGM - Village Hall 7.30pm

February

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District Commissioner	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Guides and Brownies
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Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
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News from 'Christians in the Community'

During the weeks leading up to Christmas teams of volunteers and people from the local churches will be delivering Christmas cards and mince pies in the Naphill, Walter's Ash and Hughenden areas. If you know of anyone who lives alone and has not received mince pies in the past just 'phone me on 563116.

On Wednesday 16th December we shall again be carol singing in three local pubs. At 7.30 pm we shall be at the White Lion, Cryers Hill. At 8.15 pm at the Wheel, Naphill and at 9 pm The Harrow, Hughenden. We will be happy to have more carol singers if you would like to join us.

Sunday 20th December at 4 pm is our "Carols by Candlelight" service at the Naphill Village Hall, led by our three Ministers with the offer of free mulled wine and a mince pie (alternatives on offer as usual!) at the end.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 26th January at 7.30 pm Church House, Hughenden Church. All are very welcome to attend.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Norma Clarke

Christmas Services

St. Michael and All Angels Hughenden

- Sun 6th Dec 10.30 am – ALL- AGE SERVICE
Children especially welcome
- Sun 20th Dec 10.30 am – CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
- Sun 24th Dec 3 pm – CRIB SERVICE
- Fri. 25th Dec 8 am – Holy Communion
9 am - Choral Matins with Holy Communion
10.30 am – Family Christmas Communion
5 pm – Carols by Candlelight

Naphill Methodist Chapel

- Sun 6th Dec 11 am - Rev. Peter Hancock
- Sun 13th Dec 11 am – Michael Brittin
- Sun 20th Dec 11 am - Irene Bell
- Thurs. 24th 7 pm – Christmas Eve Communion Service by Candlelight led by Rev. Mike Hill
- Fri. 25th 10.30 am – Christmas Day Service Led by Michael Webb
- Sun 27th 11 am – Mary Blow
- Sun 3rd 2010 11 am – Rev. Mike Hill Covenant Service

A Weekend to Remember

Have you ever stopped to think what a wonderful village we all live in? The weekend of 7th/8th November is an example of a really good community spirit. Saturday evening saw hundreds of people gathered on the playing fields for what, I thought, was the best ever fireworks display and bonfire. Many thanks to all the organisers.

Next day, Remembrance Sunday, we all developed a more sombre attitude as we prepared to remember all the members of our armed forces who have been killed fighting for our freedom, or those who have received horrendous injuries, and to pray for the safety of all who are still currently in armed combat. We really do owe them all a great debt of gratitude whether in current conflicts or those in the two great wars.

On Remembrance Sunday, Richard as chairman of the Buckinghamshire County Council, and I attended the Service of Remembrance in Aylesbury. This was at the memorial in the market square. Richard laid the Bucks. C.C. poppy wreath, and many others followed, whilst we stood and sang hymns accompanied by a band. There was then an impressive march past by Service and Ex-Service men and women and many other Buckinghamshire organisations.

In the afternoon, we had our own village annual Remembrance Service in the village hall. So many people turned up to pay tribute to our armed forces and for the placing of the wreaths around our village memorial stone by village organisations, Walter's Ash & Naphill School plus the Royal British Legion's own wreath.



The collecting boxes are now all in and counted and thanks to the generosity of both Naphill and Walter's Ash £2,304.23p has been safely handed over to the Royal British Legion in High Wycombe, made up as follows:

Collecting tins	£1,693.32
Village Hall Service collection	£384.91
Wreaths	£226.00



Photographs of Village Remembrance Service by Pauline Pool

Thank you all so much for your contributions. As I said at the beginning, Naphill is a wonderful village in which to live.

Valerie Pushman (564152)

County Councillor's Report

Much concern has been expressed about the proposed sale of land in Clappins Lane at what is a speculative price, keeping in mind that as it is in the Green Belt its agricultural value would be approximately a fifth of the asking price. Adjacent residents and those nearby the site will certainly consider their options and be right to do so.



Unfortunately public meetings had to be arranged at short notice



and I am unable to attend the first of these due to a county chairmanship commitment but I will be following events with a keen interest.

Community is the new political "buzzword" and is being applied to many national and local programmes. It can be seen in "Community Policing" and "Community Leadership" amalgamated in Local Area Forums. The sense of community prevailing in our and other rural settlements has much to commend it and is brought about by a considerable effort from a dedicated band of volunteers. I am not so sure that it can be replicated in urban areas with their more transient populations. Deriving from the "community ideal" is consultation, the belief being that if the public are consulted, and there is no adverse comment, an intended governmental directive can and will be adopted. Such a situation has arisen with regard to local speed limits.

I have received several letters from residents in

Naphill and Hughenden Valley requesting that the entire length of Coombe Hill Lane be subject to a 30 mph limit. Unfortunately, these letters have come too late for immediate action to be taken. To explain why this should be so, would require too many pages of the Gazette, but briefly put, speed limits have to be published after a period of consultation and that period expired last June. After that the Highway Engineers confirm their recommendations, these are published in the Public Notices of the Local Papers and then are legally signed off. To be enforceable at law this legal procedure must be followed and adopted. Consequently the council is reluctant to re-open the debate until the next review takes place which could be in four or five years time. I will endeavour to see what can be done to re-consider this decision but I do not see an early resolution. The lesson to be learned from this episode is not to ignore consultations where they are applicable; the great temptation is always to leave it to others!

Remembrance Day services have been well attended this year, no doubt the involvement of our own brave servicemen and servicewomen in Afghanistan has made us all aware of the dangers they face on active service. As County chairman, I have been pleased to hold a series of receptions at County Hall for members of the armed forces and their families on their return from active duty. Letters I have received have all indicated that these civic recognitions are much appreciated by our service personnel.

On a local note I have received several requests for financial help from my Community Fund. I will need to allocate this by the end of February or sooner. If any local voluntary organisation requires financial assistance please write to me as soon as possible, setting out the scheme requiring support, including the cost, and I will be pleased to consider it.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of thanking all readers for their continued encouragement and support over the past year, especially at the county election last June. Next year will not be easy because of the financial difficulties which face the county council's budget but you are assured of my very best endeavours to meet the needs of residents in my Division of Greater Hughenden.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and healthy New Year.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Since my last report, I attended a Licensing Committee on 5 November where we looked at the Gambling Act and its impact on the district. We do not appear to have had much of a problem and luckily for us, we have not engaged in the Super

Casino era quite yet.

I also attended the Remembrance Sunday services in both High Wycombe and in Naphill. Again, the turnout was excellent and good to see so many people in the Village Hall, which I am sure, must have been a record turn out.

The meeting organised by Mike Pool at the Village Hall on 13 November was attended by over 100 residents in respect of the concerns over the potential sale of the land in Clappins Lane. A number of issues were raised and the investigation into a consortium to purchase was being followed up with residents expressing an interest or wishing for further information to be analysed. I committed to advise the Council's position by the 20 November. I suggested that we should ascertain if Hughenden Parish Council or Wycombe District Council could purchase it. A follow up meeting has been arranged for 27 November. By this time and with further stakeholder discussions, we should be in a better position.

I am also due to attend the Council's annual presentation from the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police.

Finally, thank you for your continued support during 2009. Both Julie and I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and prosperous 2010.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

It was a pleasure to welcome over 40 residents to the Parish Council's second public meeting of the year on November 2nd in Great Kingshill School. Alastair Nicholson gave a very informative presentation on the local planning system, explaining how applications are dealt with and what the District Council may and may not take into account when it considers applications. He also answered questions. The success of this evening has encouraged the Council to continue to host two public meetings per year, rotating the venues around our large parish. The next such occasion will be the Annual Parish Meeting on May 25th 2010.

We have recently had a response from WDC regarding the Village Design Statement. As previously reported, the goalposts have changed several times during our process. The VDS for Naphill and Walter's Ash will be the last such document to receive support from the District Council because of government changes and a lack of resources. The Parish has decided to complete the document without the protracted process of yet another consultation procedure. The final document will therefore be taken into account when planning

Naphill Christmas Fayre

Saturday 5th December

In the Village Hall

Doors open 1.00 p.m.

Santa to arrive at 1.15 p.m.!

We will have all the usual stalls, and hopefully some new ones, where you can chance your luck or buy some attractive and individual Christmas goodies.

If you are able to donate any prizes to the raffle or tombola, or even some of your time on or before the day, then please, please contact me, Cathryn Carter on 563233.

Make sure you come along and have a great time.

Santa's Grotto Raffle
Refreshments Mulled Wine
Craft Stalls Games
Tombola

applications are determined despite not being formally adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document. This is made possible by WDC's commitment to community involvement. There is a little bit more discussion to do with WDC but we aim to print in the new year.

The Parish Council provides grants (from the precept to which you all contribute) to village halls, and for newsletters, on an annual basis. In addition, it gives grants for major projects on request. Grants have recently been approved for £2,246 for a replacement boiler and associated building works at Hughenden Valley village hall, and another £5,000 in principle for a replacement kitchen. The maximum grant the Parish provides is 20% of the total cost, up to a maximum of £5,000 per project. Such sums would, of course, be available to Naphill Village Hall at such time as the heating system is replaced/renovated. Forward planning is advisable so requests can be processed by the Parish prior to the precept setting meeting at the end of November.

A new youth area is to be constructed on the recreation ground in Great Kingshill, and the toddler area is to be updated. It has been possible to obtain grant funding for some of this work. Major works are being initiated in rotation so it may be Naphill's turn again soon; we would like to update the playground on the Crick.

Peggy Ewart - Chairman

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Leigh Lewis Optometrist



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Bradenham Parish Council

Bradenham Parish Council met on 9/11/09. BT had offered the Red Phone box in the village for adoption at £1. The Parish Council decided to take them up on this. The box is listed and is an interesting feature.

Speeding through the village is a serious issue, which the police will not pursue any further for us. The Parish Council decided to set up a working party to review all the options. They will call on the County Council's Traffic Calming Portfolio.

The situation with the pond will be looked at by Cllr. Austin and he will come back to the Parish Council. In the mean time the clerk will again request Buckinghamshire County Council to clean the filter to the pond. In the spring the Parish Council will look at the "Walk you Local Paths" initiative. We will enlist the assistance of the National Trust in this project.

The precept for 2010/2011 was set at £5000; this would mean eating into the reserves a bit. It was decided not to put the precept up for the following year.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 18th January 2010.

The Parish Council wishes all a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Deirdre Hansen - Clerk to the Council, 562254

Naphill Evening WI

A BIG thank you goes out to Jessie and Juliet for their most interesting reports about the WI. As I take up the baton towards the end of another year, I realise that amazingly, already, the first decade of the 21st Century is coming to a close.

Many of us will be reflecting on what we have done with all that time? We too in the WI will look back, and we can be pleased with ourselves for all that we have achieved through our various activities. We can be proud too for continuing to uphold the standards, and for carrying on the traditions, laid down by our members. Whilst retaining these values, the WI is also ready to embrace change to attract younger members. It has recently been reported that many young women are flocking to join us in the most unlikely place, the university. This good news coincides with the recent announcement that we are to have a new logo, with the caption "Inspiring Women".

We have some changes in Naphill WI, as at the Annual Meeting on 15th October a new committee was formed. Joining us are Penny Leggett, June Lynch, Margaret Pearce and Margaret Roberts. We also have a new President, Juliet Shortall, and we wish them all well. Two stalwarts have retired, Jessie Higham and Betty Williams, and thanks were extended to them for their tremendous contribution. The retiring President, Nancy Hussey, was thanked for her services and presented with a gift of wine, which was greatly appreciated!

There is also a change in our Group Conveners, as Pat Richards and her team from Windmill WI have stepped down, having completed an excellent two year stint. From 2010 the new Conveners will be Downley Evening WI. Our Autumn Group Meeting was on 20th October at Downley Evening WI, where Simon Brown gave a talk on antiques, and also assessed various items brought along by members.

On the 8th November the Village Hall was well attended for the moving and poignant Remembrance Day service. Members from various organisations laid wreaths, including one laid by Juliet on behalf of the WI.

Christmas will soon be here and we always look forward to seeing the Christmas tree lights at Naphill Village Hall. As many of you will know they are to be replaced this year at great expense. To help raise money for the lights, on the 16th October the WI put on a 'Family & Friends Evening'. Around 90 people enjoyed a sausage and mash supper, followed by an entertaining auction of numerous items of every description. Altogether, £1662.00 was raised, and many thanks to all who helped and supported this event. During the evening Richard Webb was presented with a certificate to mark the ten years he has helped to get the WI float mobile for the fete procession.

The new lights will hopefully be up and twinkling for the Christmas Fayre on the 5th December. The WI will be having the usual Tombola stall and WE NEED PRIZES to the stall by 9.30am. Any help in the kitchen is always appreciated.

Our Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, 10th December, a week earlier than usual. Please arrive by 7.30pm, bring some food and a £2 parcel for the bran tub. The entertainment is a 'Christmas Musical Miscellany' by Mrs E Watts. Another Christmassy event to look forward to is the Mince Pie & Sherry Evening hosted by Carol Gilliam and Carole O'Neill. This will be on Thursday, 17th December at 7.30pm.

The first monthly meeting of 2010 will be held on Thursday, 21st January. The speaker is Mrs J

Patience who will talk about 'Western Australia in springtime'. The competition is an Australian Memento or Photo.

We send Christmas greetings to you all and best wishes for a happy new year.

Nancy Hussey - 563767

Naphill Neighbours

Last month we were faced with the dread of all committees - the speaker cancels at the last minute! However, thankfully on this occasion we did have enough time to ask Valerie Edwards if she could come to save the situation and were relieved when she said "yes". Her illustrated talk on CHENIES MANOR - ITS HOUSE AND GARDENS was most interesting and a visit is recommended even if, like me, you have been there in the past. You will see it with new eyes, I know I will.

Christmas preparations will be in full swing when we meet on Monday, 14th December for our club's CHRISTMAS DINNER. A gentle reminder not to arrive before 6.30pm but no later than 6.45pm as we hope to sit down to our traditional meal at 7pm. We will be entertained afterwards by David Ball with MAGIC & THE MAGIC CIRCLE (Part 2) - a light-hearted presentation interspersed with a lot of tricks. You may remember his previous visit some seven years ago.

We meet again the New Year on Monday, 11th January 2010 when Tony Brown and Gordon Casbeard will pay us a return visit with their presentation A TOUCH OF MAGIC, an original Victorian Magic Lantern Show with original slides. We enjoyed their show in 2007 and look forward to seeing different slides this time. Tea hostesses will be: Jean Perfect, Margaret Cole and Shirley Clark.

Wishing all our members, families and friends a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

We suddenly seem to have got a lot of the outstanding jobs done around the hall. The list seems to be never ending but this month progress had been made. The hot cupboard in the kitchen had finally been repaired, as had the lights in the kitchen and hall. The outside of the front of the hall has been painted and looks a lot more loved, and the kitchen bin had been replaced. The hot water is back in the kitchen. Thanks to our odd job men for these running repairs.

I write this at the end of a fantastic weekend for our

community. The weather decided to be kind to us again and we subsequently had a great crowd at the fireworks. It was an enormous bonfire - there must be a lot of very tidy hedges throughout the village - and the display was amazing. Many, many thanks to all the brave souls who risk life and limb lighting the fireworks, to all those who work so hard getting it all set up, and to all those of you who came and enjoyed it. It should boost our coffers well.

We have also had the Remembrance Service in the Hall and around the memorial stone. I think it must have been a record turnout with standing room only in the hall and a great rethink needed to fit everyone in next year. The weather was kind again with blue skies as we gathered around the stone for the laying of the wreaths and the silence. A very special village occasion. Our thanks go to Richard and Valerie Pushman for their organization of the event.

The **fete** is going ahead next year on the **12th June**. Make a note of the date. Thanks to those who have stepped forward to bear the brunt of the organization. Lets hope the weather is kind again - it makes such a difference in many ways!.

We have had a marvellous response to our appeal for donations towards the new Christmas lights and we are well on our way to covering the cost. Thanks to all those of you who have contributed, it is greatly appreciated and a testament to the affection we all have for the tree at Christmas. There are still some garlands looking for sponsors, so do please give me a ring - 563479 - if you would like to help. Do make an effort to come to the concert by the Lamp House Singers on 28th November. It should be a very special evening and a great fund raiser for the lights.

This will be the last Gazette before the festive season so may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and health, wealth and happiness in 2010.

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

Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

By the time you read this, the new tree lights should be in place and cheering us all up on the dark evenings.

As you will all be aware, these lights have cost £2,500, and although recent fund-raising events have brought in a fair proportion of this amount, we also have to pay for the running costs and the (very essential) insurance for the brave chaps who climb the tree to put the lights in place and take them

down again in January- usually in not very clement weather.

If you would like to make a contribution to the fund, collecting tins are in all the local shops and pubs, so **please**, donate what you can.

Enjoy the lights and have a very Happy Christmas!

Cathryn Carter

Firework Display

We were blessed with good weather this year and the fireworks were fantastic. We spent about £4,250 on them this year, which was £500 more than last year. The bonfire was enormous, the biggest ever! My thanks to everyone who helped out at the event including all the firing party, the bar staff, BBQ staff, those on the mulled wine, soup, neck ropes, the marshals, stewards, first aiders, electrician, bonfire builders, and the RAF without whom this event would not happen. Everyone is a volunteer.

My thanks also go to the Post Office, Cost Cutters, Co-op, Wynyard Wight & Ellis, the Wheel, and the Black Lion for selling the tickets prior to the event at no charge to us. My apologies to the Post Office for not mentioning them in the adverts in the gazette in the lead up to the event. I have been informed that the advert has been changed for next year.

The crowd was obviously bigger than last year and nearly at the level of 2007 which was our biggest ever. The profit is in the region of £7,000 which will go to Village Hall funds, and I will be recommending that the Village Hall Council make a donation to the RAF Benevolent Fund as in previous years.



Photograph by Andrew Wilmot

We had 5 minor injuries, mainly people with ash in their eyes from the bonfire, and they were dealt with speedily by our first aiders or the RAF firemen. There were also some people who were behind the barrier in the firing area which concerned me. They turned out to be Vincent's Way residents who seemed to think they were immune from any regulations and also did not pay

the entry fee as they just walked in to the firing area from their back gardens. Please do not this again next year.

Although we had many helpers, it does tend to be the same people every year, so I would like to welcome anybody new who would like to help in future years. Every little bit counts, so please get in contact with me if you think that you help next year.

I am not sure if we can improve on this year, although we will try, and make next year an equally resounding success

Andrew Wilmot, Chairman, 2009 Naphill Fireworks Committee

The Village Hall Quiz – Friday 26th February

The annual Village Hall Quiz will be held on Friday 26th February 2010. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The entrance fee of £8 includes a Ploughman's and Clive's Bar will be available as usual. Teams of four (or more if you are willing to forgo the chance of walking off with a prize). As well as prizes the winning table has bragging rights which last for one year.

This is a great fun evening. The questions are not too hard and the Question Master has to be very brave to tell the jokes that he does. Make a note of it in your diary now and 'phone Ted Chapman on HW 563034 to book your table. We look forward to seeing you there.

Naphill Horticultural Society

<http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk/>

Our recent Cheese & Wine evening was a huge success. The evening started with an excellent, and extremely well illustrated, talk by Dave Talbot on the wildlife of Kenya and the Masai Mara- it was fascinating to both look at and hear about some wonderful creatures, so a huge thank you to Dave. The food seemed to go down well too!!

If anyone is interested in visiting the RHS 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 give me a call.

Our next event is the Annual Dinner on Friday 5th March 2010. Details later, but make a note in your diaries. Talking of diary dates we are considering organising a trip to the Malvern Spring Show at the beginning of May next year. The cost will be about £26 per person, so if you think this might interest you, please let me know as it would be good to have an indication of numbers before we take the plunge and buy tickets.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, thank you for all of your support over the past year, and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Aphrodisiacs in Your Garden

Is there something growing in your garden which has unexpected properties? After reading this article you may look differently at some things which are growing.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica states that almost no scientific studies have been made into aphrodisiacs, so traditional, or folklore material is relied upon. But where to find that folklore material? I looked up "aphrodisiac foods" on Google and found 519,000 results. I started counting how frequently various vegetables and fruits were referenced. I assumed that these references were based upon folklore material. I counted up to 391 references, then stopped counting. The results are given below.

Thirteen fruits and vegetables were referenced only once, so perhaps they do not have much aphrodisiac power. The 13 were: apricots, bay leaves, cranberries, goji berries, mushrooms, capsicums, tarragon, lovage, sage, peas, quince, sweetcorn and oregano.

Nine were referenced twice. These were: lavender, mint, rosemary, leafy green vegetables, cabbage, parsley, watercress, Brussels sprouts and kiwi fruit.

Those mentioned three times were: coriander (cilantro), leeks, cauliflower and spinach. Even more popular, at four mentions, were: beetroot, cherries, broccoli and lettuce. There were three fruits and vegetables having five mentions: mustard greens, apples and grapes.

Cucumber and turnips had 6 mentions, radish and pomegranates 7, but aniseed and pumpkin seed had 8 mentions, which means that they were really popular.

Now we are on to the most frequently mentioned aphrodisiacs. With 9 references were raspberries and nuts. With 10 references were fennel and onions. With 11 references were almonds, arugula (rocket), peaches and artichokes.

Now for the "Top Ten". Joint 10th, with 12 references were tomatoes, chilli peppers and beans. At 7th was celery with 13 references. At 6th were figs with 17 references. At 5th were strawberries with 20 references. At 4th were carrots with 22 references and sweet basil was 3rd with 23 references. Garlic was 2nd with 26 references and the TOP OF THE POPS was asparagus with no fewer than 36 references.

**Christmas Carols
by Candlelight**



Sunday 20th December

Naphill Village Hall

4pm - 5pm

**Mince pies and
mulled wine afterwards**

Everyone welcome

With 58 fruits and vegetables being mentioned as aphrodisiacs it is clear that the folklore is imprecise. There were some mentions on Google that thousands of years ago nutrition could have been a problem and that a new fruit or vegetable eaten to overcome the nutritional problem caused an improvement in general health; thereafter that fruit or vegetable was considered to be an aphrodisiac.

From that it seems to me that the best policy nowadays is to have a varied diet with plenty of fruit and vegetables containing the vital nutrients and trace elements that we need to be healthy. The Good Gardeners' Association's logo is "Moving Beyond Organic". I quote as follows "Organic food is gaining in popularity but its focus is on what's left out – the chemicals, rather than what should be included naturally – essential nutrients. Growing food for nutrition goes beyond organic. It aims to cultivate a deeper understanding of nutrition and nature to help guarantee the food we grow and eat is positively healthy." See www.goodgardeners.org.uk.

So how do we obtain fruit and vegetables which contain the essential trace elements? We need food which contains sufficient quantities of all the 19 trace elements which are believed to be essential for human health. Unfortunately it is unlikely that supermarket food contains sufficient quantities.

Crops from British farmland showed a drop of about 40% in trace elements between 1940 and 1991 and that catastrophic rate of decline must have continued since 1991. Trace elements are being removed with the harvested crops, but not replaced. It is like the extraction of oil and gas – when it is gone it is gone. There is no National Plan to replace lost trace elements in farmland.

What we can do as individuals in our own gardens or allotments? We can apply copious quantities of farmyard (ie cow) manure to our soil. In that way we enrich our soil with trace elements from the farmers' fields. Laboratory analyses showed that I have increased the 19 vital trace elements in my allotment soil by an average of 157% and all 19 are now at acceptable levels.

But it is not enough to have sufficient quantities of trace elements in the soil. We need soil micro-organisms such as mycorrhizal fungi and bacteria to bring the vital trace elements to the roots of our vegetables and fruits. To provide the right conditions for the soil micro-organisms we need to avoid all artificial chemicals and also leave the soil undisturbed – ie we should not dig or plough the soil. Further information on these techniques can be found at www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk. See articles on no-dig gardening (and on the growing of asparagus!).

No doubt, after this article, the "Top Ten" will become even more popular! Will this be accompanied by a change in gardening methods to those advocated by the Good Gardeners' Association? Food for thought!

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning :

09/06995/FUL. The Three Pigeons, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Householder application for construction of veranda to side.

09/06983/FUL The Three Pigeons, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Householder application for construction of single storey front garden room and relocation of front door to side elevation.

09/06854/FUL 2, Dene Cottages, Naphill Common, Naphill. Householder application for erection of workshop/shed to rear.

Neighbourhood Watch Movement

This is a well established community movement to help prevent crime. In the territory covered by Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association, there are over 600 schemes with nearly 1,200 people involved in running them. Since it is

generally estimated that around 80% of crime can be prevented, the aim of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is to get more people to be aware of what they can do to reduce their risk of becoming victims of crime.

Several areas in Naphill and Walter's Ash have a NHW scheme with a Co-ordinator who receives information via the Ringmaster message system to pass on to neighbours. This information includes warnings about possible criminal activity in Naphill and Walter's Ash, car crime, burglaries, and doorstep crime (bogus callers and distraction burglaries). The NHW movement also provides information and advice on violent crime, robberies (theft from the person), anti-social behaviour, ways to avoid falling victim to crimes, and the reporting of crimes. The sooner crimes are reported, the more likely the police to apprehend the criminals.

The NHW Chairman's records show that at least 26 roads or addresses in Naphill and Walter's Ash have no NHW scheme. The names are available to those who would like them.

The ideal number of households for any one Co-ordinator is between 10 and 15. However, some take on responsibility for less, and some for very many more. Those residents who would like to join the scheme should find a neighbour who is willing to act as Co-ordinator for their particular group of households. The work involved is socially useful but not very time consuming.

New Co-ordinators and others who want to learn more about NHW, will need to contact Geoff Pegg, Chairman of Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Assn. on 523649 or by leaving a message for him at the local NHW office on 01296 396091.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

We have been given an award!

By the time this appears the Friends of Naphill Common group will be one year old. The idea was hatched during a conversation at the end of a Heritage Open Day walk on 13th September 2008 and, at a meeting on 2nd December, the existing Naphill Commons Committee was wound up and the Friends group inaugurated.

Our first year has been a great success. The committee proved to be enthusiastic and vigorous, and our membership passed 100 within eight months – which illustrates the concern and interest local people have about the Common. We were able to organise an ambitious programme of events: a crowded meeting with speakers; walks for health; exploration of the commons botany, insects and

fungi; guided tours; a treasure hunt and a picnic. We have produced a website, an information leaflet and two news letters: all highly praised. We have even begun to make practical advances on the Common by improving the path signs and producing a helpful map.

However, it has proved more difficult to undertake practical work on the Common. We have yet to gain permission, or even a response, from the tenant of the Dashwood Estate which owns the Common, to improve the paths and clear some of the invasive scrub. I am sure we will succeed eventually. Meanwhile, remember that, since the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act of 2000, we all enjoy the right to roam where we please on common land.

Our achievements have now been recognised by the **Chilterns Conservation Board**, which gives awards to organisations and individuals who make a notable contribution to the welfare of the Chilterns. The Friends of Naphill Common were given a **Highly Commended** award in the "Enjoyment and Understanding" category: a great surprise and very gratifying – but they have not seen anything yet!

The Chilterns Conservation Board is a remarkable official body that works to promote and conserve the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. With only a handful of officers they strive to care for all the natural features, from the woodland to the chalk streams; from the commons to the agricultural land. The officer with responsibility for the commons – and there are 187 of them in the Chilterns – has already been of help to us in our first year. A sister organisation, the Special Trees and Woodland Project, has managed to record hundreds of significant trees and the stories associated with them; including the Great Beech at Dew Pond and the Umbrella Tree, both on Naphill Common.

The Friends of Naphill Common group exists to conserve and improve Naphill Common, and make it a more accessible amenity for local people without spoiling its essential wildness and tranquillity. These are not easy goals to achieve and we would like **your** ideas and opinions for the year ahead.

Whatever your views – positive or negative – **please come to our AGM in Naphill Village Hall on Friday 22nd January 2010, at 7.30 pm.** You can have a cup of tea, listen to talks on red kites and local orchards and, if you want, express your opinions about what we have done and what we ought to do. Like our award, it is highly commended.

*Trevor Hussey 01494
563767*

Naphill Tennis Club

Naphill Tennis Club would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.



Chris Keats

Land off Clappins Lane

Local residents in Clappins Lane and Allen Drive have been invited, by agents acting for the Trustees, to submit an offer for the purchase of this area of land, some 5 acres in size. It is the express wish of the Trustees that this land is initially offered to local residents, at a price guide of £250,000.

It was the fear of some residents that, should they not be able to submit an offer, then this green belt land within the AONB might end up in the hands of an undesirable element of society. A meeting held in the Village Hall on Friday 13 November was very well attended by over 100 local residents and so far forty households have signed up with 'Intent to purchase a share', although this is not a final commitment at this stage, and many showed an 'Interest in helping'.

A considerable number of questions were raised and comments made which emphasised the concern of local people regarding the timing of the sale of this land and the high 'guide price' quoted by the agents.

The Action Group have now to consider ways of taking this matter forward, negotiating a more reasonable price and giving due consideration to possible use of the land in the future.

A further meeting for interested parties is to be held on Friday 27 November at 8pm. If you have been unable to attend these meetings and wish to know more, or, perhaps, sign up with 'Intent to purchase a share' please contact us.

Mike and Pauline Pool - 564226

Riding for the Disabled

Looking for a new challenge? Disabled adults are invited to join our Group at Shana Riding School, in Walter's Ash, in term time (weight limit for riders of 11 st) We are also looking for helpers to assist us in giving the pleasure of horse riding to adults. For further information please call: Gloria Holmes on 01494 488420

An Introduction to Nordic Walking

As we end one year and roll into another we usually take time to reflect and set ourselves targets for the

year ahead. Many of us like the idea of becoming fitter healthier and more energetic for the forthcoming seasons and usually rush off to sign up to an annual gym membership only to find that 2 months in that motivation and adherence are beginning to fade as quick as the winter sunset. So this year why not try something new, refreshing, motivational, fun, highly addictive and above all great for health and well being. This year Nordic walking will be the one resolution you find impossible to break.



So what is it?

Nordic Walking uses poles to in order to add two major benefits to walking

- The use of poles means the upper body muscles are used as well as the legs
- The poles help to propel the walker along – this means he/she works harder than usual yet the support given by the poles makes it feel easier!

Nordic Walking is a specific fitness technique and is not to be confused with trekking, hill walking or trail running as the poles are not planted in front of the walker/runner but in a specific way that increases the use of the upper body. It can be done by anybody, anywhere and does not require expensive equipment or clothing.

Nordic Walking is the fastest growing fitness activity in the world and is used by individuals, personal trainers, health clubs, physiotherapists, doctors and health promoters because it is highly effective, affordable and FUN!

Beneficial for all

Nordic Walking is quite unique in that it provides benefits for everybody from those with medical problems to the super fit. Whatever age, fitness level or goal, - Nordic Walking is suitable, effective and enjoyable.

Physical Benefits

- Tones the upper and lower body at the same time
- Uses 90% of the skeletal muscles
- Burns up to 46% more calories than ordinary walking
- Reduces the pressure on knees and joints
- Great for the Heart and Lungs
- Ideal for neck, shoulder and back problems
- Poles propel the walker along, making it easier to move faster than normal without feeling the effort.
- It is one of the most effective cross training techniques for athletes and sports people who require ultimate cardiovascular and endurance conditioning.

Other Benefits

- Can be done anywhere – no need for hills, country paths or even snow!
- It appeals to all ages and fitness levels.
- No need to wear special exercise clothing
- It's very sociable; participants can chat as they go!
- It is easy to learn and to keep up.
- It combines exercise with the nature which has been proven to boost mood.

So let's get into the great outdoors, enjoy the beauty of the local countryside and together create a happy and healthy 2010.

(For further details on our Nordic Walking Groups or any other of our Fitness/Nutrition packages then please contact Barry on 01494715076 / 07961001871 or email Barry@newmovementfitness.co.uk)

Barry Ashby

Letter to the Editor

David Leith paints an endearing picture of badgers as worm eaters who only damage golf courses. The reality is less appealing. The badger is an omnivore and a top predator. At our end of the village if you see badger diggings they're quite likely to have unearthed a bees' nest. Wild bees are in decline and their sting is no deterrent to the thick fur of a badger. Worse, badgers are major predators of ground nesting birds. A study published in *Ibis* last year revealed that mammals predated eight of twenty nine skylark nests studied and of the eight five were taken by badgers. Skylarks and other ground nesting birds are also in serious decline. The badger is the only animal that can regularly unroll and eat a hedgehog. The steady growth in badger numbers since 1992 is matched by a decline in hedgehogs. The badger may be very photogenic but the last thing the birds, the bees and

Mrs Tiggywinkle want to see is Brock's striped face bearing down on them. It's the kiss of death.

David Frost - 564466

More on Dog Mess

Who is that selfish dog owner that is letting their dog use the pavement and grass verge by the bus stop opposite Walter's Ash Petrol Station every evening? Boys and girls put their bags down by the bus stop every day when they are waiting for the school buses, and parents walk their younger children past this stop to get to the local school. It is disgusting for them to stand or walk among this mess so would the person who does this please stop. This action is bad for the dog owners who do the right thing.

Walter's Ash Resident (name and address supplied)

Dickinson's Real Deal

Did anyone spot the Naphill & Walter's Ash resident in a recent programme?

The Wheel

Well this is it; another Christmas edition is upon us, it doesn't seem like twelve months since we wrote our last Christmas editorial, and what a year it's been. Two beer festivals and as usual they were both sell outs, the introduction of live music twice a month, a cracking fete day, numerous other events and most recently a fantastic bonfire night and all of this despite the recession.

So in the lead up to Christmas what's going on at The Wheel? Well the Quiz nights are back on after their summer break. Usually the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, always best to check out the dates in the pub as sometimes they may clash with other events. Live Music is now moving to Saturdays, again either check with the pub or keep an eye on the signs outside, Megan Henwood will be back despite her new found fame, as she said "I love playing at The Wheel, it's got a great atmosphere" and for those of you who missed the fantastically talented Ben Lee recently he will also be back very soon. Other acts are being sourced as we write this, but we can guarantee they will be the usual quality and maybe even a little bit famous!!!

The carol singers will be upon us on the 16th December at 8pm, so if you fancy a bit of a Christmas sing-along come on down and join in, there will of course be Mince Pies and Mulled Wine available on the night.

Don't forget you can now pre-book for Christmas Dinner up until the 23rd December, menu's are

available at the pub or drop us an email and we'll send one to you; info@thewheelnaphill.com. Our Christmas and New Year opening times are now displayed in the pub.

Can we just thank all of our customers old and new and young and old for their support throughout the year, and most of all the staff that put up with us and everything we throw at them, cheers guys!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mark and Claire and all The Staff

Yet Another Christmas

As one gallops into the 80s one tends to look back at one's writings over the years when turning out the "literary" drawer. Sadly, I have a gap for the period 1946 to 1951 including the spell when I was Editor of the RAF Wyton Station Magazine for 6 months when the usual writer, an Education Branch Officer, was out of action.

I enjoyed the experience by writing 2 magazines, one for RAF Wyton, a straightforward piece of work covering the various activities on the Station. The other was a "parallel" magazine for RAF Wit Done, in which the same events were viewed ironically through the wrong end of a telescope, with many things going wrong in an amusing way. For instance during the annual Air Officer Inspection, when morning coffee was served it was poured onto the AOC's lap!

Nearer to home, my eye caught an entry for the Naphill Gazette of some 20 years ago. It was for Christmas Edition and here it is updated and expanded somewhat.

"A dark, soggy day in early November is enough to generate thoughts of Christmas in our hill-top village. In particular brooding about all the presents which still have to be bought and the special wrapping paper for them, all the Christmas cards needed and written, the parcels to be packed and addressed, the myriads of stamps needed, including all those expensive ones for far away places, and all the food and drinks to be purchased (and should it be a turkey or a goose, and the extra heat required to maintain the house at an acceptable temperature and the final clearance of leaves and possible shovelling of snow. Not of course forgetting exacting little extras such as extracting the decorations from the loft and finding that the lights don't work and trying to find a Christmas tree of the right height and girth (and price). And finally and demanding, who does what and where for Christmas and New Year? OH, the problems!"

Of course, thankfully eventually everything falls into place and this year will be no exception. As I write it

is lashing with rain which should dislodge those leaves which seem reluctant to submit to the effects of "G". And of course Nature still plays pleasant tricks. A Red Admiral butterfly on my patio on 1st November. Quite ridiculous. And 2 wasps trying sleepily to obtain some juice from a windfall apple on the same day.

Let us hope that Nature doesn't go berserk over Christmas and New Year, and that 2010, despite the dismal financial and economic gloom, surprises us by avoiding really devastating events and makes curmudgeonly old pessimists like me seem distinctly foolish.

David Leith

Naphill and Hughenden Scout Group

The group currently consists of two Beaver colonies, two Cub packs and one Scout troop – in total 144 children. We have also recently affiliated ourselves with the Viper Explorer Unit consisting of 10 Explorers.

Beavers (6 to 8 year olds)

At Hughenden - This term has seen continued progress towards badge work and we have completed our Air Activities badge, which included making paper planes and a presentation from Beaver Assistant Leader Cheryl Drysdale on various RAF aircraft, culminating in the Beavers being able to try on RAF flying suits and helmets which they really enjoyed.

We have also experienced a spy night and spent an evening on Remembrance Day, including making poppies, listening to a poppy story and an activity about injuries sustained during war. Twenty Beavers attended the recent Remembrance Day Parade at Naphill, three of them proudly escorted the Hughenden Beaver Scout Flag whilst one of them laid a wreath.

We have also been working towards the Healthy Eating badge and the Health and Fitness badge. Healthy Eating involved preparing and making a fruit salad and a smoothie, and we are currently finishing off the Health and Fitness Badge which has involved looking at exercise, personal hygiene and foods. As we head towards Christmas we are planning to make some decorations and are having a joint party with our Naphill Beaver Colony.

At Naphill - The Colony remains at 28+ Beavers, with 8 new members having joined for the new term and starting to settle. We also have a new Assistant Beaver Leader - Mouse (Bella); a welcome addition to the existing team.

Amongst the activities completed for this term are a

Noughts and Crosses Quiz, a walk to the common guided by a member of the local society, a spy night breaking codes, and a fancy dress party on Halloween.

Planned activities include bouldering on our purpose-built wall and working towards a number of "challenge" badges.

Cubs (8 to 10½ years)

At Hughenden - This term the Cubs have completed their Home Safety badge, have played lots of games, practised doing knots, have cooked scones and have had a very informative evening at the Wycombe Fire Station.

Planned activities include a Cubs and parents games night, a sponsored silence in support of our favourite charity the Pepper Nurses, practice for the group Carol Concert, and a trip to the pantomime at the Wycombe Swan – which this year is Aladdin.

At Naphill - Last term we had a great time as we were able to go out into the woods on most weeks. The Cubs did orienteering, climbing, a bicycle ride, a hike, wide games, shelter building and making fires.

This term we have been orienteering and are progressing through our Personal Safety badge. We had a "good deed a day" week during the last half term and will now start preparing for our Christmas Carol service. We currently have 26 Cubs - most of whom manage to attend every week.

Welcome and many thanks to Rhys Edgell who has joined as an Assistant Cub Leader this term.

Scouts (10½ to 14½ years)

We currently have 40 Scouts in the troop. We have had some great events already including a games night, climbing at Green Park, a cook out in the woods, a night hike, a pumpkin carving competition, and finally a visit to the RAF Fire Station – including experience using heat seeking equipment !

23 Scouts attended the Remembrance Sunday service and were very well turned out in full uniform – well done boys – much appreciated !

The Scouts have also started work on the Community Challenge and Outdoor Challenge badges. Further activities this term will include pioneering, wide games in Speen, rehearsals and the group Carol Service, go karting in Aylesbury, and a Christmas party.

Viper Explorer Scouts (14½ to 18 years)

The aim for Explorers is to develop the independence of young adults, both boys and girls,

though many activities, especially outdoors. Explorers is a chance to have a lot of fun, make new friends and have the opportunity of taking the Duke of Edinburgh's award.

The unit is currently being challenged to camp out every month of the year in many different ways. The September camp-out included some sleeping under the stars, and future months will cover survival camping, bivouacs, and more. Camp fire cooking seems to be a regular feature of the programme. In addition to the traditional Scout type activities, the unit has many other activities.

Many of the current unit assist with the other Scouting or Guiding sections as young leaders, which also counts towards the DofE award.

All in the unit would like to thank Chris and Christine Poole for their enthusiastic leadership of Viper Explorers from its formation to the end of the summer when they stepped down.

If you are interested in finding out more about Explorers contact Nick by either email (nick.george40@virgin.net) or phone 01494-562846.

We still have a number of leader vacancies from Beavers right through to Scouts – and have a medium term aim of starting another Scout Troop. We also need to find a new Chairman for the Scout & Guide HQ committee - so if you are interested in joining the team – then please make contact.

Once again, sincere thanks to all of our existing uniformed leaders, Explorers, helpers and active parents for their continued hard work.

If you have any queries about our Scout Group, please contact Peter Byerley (Group Scout Leader) on 01494-565955.

*Barry Reading, Gill Graham, Shelagh Sheppard,
Ed Atwell, Adrian Curtis –
Naphill & Hughenden Scout Group Leaders.*

Naphill Brownies

What a busy term we are having! We had a pre-Halloween visit to the West Wycombe caves, which was quite a challenge for some of the girls as they were unsure about the whole 'in the dark', ghost side of such a visit, but thanks to an excellent 'child friendly' guide, we all had a good time.

Last week we had a science night and tried our hand at all sorts of weird and wonderful science experiments. What a fascinating world we live in.

We have enrolled 4 new brownies to our pack this term and I must commend the girls who were Hostesses for the evening. They did us proud (and

made too many yummy cakes for the parents, so the brownies and leaders had to eat some too - mmm)

We have always been really lucky to have great helpers at Naphill Brownies, and I am delighted to say our 2 new Young Leaders, Rachel and Lucy have already started to get to know the brownies and are providing great role models for the younger girls.

The few remaining weeks of the term will be mainly taken up with Christmas activities, in particular our preparations for the District Carol Concert at Speen Church on the 2nd Dec.

Finally a big brownie HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Portia Hansen, currently a Young Leader, who is about to turn 18 and become an adult Brownie Leader.

Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) 565571

Festive Greetings from Naphill & Walter's Ash School

Although personally – and yes you might be surprised – I'm more Baah Humbug! Several children are already counting down to the big day in 'sleeps' and lists of presents have been written. One of my most memorable Christmases was spent in Israel on a kibbutz and my presents were a tube of toothpaste and some deodorant! The spending limit was 9 shekels, about £3.00 in those days, and as I was practically 'shekel – less' on my world travels, the toothpaste and deodorant were welcome luxuries. Not sure that many of the children would appreciate such gifts.

The staff had a great Inset day learning about Forest Schools and enjoyed being active in an outdoor environment. Our afternoon speaker, Mathilda Joubert, who is a leading light in creativity in education, got us all thinking and it made a change from Inset by Powerpoint.

I am hoping to get the Village Horticultural Society involved in the school. Some of our teachers and children attended the November meeting and told the members what work they had done to the school gardens. Anyone who can assist us develop our small wooded area at the bottom of the field can contact the school.

The School Council are in the process of deciding which shade of orange the Year 6 cloakroom should be decorated. They will then be raising money to purchase new equipment for the school kitchen which has been totally refurbished thanks to WANSA.

My first family Christmas is on the 5th of December when my brother flies in from Norway for the night on his way to Africa! Unfortunately I'm not jetting off

anywhere this holiday, Norfolk looks like being my hotspot! But at least if I go there my dad will cook Christmas dinner and his cooking is fantastic, I'll return several pounds heavier. I might even get the chance to watch some football – and yes, Ipswich have finally managed to win a match!

I hope you all have a good Christmas and New Year. I'd like to thank all the staff, parents and governors who have worked so hard this term. Without the vast amount of work that many of them do, quite often in their own time, the school wouldn't be able to offer many of the events, clubs, trips etc that it does.

Kerenza Gwynn – Head teacher

Little Ash Pre-School

Naphill and Walter's Ash Pre-school's Hellish Halloween messy play day was a great success with lots of ghoulish fun had by all. Many thanks to the RAF High Wycombe Fire Service for turning up and entertaining the kids. Thank you to everyone who turned up to support the day and for all those who volunteered their time to help out. Special mention to Tracy for organising the day, well done! On a personal note I have never seen so many Batman's in one place, I had completely run out of black face paint by the end of the day. Kapow!

The next event for the pre-school is going to be the big job of preparing Santa's Grotto at the Naphill Christmas Fayre. Santa and his Elves are working feverishly hard to be ready by 1pm on the 5th December 2009, his reindeer leaving at 4pm to see other children! Lots of activities will be going on whilst you wait to see Santa and we are hoping for some Donkey rides as well!

Finally a massive thank you to Danny Cooke who has volunteered at the Naphill Pre-School for 15 years and was a hard working, committed and a reliable member of the team. Danny finished on Friday 6th November 2009 and will be missed by all the staff, parents and most importantly children who had the pleasure to know him. Best wishes for the future Danny!

Calendar of Events

- Xmas Grotto – 5th December 2009 Village Hall.
- Nativity Play – 14th December 2009
- Xmas Party – 16th December 2009

For new admissions please contact:
info@nawapreschool.co.uk

Please visit our website at
www.nawapreschool.sm4.biz/ for more information.

John Delaney

Danny Cooke



Danny has been a volunteer at the Pre-School, for about 15 years. He joined when it was Naphill Pre-School, based in the Village Hall, when Norma Clarke was the Supervisor.

Danny has been given the wonderful opportunity of having his own flat. This will give him the independence that he has so desperately wanted. He has attended college to help him prepare for this.

Unfortunately due to the location of his new flat, he is no longer able to come to the Pre-School.

Despite being a wheelchair user, he has always managed to get out of his chair and get onto the floor to be with the children and enjoyed nothing more than reading stories to them.

All the children that have attended the Pre-School over the years have loved Danny so much, and I know he has loved them all too.

On behalf of all the Staff and Committee at the Pre-School, and all the children and parents that know Danny, we wish him all the best for the future and want to thank him so much for all his help over the years.

“You are going to be deeply missed Danny”

Debi Conn, Pre-School Manager

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We 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. Admission price per session: £2.00 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling). For further information please call Louise on 01494 488255 or Emma on 01494 488603. Alternatively join us at any Thursday meeting between 2pm and 4pm at Naphill Village Hall during term time.

Louise Lucas