

A photograph of a tree trunk, likely an ash tree, showing a large, oval-shaped hole in the bark. The bark is greenish-grey and textured. The hole is filled with dark, fibrous material. The background is a blurred forest with green leaves and brown fallen leaves on the ground.

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Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15–7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30–6.45	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6–7.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Mondays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	guidinginughenden@hotmail.co.uk.
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Cubs (Walter's Ash)	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Catherine de Rouffignac 496917 (office hours)
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Mondays 2 – 3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Carolyn 712801
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30–11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10,11,12 Saturdays 9.30–11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30–11am	The Crick	
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Matt Gunnell 07446838565
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45–8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8–9pm	Small Hall, Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Line dancing	Tuesdays 8–9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday 10.55–11.30am 11.35–11.55am 12.05pm–12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Mothers and Toddlers	Thursdays (term time) 1–3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Louise Lucas 488255
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30am and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesday 7.30pm		
	Thursday 5.45pm		
Fitness Pilates – Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45–10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Curtis 562779 naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jtench@gmail.com
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Fridays & Saturdays (April–July)		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8–10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30–9.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Tuesdays 1.30–2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
WI	Third Thursday in the month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jenny Price 563001

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Editorial

I hope you are all wrapped up warm against this winter freeze. There are a couple of articles at the end of the Gazette which have lots of information about schemes available to help keep people warm and healthy.

There are lots of survey results suggesting which resolutions are the most popular this year: saving more, eating more healthily, learning a new skill. If you are still succeeding with your New Year Resolutions when you read this, then well done – it is notoriously difficult to do. Richard Pushman has made a big resolutions this year; read on to find out more.

Claire (from The Wheel) suggested that I expand the Pin Up Diary section to include more local events. I hope you like the new format and find it useful. I am happy to take on board any suggestions that you may have to make the Gazette a better publication for you.

Thank you to David Greenwood for the picture on the front cover. It is titled 'Deer Spirit of Naphill Common'. It took me several attempts to see it, just as if looking at an optical illusion, but now I see the 'deer' straight away. I hope you can too.

If you have taken a photo of you and your family having fun in the snow and you think it would make a good cover shot, please email it in to me. I'll select the best picture for our March edition.

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PIN UP DIARY DATES

February

Monday 4th	Bon Ami 2nd Birthday: complimentary piece of birthday cake with your hot drink.
Wednesday 6th	FONC Short Walk led by Chris Miller. Starts at 10.30 am from Village Hall. Free
Thursday 14th	Valentine's Day Romantic Meal at The Wheel. Set menu
Thursday 14th	Have Your Say Meeting with PRN Police Team, outside Co-op, Walter's Ash
Saturday 16th	UTTC play 'The Birthday Party' at the Village Hall. 7.45pm. Tickets £8.50 (see page 14)
Monday 18th	FONC Long Walk led by Ron Collins. Starts at 10.00 am from Village Hall. Free
Friday 22nd	Ted's Quiz Night
Wednesday 27th	The Wheel Quiz Night. £2 per person. Starts 7.30pm. In aid of World Challenge.

March

Friday 1st	Blood Donors at the Village Hall. Call 0300 1232323 or visit blood.co.uk
Saturday 2nd	Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale. Village Hall. 2pm
Wednesday 6th	FONC Short Walk led by Chris Miller. Starts at 10.30 am from Village Hall. Free
Friday 8th	Horticultural Society Dinner & Entertainment. 7.15 pm at the Village Hall. Tickets £16
Sunday 10th	Mother's Day meals at The Wheel or The Black Lion
Monday 11th	Bradenham Parish Council Meeting at Bradenham Cricket Club. 7pm. Open to public.
Friday 15th	Comic Relief Red Nose Day cakes on sale at Bon Ami. 50p donation per hot drink sold
Saturday 16th	St Patrick's Day party at The Wheel
Monday 18th	Horticultural Society AGM. Naphill Village Hall (small hall) All welcome.
Monday 18th	FONC Long Walk led by Ron Collins. Starts at 10.00 am from Village Hall. Free
Friday 22nd	Have Your Say Meeting with PRN Police Team – Community shop Hughenden Valley

County Councillor's Report

As I write this in mid-January 2013 the snow is gently falling, reminding us that the winter is not yet over, despite the lengthening days, but it is the New Year, when Resolutions are made with every good intention of keeping them. I have made such a resolution. After much thought and deliberation, I have decided not to seek reselection for the County Council Elections in May of this year. It was in 1964 that I first became a Hughenden Parish Councillor, retiring some 39 years later. In 1987 I was elected onto Wycombe District Council and represented Naphill & Walter's Ash until 2011. In 1999 you elected me as your County Councillor and I feel that after 14 years in that post, it is time for a change and for me to enjoy whatever time is left in pursuing some of those things which the timetable of council duties has prevented me from doing over the past 49 years! It has been an immensely interesting and mostly enjoyable period of my life and I have been blessed with a supporting wife and family who will now have more of my time and less hectic mealtimes!

Not only have I had the support of family and friends over the years but also of a much wider electorate, who have supported me through a long period as an Independent member and subsequently as a party representative. Throughout all these years I have tried to remember that all residents are equally deserving of a councillor's time and effort in helping them with the numerous and various problems that confront them in dealing with local authorities. It has been a privilege to serve Naphill & Walter's Ash as well as the residents of the wider Division of Greater Hughenden and I sincerely thank all readers who have supported me over the past 49 years.

Back to County business! The Government's Support Grant was much as expected and will demand extra reductions in some of our service expenditure. There is not much fat on the bone to cut and serious decisions have had to be taken as to which services must have priority. We are maintaining the same expenditure on the roads programme as last year and prioritising the care for older people and that of young persons in the council's care. Other services will require a greater input from both volunteers and voluntary organisations. This has worked well for the library service in rural areas with community groups now running successful library services combined with community activities for the benefit of their residents.

I have relied on the expertise and advice of the highway engineers for the road programme in the Greater Hughenden Division as members have the right to prioritise five schemes within their Division. Naphill will see re-surfacing on the stretch of road from the junction with Clappins Lane along towards Bradenham Woods Lane. The road is badly fissured and in winter conditions will quickly break down, so remedial action is essential. I share Bradenham Woods Lane with the adjacent Division and I have agreed to use part of my budget to prioritise major repairs to this road. Other improvements will be major works on Cryers Hill but all these schemes will not be operative until the new financial year 2013/14.

I am aware of considerable concern about parking problems outside the proposed new post office location at Costcutters. There are requests for yellow lines along the left side towards Coombe Lane to prevent parking on both sides of the road. There are certain procedures which we have to undertake before the necessary traffic order can be made. I would welcome readers' views on this subject.

My successor will have much to think about and I wish him or her well but until the Election in May 2013 it remains my responsibility!

Richard Pushman

Hughenden Parish Council Report

The recent freezing temperatures are a sharp reminder of the need to keep a special eye out for neighbours and relatives who might find it difficult to get out in difficult conditions. The weather also brings problems to the roads and once again, we are faced with disintegrating surfaces on some of our key routes into the villages which are bound to get worse as the weather deteriorates.

Some good news is that Bradenham Woods Lane has been put on the priority list for resurfacing – although this does not mean it will happen quickly. But some bad news is the proposal by Country Supplies to use Shana as a feeder depot for their Warrendene Road site. Apart from the obvious safety concerns from regular heavy lorries turning into New Road at the busiest travel time for RAF staff and school children, further damage to the roads is inevitable and even though this development is not actually in Hughenden Parish, all local residents will be affected.

Traffic concerns have also been raised by residents local to Costcutter. The new post office location has led to calls for double yellow lines to be used and the Council has agreed to support the use of these in principle. However, the process of getting these approved and funding issues means that this is unlikely to be resolved for some time.

For the Parish Council, our budget for the year is determined at the F&A meeting in November when it was agreed to recommend a very small increase of 1.9% in the precept – the amount charged to local residents through rates – to cover inflationary costs. However, budgetary pressures on District Councils have seen additional rates-related increases imposed at Parish level, so whilst the precept will rise, the amount available for use by the Parish Council will fall. Hopefully, we can contain this without affecting services, but it is a sign of the worsening public purse pressures.

A solution to the Co-op parking problems has proved to be extremely elusive, but the Parish Council has now agreed to fund a feasibility study that will hopefully determine the best course of action once and for all. This should be conducted in April and will assess all the options. County do not yet see this as a safety problem or funding priority, but hopefully this study will ensure this gets resolved.

Finally, we would just like to thank Audra Byerley who is standing down as a Parish Councillor. We will greatly

miss her local input and the fact that she significantly reduced the average age of the Council. Being a Councillor is time consuming, but it is also rewarding and we hope that residents of all ages will consider putting themselves forward. If you would like to find out more, please do make contact with one of us and we will hopefully be able to convince you of the merits of being on the Parish Council.

Phil Conran, Roger Beavil, Dennis Hackling.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

You may know that Audra Byerley, one of the Councillors for Naphill & Walter's Ash Ward, resigned recently, and we need a volunteer to fill the gap. Hopefully, more than one person will apply so that there will be a choice!

By the time of reading this article the Parish Council will know if there will be a by-election for the vacancy or if it will be filled by a co-option (this means the current Councillors make a decision between those who apply).

Being a Parish Councillor is the kind of voluntary service where you can put in as much time as you wish, the minimum being attending all (or most) of our Full Council meetings, held on evenings on 11 occasions throughout the year, and by reading the information that is circulated prior to each meeting. Beyond that, it is up to the individual how involved they become.

There are many aspects that can be satisfying, since many investigations, discussions and decisions can directly affect things that go on in our locality. In addition, we often have comments to make on action that bodies like Wycombe District Council or Bucks County Council are considering that will have an impact on us.

If all this sounds interesting, please contact me by phone (01494 715296) or by email (hughendenpc@btconnect.com).

*Charlotte Watts
Clerk to Hughenden Parish Council*

Personal Perspective

I hope that you had a peaceful Christmas, and have so far managed to avoid a stressful 2013.

This is being written with snow all around, which reminds me that potholes and gratings are even more of a potential hazard when they are obscured. Last week I informed Bucks County Council (BCC), via their public website, of the various potholes that currently affect Coombe Lane. It will be interesting to see if repairs have been made by the time you read this.

Anyone can report poor road conditions, whether they are close to where you live, or on a route you regularly use, for instance. Let's inundate BCC with requests, particularly where we think they might be a danger to pedestrians or road-users! If you haven't got Internet access, just phone the Parish Office on 01494 715296. It's worth noting the website for reporting potholes, if you are able to use the Internet: www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/ea_report_problem.page

You might have noticed that some repairs were recently done to the footpath just outside the Co-operative Store in Walter's Ash, but there may also be many other stretches of road or footpath in Naphill or Walter's Ash where repairs need to be requested.

You will see elsewhere in this Gazette an article from our Parish Clerk about a vacancy for a Councillor, which has occurred because Audra Byerley has found it increasingly difficult to balance home, work and Parish activities. She was an enthusiastic, and young, member of the Parish Council, and will be missed from that role.

Since being elected I've tried to give you some idea of what the role of a Parish Councillor is, in the hope that one or more of those living in the area might consider putting their name forward when the time is right, initially by contacting Charlotte Watts, our Parish Clerk. You may recall that you would need to commit to attending all or most of the eleven evening Full Council meetings held each year, and to stay awake during them! There are plenty of things we do apart from that, but these are on a voluntary basis, and it would be up to you to decide how much time to give, so please contact Charlotte, on 715296, for further details if you are interested.

Roger Beavil

Bradenham Parish Council

To commemorate The Queen's jubilee the parish council has planted two English yew trees. We were able to fund this with a generous donation of £200 from County Councillor Paul Rogerson.

As part of the parish council's bigger traffic calming scheme for Bradenham it was agreed that county councillors Paul Rogerson and Richard Pushman would be actively supported with their requests to have the whole of Bradenham Woods Lane resurfaced. The traffic calming scheme for the village formed a large part of the deliberations on the setting of the precept for 2013/14. It was decided to include half the cost of new village entry signs by the church (£1,500) in the precept request. As a result the precept had to be set at £7000, a 29.6% increase on 2012/13.

It was discussed that the Bradenham noticeboard is in need of repair, although it has been made safe.

The meeting also decided that strongly worded correspondence and/ or correspondence which incites the council to behave in an illegal way, would not be acted upon.

It was noted that the clerk's workload has been increasing over the years and it had been decided to increase the paid hours worked by the clerk to 4.8 hours a week.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11 March at Bradenham Cricket club starting at 7.00pm. The meeting is open to the public. For information please contact the clerk: Deirdre Hansen, clerk@bradenham.org.uk

*Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council
clerk@bradenham.org.uk*

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Winds of Change

We are told green fields and green belts will be less protected in future than they have been. Recent UK demographic changes have focused attention on the growing population's infrastructure and housing demands. There is talk of boosting the flat economy with public works such as construction, transport, roads and power generation. The HS2 rail route through the Chilterns AONB has been approved. Other projects will follow.

Action groups and residents associations have to be alert and prepared in advance to defend local interests at short notice. Our village, at the centre of the Chilterns AONB, has for 43 years warded off numerous development threats in Green Belt (including a huge housing estate and a golf course) through a strong Residents Association which has built up a wealth of knowledge, experience and contacts with local government and other bodies.

NAWARA Committee Activities

Activities are varied and interesting.

Issues in which NAWARA has taken a lead (in addition to vetting all local planning applications) have included three public meetings and a poll on Co-op parking, a public meeting to call for Parish Council elections, action on light pollution, opinion polls on street lighting, addition of footpaths to the definitive map of public rights of way, tree preservation, vehicle speed reduction measures, potholes, road markings, water main leaks, litter, dog fouling, blocked footpaths, vegetation obstructing the highway. Outside the villages, stopping AONB/Green Belt siting of affordable housing, re-siting Valley Road surgery, speaking at Public Inquiries and WDC planning meetings, taking part in Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group and local Major Incident Planning, and in WDC planning and traffic forums.

It has held public general interest talks on the Chilterns AONB, the National Trust, Wycombe District Council (with Chief Executive, and Planning and Finance Directors as speakers), the RAF (with a guided tour of the older bunker), talks on owls, red kites, badgers, bats, muntjacs, edible dormice, animal rescue, hearing dogs for the deaf, local geology, and edible fungi walks and lunches. It fulfils a social role, organising dinner dances and quiz nights open to the village as a whole, and for a time it fostered a youth club.

However, NAWARA currently needs to bring its committee back up to strength to be ready for new challenges.

NAWARA Objectives

Since the 1960s, our Constitution has had four wide ranging Objectives that should be very attractive to anyone who lives in and loves the Chilterns and our villages and would like to take an active (but not too onerous) role in preserving and enhancing them. These Objectives are:

- To promote the best interests of the Residents of Naphill and Walter's Ash;
- To be a channel of information on matters affecting Residents;
- To provide a focus for action by Residents in defending the interests of Naphill and Walter's Ash;
- To encourage Residents to take an active interest in their village and their environment.

I believe the attractive character of Naphill and Walter's Ash is quite fragile and vulnerable to unsympathetic changes.

NAWARA is the only body set up specifically to protect the interests of our two villages. Its committee needs to be up to strength to maintain that work.

New Committee Member(s)

Are you someone who is in sympathy with these objectives and believes they are worth your support as a member of the NAWARA Committee? If so, contact glorialeflaive@msn.com or 563634 now and come to a meeting to see what goes on. Meetings are monthly, 8 to 10 pm, second Thursdays, at the Village Hall.

Please consider this invitation carefully and get in touch now if you are interested.

Malcolm Leflaive 563634

Neighbourhood Police News

Hello from the Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Police Team (PRNPT). If you need to contact your neighbourhood police team then please dial 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Princes Risborough Police Office or leave the team a message. Alternatively please send an email to the following address: princesrisboroughnhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

The Princes Risborough Police Office is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10 am – 2 pm. The next 'Have Your Say' meeting will be held on 14 February outside the Co-op. If you cannot make it to the event then you are more than welcome to come down to the police station during its opening times and speak to the station's duty officer, Share KHAN.

Door to Door Salesman: A few weeks ago Princes Risborough had a number of unwelcome door to door salesmen, commonly known as 'Nottingham Knockers', canvassing in the area.

The 'Nottingham Knockers' are normally young males in their late teens to mid 20's that go door to door trying to sell house hold goods from a holdall. The salesmen will carry an identification card, which is normally homemade, that purports that he has permission to sell goods in the local area. This identification card is normally quickly flashed at a perspective buyer who has to then stand upon their doorstep and try and fend off this unwelcome caller. The salesmen will normally claim that they are a rehabilitated 'Young Offender' or have recently come out of prison and that they are trying to go straight and are trying to sell goods to make a living.

A number of these salesmen have a very discreditable background and although seem harmless enough to some, they are only one step away from taking

advantage of a vulnerable property and/or person. Many people feel under pressure to purchase an item, which will be at an inflated price, just to get rid of them. Some salesmen use the opportunity to ask you for a drink of water or the use of your toilet and trick their way into your home and steal your belongings, normal your purse, wallet or mobile phone.

These salesmen should be in possession of a Pedlar's Certificate (see image below for more details) which should be issued by the Chief Constable of the police area from which they reside. This certificate will only be issued if a person is of a good character. If he doesn't have a certificate he may be committing an offence for which he could be arrested. The certificate should also have the salesmen's personal information and photo upon it.



Example of an official Pedlar's Certificate

Please do not entertain these door to door salesmen and call the police on the non emergency number so that a member of the PRNPT team, if available, can check these people out. If possible write down the salesman's details and a brief description, which could assist the police if an offence occurs.

A lot of time and effort has also been invested, by the PRNPT and Neighbourhood Watch, in the Risborough and Hughenden areas obtaining 'No Doorstep Selling Zone' signs, which have been erected at the entrance to various roads and locations, and door stickers which a member of the household has placed upon their door.

If you do purchase goods from these salesmen then they will only come back! With your help we can send a message to the 'Nottingham Knockers' that they are not welcome in the area.

If you would like a free 'No Cold Callers' sticker for your door then please get in touch. The sticker can also be obtained from the Neighbourhood Watch office, which is situated at the Princes Risborough Information Centre (opposite Marks & Spencer's), Horns Lane, Princes Risborough or you can call in at Princes Risborough Police Office, Longwick Road, Princes

Risborough on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10 am – 2 pm.



'No Cold Callers' advice sticker to display by your door

Winter Burglaries: Now that the darker evenings are upon us, criminals are on the prowl looking for vulnerable properties and/or locations to break into. If you leave your home in complete darkness and your curtains are not drawn, and no car is on the drive, it could be an obvious sign to an opportunist burglar that no one is at home. At this time of the year more than any other it pays to address the security of your home.

There are a number of simple ways to do this, all of which will hopefully help to reduce the chance of your home becoming the next target.

- Purchase some timer lights. The timer can be used with a lamp, radio or TV to give the impression that someone's home.
- Join a Neighbourhood Watch type scheme
- Register your valuables on www.immobilise.com, which is a free government website, which is easy to use and update. If you are then the unfortunate victim of a crime you can access the site and will be able to inform the police, your insurance company and the second-hand trade in assisting in recovering your property and hopefully help to catch the thief responsible.
- Keep valuables out of sight.
- Lock your doors and windows, if you have a UPVC door make sure you have double locked it.

The PRNPT will be patrolling in the area and if the Police believe your house is at risk of being burgled you may receive one of our 'Here's a bright idea' cards through your door. If you do you are welcome to make contact with the PRNPT and ask for further crime prevention advice or literature.



*SGT 4738 Andrew Deane
Princes Risborough Area Neighbourhood Police*

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

The main focus of my report this month is two pleas. The first one is that the Mother and Toddler club that has met regularly in the Village Hall has had to close down due to lack of support making it not financially viable any longer. This is a real shame and we would like to hope that it becomes sorely missed and a new committee is formed shortly to reinstate it. We like to think that the Hall is part of the community for all ages. The toddler group has been a valuable club for mothers to meet and share their worries and concerns and for their young children to start to socialise. If you are reading this with toddlers in the house then do talk to your friends and see if you can get together to reinstate it.

My second plea is for all dog walkers to be fastidious in clearing up after their dog. I know that the woods are not pleasant to walk in at the moment as they are so muddy and so many of you are exercising your dogs on the Crick and this is resulting in problems with dog mess. I know that most of you are really good at clearing up after your dog and making good use of the dog waste bin that is on the Crick, but there are a few who are leaving the mess for others to find. These may be small children running around on the Crick, or footballers having a game. If you see anyone not clearing up then please report them to the dog warden at Wycombe District Council. The maximum fine for not clearing up is £1,000 so you have been warned.

The Christmas tree lights were yet again wonderful and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team that climb the tree and get them in place, especially Mark Blamey who lends his cherry picker and his expertise which makes the job easier. I would also like to thank all those of you who put your hand in your pocket and put your loose change into one of the collecting tins that were scattered around the village. The one in The Wheel did exceptionally well and thanks to Claire and her team there who were very proactive at collecting donations from their customers. The tins raised a total of £376 which goes a long way to covering the costs of lighting the tree, so many thanks.

By the time you read this we may have a new notice board outside the hall. It is due to be delivered this month and erected in place of the old one. It will be locked and we will let you know who you have to contact with anything you would like displayed there. In the brochure it looks very smart!!

The hall is due to be redecorated over the Easter holidays which will hopefully cause the minimum disruption to our hirers. We are then going to put up new curtains so the hall will really look fresh and loved.

We will be changing the phone number for the lettings next month to significantly cut down our phone bills. The new number can be found on page one.

Our next fundraising events will be;

- 16 February: UTTC play (see page 14)
- 22 February: Ted's quiz night (see page 14)
- 15 June: The Fete (see page 13)
- 2 November: Fireworks

Make a note of them in your diaries and see you there.

*Sarah Bacon 563479
Chairman Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council
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Services at St Botolph's

Time and dates for February are given below:

February 3rd 11am Eucharist
February 10th 11am Eucharist
February 17th 11am Eucharist
February 24th 11am Matins

Peggy Ewart

Naphill Neighbours

To recap a little on events towards the end of 2012: on Thursday, 22 November, a large group of us travelled to Aylesbury, to the Waterside Theatre, to see a matinee performance of 'Forty Second Street'. Prior to this we were invited to take a very comprehensive tour of the theatre, both front of house and backstage. Divided into two groups we commenced our tour in different directions, accompanied by two very professional ladies who kept us well informed on all the details.

The theatre is very much a multi-functional venue. It can accommodate entertainment, conferences, wedding shows (as it has during January), wedding receptions and the like. Backstage we were able to visit the wardrobe, the laundry room – where a lady was busy washing, drying and ironing costumes between performances – the wig room (most of the female members of the cast wore a wig), the musicians pit (completely hidden from the auditorium) and finally the stage, which was a very busy place with people dashing here, there and everywhere. By the time our tour was over, we were all ready for lunch and had plenty of time to relax and enjoy it. The show was lively and the cast energetic. I'm sure we all wished we had a quarter of their energy. A fantastic performance, great seats and a thoroughly enjoyable day all round.

Thanks to all of you who provided for our Bottle and Can Tombola at the Naphill Christmas Fayre. We were kept very busy and had a successful afternoon.

Our Christmas Dinner took place on Monday, 17 December. Afterwards we were entertained by Bob and Jean's Variety Show before making our way home, probably thinking about the preparations for producing our own Christmas meal in just over a week's time.

Regrettably, our January meeting had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather conditions. This was a disappointment as browsing stalls and searching for antiques seems to be a very popular pastime these days if 'Bargain Hunt' is anything to go by.

Our February meeting takes place on Monday 11 February. Our Speaker will be Mrs. Barbara Askew who will give a talk on 'Elizabeth and Philip – A Royal Marriage'. Tea hostesses for the evening will be Valerie Pushman, Jenny Price and Trish Bowen. Let's hope the weather will have improved by then and we can look forward to meeting up for what we are sure will be a very interesting talk.

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Our next event is our DINNER and ENTERTAINMENT on Friday 8 March. Doors open at 7.15pm and we will have the usual wine and soft drinks bar. Tickets are now available and cost just £16, including a glass of wine, so if you would like to join us in the Village Hall for this popular event, give me a call.

The menu will be a choice of :

Steak and Ale Pie or Rosemary Chicken with a Tomato and Red Wine Sauce or Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (vegetarian) all served with Buttered New Potatoes, Carrots and Roasted Vegetables.

And for dessert, either Individual Chocolate Pudding with Chocolate Sauce or Lemon Tart.

Tea and Coffee will follow.

After Dinner, I am delighted to say that we have the RAF High Wycombe Ladies Choir coming along to entertain us. The choir started as part of the Military Wives Choir branding, but they have moved away from the 'brand' and as quite a few of the ladies are Servicewomen and unmarried they felt it wrong to be a 'Wives' choir. They also have daughters amongst their number. I think we should be in for a treat.

Members and non-members are all very welcome, but I must have final numbers and menu choices by 1 March. Tickets always sell fast – so don't wait to be invited, just pick up the phone!

Finally, an early reminder that on Monday 18 March we hold our AGM at 8.00pm in the Small Hall. As always, all are welcome to come along and air their views, and we would love to see some new faces.

See you all on 8 March.

Cathryn Carter 563233

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

Following our Open Meeting and AGM we have formed our new committee and will shortly be preparing our programme of events and activities. Our pond survey will continue and we hope to do some moth surveys during the summer. If you have any ideas please let us know. Meanwhile, our short walks led by Chris Miller will continue on the first Wednesday of each month, (6 February; 6 March; 3 April etc.) starting from the Village Hall car park at 10.30am. The walks will be about three miles long. Ron Collins' longer walks will be on the third Monday of each month, 18 February; 18 March; 15 April etc.), starting from the Village Hall car park at 10 am. All are free so please join in.

It is likely that we are going to see some changes on the Common this year. The West Wycombe Estate, that owns most of the Common, intends to start a limited felling and clearing programme in the autumn. As explained previously, what they can do has to be agreed by several bodies, including the Forestry Commission, Natural England and the Chiltern Conservation Board. The Friends of Naphill Common have supplied information about the ancient trees,

significant features and vulnerable sites, and we have been assured that these will be respected. How many trees and how much holly will be removed we shall have to wait and see, but we intend to keep a close eye on what is happening. Any villagers who are concerned about what is happening are welcome to contact us.

This work by the Estate may be painful while it is happening but it could have beneficial results. Opening up some of the glades and paths could bring a greater variety of vegetation and animal life and, by letting the sun in, it should help to dry out some of the paths. The juniper cuttings will soon be ready to return to the Common and it might be possible to persuade the Estate to open up an area large enough to plant them near to their original site. The National Trust, who own the area near Bradenham, containing the Clumps, has kindly agreed to put some of the juniper cuttings in open spaces there. However, as our geology survey showed, the soils change markedly over the Common, so it would be advantageous to plant some junipers close to where the cuttings were taken.

There will also be more changes around the Clumps. We are Co-operating with the National Trust to try to return the Clumps to something like their original state. Of course, many of the original trees have gone and several of the survivors are in such a bad condition that they will have to be either felled or reduced in height. None-the-less, we hope to produce a more open, grassy area in which the five Clumps are conspicuous features – rather than being hidden in a forest of holly and young trees, as at present. The National Trust is going to place an information board near the site to show what we hope to achieve. It will include a painting supplied by Philip Hussey of FONC.

The Friends of Naphill Common can only function if we have the support of local people. Please remember to renew your membership or, if not already a member, consider joining. Our annual subscription is only £5. Our membership secretary is Stephanie Morgan, telephone 562656. Visit our website for more information: www.naphillcommon.org.uk

Trevor Hussey, Chairman

Long walks: Ron Collins 562240

Short Walks: Chris Miller 563707

Naphill Evening WI

What an array of hats! Nearly all members rose to the occasion and made a hat for our Christmas party and they were all fantastic. Sally's hat was judged to be the best by our caterer for the evening, who, with the help of his team, gave us a delicious three-course Christmas meal. The committee served us with wine and soft drinks and we had beautiful handmade napkin rings and a festive flower arrangement on each table.

Taplow House Hotel also provided a tasty festive lunch on 4 December for the Food Appreciation Group. Their first outing of 2013 for lunch at The Harrow will have come and gone by the time you read this, but others are planned. There will be lunch at La Cantina del Vino in Marlow on 27 February and an evening meal with jazz at the Jolly Woodman on 25 March. If you would like further details, please ask, as a full year of events is being organised.



Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale

Saturday 2nd 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.

The speaker for our WI meeting on 21 February will be Mrs C Bloxham on 'Sweethearts and Valentines' and the competition will be a handmade Valentine Card. This will be followed on 21 March by an Open Meeting when Tina-Louise Deeks will talk about (and hopefully demonstrate) Egyptian Belly Dancing.

There are lots of other exciting things being organised for 2013, including a trip to London in March with a ride on the new cable car over the Thames, and in April a theatre trip to see Top Hat.

I think it is going to be a good year.

Carol Gilliam

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

Happy New Year to everyone and here's to a prosperous and healthy 2013 (and hopefully an improvement in the weather)? Although the rain tried to dampen our festive spirit, I'm pleased to say that it failed. It was an amazing December as everyone seemed to stay local for their Christmas parties and we had a very busy month. The Christmas tree lights looked fantastic again this year; there is always a smile on your face when you drive up Main Road and see our tree that outshines every other village. Unfortunately, we felt that our Christmas tree collection boxes were a little light this year so we recruited various children in the village to help, by getting people to donate so thanks to Reece, Kian, Evie and Georgia.

New Years Eve was an entertaining evening with almost everyone in fancy dress. The theme was Beach party and all proceeds went to Air Ambulance and we raise an amazing £333.25. As ever our definition of Beach Party was slightly tenuous but it seemed to work. Just to mention a few of the costumes we had; Scuba Diver, Pirates (lots of), Sailors, Life Guard, Mermaids, Environmental Health Officer and a Penguin! It was a fabulous night and hopefully spells the way for the rest of 2013! Photos are on our Facebook page.

With the New Year in full swing there is always a lot to look forward to and to be a part of at The Wheel. Here are some dates to put in your diary now so that you don't miss out.

- 6 Nations Rugby – starts 2 February
- Valentine's Day – 14 February (book early for our set menu)
- Mothers Day – 10 March (book really early)!
- St Patricks Day Party – 16 March
- Beer Festival – 19 and 20 April (St George's Theme)

Mark and I would like to thank all our staff who have worked so hard during 2012 and especially over the Christmas period. If we didn't have such a great bunch of people working for us the pub would not be as successful and fun as it is. We would also like to thank our many locals for their continued support and all our new customers in 2013!

Cheers!

Claire and Mark

Black Lion Naphill

blacklionnaphill.com

Firstly let me start by wishing everyone a belated Happy New Year.

Well, the Black Lion had a very busy Christmas and New Year and we served a record number of meals during the December period. Thank you all for your custom and we hope each and every one of you enjoyed your Christmas and New Year at the Black Lion.

Quiz Nights: We are continuing our fortnightly quiz evenings throughout January and February, with the next one on Sunday 27 January with a General Knowledge theme. The proceeds from the quiz are shared between the winning team, the local school and the Football Club. We are very pleased to announce we have just purchased another set of goals for the football club from the proceeds of the Quiz evenings, so well done to you all for supporting the local clubs and school.

Finally, just a recap on our November Race Night which raised just over £300. Again donated to the local clubs. So that's all for now from all at the Black Lion and thank you all for your continued support,

Bob, Jack, Martin, Mike and all the Team

Bon Ami

It is great to be back after our lovely Christmas break; we hope everyone had a good time too.

Can you believe that 4 February 2013 will be our second birthday! We hope as many of you as possible will and celebrate with us. You can enjoy a complimentary piece of birthday cake with your hot drink.

Next on the agenda is Valentine's Day. We will be baking Valentine's cupcakes and love bug biscuits. You can either enjoy these treats with us or they can be gift wrapped to take home to your loved one. We will also have some beautiful handmade cards for the occasion made by a talented local cardmaker. Do come and browse.

We will be raising money for 'Comic Relief' with 'red nose' cakes. As with our 'MacMillan Cancer Care Day' we will donate 50p from every hot drink sold on 15 March 2013. We hope to see you.

Ruth and Amanda.

Pony Espresso

Pony Espresso has been up and galloping for two months now, and I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to my direct neighbours, Shear Madness and Manor Garage, for their support and friendliness during this time. I also extend my gratefulness to all my customers who've come in and wished me well. I now have many regulars, and hope to gain many more. Contrary to Chinese whispers, I am not a betting or tack shop! I serve delicious coffee and very tasty filled baguettes!

I stayed open over the Christmas holiday and although the rain deterred many people from venturing out, I still had customers getting away for a quiet coffee and scan of the newspapers, as well as (possibly) a sneaky slice of our popular carrot cake....

I am very pleased to have Donna Tandy on board with me – she lives locally so knows many people, and is a superb pastry maker. I'm sure everyone who had mince pies from us over Christmas will agree!

Our soups are proving to be very popular, and our baguettes always receive high praise. As summer is on it's way (hope and pray) we are serving a variety of salads, and a healthy fruit, seed and yoghurt breakfast. Come and try!

For anyone celebrating an occasion, we can also bake cakes to order, and have started making delicious bite sized (okay, so a tiny bit bigger) very pretty cupcakes.....look out for our Valentine's special creations nearer the date....

We're looking forward to this year and hope to meet many more local faces as time goes by! Come in and say hello!

Blaine Wilsworth

Naphill Brownies

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas. We finished last term off with a lovely Christmas Carol Service at Hughenden Church. The church was packed with Brownies and Guides from all of the Hughenden District and their families. As well as singing lots of well-known carols, each group delighted us with a short entertainment, ranging from songs and poems to short plays. Well done everyone.

Naphill Brownies have been back in action for a few weeks now. We have welcomed three new Brownies to our pack who have settled in really well and seem to be having fun.

This term we are doing our science badge amongst other things. This will involve some experimenting, creating, testing and building.

We have already considered New Year's resolutions – trying a variety of unusual fruits that could be part of our five-a-day, doing a superstars challenge to test our fitness and taking a look at ourselves and what we are like.

Our Brownie pack continues to be oversubscribed, so if your daughter is hoping to join Brownies, even if she is not seven for a while yet, do get in touch directly and put her name on the waiting list, or go on to the Girlguiding web page to register your interest.

Finally, don't forget that we have our Spring Jumble Sale coming up on the 2 March, so please do save up your jumble for us.

*Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) 565571
ruth.daly3@btinternet.com*

Naphill & Hughenden Scout Troop

Some of you will recall that during last term four members of Naphill and Hughenden Scout Troop

Will **YOU** let Hughenden Beavers disappear?

Hughenden Beaver Scout Colony is in imminent danger of closing at the end of the Spring 2013 term simply because nobody is prepared to step forward and become uniformed Leaders.

It could be one person, or a group of people, who step forward. Training and support will be given.

With enough people involved, it needn't necessarily be a weekly commitment.

Experience of Scouting is not important, but the survival of Hughenden Beavers is.

If you think you could be the person, or be part of a group of people, to join our team of volunteer Leaders please contact us urgently.

**Don't let Hughenden Beavers disappear...
...they might not come back next time.**

**For more information or to
volunteer please call 01494 447121**





Do you recognise yourself?

This wonderful picture has been provided by Pam Smith. It was taken in 1945 at the VE Day Celebration held at the Village Hall. If you remember being there, please give the editor, Clare, a call on 565065 so that you can share your memories with us.

achieved their Chief Scout's Gold award which is the highest award available in Scouts. We are pleased to say that just before Christmas we were able to award a fifth Chief Scout's Gold award, to Kieran Thompson. Well done Kieran!



Scout leader demonstrates cooking on a camp fire

This term we have an action packed programme and in the best traditions of scouting will be spending as much time as we can outdoors. In the first half term we will be having a winter cook out where each patrol builds and lights a camp cooking fire out in the woods and then cooks a meal for their patrol. We also have a night

hike to a currently secret destination and our annual make and decorate pancake competition. This falls on Valentine's day this year but we are not expecting too many pancakes to be decorated with hearts!

Due to one of our leaders stepping down we currently have restrictions on new scouts joining us so if there is anyone reading this who would be interested in coming along to help out please drop us an email; naphillscouts@aol.com.

Mark Powell

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group

It is with great sadness that I write that the Naphill Mother & Toddlers Group has had to close due to a severe fall off in numbers making it no longer viable to keep going from an economic point of view. The group has played a large part in village life for many years and the decision has not been taken lightly. However, if anyone would like to take up the reins at any point and run a toddlers group the equipment will remain at the hall. Please contact Tanya Stevens (563053) or Sarah Bacon (563479) for further help and information.

Finally a huge thank you to all those who have supported Mothers & Toddlers over the years.

Louise Lucas 488255

Fete Day 15 June 2013

The fete committee are now meeting once a month and firstly we would like to wish the village a Happy New

Year. Way back in November we made our decisions on the date and theme, which is never an easy task. So this year will be... British Achievements in History

We hold our meeting on a Thursday night and are now in the process of organising and contacting all our amazing volunteers and donators, so if you don't hear from us please contact us on nwafete@hotmail.co.uk. We would like to also ask that any of those un-wanted Christmas presents could be put to one side for the tombolas. Also, don't throw out any books if you were lucky enough to receive a Kindle or eBook as we will need real books too!

*The Fete Committee
nwafete@hotmail.co.uk*

The Birthday Party

I am delighted to say that the Ubiquitous Touring Theatre Company is returning to Naphill with their production of The Birthday Party by Harold Pinter.

This is Pinter's classic comedy of menace. A dubious boarding house on the South Coast run by an everyday couple. A lodger who has escaped from something. The positive innocence of a young woman. Two shady visitors with a job to do. A thrilling, brilliant and witty mirror into the rhythms and absurdity of our everyday language. Haunting, thrilling and funny.

So make a date for Saturday 16 February starting at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall with tickets at £8.50 including a cheese supper. The bar will be open as usual serving wine, beer and soft drinks.

Naphill Village Hall has been privileged to host many highly acclaimed performances by Ubiquitous over the years and we are thrilled to stage their latest production.

Please telephone me on 562099 to reserve your tickets.

John Harris

Uniquely Red Secretly Blue

This new novel follows remarkable healings, tragedy and drama in a thrilling tale of faith and fiction that radiates out from our part of the Chilterns to reach the rest of the world. It draws on many scenes, some real and some fictitious, from 30 years of living in the area.

The lead character comes to see people in a weird and unique way, with the colour red holding the promise of hope, and the colour blue assuming a vital but secret significance. Sharing his story and countering the claims of sceptics, he involves the media to report to the world the dramatic events they and others have witnessed. Punctuating the story are intense moments of tragedy and drama including attempted bombings, a devastating air disaster, an oil terminal explosion, and even a pink gas attack. It is above all a book of hope that will speak to the hearts of those who believe in God and can equally inspire those who hold no fixed belief or religious affiliation.

I've set up a website (www.a-healing-hand.com) where you can see more details. The book itself is available online from Amazon in both paperback and Kindle format. If it sounds interesting and you cannot get onto the Internet, perhaps a friend or relative might help.

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Village Hall Quiz

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

Friday 22nd February
Doors open 7pm
Quiz Starts 7.30pm
Teams of Four
Tickets £10 pp
(includes Ploughman's)
Full Bar Available
In Aid of Hall Funds
Tickets in advance from
Ted Chapman (563034) &
John Harris (562099)

If you would like to provide an unbiased review of the novel for the next issue of the Gazette, please contact roger@a-healing-hand.com

Roger Beavil

Hi Children!

It was fun seeing you at the Naphill Christmas Fayre in December, but why so few of you? I can only presume that you had either been to see me somewhere else or had plans to do so at a later date. Anyway, I hope you had a lovely Christmas and that you got the gifts that you really wanted.

Thank you for the drinks and mince pies you left out for me and the reindeer enjoyed the carrots. I hope they did not leave too much mess behind.

I am now enjoying a well earned rest and am on a strict diet as I ate too many of those mince pies.

Mrs Claus has given me a good haircut and trimmed my beard as it was getting too long and bushy.

Have a great year and I look forward to seeing you again next Christmas.

Love to you all,

Santa

Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

Weren't the lights spectacular again this year? So many people have commented on how wonderful they always look, and how the tree reminds them of a giant Christmas pudding!

As always, a huge thank you goes to the team, led by Mike Mason, who brave the elements each year to bring us all such joy, and cheer up the dark evenings.

However, the biggest thanks go to everyone who contributed towards the lights by putting a donation in one of the boxes that were in all the local pubs and businesses. Despite the current economic situation you were incredibly generous and the total in the boxes this year was a fantastic £375.79, and the W.I collected another £59 at their Christmas Party. It all goes a long way towards the running costs and the essential insurance for Mike and his team.

I think we can safely say that our tree's future remains bright!

Cathryn Carter

The team hope everyone enjoyed the lights this year. Special thanks must go to Mike Leggett who was the lead climber once more. Not only did he do the climbing when putting the lights up on 1 December and when taking them down on 5 January, he climbed again after the lights had been on for a few days in order to install some artificial branches to make the shape better at the top on the road side. Readers may remember that a couple of years ago a large branch in that area broke off in the gales leaving a hole. Special thanks must also go to Mark Blamey of Saunderton who once more drove the cherry picker and to Arbourtech Services Ltd of Downley Road which provided the cherry picker at no cost. Prior to the team putting up the lights Mark also carried out a light pruning of small branches in order to maintain the health of the tree and to prevent those branches obscuring the lights. The net effect was that the display was even better this time. The tree is now 75 years old and still growing vigorously.

Up aloft on the cherry picker was also Stephen Fountain from Widmer End. David Greenwood was up a tall ladder for some time tying and untying the ends of the garlands. The ground team consisted of Gary Putnam of Lacey Green, John Harris, Ron Collins, Terry Aldridge, Peter Brown, Glenn Gavin, Peter Davis, Kevin Oxnard, Henry Oxnard, Jack Mason (my grandson) and myself. Thanks must go to Claire from The Wheel who provided sandwiches for the starving troops and to Marlène Mason who provided the essential mince pies and coffee. Readers may be surprised that as many as 15 people put up the lights, but it is nowadays a complex operation and many hands are needed. Luckily we have a very experienced team of volunteers who know exactly what to do – and to do it quickly to minimise the time the climbers are up aloft in often very cold conditions. This time we were lucky with the weather – but had to cancel putting up the lights one week earlier on 24 November at short notice, because of rain arriving earlier than forecast.

We must also express our gratitude to Cathryn Carter who distributed the collection boxes throughout the

villages – and to YOU, the public, who made generous contributions to the cost of the lights. There are three main cost areas: buying replacement bulbs and garlands, purchasing insurance for the operation, and the cost of electricity.

Mike Mason

Blood Donors

The first visit of the year, 4 January, 127 donors attended. The Village Hall has become a popular venue for giving blood.

Five further visits are planned for this year. They are: 1 March, 21 June, 20 September and 18 October.

If you are considering becoming a donor and saving lives, make an appointment by calling 0300 1232323 or visit blood.co.uk.

Bob Davis

Letter to the Editor

How wonderful to see our good friend Tracker Greenwood waving the flag (or rather, wearing the hat) for the dogs of Naphill & Walter's Ash on the December cover.

We would like to wish Tracker and all our other canine friends a very happy and mud free 2013!

Sophie and Tessa Whitehouse, The Common

Norman Whitehead

Long time Naphill resident Norman Whitehead sadly passed away in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford on 11 January 2013.

Norman had a passion for motoring and all things mechanical. After wartime and post-war service as a driver in the Army he eventually settled in Naphill where he worked as a civilian driver in the MT section at RAF Strike Command for many many years, until his retirement.

He will be remembered by his many friends in the village, particularly those who enjoyed his company at the Salvation Army and Naphill lunch clubs.

He was a polite unassuming gentleman who will be missed very much.

Norman's funeral took place on 25 January. If wish to make a donation in his memory, Norman requested that donations go to the Florence Nightingale Hospice at Stoke Mandeville. This can be arranged through Surman and Horwood, Princes Risborough.

Tracey Winfield

Thank you

I would like to thank my dear family, friends and neighbours who looked after me and my needs during this prolonged snowy period.

I am sure that there are other 'oldies' who have been similarly helped and who appreciate it very much. With thanks to them all.

Daisy Leek

Guilt free me time...

Find yourself juggling 101 things at the same time? With family, work and other commitments all competing for time, being a Mum often means that 'Me Time' doesn't get a look in.

It's so easy to forget to set aside a little time just for you, but this January we've got a way for you to get a bit of time to yourself, and keep that New Year's Resolution at the same time.

Back to Netball sessions and Beginners Running courses are taking place across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes at times and venues to suit you; like straight after the school run, so it's easy to fit into your routine. With a weekly session to attend where you know you'll see friendly faces and have lots of fun, there's no reason not to dedicate an hour a week to yourself.

Hundreds of women have already joined their local session and love the way it makes them feel, Alison, 32 from Aylesbury, says, 'Last New Year I swapped my fad diet and found my way Back to Netball instead. It's me time and it's far more fun than when we were at school!'

And for anyone who would like to do a charity race but thinks that they can't run, there are lots of women who can prove you wrong. Our beginners Running courses will ease you in gradually, starting at walking pace, so you'll soon be hooked and feeling energised, just like Karen, 41, from South Bucks. "Completing the 10 week beginners running course has shown me that running can be safe and fun. The group keep me motivated to come back each week and that means my occasional slice of cake is guilt free!"

So whether you go on your own, or drag along some friends, attend one of our beginners sessions this New Year, and make this resolution one you'll keep.

For more information contact Reactivate Bucks on 01296 585215 or visit: www.reactivatebucks.org

Warm Homes, Healthy People

Buckinghamshire County Council has been awarded £165,000 from the Government's 'Warm Homes, Healthy People' fund to help residents keep warm and well this winter. Benefits available now include refurbishment grants, a freefone helpline and life-saving advice for older and vulnerable people in the county.

Being warm in your home during winter can have many health benefits as well as protecting you from serious illnesses such as pneumonia. The chances of problems occurring are higher if you are:

- over 60
- on a low income (so cannot afford adequate heating)
- have a long-term health condition such as heart disease
- registered disabled.

This funding includes project elements to:

- undertake essential refurbishments, and increase the efficiency of heating systems (for example, by fitting draught proofing, thermostatic radiator valves, or replacing the boiler)

- distribute community winter pressures grants (fuel vouchers for those struggling to pay for heating)
- provide emergency stock boxes in case of snowfall
- mobilise volunteer 'befrienders' to conduct Winter Resilience Checks via a home visit.
- carry out more benefit checks, ensuring that people are getting the financial assistance they are entitled to
- promote the community oil buying syndicate, for those residents who have oil as their main heating fuel. This enables cheaper oil prices through consortium buying.

If any of the above sounds helpful to you or someone you know, or if you have any further questions on affordable warmth, please contact the helpline today on 0800 107 0044. Our friendly team are available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. An answer service is available outside of these hours, and over bank holidays.

More information is available online at: www.usea.org.uk/AffordableWarmth

Dale Hoyland, Project Manager for the Bucks Affordable Warmth Project.

Are you suffering from a Christmas debt hangover?

Are you struggling to make ends meet after Christmas, with repayment demands on credit cards and unsecured loans, as well as the rising cost of heating your home this winter?

Debt is the number one advice issue within your Chiltern Citizens Advice Bureau. The impact of debt on individuals can be devastating. Living with unmanageable debt can adversely affect people's lives in many ways – lowering confidence and self esteem, putting strain on relationships, causing health problems due to stress and restricting future prospects.

Your Chiltern CAB is working closely with consumer groups and service providers to expand its service of debt and money advice, such as guidance on all your financial issues, including budgeting and calculating sustainable debt repayments. We have also joined forces with Bucks Affordable Warmth Network to give people expert tips and information on how to cut the amount of energy they use.

If you are worried about debt, keeping warm this winter or any other issue, please don't let your worries spiral out of control. Free, independent and confidential advice and support is available from your Chiltern Citizens Advice Bureau RIGHT NOW!

Advice changes lives:

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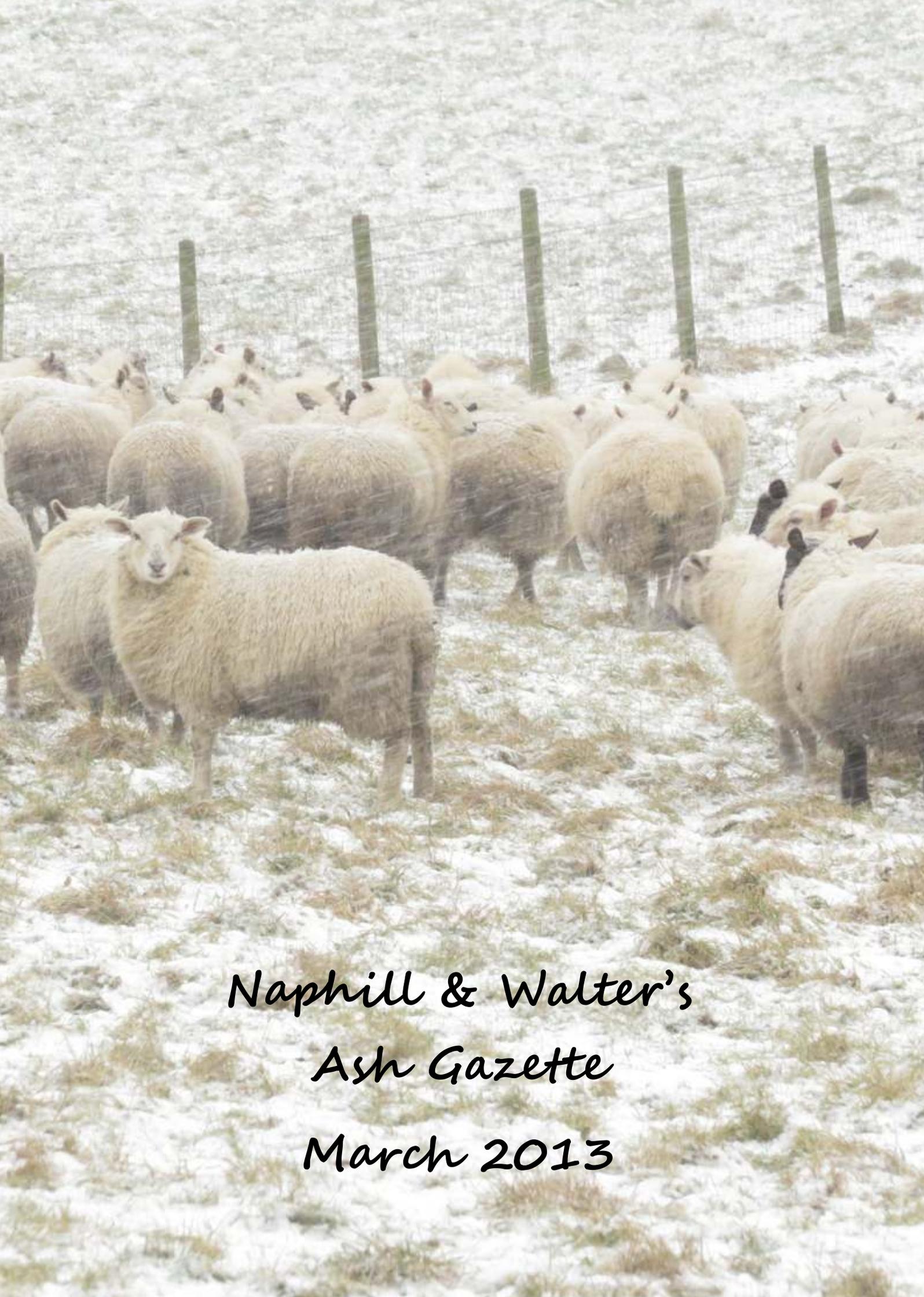
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Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15–7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30–6.45	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6–7.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Mondays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	guidinginhughenden@hotmail.co.uk.
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Cubs (Walter's Ash)	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Catherine de Rouffignac 496917 (office hours)
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Mondays 2 – 3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Carolyn 712801
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30–11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10,11,12 Saturdays 9.30–11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30–11am	The Crick	
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Matt Gunnell 07446838565
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45–8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8–9pm	Small Hall, Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Line dancing	Tuesdays 8–9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday 10.55–11.30am 11.35–11.55am 12.05pm–12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Mothers and Toddlers	Thursdays (term time) 1–3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Louise Lucas 488255
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30am and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesday 7.30pm		
	Thursday 5.45pm		
Fitness Pilates – Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45–10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
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Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Curtis 562779 naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jtench@gmail.com
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Fridays & Saturdays (April–July)		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8–10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30–9.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Tuesdays 1.30–2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
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Editorial

March is a very busy month for the Gazette. We renew advertising subscriptions and so there is an enormous amount of 'behind the scenes' work that goes in to updating the advertising pages. I have a huge thank you to say to our Advertising Manager, Alan Lewis, who has worked tirelessly with me to get the job done. I have been extremely grateful for his attention to detail. I would also like to thank the advertisers for continuing to support the Gazette. So, please take a look at the advertising pages – many hours have gone in to their production!

Thank you to everyone who sent me snow pictures. I had some wonderful pictures of pets in the snow! For this month I have chosen this very chilly picture of sheep, taken on the farmland west of Speen Road by Little Stocking Wood, sent in by 12 year old Charlie Taylor. Thank you Charlie – I hope it's the last time we'll see snowy sheep this year!

Ian Banks has helped me out with some more photos from Pam Smith's archive, which I will include over the next couple of months to celebrate the 50th anniversary year of Naphill Neighbours.

*Clare Goddard 565065
gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk*

County Councillor's Report

Writing this in mid February and, having actually seen the sun for the first time in the month, perhaps winter is

coming to an end at last. Snow and frost have wrought havoc not only to transport but also to our roads and once again potholes are appearing all too frequently. A pothole is where the surface of the road has been eroded and a hollow has formed. After a cold spell, the roads will be in a worse state as potholes are created in four steps: As roads age they become more porous, having been worn down by traffic. This allows rainwater to seep into the surface. Cold winter weather freezes this water, turning it to ice, expanding and pushing the tarmac up and out. Gaps are created in the tarmac when the ice thaws and turns back into water. They then cave in when traffic travels over the road, causing a pothole. **Potholes requiring urgent attention should be reported by phone to our contact centre so that they can be inspected as soon as possible 0845 230 2882.** Inspectors will assess the potholes and determine the appropriate response. This will vary, depending on criteria, from a two hour response through to a 28 day repair. Around 2,000 potholes are repaired each month, and the roads are inspected regularly according to a schedule, so a lot of potholes should be picked up by these inspections and programmed for repair. A substantial amount of money has also been invested in the county wide resurfacing programme so this should mean that the number of potholes should start to decrease.

I have received several congratulations from residents who have been pleased with the level of gritting during the heavy snowfall in early February. These have been passed on to our gritting crews who have worked hard

PIN UP DIARY DATES

March

Friday 1st	Blood Donors at the Village Hall. Call 0300 1232323 or visit blood.co.uk
Saturday 2nd	Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale. Village Hall. 2pm
Wednesday 6th	FONC Short Walk led by Chris Miller. Starts at 10.30 am from Village Hall. Free
Friday 8th	Horticultural Society Dinner & Entertainment. 7.15 pm at the Village Hall. Tickets £16
Sunday 10th	Mother's Day meals at The Wheel or The Black Lion
Monday 11th	Bradenham Parish Council Meeting at Bradenham Cricket Club. 7pm. Open to public.
Thursday 14th	NWARA Meeting at Naphill Village Hall 8pm. All welcome
Friday 15th	Comic Relief Red Nose Day cakes on sale at Bon Ami. 50p donation per hot drink sold
Saturday 16th	St Patrick's Day party at The Wheel
Sunday 17th	Black Lion Quiz Night
Monday 18th	Horticultural Society AGM. Naphill Village Hall (small hall) 8pm All welcome.
Monday 18th	FONC Long Walk led by Ron Collins. Starts at 9.55am from Village Hall. Free
Thursday 21st	Curry Night at The Wheel. Regular menu also available
Friday 22nd	Have Your Say Meeting with PRN Police Team – Community shop Hughenden Valley
Monday 25th	Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council AGM. Village Hall 8pm. All welcome
Wednesday 27th	Quiz Night at The Wheel. £2 per person from 8pm. For charity.
Sunday 31st	Quiz Night at The Black Lion. Easter Theme.

April

Thursday 11th	Curry Night at The Wheel. Regular menu also available
Fri 19th & Sat 20th	Beer Festival at The Wheel. St George's Day Theme
Wednesday 24th	FREE Rusty Raquets Tennis Coaching at Naphill Tennis Club. 9.30am
Wednesday 24th	Quiz Night at The Wheel. £2 per person from 8pm. For charity.
Thursday 25th	Christians in the Community Meeting. Church House, Hughenden. 7.30pm. All welcome.

over the period in difficult conditions to keep roads open. The gritting teams, who kept Buckinghamshire's traffic moving on main routes during the recent snow, are now out repairing potholes.

Ten Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) gangs are covering over 2,000 miles (3,500 km) of the county's roads, systematically repairing damage caused by the severe weather, in response to residents' calls and inspectors' reports. You can report road defects as well as street light and traffic light faults, damaged road signs, drains that require clearing and other highway problems at www.buckscc.gov.uk/tellffb.

The February Council meeting is the Budget meeting and major decisions were taken, including the freezing of Council Tax for a third successive year, investing an additional £25 million in road repairs, increasing funding to the voluntary sector and approval of the Council's brand new Strategic Plan. Despite £13.6m less funding from Central Government, the Council Tax has been frozen once again, firmly reflecting the 82 per cent of residents who said they wanted it to stay the same. The County Council's Band D Council Tax requirement will remain at £1,077.74, the same as in the previous two years.

In agreeing its balanced budget of £326.7m, the Council has also been able to cope with inflationary rises and the increase in costs of safeguarding the most vulnerable of our residents. It's also good news for motorists as a further £25m is destined for road improvements over the next two years on top of the £30m already invested. In addition, the Council has also agreed to go beyond its commitment to protect grants to voluntary and community organisations by providing an additional £500K over the next two years to help the sector enhance their ability to bid for County services.

Better news for once in these days of economic gloom!

Richard Pushman

Hughenden Parish Council Report

It has been a difficult month for HPC as we have seen the culmination of two separate events that have led to sad repercussions across the Council.

The first was the findings of the Wycombe District Standards Hearing Panel into allegations made against our Chairman, Tony Konieczny. The Hearing took place in January and led to five 'findings' that HPC was required to consider. HPC rejected substantial parts of the 'findings' because we did not agree with them. Tony and his partner Lin have subsequently resigned. Tony had our full support and we would like to take this opportunity to thank both him and Lin for their tremendous contribution to the community.

Lynn Ryan, one of Widmer End's Councillors, has resigned for personal reasons. This means we now have four vacancies that need to be filled and we hope that there may be some willing volunteers out there who can help us get back to full strength. A new Chairman will be elected in May, but in the meantime we will have a stand in Chairman to get us back on track.

The second event was the trial of the former Clerk, Lynne Turner. This led to a guilty verdict on ten counts

of fraud over the theft of £28,200 in 2010 and early 2011. A nine month prison sentence was handed down by the judge together with a requirement for the amount to be reclaimed under the Proceeds of Crime Act. Information that came out during the trial raises new questions about how the fraud was able to continue. The Council will therefore now be investigating the management of the accounts over that period more closely.

Whilst these events have cast shadows over the Council over recent months, normal Council business has continued. At the moment, the biggest issue we seem to be facing is the constant threat to our local environment from unauthorised development. A recent WDC Planning Committee decision saw retrospective approval granted for a traveller site in Great Kingshill on the basis that a lack of authorised gypsy and traveller sites left Council members with no choice. But then a more recent decision saw an almost unanimous rejection of the Hedgerows gypsy family's application for a different site in Flackwell Heath. Hedgerows is outside HPC borders, but is still of great importance to HPC residents and we hope that this decision will now lead to a speedy Appeal outcome.

We have also seen two further retrospective applications. The new owner of Shana is using the site for storage and distribution despite Council warnings, the fact that the site is in Green Belt and only that it only has approval for equestrian use.

Secondly, an application has been submitted for a steel fabrication works in Hunts Hill Lane. Again this is a Green Belt site and, again, a site where this activity is already taking place. We hope Wycombe District Council will send a clear message that unauthorised activity won't be tolerated and that nobody is above the planning process.

Phil Conran

Personal Perspective

Time is very strange. It seems to move at different paces and for different lengths in different circumstances.

Anyone who gives up their time and energy to be involved with a Parish Council should be publicly thanked from time to time, even if their contributions on some items are at variance with others on the Council.

Richard Pushman is about to retire from public office, having given decades of commitment to the area, as Councillor for Parish, District and County. By chance we recently discovered that, a little like Surgeons as opposed to medical Consultants, Bucks County Councillors should be referred to as 'Mr' or 'Mrs', rather than as 'Cllr'!

For those thinking of whether to apply to become a Parish Councillor yet are concerned that we have lost quite a few Councillors in the last few months, here's the reassuring news: three have had to resign for 'personal/family/domestic' reasons, which can occur to any of us at any time. They should be thanked for the contribution they were able to make. The remaining two resigned as a direct result of the strains involved with regard to the Wycombe District Standards Hearing Panel. Hopefully we will be able to learn from that

period of confrontation and try to avoid similar events in the future.

The final thought for this issue relates to what I sense is a growing nuisance. Are you finding that 'dog fouling' is on the increase, or perhaps I'm walking around more than before? Most dog walkers, I'm sure, try to be considerate, but occasionally and regrettably some do not.

It will be Easter before we have the next issue of the Gazette, which represents a great opportunity for thinking of fresh starts.

Roger Beavil

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents' Association

Planning

Manor Garage 12/05902/FUL Change of use from car servicing and repair business to a car jet wash . This was permitted 22 January 2013 which has upset all those who find Manor Garage a great asset to our village. Since 2010 our District Councillors have done all they can to get the repeated Murco applications turned down. Applications **10/07198/FUL**, the related Appeal, and **11/05556/FUL** were all turned down on noise grounds. Each application was accompanied by a strong request by our District Councillors to bring the applications before WDC Planning Committee. On the first two occasions their requests succeeded and the applications were turned down. With the last, 12/05902, Murco demonstrated in theory how mitigation measures could be incorporated to address noise pollution. WDC Planning Officers and Cllr Neil Marshall, Chairman of WDC Planning therefore decided there were no further grounds on which a refusal of the application. would be supported by an Appeal Inspector, so it was not referred to the WDC Planning Committee. Our District Councillors were not responsible for the decision to permit the application.

On behalf of the N&WA community Murco has been asked to reconsider its plans to replace Manor Garage servicing and repair business with a jet wash that is neither wanted nor necessary in our village, since there are two jet washes on the RAF base, two in Hazlemere and one at Morrisons only a short distance away. In addition there are unlikely to be the number of customers required to make the profit Murco want from the jet wash. Murco is aware it would receive our gratitude if it can find a compromise that will enable Manor Garage, a much used and valuable facility, to continue its business in our village. Murco has replied courteously that our concerns are noted.

12/07953/FUL Shana Riding School: Change of use of land and buildings from commercial riding establishment (school/livery) to storage and distribution of landscaping and fencing materials. Re-cladding of indoor school, increase in height of rear boundary wall to 2.4m and landscaping. (Objection: a commercial business that is not appropriate in green belt. In addition HGV lorries would be making heavy use of the local roads, with likely problems in Bradenham Woods Lane/New Road/Main Road areas, which include a bus route. There is heavy traffic in

rush hours, and school and RAF personnel walk between the sites). This application is for 0.85 of a 3 hectare site.

13/05088/FUL Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Use of redundant barn for B2 use, cutting steel girders, (retrospective). (Objection ; contrary to policies G15 (noise), L1 (AONB), GB2 (Green Belt), and hazardous road access. Distress to local residents from noise and danger from HGV traffic).

13/05116/FUL. Weardale, Louches Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey detached outbuilding to rear.

13/05065/TPO 279A Main Road, Walter's Ash. Removal of overhanging branches from Scots Pine and Blue Cedar.

13/05255/FUL Glendower, 3 Downley Road, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey side and rear extension.

Double Yellow Lines opposite Costcutters.

Application has been made by local residents, to Hughenden Parish Council, for financial support to introduce double yellow lines opposite Costcutters, to reduce expected parking problems related to increase in Post Office traffic. *What are your views?*

Date of next meeting

8pm Thursday 14 March 2013. Naphill Village Hall. Cllr David Carroll has been invited to tell us about his work as a District Councillor and Deputy Police Commissioner. Please join us. Councillor Carroll will be glad to meet you and answer your questions.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Neighbourhood Police News

Hello from the Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Police Team (PRNPT). If you need to contact your neighbourhood police team then please dial 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Princes Risborough Police Office or leave the team a message. Alternatively please send an email to the following address: princesrisboroughnhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

*SGT 4738 Andrew Deane
Princes Risborough Area Neighbourhood Police*

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

You will have seen the notices around the Crick asking you to clear up after your dog and I hope that these are being effective in making the Crick a pleasanter place for us all. The bad weather has meant that the dog waste bin on the Crick has been used more than ever and consequently has been overflowing at times. We are looking into getting this emptied more often and maybe installing a second bin on the Crick to ease the problem. The last thing we want to do is to discourage folks from using the bin. Thank you to all of you who clear up assiduously after your dog. The dog wardens are on the case to those of you who do not!!

To cut down our overheads we have decided to change the phone number for the lettings. Up to now there has

been a designated line purely for the lettings that has had to be diverted from the last lettings secretary to the current one but it is now felt that this is an unnecessary expense. The lettings secretary is happy for the number now to be her own which is 563053. Please take note.

The broadband facility in the Hall is now working correctly using the access control system. Should you need a code to use this facility when using the Hall then contact Judy Whitehouse on 562742.

The decorator is booked in to paint the lobby, small and big hall and the corridors between the two. The work is due to be done over the Easter holidays that is from 27 March to 7 April. All regular users of the Hall have been informed and we hope it causes as little disruption as possible. It should really cheer the place up when it has been done.

The new Village Hall notice board to replace the one outside the Hall has been delivered and looks very smart. Hopefully by the time you read this it will have been installed. It will be glass fronted (well, Perspex) and kept locked, but should you wish to display a notice then either drop it in to Bon Ami, or to Peggy Ewart at Bramble Cottage, Downley Road. As with the old board it will be for the display of notices relating to activities in our villages only and not commercial ventures.

Hughenden Parish Council has kindly decided to replace the swings in the play area. The new ones will be similar to the existing ones and should be installed before the Easter holidays. Fingers crossed.

I do hope that by the time you read this spring is making an appearance and the ground is having a bit of a chance to dry out. We can but hope.

Sarah Bacon 563479
Chairman Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council
sarah.bacon39@googlemail.com

Fete Day Saturday 15 June 2013

'British Achievements in History'

As I'm sure you are all aware the fete committee is now well underway with organising this year's fete. As ever we need extra support from our villagers;

We need new volunteers to help run stalls on the day. This is so rewarding and fun to be involved in and it's just once a year, you don't even have to be part of one of the village organisations.

We also need

- Books
- Prizes for the tombola's and Grand Draw
- Extra Cakes on the day
- People to help deliver the programme
- People to sell raffle tickets

So now you all know what we need I shall introduce our new and improved committee and how to contact us. We all have full time jobs so would appreciate it if you contacted us by email on nwafete@hotmail.co.uk and if you don't have email call The Wheel.

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS COUNCIL



A.G.M.

Monday 25 March at 8 p.m.
In the Village Hall
All Welcome

Please note that my staff and husband do not have anything to do with the committee, they will however take your details and pass them onto the relevant person.

Chair – Claire Christian, Treasurer – Hilary Spain,
Secretary – Kat Dunlap

Team – Ian Bond, Sarah Creaser, Sam Keen, Andy Pope, Steve Wicks and Lisa Williams

The Fete Committee

Fete Tombola

The 2013 Village Fete is already in the planning as you will know from Claire's Fete article and it's never too early to start thinking about the tombola!!! If you have any unwanted Christmas presents that are hanging around and looking for a home, we would be happy to take them...drop them in to us any time at 4 Lacey Drive, off Chapel Lane. Thank you for your generosity.

Andy & Judy Pope.

Advertising in the Fete Programme

Advertising space is currently available in the 2013 fete programme. The programme will be A5 format. A full page costs £60 and a half page costs £40. Please send your advert copy to the fete committee at nwafete@hotmail.co.uk by the end of April.

Services at St Botolph's

3 March	11am Eucharist
10 March: Mothering Sunday	11am Eucharist
17 March:	11am Eucharist
24 March: Palm Sunday	11am Matins
29 March: Good Friday	11am The Stations of the Cross
31 March: Easter Day	11am Eucharist

Peggy Ewart

Naphill Neighbours Show Some Leg...!



This year Naphill Neighbours are celebrating their 50th Anniversary. This is a great picture from the archives, courtesy of Pam Smith, taken at the Village Hall during a previous anniversary celebration. Who do you recognise? Write in and share your memories.

News from Christians in the Community

With Easter being early this year, soon the Easter cards will be delivered to you. If there are any details of Hughenden Parish church or the Naphill Methodist Church that you would like you can phone me on 563116. The date of our next meeting is Thursday 25 April 7.30pm in Church House, Hughenden – everyone welcome.

Norma Clarke

Naphill Neighbours

We have not been very fortunate with the weather so far this year. Yet again we had to cancel our February meeting due to inclement conditions and miss our talk on 'Elizabeth and Philip – A Royal Marriage'. Try to hold good weather in your thoughts for the rest of the month and maybe March will 'come in like a lamb' and we will be able to meet up.

In the meantime we can let you know the outings we have decided on for the year. Our first will be to the City of Bath on Thursday, 11 April. There's plenty to keep you occupied for the day here; historical buildings, museums, Bath Abbey just to name a few. If it's retail therapy you are looking for – well there's plenty of that too. By the time we go we should be able to give you all the relevant information to help you decide just what you want to do. The cost will be £10.50 for members and £12.50 for guests. If you would like to join us on this trip and you don't belong to our club, don't let that hold you back. You may 'phone Sheila Rolfe (562888) or Hazel Vickery (563977) and add your name to the list.

Our second full day trip will be to Borde Hill Gardens near Haywards Heath on Tuesday, 18 June. This garden is situated in 200 acres of English Heritage listed Sussex parkland and woodland. When we visit the roses should be in bloom. Our third half-day trip will be to Kelmscott Manor in Oxfordshire, the summer home of William Morris, and this will take place on Thursday, 25 July. Full information on both these trips will be given at a later date.

Our next meeting takes place on Monday, 11 March, when our speaker will be Mr P. Littlejohn who will give a talk entitled 'Grandfather survived the Titanic'. Tea hostesses for the evening will be Pat Ayres and Margaret Pearce. If there is another lady who could help them serve tea and coffee it would be very much appreciated; another pair of hands makes a huge difference. All being well, we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

If you have not yet booked to come along to our annual dinner on 8 March, pick up the phone right away – I might just be able to squeeze you in!!

After dinner we will be entertained by the RAF High Wycombe Ladies Choir, who I'm told are superb, so it should be a good evening all round. Full details of the evening are on our website or in last month's Gazette.

As I write we are blanketed in snow again, but Spring is just round the corner, so the garden will be waking up, but I'm sure that like me, you have lost plants to the

recent harsh weather.

Fear not! Help is at hand in the form of our Plant Sale, which this year is on Saturday 18 May, and will be the perfect opportunity for you to buy some replacements.

If you are thinking ahead to planting seeds or dividing perennials that have survived, how about nurturing some extra plants that you could then sell in May?

Lastly, a reminder that our AGM takes place on Monday 18 March in the Small Hall, starting at 8.00pm. You are more than welcome to come along and air your views or raise questions – we would love to see you. The meeting doesn't usually last more than an hour. Alternatively, if you have any suggestions or ideas, but cannot make the meeting, please feel free to 'phone me and I will pass on your comments.

Cathryn Carter 563233

Gardening Articles of Interest

Mike Mason has reviewed a book 'Compost' by Ken Thompson. With Spring almost on us readers may find the topic timely. Mike recommends the book as covering all you need to know about composting. His book review can be found at www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk.

With spring on us and weeds starting to grow, it may be the time to consider exactly how to weed. Mike Mason has written an article on the subject which can be found on the website [naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk). The title of the article is: 'How to Weed' and approaches the topic from the viewpoint of the no-dig gardener.

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

AGM: The Friends of Naphill Common held its 2012 AGM in Naphill Village Hall on Friday 25 January and considering the snowy weather, it was well attended with almost 50 people present. The meeting was preceded by tea and coffee and an opportunity to view a wonderful display of photography, art and conservation information about the Common.

Chairman Trevor Hussey began by thanking everyone who had helped both that evening and those who contributed to FoNC's considerable list of 2012 activities, which included archaeological, historical and geological explorations and surveys and walks looking at flora, fauna, fungi, bats and butterflies. Many of these had been undertaken in rain sadly, although this had not dampened enthusiasm! New discoveries had been made and restoration and preservation work at The Clumps, around the ponds and footpaths had also kept volunteers busy. Many of the findings are detailed on the website at: <http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk/>

Membership remained high and the 2013 subscription rate was set at a reasonable £5 per person and £2 for under 18. The accounts were presented and externally audited and details are on the website. The existing committee agreed to stand again in 2013 with the welcome addition of Sheila Draper as secretary. The evening finished with an interesting and informative talk and slide presentation, 'Common People' by Rachel Sanderson of the Chilterns Conservation Board. Many remarked what a fine talk it was.

2013 Activities: there are many activities planned again for this year, so please keep reading the Gazette, the Common notice boards and the FoNC website for details. Ideas so far include:

- Monthly walks: Ron Collins will lead longer walks (4–5 miles) on the 3rd Monday of the month starting at 9.55am, and Chris Miller, shorter walks (2–3 miles) on the first Wed of the month starting at 10.30am. Meet in the village hall car park.
- Special walks: Bat walks – pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, brown long-eared bat and Natterer's bat are all regulars; Mini Beast safari – a popular children's' exploration of their home area; Fungus foray – now an annual autumn activity; Butterfly walk – hoping to see the rare Purple Emperors.....

Other Activities: The pond life survey will continue – so if you see mats for amphibians near water, then please leave them undisturbed; We hope to conduct regular moth surveys to contribute to the nation-wide investigation into their rapid decline. We will be mowing some paths to keep them clear and, by encouraging more light, make them drier walkways for walkers to enjoy this precious space; regular clearing activities – meet 2nd and 4th Sundays at the Common end of Chapel Lane at 10 am; environmental protection and preservation by observations, meetings, surveys and recordings, especially to safeguard important trees in preparation for proposed fellings by West Wycombe Estate in October 2013; possibly art/drawing classes on the Common.

What can I do to help?

Existing members: please pay your subscription – to Stephanie Morgan, the membership secretary as soon as possible;

New members please think about joining us. Most of our activities are free, but we need good membership levels to sustain our high levels of activity and to protect and better understand the Common;

Volunteers to conduct living history interviews – you needn't commit to physical labour! We need a 2/3 people to undertake interviews, for example, with those villagers who remember the tank tests which took place in WW2 – if you are interested, please contact any committee member.

Reporters: Blockages on footpaths on the Common apparently have to be cleared by Bucks CC and can be reported on its website.

Recorders: we are trying to update our Chairman's record of significant ash trees in the village, in case the worst happens and disease strikes in the future; anyone with personal knowledge, photos or time (or all three), please contact Trevor Hussey on 563767.

The FoNC Committee: Trevor Hussey (Chairman), Peggy Ewart (Treasurer), Stephanie Morgan (Membership), Sheila Draper (Secretary), Kevin Bennett, Ron Collins, Peter Davis, David Greenwood, Philip Hussey, Chris Miller, Marek Pawlik and Steve Rodrick.

If you walk over towards Bradenham you may notice some changes. We have plans to return the Clumps to something like their original state. In this we have been

NAPHILL is entering the Best Kept Village Competition

This competition is not about being a picture postcard village. It is about taking pride in where you live and showing community spirit.

Specifically it is about:

- Keeping the village clean and tidy
- Keeping the village well cared for
- Keeping the village environmentally friendly



We need **YOUR** help by:

- Picking up litter
- Washing road signs
- Tidying communal hedges and verges

*Judging takes
place in June*



To volunteer please contact:

- **Peggy Ewart 01494 565969**
- **Sarah Bacon 01494 563479**
- **Judy Whitehouse 01494 563742**
- **Cathryn Carter 01494 563233**

Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition

helped to clear a huge amount of holly by 27 RAF volunteers. We are very grateful to the volunteers; to RAF Halton; to Rachel Sanderson for arranging for this to happen, and to the National Trust for their help and co-operation. The idea is to let in more light so that the path will dry out more quickly and grass will be encouraged cover the circular banks as it once did.

*Trevor Hussey Chairman
Long walks: Ron Collins 562240
Short Walks: Chris Miller 563707*

Naphill Evening WI

A shopping bag. That was our competition for the January meeting. They came in all shapes and sizes, old and new. Some works of art, others just a bit of fun or very practical. The reason for the competition was that our speaker, Mr Mike Payne, was talking about the shops and shopkeepers of a Buckinghamshire town.

The town was Princes Risborough and it was a trip down memory lane for some members as he showed us photos of various shops, some that still existed and some that had long gone. He had a good tale to tell with each photo.

The progress of the wall hanging has been delayed because of two meetings being cancelled by the weather. Why does it always snow on Mondays? However, we are progressing well.

The Food Appreciation Group have had lunch at The Harrow, which was enjoyed by all who attended and lunch at La Cantina del Vino in Marlow on 27 February will also have been enjoyed by the time you read this.

Don't forget the Open Meeting on 21 March, when Tina-Louise Deeks will talk about Egyptian Belly Dancing. Before that, on 19 March, Downley Evening WI will host a Group Meeting where we will learn about Weird and Wonderful Weddings around the World.

Lots to look forward to.

Carol Gilliam

Naphill Tennis Club

The new tennis season will soon be upon us and, for those of you who haven't picked up a racquet for some years, we have some tempting offers!

- FREE Rusty Racquets Coaching – Wednesdays 24 April and 1 May at 9.30 am, Saturdays 4 and 11 May at 9 am, Thursdays 2 and 9 May at 7 pm
- Improvers' Coaching – a 5 week course on a Wednesday morning starting 8 May at 9.30 am and a Coaching Evening on Thursday 16 May at 7 pm

(NB: the above are open to Members and Non-members)

For anyone thinking of joining our very friendly club, our membership rates are extremely good value only £45 for new adult members and £20 – £25 for juniors (includes FREE junior coaching which takes place during the summer school term on Friday evenings and on Saturday mornings for the Under-7s).

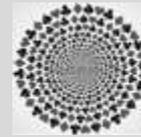
For further information on membership or any of the above, please give me a call on 01494 565406 or email jttench@gmail.com.

Jenny Tench

NAPHILL BRIDGE CLUB

www.bridgewebs.com/naphill

NEW!



NEW!

THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7.15PM
NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH CHAPEL LANE
NAPHILL

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Best Kept Village (progress report)

The adjacent 'flyer' publicizes the Naphill Village entry in the county wide Best Kept Village competition. Taking pride in where we live, and enhancing what we have, are worthwhile whether or not we are competitive. The suggestion we should enter the competition has acted as a catalyst for the involvement of local organisations and of individual volunteers. Great news! More would be welcome.

The W.I. has offered to care for the corner of Chapel Lane where the branch has a tree! It is hoped the corner of Clappins Lane will receive a similar offer. There are some other corners which could do with a bit of TLC.. Trish Bowen continues to look after the War Memorial, and Bill Price is keeping the paths around the Village Hall free of weeds. A new notice board has arrived and awaits installation after the snow. There are plans to refurbish the Village Hall sign. The Friends of Naphill Common will continue to keep their own notice boards in good order and provide work parties on the Common.

It is proposed that we should organise some 'clear up and clean' parties towards the end of April. Jobs to be done include litter picking and washing road signs. The thought is to make such parties a regular feature of the village. Can anyone think of a snappy title for such a group?

Sarah, Cathryn, Peggy and Judy are sharing the planning and administrative tasks. Progress reports will appear regularly in the Gazette.

Peggy Ewart

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

Finally we are in March and hopefully approaching some spring weather, although I'm not holding my breath. The last two months have been very strange with all the snow and bad weather making trade a little bit slow. Most of you seem to have stayed in the warmth of their own home and to be honest I don't

really blame you. The hardened rugby fans have been out in force for the Six Nations and our bar has been packed for every game, so if you're going to join us for the remaining games we advise you get here early!

The first lot of snow gave us some fun snow days that I know the children were out enjoying, mainly because four members of staff and I had a great snow day ourselves. We all went off to the fields near Hunts Hill without sledges but metal trays from the pub and two dogs. Let's just say the speed you can get on metal trays is really good fun, although Daisy may not agree as we managed to wipe her out on one of the runs when she was chasing me. Don't worry she was absolutely fine and landed on all four feet just like a cat!

Mark and I would like to thank all our staff especially Chloe for looking after the pub when we were away. We had a lovely break in the Isle of Man and the Peak District. We had a great time although our ferry crossing was entertaining in a force ten severe gale. We would like to also thank some caring customers who helped support Chloe over a busy weekend. It is really appreciated as we know how hard this job can be. (you know who you are).

So what's coming up.....?

- 10 March – Mothers Day – Sunday Lunch 12–3pm
- 16 March – St Patricks Day celebrations – live music
- 21 March – Curry Night (regular menu also available)
- 27 March – Quiz Night – 8pm all for Charity
- 11 April – Curry Night (regular menu also available)
- 19 and 20 April – Beer Festival – St Georges Theme
- 24 April – Quiz Night– 8pm all for Charity

Hopefully all our dates and events above will give you something to keep you entertained over the next few months. We will also be changing to our summer menu at some point in April. The Chef is currently trialing some new exciting dishes, which I have already had the pleasure of eating. As always we will still be using lots of local produce and some of the favourites will be staying along with the senior citizens and children's menus.

Thanks again to everyone who supports us, as one of the many local businesses in the village. It's this support that helps us and others, new and old, to survive in these tough times. Cheers.....

Claire and Mark

Black Lion Naphill

blacklionnaphill.com

Well, with the snow of February behind us we can look forward to Spring and the clocks changing to give us lighter days. I guess the first date for your diaries is Sunday 10 March, which is Mothering Sunday. We are taking bookings now and I would ask you to phone to reserve your table as we will be busy. The service times for food are 12 midday until 8pm.

After the success of our Valentines special menu we have decided to offer a special and exciting menu which will change every Saturday night so do give us a try.

Quiz nights continue to attract more customers every fortnight and we will be running two for March: on the 17th and a special Easter quiz on Sunday 31 March. Please come along and support the quiz which has so far donated £750 to local sports clubs.

That's all for now but as usual we would like to thank you for using the Black Lion and we really do appreciate your support.

Jack, James, Bob, Martin, Mike and all the team

Bon Ami

By the time you read this I hope that all of the snow has melted. Although the Crick and the Common looked beautiful I think we are all ready to return to normal.

At Bon Ami we are looking forward to Friday 15 March, Red Nose Day. We will be repeating the donation that we gave to our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We will donate 50p from every hot drink sold throughout the day; there will also be home baked red nose cupcakes available to buy.

Our Easter opening times will be as follows:

Good Friday	CLOSED
Easter Saturday	10 – 3
Easter Day	CLOSED
Easter Monday	CLOSED

We hope you all have a very Happy Easter. Thank you, as always, for your continued custom and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Ruth & Amanda.

Pony Espresso

Divine intervention must have been in the air recently. I was doing a stock take on cups and realised that we were about to serve our 1000th hot drink! At that moment, the vicar of Lacey Green, Reverend Denise pulled up in her car, and having clearly not looked out of her window before choosing her footwear, stepped with sandal-clad feet into a foot of snow. I would like to think she was even more grateful than usual, sipping her complimentary cappuccino, for the delicious warmth spreading to her frozen feet. Here's hoping that our 2000th cup sees temperatures of Saharan heights and a drought like never before. That is, a drought with no rain.

Last month's gazette cover photo was the topic of much conversation – when customers picked up a copy I asked whether they could spot the deer...some could, some couldn't. One particular customer thought he could see a small turtle as well as an ex-girlfriend before he saw the deer. If the cover caused such conversations, one can only imagine what the contents must generate!

Onto the subject of good food and drink, I'm sure many recipients were delighted with their Valentine's Day cakes. Donna continues to wow everyone with her awesome creations! We are now serving salads, also available as takeaway, and our very healthy fruit smoothies are going down a storm.

Goodbye to Alex from Manor Garage! His cheery face

will be sorely missed and we wish him very good luck in his new job.

So here's to a long hot summer and to meeting many more local faces.....see you soon!

Blaine Wilsworth

Naphill Scouts – A Creative Period.

Naphill scouts have had a creative start to the year. The scouts have been working towards their Artist activities badge during January. They started by producing two pieces of art on a scouting theme in their own time at home, and then we had an artists evening at scouts where they produced a third picture and finally exhibited all their pictures at the end of the evening. Parents were invited to come early and admire the gallery of works on display.

Also this period we had our annual pancake decorating



Scouts work towards their Artist badge

competition. The scouts prepare, cook and decorate their own pancakes, working in their patrols. We had sweet and savoury pancakes and some quite intricate decorating designs produced.

Scouts would not be scouts without some serious mud, and this featured in both our cook out on Naphill common and our Ghost Hike in the area around Hughenden Manor. We counted them out and we counted them all back in, although some did use alternative routes to that recommended!

During the Ghost Hike we welcomed three new scouts to the troop; James Tillotson who joined us last term, Ben Adams and Joshua Green who started this term. They were invested in the woods in the rain! Both Ben and Joshua have parents who are assisting in running other scouting sections (Explorers and Cubs) so it is great to see the interest going on to the next generation.

Mark Powell



Guides & Brownies

Jumble Sale

Saturday

2nd March

Naphill Village Hall

2.00 pm

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.

Sapling Childcare

We have been very busy this half term with new staff and new children. We have made bird feeders which are now hanging on the trees in the park. We have learned about the Chinese New Year, making dragon face masks, snakes and enjoying some Chinese food. Pancakes were favourites at both breakfast and afternoon snack on Shrove Tuesday with Valentines cards being made by our children for their loved ones.

Play in the park has been limited with all the recent rain and snow.

We now have a website where you can find lots of information about us

www.saplingchildcare@yahoo.co.uk and you can follow us on twitter @saplingchildcar

*Sue Wood 07970265460
saplingchildcare@yahoo.com*

Wrightway Structural Steels Ltd:

Application For Planning

Permission: 13/05088/FUL

We note the article written in the Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents' Association newsletter this week concerning the above application. We write to correct the highly emotive and factually incorrect newsletter which has been circulated to residents this week. The author has distorted and misrepresented the facts, to which we respond:

Taking each point in turn:

The application is being made to regularise the planning position.

Steel cutting, fabrication and welding do not “create intolerable noise”. This work has been going on for over a year with few being aware of its existence, and there have been no complaints of nuisance of any sort in the past 12 months.

“causing much distress to neighbours” – there have been no complaints of nuisance in the past 12 months that we are aware of.

“The nuisance is so serious ...” The noise abatement notice has been complied with, to the Council’s satisfaction.

“The idea of soundproofing a wooden shed...” was commended by the Council officers.

The business is not a huge, pollution-belching steel-works, but a relatively quiet welding process, as found on most farms. We have taken steps to mitigate any noise or nuisance to neighbours, by consulting with the Environment Officer who is happy that there is no nuisance arising from the work; the hours of operation of authorised vehicles will be restricted. We add too, that there will be *no change* to the level of activities that currently take place.

Deliveries to the premises are *never* on an artic, as a rigid lorry is always specified, which is no bigger than the council’s refuse lorry, and have presented no dangers to road-users. The road is quite adequate for the few vehicle movements to and from the business.

As we are sure you are aware, it is not possible to start up a business such as this without a huge investment; banks will not lend without a track record and several years’ accounts. We have taken the risk, sweated to make it work, battled the ever-increasing red tape – is this not the sort of entrepreneur the country needs?

Wycombe District Council Planning Committee will consider the remaining points of the newsletter, and decide whether the application is approved or not, on the basis of the facts, not on incorrect information. It would be good to think that the residents of Naphill would support this venture and have the satisfaction of finding that they encouraged a local business to help the UK economy back on its feet.

A Parish Councillor will be invited to visit the farm in the next week or so, and we will be pleased to show him round.

Chris Wright – Wrightway Structural Steels Ltd.

Uniquely Red Secretly Blue Review

In the February Gazette I asked for volunteers to provide an unbiased review of my fiction novel. One neighbour has done just that! To see more details of the book, please go to www.a-healing-hand.com; and if you want to order it, please use www.amazon.co.uk. Anyway, here is the review:

Uniquely Red Secretly Blue is the debut novel by my neighbour Roger Beavil. It is quite exciting living near a published author! Listening to Roger talking about how the book came about helped to reinforce that feeling I have that novelists seem to be able to find a very special ‘place’ to inhabit while writing which allows their

creation to emerge and flourish.

The book tells the story of Rupert Browne, a local man, who is rewarded for his faith and beliefs with extraordinary gifts and how he applies himself assiduously to the task of using these gifts for the good of the world. The pace is terrific, helped by the short chapters and compelling plot. The way Rupert applies himself to the tasks at hand in such a familiar and practical way helps the whole story to be believable and Rupert himself to be likeable. He is a ‘low key’ hero who we identify with immediately and who we root for as he grows into his chosen role. Rupert remains firmly rooted in his values and glued to his family and friends and does not let his new experiences change him in any way for the worse.

Roger was not to know that the two books I had read prior to Uniquely Red Secretly Blue were the Thomas Cromwell novels by double Booker prize winning author Hilary Mantel. It is of course unfair, especially on a debut author, to compare the two styles, but I will! The prose can lack the tautness and sparseness of Mantel’s. Also, even where we know the ending of Mantel’s books she still creates a sense of jeopardy and suspense for her main character whereas despite many plot twists and turns especially in the ‘Secretly Blue’ storyline the opportunity to create similar jeopardy and suspense for Rupert is not always taken.

There are however cleverly interwoven elements of mystery with clues as to future outcomes planted in the early chapters. And of course, it is not the sense of foreboding or jeopardy that the author wants to imbue us with, rather it is a sense of hope and joy and this is achieved well leaving the reader wondering what is next from Roger, our local author!

Roger Beavil

Post Office Opening

The new Post Office is now operating in the Naphill Cost Cutter shop. Pictured below at the official opening is Daisy Leek with Mr and Mrs Singh, from The Post Office .

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Daisy cuts the Post Office ribbon

Acupuncture Awareness Week

25 February to 3 March 2013

People often ask me what exactly is involved in an acupuncture treatment and, as it's Acupuncture Awareness Week, I thought it was a good time to write a piece for the Gazette about acupuncture and what to expect from a treatment.

Are You Missing The Point?

With 2.3 million acupuncture treatments carried out each year, traditional acupuncture is one of the most popular complementary therapies practised in the UK today, yet statistics show that one in five of us would only consider acupuncture as a last resort and some people said that they didn't realise acupuncture could help them, despite its widely recognised health benefits.

Traditional acupuncture is a natural system of healing that has been practised for over 2,500 years. It is a safe and effective treatment that involves inserting single use sterile needles at specific points on the body. Acupuncture needles are no thicker than a human hair, very much finer than the needles used for injections and blood tests, and most people find the treatment painless and even relaxing as acupuncture is known to calm the nervous system and also increase endorphin production. Finger pressure can be used as an alternative for anyone scared of needles.

What to Expect During a Treatment

During your first visit your acupuncturist needs to gain a thorough understanding of your main complaint and your general health and lifestyle and will ask questions about your current symptoms and your medical history, as well as such things as your sleeping pattern, your appetite and digestion and your emotional well-being. Your acupuncturist will also take your pulse and may look at your tongue and feel for areas of muscular tension or pain.

Your practitioner will then put together a treatment plan which may include lifestyle and dietary advice as well as acupuncture. Your practitioner will use needles (or finger pressure) to stimulate specific acupuncture points on your body. The needles may be left in place for a just few seconds or for several minutes depending on your condition. Sometimes the points used are not necessarily close to where you experience pain or discomfort. For example, if you suffer from headaches, needles might be inserted in your foot or hand. Many commonly used acupuncture points are located on the lower arms and legs.

How Many Treatments?

At first your acupuncturist will see you once a week with the interval between treatments becoming longer as your condition improves until you only need to have the occasional top-up. You may start to feel benefits after the first or second treatment although long-standing and chronic conditions usually need more time to improve. Six treatments are usually recommended as an initial course.

Who Has Acupuncture?

Some people use acupuncture for help with specific symptoms and conditions such as back pain, headaches and migraine, digestive problems, anxiety, insomnia and many others. Others choose acupuncture as a preventive measure or because they just feel generally unwell. Acupuncture has very few side effects and is considered suitable for all ages including children and the elderly. It can be very effective when integrated with conventional medicine and many private health insurers now cover acupuncture.

If you would like more information about whether acupuncture could help you, do please get in touch with me direct, or have a look at the British Acupuncture Council website: www.acupuncture.org.uk.

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Re: Lynne Turner - Former Parish Clerk

Lynne Turner, who has been convicted of defrauding the Council of some £28,000, was well known to many in our village. She had been Parish Clerk for 17 years, had frequent contact with many residents through allotment allocations, arranging interments at the Garden of Rest, and sorting problems associated with Council owned land. A number of people have expressed surprise to me because fraud seems to be totally out of character for her. When asked to appear in Court as a character witness I had no hesitation about doing so. I knew her as a committed and dedicated clerk who worked hard for the good of the Parish.

In passing sentence at Oxford Crown Court on 15 February the Judge considered Lynne Turner's previous good character as well as a number of other mitigating factors. He gave her the lowest sentence available to him in the circumstances; she has been given a custodial sentence of 9 months but is likely to serve far less than that. She will repay the money, as she has previously offered to do.

There has recently been much turmoil on the Parish Council. I trust that its energies will now be directed to serving the people of Hughenden Parish and am sincere in wishing it well in its endeavours

Peggy Ewart

Terroir

Terroir is a most important word, and refers to the qualities a soil can impart to what is grown in it. The most famous use of the word is in wine making in France where the soil in which grapes are grown is absolutely crucial to the resulting taste of the wine. Even where there are two adjacent fields where the same grape variety is grown, the wine from one can be of much greater quality than from the other. This aspect has been studied down the centuries and the knowledge has given rise to the designation of often

quite small areas having their own quality label, or appellation d'origine contrôlée. Other countries have followed the French lead in awarding their own quality labels. China awards its own quality labels to various teas, and other crops in several countries are having this link between soil and quality formally recognised. Even oysters, grown off coasts, in river estuaries and in inland seas, have their own quality labels. This is because, even though they are reared in sea water, the oysters thrive where there is a mixture of fresh water from rivers and sea water. And, of course, the fresh water contains nutrients from the fields drained by water courses – the nutrients being special to that terroir.

In the famous film 'Jean de Florette', after the book by Marcel Pagnol, Yves Montand takes a handful of soil, puts it in his mouth and chews on it to assess the terroir. He was advising his nephew on a prospective land purchase. Cinemagoers must have been amazed, but that is one way of assessing soil, and avoids expensive laboratory tests. Provided you know how good soil should taste!

So the taste of what we eat and drink depends upon the soil's characteristics. We need quantities of at least 19 trace elements every day for our health and it is likely that we have evolved such that if fruit and vegetables taste good they probably are good for us. It is likely that the process of Darwinian elimination, called evolution, led to those of our ancestors who could recognise good plants (using their taste buds) surviving, and those whose taste buds were not so refined being eliminated because they would have been more prone to disease since they were suffering from malnutrition.

If food and drink items are very low in the 19 trace elements they will usually taste very bland. But if they are rich in those elements they will taste absolutely marvellous. Which brings me round to the very tasty vegetables and fruit from my allotment (surprise, surprise!). I enriched my soil over many years by the application of copious quantities of farmyard manure and so increased the amounts of the 19 vital trace elements by an average of 157%. The difference in the taste of the crops compared with supermarket food was most marked. Supermarket food, whilst it looks good, usually has a bland taste (though there are exceptions). This is because the quantities of 16 of those 19 elements have been reduced by about half since 1940, as crops took away the 16 from the soil and farmers no longer replaced them (they simply applied the other 3, nitrogen, phosphorus and potash, since that was the way to improve crop yields massively). Quality of our food has been sacrificed to quantity. So the only practical way to obtain crops having adequate amounts of all 19 vital trace elements is to grow your own. And by so doing you will be able to eat really tasty fruit and vegetables as you take advantage of your own terroir. Regarding my allotment, perhaps I should apply for the quality designation '*appellation d'origine Walter's Ash contrôlée*'!

Good Gardening!

Mike Mason

Jack Completes the Ultra Marathon

As some of you may know by now, I completed my first ultra marathon (50 mile) on Saturday, in a total time of nine hours and eight minutes, coming in 190th out of about 270 runners.

So far, the grand total lies at a whopping £1,521.22 raised for Cure Parkinson's charity – and there are still a few people who have said they would like to donate post race...

Jack Del

Geoffrey Froude

Geoffrey Froude, a Naphill resident for 40 years from 1968 who moved into a nursing home in Salisbury, passed away on 8 February. He worked at Bomber then Strike Command and was a staunch supporter of village life, in particular the Horticultural Society and Art Group. He left his mark on the Pink & Lily pub for a while as he provided a new design for their pub sign. Indeed this same inn was frequented by his father before him – from the distance of Uxbridge! He is survived by his wife Muriel who resides in the same nursing home.

Colin Froude

Milk Delivery

May we through your columns publicly convey our thanks and appreciation to Ian Kellaway our Wren Davies milkman for his dedication and commitment to service in delivering our milk during the entire period that the snow was present in our area. Not one delivery was missed and in our view the extra price we pay for our pint is well worth the expense when one receives service of this nature. Well done Ian. Might we suggest that if you are not currently receiving your milk and associated goods from Ian, you might like to consider doing so as delivery is direct to your door in all weathers.

Helen and Ron Collins

RAF High Wycombe News

As we move into spring and say our final farewell to the snow for another year, RAF High Wycombe looks toward our plans for 2014. Shortly, work will begin on improvements to our childcare facilities thanks to the Community Covenant Grant Scheme. Due to the hard work conducted by the RAF High Wycombe community support team and Buckinghamshire County Council; we were awarded £5000 to improve the two childcare facilities, Pooh Corner and Medmenham Early Years. I know that both teams are looking forward to getting the work started, and soon enough the children will be sharing some brand new toys.

For all those who like to listen to the radio in the morning, there is a new jingle in town! The British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS) will be launching their new breakfast show on 4 March, using jingles recorded by the RAF High Wycombe Ladies Choir. BFBS Producer Nicky Smith approached the Choir as BFBS Radio Presenter Richard Hatch wanted to do something different for his forthcoming new show. The

ladies agreed and the date was set; they were ready to record the jingles which the Armed Forces will wake up to in March!



Richard Hatch with the RAF High Wycombe Ladies Choir

Megan Tanner, the choir's MD said "It was a super opportunity and experience for the ladies to go to BFBS and record the jingles. The first time in a studio is strange and one can be slightly apprehensive when faced with a microphone, however I was really impressed with the professionalism, energy and attitude of the choir and they produced excellent work. It was unforgettable and great to work with such a lovely bunch of people at BFBS."

The jingles can be heard on Richard's new show; the DAB Breakfast show. It will be broadcasted all over the UK, and in Afghanistan, Brunei and Gibraltar. BFBS can be found online, on DAB Digital Radio or Sky channel

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The RAF High Wycombe Ladies Choir was formed in June 2012 and currently has 25 members. It is a community choir open to all wives, girlfriends, daughters, servicewomen and civil servants based at High Wycombe. With the main aim of bringing the Service community at High Wycombe together whilst having fun, the choir raises money for the many worthwhile causes the Station supports. The choir meets at 7pm every Wednesday at the Station Church, No.3 Site, RAF High Wycombe. No previous singing experience is needed, just the desire to give it a go and have fun. Contact the choir via email RAFHWLadiesChoir@gmail.com, or on Facebook RAF HW Ladies Choir and Twitter @RAFHWLadiesChoir.



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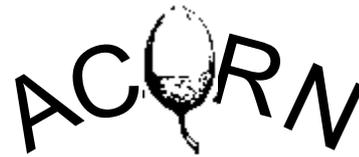
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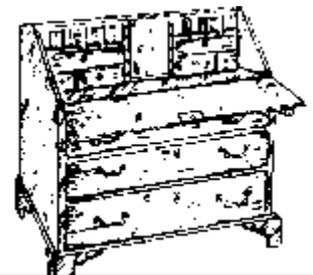
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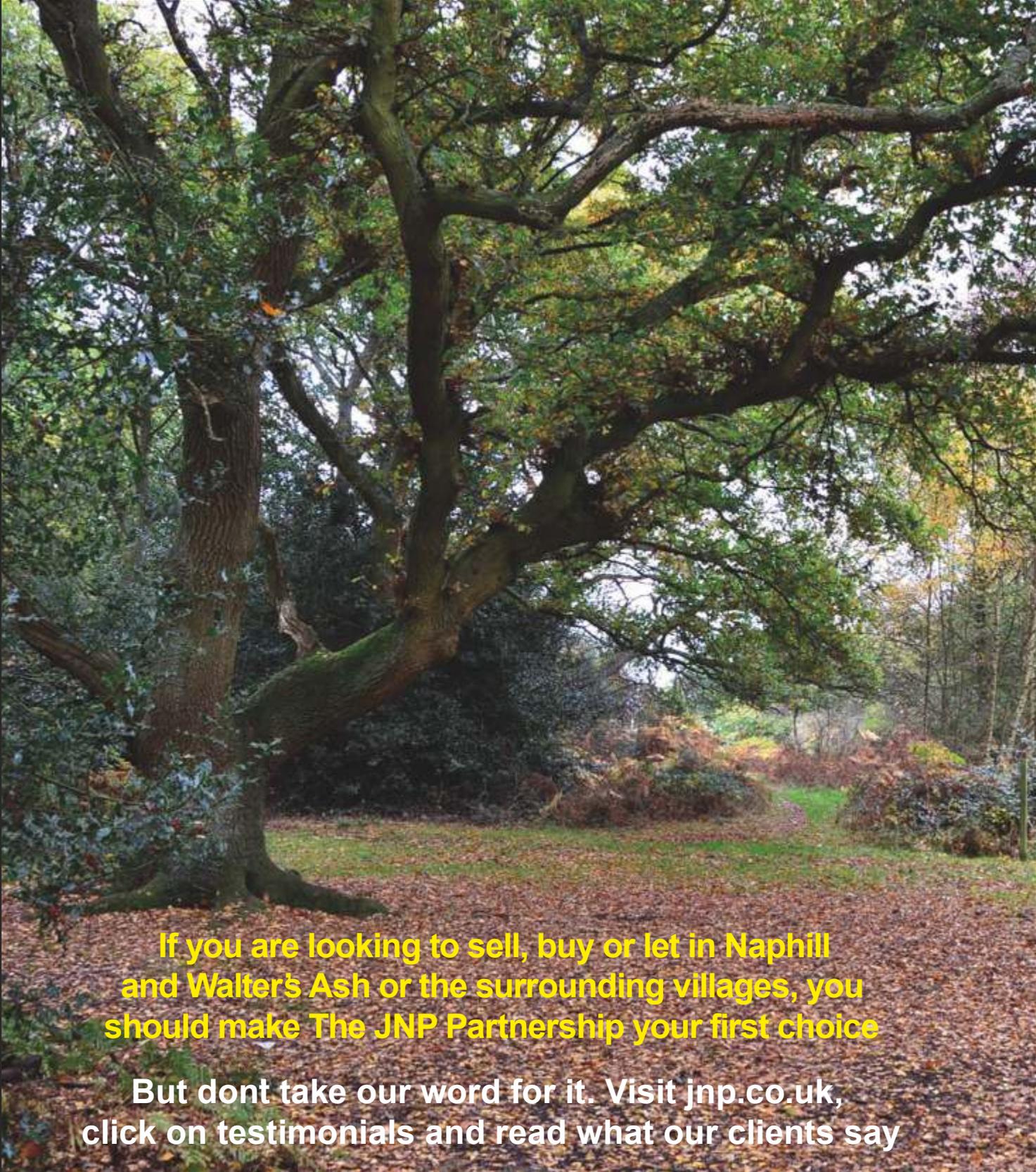
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Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30–6.45	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Methodist Church	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6–7.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Mondays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	guidinginhughenden@hotmail.co.uk
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Cubs (Walter's Ash)	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Catherine de Rouffignac 496917 (office hours)
EXTEND Gentle Exercise	Mondays 2 – 3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Carolyn 712801
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30–11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10,11,12 Saturdays 9.30–11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30–11am	The Crick	
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Matt Gunnell 07446838565
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45–8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		
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Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8–9pm	Small Hall, Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Jacqu'in the Box Music for Babies & Toddlers	Tuesdays 10.15am and 11.15am	Naphill Village Hall	Jacqui Tomlin 07948371615 jacquitomlin@aol.com
Line dancing	Tuesdays 8–9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
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	Thursday 5.45pm		
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Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Curtis 562779 naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Fridays & Saturdays (April–July)		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8–10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
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Editorial

I thought, when I used the 'sheep in snow' picture last month, that it really would have been the last snowy scene of the season. But here I am, tucked up inside, surrounded by more of the white stuff! I asked FONC if they would like to supply a photo for our April edition and so I hope this taste of things to come lifts your spirits. Thank you to Peter Davis from FONC for sharing this image.

A suggestion has been put forward that the Gazette could contain a new feature under the heading 'Healthy Pages'. This would enable local residents with an interest in health - for example, nutrition, complimentary health or fitness - to write articles of general interest to the community. I am happy to try out this suggestion and it has prompted another idea: to alternate 'Healthy Pages' with a new 'Business Pages' feature that would allow small businesses in Naphill & Walter's Ash to write articles of general local interest about the work that they do. Hopefully we will gain a fascinating insight into the industry that goes on 'behind the scenes' in our villages. Please get in touch if you have any further comments or suggestions about this.

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County Councillor's Report

Writing this in the middle of March and witnessing the second tranche of winter makes me apprehensive about the state of our roads and the undoing of the resurfacing works of the last year. Many readers will argue that the standard of work of the repairs left much to be desired and that

mended potholes have again re-appeared this winter with some vengeance. Today's press report from the Asphalt Industry Alliance states that clearing the Nations backlog of damaged roads will take twelve years and cost about £10.5 billion. It claims that last year's rain will have caused £338 million of damage and that Councils in England and Wales will have to pay £113 million in filling potholes and a further £32 million in settling compensation claims! Councils repaired 2.2 million potholes last year as opposed to 1.7 in 2011. Many readers will claim that most of these are in Buckinghamshire but I suspect that the problem is much the same throughout the Nation. I just wish that the government would invest more in our roads than waste it on such ventures as HS2.

One of the major new duties of the County Council will be the creation of a joint board together with the NHS to be responsible for public health; this is a joining up of health and social services.

There is an obvious link between the cost of health care and the ongoing costs of those requiring help in their daily lives. Hopefully this new arrangement will provide a better transition arrangement between hospital care and the ongoing need of help for those living alone. I rather suspect that part of the help in the home will have to be privately funded by those who have the means, rather as the present arrangements; otherwise the costs to the Council taxpayer could be enormous.

The County continues to prosecute those who dump rubbish in the countryside. Much of this dumping is done by unlicensed collectors who offer householders cheap deals on the doorstep.

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This has been another good year for the Gazette. Thanks to Mike and Pauline Pool, their team of distributors and YOU, the readers, the income for collections increased considerably this year. Income from Adverts also increased but, as is inevitable these days, the cost of printing also increased considerably. We did expend funds to speed up making back copies of the Gazette available on the village web site.

Ian Banks, Treasurer

PIN UP DIARY DATES

April

Wednesday 3rd	Chris Millar's short walk (2-3 miles) will start from the Village Hall at 10.30am
Thursday 11th	Curry Night at The Wheel. Regular menu also available
Monday 15th	Ron Collins' longer walk (5-6 miles) will start from the Village Hall at 9.55am
Fri 19th & Sat 20th	Beer Festival at The Wheel. St George's Day Theme
Wednesday 24th	FREE Rusty Raquets Tennis Coaching at Naphill Tennis Club. 9.30am
Wednesday 24th	Quiz Night at The Wheel. £2 per person from 8pm. For charity.
Thursday 25th	Christians in the Community Meeting. Church House, Hughenden. 7.30pm. All welcome

May

Saturday 18th	Horticultural Society Plant Sale. Village Hall Car Park 9am - 10.30am
Thursday 9th	NWARA meeting. 8pm. Naphill Village Hall

must satisfy themselves that those offering the service are properly licensed, if not they may find themselves prosecuted as being involved in the crime. The same applies to those seen dropping litter along pathways, a habit which appears to be on the increase along with dog fouling. Nearly all mobile phones double as cameras and such evidence can be used in prosecutions.

Richard Pushman

Hughenden Parish Council Report

As we move into April and start to see the snowdrops emerge, one wonders where the months have gone. But with Spring, comes new growth and new beginnings and following Tony Konieczny's resignation as Chairman in February, we have now elected a new Chairman to take us through to May and hopefully beyond. By unanimous agreement, our very own published author, Roger Beavil, has taken the Chair and will now set about rebuilding the Council and moving forward. More than anything at the moment, this needs new Councillors as we currently have four vacancies including one in the Naphill and Walter's Ash ward. So if anyone is interested in joining a committed, progressive and proactive Council, please put your name forward to the Clerk for consideration for co-option. Your ward needs you!

As a demonstration of this commitment, the Council has agreed to pay up to £3,000 for a professional feasibility study and survey to be carried out into parking options next to the Coop, so hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel for this long running safety issue. We have also agreed to support – and seek funds from County for – double yellow lines opposite Costcutter because of the increased traffic problems created by the relocation of the Post Office. This is subject to Highways and local residents supporting the proposal, but both would seem to be evident.

We have also expressed our thanks to Gloria LeFlaive for her sterling efforts in persuading

Murco to change their minds about putting a car wash into Manor Garage. Despite extensive objections to the Planning department, this had been approved through delegated powers and it was only through Gloria's tireless efforts that they reconsidered. This demonstrates that community effort can still influence decisions that sometimes seem to be made in complete contradiction to local needs and wishes. Hopefully we will be able to prevail on the Shana and Hunts Hill applications as well, but none of these things happen without a lot of selfless voluntary effort. Once again, we hope this might make people consider the role of Councillor as one that is worthy of the same label and think seriously about applying.

Phil Conran, Roger Beavil, Dennis Hackling

Dog Waste Bins

Not the most pleasant subject to talk about, but one which provides the Parish Office with more calls than anything else!

Hughenden Parish Council currently provides 16 bins around the Parish for the use of dog walkers and is emptied twice a week. This costs the Council over £300 per month. This funded through the HPC's precept which is collected by WDC and forms part of your Council Tax.

Unfortunately sometimes the bins aren't emptied which could be due to a number of reasons – weather, bank holidays, break downs or missed by mistake. When this happens there can be a couple of days when the bin is full. PLEASE can we ask dog owners not to leave their bags on the floor and take it home with them or put it in a different bin (all the locations are on our website www.hughendenParishCouncil.org.uk) Leaving it on the ground creates a health hazard and is very unpleasant!

In addition, please can we ask that the bins are ONLY used for dog waste! We have had rubbish, grass cuttings and even cat litter put in them – which also causes the bins to over flow.

Should a Parishioner experience a problem with a Dog Bin, please call the Council Offices on 01494 715296.

Councillor Vacancies

Are you interested in the community where you live and want to become more involved in local issues? Then maybe you would consider becoming a Hughenden Parish Councillor.

Hughenden Parish is divided up into four Wards (areas) which are Hughenden Valley, Great Kingshill, Naphill and Widmer End. There are four Councillors from each ward – apart from Great Kingshill which has three. It is a voluntary role and it is the Councillors responsibility to decide the best way to spend the Precept which it receives from Wycombe District Council – as part of the Council Tax.

It is an interesting and varied role as Hughenden Parish is responsible for about 60 acres of land around the Parish. These include our Garden of Rest Cemetery, allotments, woods, playgrounds, hedges and other open spaces. The Parish is consulted by Wycombe District Council on planning applications within our Parish and other issues which impact upon on the local community. The Parish Council is also consulted by Central government and this will increase through the Localism Act. Our Councillors also work alongside Resident Associations, and play an active role within schools and Neighbourhood Action Groups.

If this very small snap shot of a Councillor's role has wetted your appetite, please call or email Charlotte Watts on 01494 715296 / hughendenpc@btconnect.com We will be delighted to talk to you.

Bradenham Parish Council

Bradenham Parish Council normally meet only once every two months, but this time we held an extra ordinary meeting in February to discuss planning application: 12/07953/FUL Shana Riding School, New Road, Walter's Ash. High Wycombe HP14 4UZ Change of use of land and buildings from commercial riding establishment (school/livery) to storage and distribution of landscaping and fencing materials; re cladding of indoor school; increase in height of rear boundary wall to 2.4m and landscaping. Items discussed were:

- a. Suitability of the entrance to the site for articulated and heavy goods vehicles.
- b. The number of vehicle movements mentioned in the application appears unrealistically low.
- c. Control of the environmental effects of the change of use re: noise, fumes and light pollution.

d. The narrowness of Bradenham Woods Lane for an increase use of HGV, the effect these vehicles would have on traffic calming measures to be introduced and the size of the vehicles that would be using this lane.

e. The suitability of other local roads that may be used to transport goods between the two sites owned by Mr Bryant.

It was decided that although the application constituted an appropriate reuse of existing (derelict) buildings in the green belt; the Council objected to the application as there were major road safety concerns about the suitability of the entrance to the site. The Council objects to the application if it cannot be satisfied by the Highway Authority or by significant changes to the entrance that the entrance is suitable and hazard free for the use by articulated vehicles. Concern was raised that large vehicles would have to cross the centre line on the road, when entering and exiting the site thereby causing a traffic hazard and obstruction. Road safety is a major concern.

It was decided to also raise the following concerns with the planning authority:

The total environmental impact that a change of use will bring to the community concerning; noise, fumes and light pollution. Concerns about the number of anticipated vehicle movements on site and the disturbance they may cause the neighbours. The 50 vehicle movements quoted to the site in a 5-day week seem inappropriately low. The PC would wish to see a more realistic number of vehicle movements quoted to be able to make a more balanced judgement on the application.

At our March meeting we were asked by the RAF to consider requesting changing the 40mph on New Road Walter's Ash to 30mph all the way to where the speed limit changes to derestricted. The County wide speed limit review has come to an end, so this will have to be approached by the two Parish Councils that cover that stretch of road (Bradenham and Lacey Green). The Parish Council was in favour of reducing the speed limit on that stretch. The whole process is a lengthy and expensive one. We will keep you updated.

We were informed that the Bradenham fete this year will be held on 14 September 2013. This is the main social event of the village. Much help is needed; if you are able to offer some help, please contact Jan Pearce on 562333.

Due to boundary changes at the next County Council elections in May we will belong to a different ward. Our County Councillor Paul Rogerson is not standing again. The Parish Council is very grateful for all the support he has given us over the years.

We discussed communication with our parishioners. We have two notice boards, although one broke a few weeks ago, repairs are on-going. We do not have a web site; the cost has always been a factor against developing and maintaining one. It was decided that we would investigate the opportunity of additional means of communication. Cllr Jones will do some research and bring proposals to the next meeting.

We have made a new bid to the Local Area Forum for help with funding traffic calming in Bradenham Village. The Parish Council have responded to the Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment 2013 as circulated by a number of District Councils incl. Wycombe District Council.

Our next meeting will be on 13 May 2013 and is open to the public. It starts at 7pm in the Cricket Club.

*Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council
clerk@bradenham.org.uk*

Spring 2013 District Councillor Report (Widmer End News & Hughenden News)

Ward Budget

Over the last couple of years we have put our Ward Budgets to good use by contributing towards the cost of the following projects:

- Great Kingshill Village Hall electrics
- Widmer End School library
- Widmer End School first aid defibrillator
- Hughenden Valley Community Shop freezer
- Hughenden Valley Village Hall Kitchen refurbishment
- North Dean Village Hall refurbishment
- Naphill Dilly Knox memorial

We will shortly be allocating this year's Ward Budgets (2013/2014) if you know of any worthwhile projects in your village please get in touch.

Joint Waste Collection

The joint waste collection scheme in partnership with Chiltern District Council will soon be implemented, benefits include:

- The new contract will provide savings for WDC of approximately £500K per annum
- It will result in high levels of recycling and a reduction in waste going to landfill
- The service will be harmonised across the District (and with CDC) whereas at present we don't have a universal service in all areas
- A much greater range of recyclable materials will be collected (such as glass, textiles, batteries and tetra paks)

- There will be weekly food collections
- The service will be environmentally more sustainable

Hughenden Retirement Village

Some residents have heard a whisper about and asked the location of the proposed Hughenden Retirement Village. The simple answer is that it is not being built in Greater Hughenden but is the title of a proposed new retirement complex on the old Broomwade/Compair site behind Jewsons in High Wycombe. The chosen registered provider is Extra Care Charitable Trust; you may like to view their website: www.extracare.org.uk. Plans are still at an early stage and have yet to be approved.

Cllr Richard Pushman

After 49 years serving our community as a local County Councillor at Parish, District and County levels Richard has decided to retire. He has been a tower of strength and will be sorely missed. We wish Richard well in his retirement and salute his magnificent achievements.

Policy Control

We have little or no control over national policy. We will, however, continue to serve our ward to the best of our ability and strive to protect the Green Belt and ANOB. If, there are any matters that concern you and you would like our assistance please get in touch.

*David Carroll 716967, Audrey Jones
563435, Dory Morgan 562129*

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents' Association

Planning: Good News. We hope Manor Garage will now be here for another ten years having been offered a new lease. A letter of thanks has been sent to Murco on behalf of our community.

12/05936/FUL Fernlands, Chapel Lane, Naphill. An appeal against WDC's refusal of this application has failed.

Applications to 11 March 2013: **13/05382/FUL** Red Gables, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HA for erection of rear conservatory. **13/05381/TPO** Honeysuckle Cottage, Downley Rd., Naphill. Reduce height by up to 2m to silver birch T1 & T2 of TPO 35/1991. **13/05320/FUL** Parnassus, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Replace existing single storey dwelling with 2-storey 4-bed dwelling. Resubmission of 12/07953/FUL. **13/05400/FUL** 154-155 Templewood, Walter's Ash. HA for construction of single storey extension across both properties (154 & 155) (Comment. Extension is out of alignment with pattern of existing houses). **13/05411/FUL** 1 Stocking Lane, Naphill. HA for erection of 2-storey side extension following

demolition of existing workshop/store, utility room and erection of new front porch.

Update on 13/05088/FUL Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane, in GB/AONB. Industrial B2 steel girder fabrication served by HGVs **120+ public objections** have included WDC Environmental Services and Chilterns Conservation Board. Awaiting decision. **12/07953/FUL** Change of use from equestrian (Shana Riding School) to Country Supplies storage and distribution centre, served by HGVs, New Road, Walter's Ash. **160+ public objections.** Awaiting decision.

Preparing for Emergencies: You will be receiving a booklet headed "Are You Ready". It is being distributed through Neighbourhood Action Group. Please read it carefully and keep it handy. It will be followed by information about an Emergency Response Team for each Ward in the Parish.

Best Kept Village Competition: It will help the appearance of our villages if notices about functions pinned to telegraph poles are removed a.s.a.p after the functions are over, and that telegraph poles are not used for business adverts. I have just taken down several illegible notices pinned up last Christmas by an unknown source, in addition to some washed out adverts for a local club pinned up more than six months ago.

Double Yellow Lines opposite Costcutters, Naphill. We are awaiting a report from Bucks County Council.

Vacancy on NAWARA Committee. We still have vacancies on the Committee for people who would like to help protect the quality of our villages. See the February Gazette.

Date for your Diary: 7.30pm Thursday 13 June at Naphill Village Hall. Following our short AGM the guest speaker will be Steve Cohen, the lively, talented and influential Editor of the Bucks Free Press, Midweek and South Bucks Star. Hughenden Valley RA said he was great value last year. We are very fortunate he has accepted our invitation. Come and meet him. Wine and nibbles to add to the enjoyment of the evening.

Mr Cohen asked me to say he has been forced to raise the price of the BFP because of the escalating cost of newsprint, but we will get more for our money with return of District News and a better Free Time and Leisure section. So keep supporting the Bucks Free Press. Buy it!

Date of next meeting. 8pm Thursday 9 May 2013. Naphill Village Hall

*Gloria Leflaive 563634
email gloriuleflaive@msn.com*

Neighbourhood Police News



Hello from the Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Police Team (PRNPT). If you need to contact your neighbourhood police team then please dial 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Princes Risborough Police Office or leave the team a message. Alternatively please send an email to the following address:
princesrisboroughnhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.

police.uk.

The Little Book of Big Scams

Thames Valley Police have produced a booklet about the various types of fraudulent scams that are either currently being used by criminals or have been used by them in the past. The booklet, produced by TVP's Economic Crime Unit, aims to educate the public on how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud. The booklet includes sections on identity fraud, scam mail, door to door scams and Internet scams. As well as details on different types of frauds, there are a number of helpful hints, ten golden rules to avoid becoming a victim, and case studies. The booklet also gives details on where to go to get help and how to report fraud if you do become a victim.



To obtain a copy on line, click on the attached link: <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/aboutus-depts-ecu> and then click on The Little Book of Big Scams link on the page.

Police Commissioner

The PRNPT have had a number of requests regarding information about the newly appointed Police Crime Commissioner (PCC). For more information about PCC's role please use this link: thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/Home.aspx

Speeding

On the 14 February, between 2pm and 3pm a SID was deployed upon Main Road, Walter's Ash, junction with Clappings Lane, in the 30mph section, capturing the data of traffic heading towards High Wycombe. 42 drivers that exceeded the speed limit have been sent CSW letters.

Country Watch

On the 5 February the neighbourhood policing teams for Chepping Wycombe, Hughenden, Marlow and Princes Risborough held a Country Watch awareness meeting at the Claire Foundation in Saunderton.

Country Watch is a message alert system where

Thames Valley Police works in partnership with rural communities to help prevent, disrupt and detect criminal activity. Anyone can apply to register as a member.

Country Watch members receive message alerts via Community Messaging emails and in some areas, by SMS text about activity or incidents in the local area that may affect them. This may include information about thefts, criminal damage or suspicious vehicles or people.

As part of Country Watch, Thames Valley Police supports the Thames Valley Horse Watch which offers a leather saddle marking service. Tack is marked using a die stamp giving the saddle a unique number and the owner is issued with a registration document to show proof of ownership.

The various neighbourhood police team will also be rolling out free Selecta DNA to Bucks farmers and also offering discounted CESAR security marking products.

For further information about Country Watch or to find out about saddle marking, contact your local Neighbourhood Watch administrator by email countrywatch@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

If you are already signed up to the Thames Valley Alert messaging system you can edit your account and sign up to receive messages from Horse Watch, Country Watch and a whole host of other watch schemes.

Bicycle Security

On the 16 February the PRNPT held a bicycle security marking event at the police office. Eight people attend the event and had their bikes marked.

If you would like the police to security mark your bicycle then please come along to the police office on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10am – 2 pm, and the station officer, Share KHAN will be happy to help.

SGT 4738 Andrew Deane

Princes Risborough Area Neighbourhood Police

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

We had a very good turnout for our March meeting which meant that we could really get on with our business and tie up as many loose ends as possible before our A.G.M. which is on the 25 March – all welcome.

We are still investigating the best ways of installing a hearing loop into the hall. We have had a couple of estimates and ideas which we will continue to pursue. Hopefully it will be installed shortly to help those with limited hearing.

We are also investigating installing CCTV outside the Hall to deter vandalism and to help us in identifying the culprits. No decisions have been made as yet but it would be good to get it up and running before the summer when we are most at risk from petty vandalism.

We have now made a firm decision on the fabric for the new curtains round the windows and next month we hope to decide on the material for the stage curtains. We have just about chosen the paint colour – well, cut it down to two. The decorating is due to be done over the Easter period so the Hall should shortly be looking fresh, spruce and loved.

The new notice board outside the Hall will hopefully be installed by the time you are reading this. It will be glass fronted and kept locked. If you want to display any notices about village events, nothing commercial or relating to things outside the village, then either drop them into Peggy Ewart, at Bramble Cottage, Downley Road, or into Bon Ami.

We have had quotes in for replacing the swinging Village Hall sign. These have varied greatly in price and we are currently opting for a sign similar to the current one, but it has to be made up in Durham! We are hoping that it will be able to be completed and erected before the end of May.

You may have noticed the new toddler swings in the play area. We have to thank Hughenden Parish Council for them and to get them in place ready for the spring and summer.

If you attended the play or the quiz night in the Hall you will know what splendid evenings they both were. We must thank John Harris for organising the play and Ted and his band of helpers for the quiz night. They both provided us with great entertainment and boosted the hall's funds. As you can see we have many plans at present to improve our facilities, all of which cost, so thank you for supporting these events.

The next big event is of course the Fete on the 15 June. Make sure you have that date in your diary and if you are able to help out then do please put your name forward. New faces are always welcome.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the A.G.M. Do come along and see just what we have got done and what our future plans are. It's your Hall.

*Sarah Bacon 563479: Chairman Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council
sarah.bacon39@googlegmail.com*

Fete Day

Saturday 15 June 2013

British Achievements in History

Our committee meetings are well under way now and all nine of us have been busy renewing contacts with previous supporters, confirming stalls and their requirements, arranging entertainments for the show ring, following up on new ideas and generally pleading for donations of kit, prizes and enlisting volunteers.

In the March issue of the Gazette Claire listed suggestions for donations that we could make great use of (books, homemade cakes, unwanted gifts, old crockery etc), and also identified areas that you could help prior to the day i.e. delivering of the programme and pre-selling raffle tickets.

So, if you're a person who enjoys making a contribution and could spare an hour or two in the week leading upto the fete, then PLEASE PLEASE contact us: nwafete@hotmail.co.uk or telephone The Wheel PH

Volunteer help is essential on the day too and can be utilised in many ways, for however long you want. Every person that gets involved is valued and will be supporting the success of 2013's fete.

Reminder If you're thinking of supporting the fete by advertising in the fete programme then we need your advert copy by the end of April.

The fete is approximately 10 weeks away now and our meetings are becoming quite entertaining as we listen to the longer serving committee members reminisce over previous years capers. We are all really looking forward to the day and will be rewarded by seeing you there, with your families, enjoying yourselves in the sunshine (hopefully).

Fete Committee: Sam Keen

Fete Tombola

The 2013 Village Fete is already in the planning as you will know from Claire's Fete article and it's never too early to start thinking about the tombola! If you have any unwanted Christmas presents that are hanging around and looking for a home, we would be happy to take them...drop them in to us any time at 4 Lacey Drive, off Chapel Lane. Thank you for your generosity.

Andy & Judy Pope.

Services at St Botolph's

Services in April are as follows:-

April 7th 11am Eucharist
April 14th 11am Eucharist
April 21st 11am Eucharist
April 28th 11am Matins

Peggy Ewart

Naphill Neighbours

Well we did finally manage to make it on Monday 11 March, for our first meeting of the year; although it did look as though it would be 'touch and go' around lunchtime when a few snowflakes fell. We had a very good turnout to listen to our speaker, Mr. Philip Littlejohn, who gave a riveting talk on "Grandfather survived the Titanic". Mr. Littlejohn's grandfather, Alexander James Littlejohn, was a First Class Steward aboard the Titanic and survived the disaster as one of the oarsmen in Lifeboat 13 and so was able to give an eyewitness account of that fateful night.

As we listened to the account the thought that kept coming into my head was 'if only this' and 'if only that', but hindsight is a wonderful thing and seconds made all the difference between survival and disaster. Philip Littlejohn has written a book on his grandfather's experience and several of us purchased a copy. On the cover are two photographs of Alexander Littlejohn, one before the disaster and one after. After the disaster every hair on his head turned completely white from the shock. In both photos he was 40 years old!

We thank Mr. Littlejohn for this informative talk given without any reference to notes; amazing.

For those of you coming on our full day outing to Bath, the coach leaves Naphill Village Hall at 9.00am sharp, with one more pick-up at Forge Road. There will be one 'comfort' stop on the way and we will then resume our journey. We will be dropped in the centre of Bath and collected at the same point later in the afternoon for our return journey.

Other excursions we are planning during the year are a day trip to Borde Hill Gardens, near Haywards Heath, on Tuesday, 18 June, and a half-day trip to Kelmscott Manor in Oxfordshire, followed by some time in Burford to browse and have afternoon tea, on Thursday, 25 July. Full information on these two excursions will be given later.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 8 April, when Mrs Ann Ginger will give "A Sugarcraft Demonstration". Tea hostesses for the evening will be Kathie Parkinson and June Kay. If there is another lady who is prepared to help them out, it would be very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all next time, lighter evenings and hopefully warmer too.

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Our recent Annual Dinner marked the start of the Society's year, and, once again the evening was a

huge success with 90 of us sitting down to a fabulous meal, beautifully cooked, as always, by Lucy from Main Event Cuisine, and followed by outstanding entertainment provided by The RAF High Wycombe Ladies Choir who gave us a wonderful selection of pieces, and had so much energy and enthusiasm.

A massive thank you goes to Lucy, The Choir, and all of you who came along on the night. I'm sure that everyone who was there would agree that the whole event was great fun.

The gardening year should be well under way, but as I write the garden is once again covered in heavy frost, and everything is running a bit late, but plants are wonderful things and always catch up, so it is time to remind you of our annual **Plant Sale** which takes place on **Saturday 18 May**, where we hope to have a good selection of flowering plants, vegetable plants and herbs.

If you are a keen seed sower like me (the greenhouse is a great place to be at the moment!), or will be busy dividing perennials, or have too many self-seeded plants, why not consider nurturing the spares and bringing them along to the Plant Sale?

We charge just £5 for a table, and the rest of the money you keep for yourself- a bargain!

If you are at all interested, please give me a call.

Cathryn Carter 563233

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

Our working parties have got off to a good start. We are trying to clear the main paths leading into the Common from the edge nearest the village. By making them wider we hope that people will be able to avoid the mud. Hopefully, the sun will eventually dry the clay soil. If you would like to help, please contact our working party co-ordinator Peter Davis (Tel. 569303, webmaster@naphillcommon.org.uk). Meanwhile we are also putting small labels on the large or veteran trees so that they can be saved from the selective felling which may start in the autumn.

Our walks are proving popular. Chris Millar's short walks (2-3 miles) are on the first Wednesday of each month: the next will start from the Village Hall at 10.30am on 3 April. Ron Collins' longer walks (5-6 miles) start from the Village Hall at 9.55am, on the third Monday of each month, the next being on 15 April. We will soon be announcing various other events, so look out for our posters, our web site and the Gazette.

Over the past few years we have undertaken or commissioned several surveys, ranging from geology to fungi. This year we are surveying the

ponds to see what they contain; we hope to survey moths, bats and fungi, and we would like to complete the geophysical survey of our Romano-British farmstead (if that is what it is). I hope to make a list of the species of birds spotted on the Common. Already this year I have seen a raven and a tree creeper, as well as the usual species. I have twice seen hawfinches but, sadly, long ago. If you have seen anything of interest let us know. We have at least three species of deer: muntjac, roe and fallow, but whether these are all welcome is a disputed matter.

The surveys serve a number of purposes. They will increase our knowledge of the common so that we see more clearly its treasures and its problems; they will add to the richness of people's experience of the common, and they will help us protect it against damage and encroachment. The Common is an SSSI Grade 1 and that means it is protected by Natural England. Unfortunately that organisation has been under increasing pressure so we need to arm ourselves with all the knowledge we can.

Thank you to all those who have renewed their subscriptions to the Friends of Naphill Common (only £5 for adults and £2 for children). We have various expenses for speakers, surveys and insurance for our work parties.

*Trevor Hussey Chairman
Long walks: Ron Collins 562240
Short Walks: Chris Miller 563707*

Naphill Evening WI

Wow! What a really fantastic day out we had on 6 March, when we set off for lunch in Sawbridgeworth and then went on to a tour of the Olympic site and various other London landmarks, followed by a trip across the Thames on the new cable car. Our excellent Blue Badge Guide then showed us more of London before we again went on the cable car but this time by night. For me and some others I know the first part of the journey was a trip down memory lane, through Barnet, Southgate and other parts of north London. Thank you Marion for a really great day.



A trip across the Thames on the new cable car

We are also looking forward to a theatre trip to see Top Hat which Marion has again organised. Unfortunately this is on the same day as the County Annual Council Meeting, when the speaker is Michael Portillo.

At our February meeting we were told the history of Valentine Cards in a talk entitled "Sweethearts and Valentines". Our speaker had many examples to show us. By the time you read this we will have had our Spring Group Meeting with a talk about "Weird and Wonderful Weddings Around the World" and also our Open Meeting on 21 March.

Margaret hosted a very enjoyable coffee morning for the Food Appreciation Group on 12 March and they will be having tea at the Marlow Garden Centre on 23 April and lunch at The Tree, Cadmore End on 22 May.

We are also soon to have a meeting to plan our Float for the Fete this year. If you would like to get involved, please speak to Juliet.

Carol Gilliam

Naphill Tennis Club

The new tennis season will soon be upon us and, for those of you who haven't picked up a racquet for some years, we have some tempting offers!

FREE Rusty Racquets Coaching – Wednesdays 24 April and 1 May at 9.30 am, Saturdays 4 and 11 May at 9 am, Thursdays 2 and 9 May at 7 pm

Improvers' Coaching – a 5 week course on a Wednesday morning starting 8 May at 9.30 am and a Coaching Evening on Thursday 16 May at 7 pm

NB: the above are open to members and non-members.

For anyone thinking of joining our very friendly club, our membership rates are extremely good value only £45 for new adult members and £20 – £25 for juniors (includes FREE junior coaching which takes place during the summer school term on Friday evenings and on Saturday mornings for the Under-7s).

For further information on membership or any of the above, please give me a call on 01494 565406 or email jttench@gmail.com.

Jenny Tench

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

I am sat in the pub by one of our roaring fires thinking about the spring and hopefully some warmer weather, although looking out of the window the snow is falling again! With the clocks changing and giving us more day light, I'm sure we are all looking forward to the lighter days that the

spring will bring.

Sadly the village has seen the loss of Joan Fane, who was a well known lady in the village with her dog Buffy. Sadly Joan had no relatives, but the community and customers at both Bon Ami and The Wheel pulled together and managed to raise a total of £101. This amazing amount of money meant that Joan had a large spray of flowers on her coffin. Throughout the village there has been great concern about her dog Buffy who, I'm pleased to say, has been officially adopted from Stockenchurch dog rescue and is in a happy new home.

March has been a busier month despite the weather, with a very successful Mother's Day, which was fully booked. Also the six nations rugby has been highly entertaining with everyone squashed into the front bar shouting at the TV and getting very emotional.

It's now that time of year again: 'Beer Festival' time! This year it will be held on 19 and 20 April following a theme of St George and England. As usual there will be approximately 20 ales outside in the marquee along with some Real Cider and Perry. On the Saturday we will have live music from 4.30/5pm till 9pm ish.

- Beer Festival – 19 and 20 April
- Curry Night – 11th April
- Quiz Night – 24 April

As usual thanks to all our customers and staff over the last few months.

Claire and Mark

Buffy: A Happy Ending

Following the very sad death of her mistress, Joan Fane, Buffy was taken in by Stockenchurch Dog Rescue. Unfortunately she was not happy in the kennels and would not eat. She was obviously missing her mistress so Claire, a member of staff at the Rescue Centre, started taking her home at night. She was very much happier, started eating again and quickly made friends with the two dogs who already lived there.

Claire persuaded her family that Buffy should join them permanently and the outcome is that she has now officially adopted her. Buffy has had much needed dental work carried out and now seems very happy with her new life.

Buffy attended Joan's funeral on Thursday 14 March to say her last farewell.

Ruth Bond

Black Lion Naphill

blacklionnaphill.com

Looking back to Mothers day we had a fantastic response from our customers and we operated

three sittings for everyone. Each one was fully booked, so thank you for your support.

Easter is next on the agenda and we will be putting on a Free Bouncy Castle (weather permitting of course) along with a free Easter egg hunt on the Sunday. Don't let the kids miss that! Also please book your table early if you are joining us for lunch on Easter Sunday. On the same evening we are holding a General Knowledge Quiz so come along and give it a try - it's all for local charity .

That's all for now except to say how grateful we are for your continued support and thank you for your custom.

Jack, Bob, Mike, Martin and all the team

Bon Ami

Although Easter is now over we will continue to serve gorgeous toasted hot cross buns with our special honey and cinnamon butter as they have proved so popular; "selling like hot cakes!"

A big thank you to all of our customers who, at very short notice, donated almost £30 for Joan Fane. This amount was combined with The Wheel's collection to provide a floral tribute. There is a separate article with Joan's dog Buffy's happiness which makes comforting reading.

We had great fun on "Red Nose Day" and sold more than 70 hot drinks and red nose cup cakes too. Thank you to everyone who supported the day by purchasing a hot drink. We donated 50p from every hot drink sold throughout the day.

With the rhubarb barely poking its head out of the ground on the allotments we have already had requests for our scrumptious rhubarb cake. We have also discovered a recipe for rhubarb curd, which is apparently delicious with warm scones. We will be making some as soon as we are able to pick some rhubarb.

We also have both Queen Elizabeth II's birthday and St George's Day to look forward to on 21 and 23 April respectively. We will be baking some appropriately themed cup cakes for the days- do please come in and wave the flag with us.

Ruth & Amanda.

Pony Espresso

The day the new Pope was chosen Pony Espresso had three members of the clergy in, which as usual, I took as a sign that we have approval from above!

Medicinal Hot Chocolate for the barbers next door was in order when they arrived one morning to find that the new resident above had stepped through their ceiling, leaving their floor and seating looking like a bomb had gone off!

We're now into the fourth month and business is picking up nicely. We have supplied a few business lunches and are expanding our choice of salads. Our celebration cakes are selling well which keeps us busy at quieter times so place your orders in good time.

We continue to meet more and more local residents and have had many kind comments from all. Both Donna and I look forward to being even busier than we have been so far...and to meeting many more customers – thank you all so far!

Blaine Wilsworth

Shear Madness

Well Spring has arrived! We've made it through the Winter.

We have just completed our 2nd year at the Barbers, and what a very fast two years they were! Again we would like to thank you all for your support.



Titan (the rubber duck) has been doing the rounds again. He appeared on Celebrity Juice, went to the Classical Spectacular at the Royal Albert Hall, will be in the audience of League of Their Own, appearing on BBC's The Voice and is again taking part in the S.W.A.T.K Connor Endurance Race. This is a kite boarding/ buggy race held at Brean Sands. The Shear Madness Team came back with two gold medals last year!

We have also just put our names down again for the Kop Hill soap box challenge as Team Manor Madness!! Good job Manor Garage have been given an extended lease as we need them for this!

Don't forget you can keep up to date with everything we do on our Facebook page.

Lynn, Mandy and Dawn.

Naphill Brownies

Firstly, a huge thank you to all who support our Jumble Sales: We have an amazing team of people who turn out to help; most of whom no longer have any direct connection with the Guides or Brownies. You are amazing. Thanks also to those who support us by saving their jumble for us, and those who turn out, come rain or shine to buy. We raised over £700 at the March sale. The Brownies have just had to pay out about £800 to Girlguiding UK for annual membership. So I'm sure you can all appreciate just how essential the Jumble money is in keeping Brownies and Guides affordable to all.

This term the dark evenings and cold weather have kept us indoors, where we have been doing

a wide variety of activities involving the use of science. This has included scientific crafts, arts, games and experiments. I'm not sure we could explain the scientific principles involved, but it has been fun.

With all the recent snow, many of the girls took up the challenge of completing their 'Snow Challenge Badge'. This involved taking advantage of the weather with a selection of outdoor and indoor tasks – everything from igloo-building to making a warming winter soup. Well done to all who achieved their challenge badge

Even though we are a bit limited for space indoors the Brownies still manage to play plenty of games. In recent weeks, we have done dodgeball, blow football, balloon hockey and bingo. We are also planning a whole evening of indoor games before Easter.

As well as this we had fun evening of skipping with loads of fancy skipping tricks. I must admit that the Brownies were considerably more successful than the leaders. All the girls managed a bit of double dutching (skipping with two ropes turning at once). Thanks go to Sarah and Phoebe who came in to lead the session.

During half term, we had a fun morning of crafts, songs and games with Walter's Ash Brownies to celebrate World Thinking Day. It was lovely to share our Brownie experience and each pack taught the other a song that they do at their Brownies.

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Hughenden Beavers Suspended From the End of This Term



Some of you will be aware that we have been looking for new leaders for Hughenden Beavers as the current leader is stepping down at the end of this term. To date no one has come forward which means that as from Easter there will be no more Beaver meetings in Hughenden. This is hugely regrettable as this Beaver colony was formed four years ago and has provided a popular environment for youngsters to be introduced into the Scouting world and providing a feed into the Cub pack above it. There are plenty of children still attending each week having loads of fun, and there is a healthy joining list.

We are really keen to maintain a Beaver colony in Hughenden as experience shows once a colony closes it can be many years before it reopens, not because of lack of interest from children but because it is much harder to start a colony from new than maintain an existing one. Once closed, any equipment is redistributed and more

importantly continuity both of children and leaders is lost.

The leaders have met and taken the unusual decision, rather than close Beavers completely at this point, we will suspend Beavers for one term to have a once and final push to recruit leaders to take this forward.

All current Beavers will have their places maintained during this period so if it does restart in September they will carry on. We will be closing the joining list for the time being. If no leaders can be found then the Beaver Colony will formally close at the end of the summer term. Any Beavers currently attending will be given the contact details for other colonies in the area but no guarantees can be given of places in any other colony.

To show how seriously we are taking this, the Bucks County Scout team will be providing specialist resource to work with us to endeavour to recruit new leaders over this period. However, in scouting, the leaders tend to be parents of those children somewhere in the Group, so although we will be trying a number of avenues to recruit it is probably unlikely that there will be many candidates outside the existing circle.

So even if you have never even thought about volunteering now is the time to give it serious consideration. Full training will be given and you would be joining a thriving scout group with over 150 children in total. You will definitely not be on your own!

If no one steps up then Hughenden Beavers will officially close at the end of July.

For an informal chat to hopefully take us forward please call 01494 447121.

Naphill & Walters Ash School

Naphill and Walter's Ash School has been very busy lately with lots of events taking place around the whole school. On the 1 March the Year 6s organised a second hand book fair selling: donated books, homemade cakes and bookmarks that year 6 had designed and made as part of Mini Enterprise. All together, they raised a whopping £257.43 which will go towards a new non-fiction books for the school. The following week, the year 4s went on an action-packed trip to Newbarn Field Centre in Dorset, where they stayed for five days (four nights). We interviewed a couple of year 4s and asked them about the trip: Archie and Vicky spoke to us about what they did: Archie's favourite bit was when he saw an owl in the tree on the night hike, and Vicky's was seeing the teachers doing Gangnam Style at the disco! Some of the activities involved were: orienteering, river studies, pond dipping, mini beast hunting, meeting the

animals, a tour of the village, looking in cemeteries for famous names and clay modelling!

The year 6s are going on a trip to Rhos y Gwaliau in North Wales on the 17 March for a week of adventurous activities. We will spend a whole week taking part in rock climbing, canoeing, mine exploring, gorge walking and orienteering and everyone is very excited (and maybe a bit apprehensive) about the challenges ahead. On Friday, 15 March (Red Nose Day) the entire school wore pyjamas and sold cakes to raise money for Comic Relief. The school also took the opportunity to show off the work done as part of its 'Take One Picture' week. This year the whole school studied 'The Bathers at Asniere' by Seurat and produced an amazing array of artwork and literacy activities inspired by the picture. Sporting activities have included netball and football league fixtures, inter-school cross-country competitions and an inter-school hockey tournament. A squad of selected athletes are about to start a series of training sessions in preparation for Bucks school Games and Year 6 are looking forward to hosting an inter-school tag rugby competition later this month.

Matty Walsh and Tess Langfield. Year 6, Naphill and Walters Ash School

Best Kept Village Update

Many thanks to all those who have already offered help in making our village even more attractive. Naphill Neighbours have offered to look after the grass where Clappins Lane joins Main Road. Bill Price is doing even more work by removing some redundant metal poles around the Village Hall, and repainting others when weather permits. He is also going to smarten up the car park gates and the kissing gate by the men's club. The old metal goalposts at the back of the Scout and Guide Hut are going for recycling.

The new Notice board should have been in place for a couple of weeks by the time you read this but the weather has not been helpful. Clive Lawrence is in charge of this, as well as of getting the Village Hall sign repainted.

The telephone box outside the Wheel is to be removed but apparently Openreach is waiting for the power to be cut off. Let us hope this is dealt with soon because the box is an eyesore.

Any comments or offers of help to Sarah, Cathryn, Judy or Peggy, please.

Peggy Ewart

Trees of Naphill

We are very lucky: stand anywhere in Naphill and Walter's Ash and you can see mature and beautiful trees, and the villages are surrounded by

magnificent woodland. Most of us feel refreshed by the company of trees and experience real sadness when a familiar tree is felled. It is difficult to imagine an ugly tree. However, we need to be vigilant because our trees are in danger. A puny man with a chain saw can destroy in minutes what it took hundreds of years to create, and we have all heard of the serious threat of diseases such as ash die-back and sudden oak death.

In 1974 the Residents Association asked me to do a survey of the trees around Naphill. It was a rather amateurish survey. I recorded anything that was a more-or-less mature tree in hedgerows and gardens around the two villages, ignoring those in woodland. There were 152 trees of various species, including 45 conifers.

I repeated the survey in 2004. During the thirty years the village had lost 66 of the original trees; that is 43%. This loss included 15 magnificent elms killed by the Dutch elm disease, but most of the missing trees were felled for various reasons, some more understandable than others. (One property owner had a scots pine cut down '...because it moved in the wind'.) Today, we have about half the number we had forty years ago.

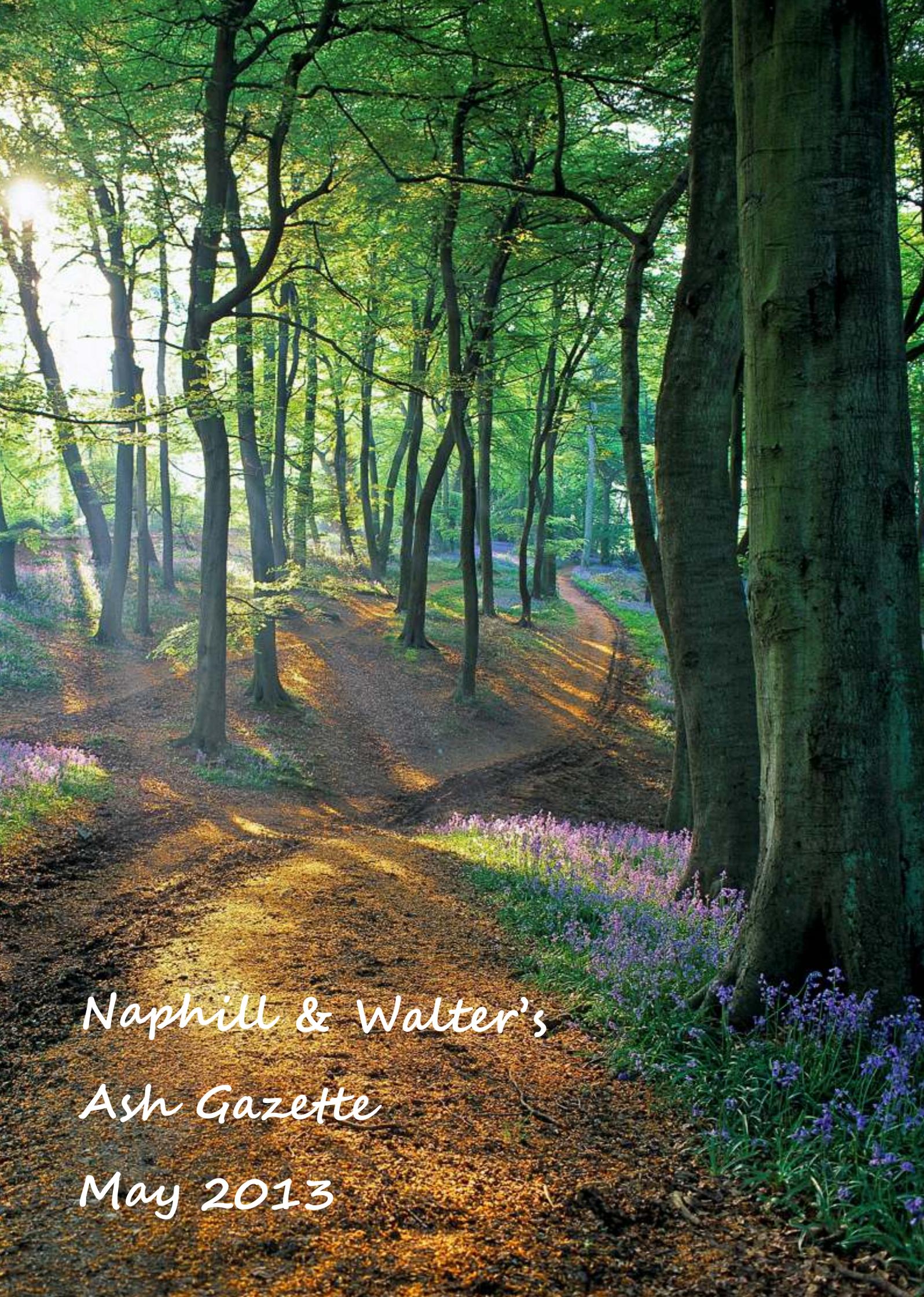
Besides human beings, the biggest threat now is ash die-back caused by the fungus *Chalara fraxinea*. It was first identified in Poland in 1992 and has spread across Europe, arriving in Britain last year. It attacks the common ash *Fraxinus excelsior*, including the ornamental "weeping" variety, and the narrow leaved ash *Fraxinus angustifolia*, and other related species. If you spot an infected tree or sapling you should report it to the Forestry Commission – there is a special form on their web site. Look out for browning or wilting leaves and lesions on the branch near the base of the leaf. Trees will show dead tops and side shoots. On the Continent the disease has been almost always fatal.

At present we have about 23 individual mature ash trees – that is excluding those in nearby woodland – and we have one weeping ash. All are not necessarily doomed, as genetic variations could save some and we have several old trees which may have seen off a similar disease before. If some survive we could take cuttings to replace our losses.

Trevor Hussey

Pam's Photos From Her Village Exhibition Collection

I am so pleased that the photos I've given to the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette are of interest to the village. I have received some nice remarks. As Naphill Neighbours are 50 years old this year I thought some old memories would be of interest.



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Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15–7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30–6.45	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Methodist Church	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6–7.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Mondays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	guidinginhughenden@hotmail.co.uk
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Cubs (Walter's Ash)	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Catherine de Rouffignac 496917 (office hours)
EXTEND Gentle Exercise	Mondays 2 – 3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Carolyn 712801
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30–11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10,11,12 Saturdays 9.30–11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30–11am	The Crick	
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Matt Gunnell 07446838565
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45–8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		
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Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8–9pm	Small Hall, Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Jacqu'in the Box Music for Babies & Toddlers	Tuesdays 10.15am and 11.15am	Naphill Village Hall	Jacqui Tomlin 07948371615 jacquitomlin@aol.com
Line dancing	Tuesdays 8–9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday 10.55–11.30am 11.35–11.55am 12.05pm–12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45pm for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30am and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesday 7.30pm		
	Thursday 5.45pm		
Fitness Pilates – Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45–10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Curtis 562779 naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Fridays & Saturdays (April–July)		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8–10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30–9.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga: Stretch, Tone & Relax	Tuesdays 1.30–2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
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Editorial

I have saved this stunning bluebell picture taken by Richard Holroyd just outside the RAF base, because May is the month we associate with their arrival. Will we see them before the month is out? Thank you very much Richard for letting us use your photo. I've included some background information about the picture below.

This month we have Richard Pushman's final County Council Report. Richard has been a regular monthly contributor for over 45 years. He has seen at least six editors, starting with Ron Piercy who was Editor in the 60's following a Mr Adlam who was the local headmaster and took on the role of editor after Ron's father Sydney, who had started it in 1937. I wish Richard a very happy retirement and hope that we can continue to enjoy articles from him about new and different subjects in the future.

After two years as Editor it is time for me to hand over the reigns to another resident of Naphill or Walter's Ash. I have put included a short article below to help explain the role and hopefully tempt you to give me a call to find out more about it!

If you run a local holiday club or activity during the school summer holidays, please let me know so that there can be a feature in the July/August edition listing all that is going on for local children.

Finally, a very sad note to say that Tracker, who featured on the front of our December edition wearing a Santa hat, passed away in April. He was just three weeks short of his 16th birthday which made him a very old Beagle. Our sympathy goes to the Greenwoods.

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New Editor Needed

As I mentioned above, I am leaving the Gazette team and so we are in need of a new Editor. I'm going to tell you the best and the worst of the job to help you decide that it's the job for you!

The best bits...

- It's really rewarding to see the final printed product when it arrives on my doorstep.
- People say lovely things about the Gazette and they are very appreciative. It's great to be part of it.
- My computing skills have increased enormously. Before I started I could only use basic Word, Exel and email. Now I can produce the Gazette, leaflets, posters, cards... It's been really useful!
- All of the content is willingly supplied by our loyal group of contributors. I never have to search for content.
- When I've been stuck on something, particularly

at the start, there has always been willing help at hand to guide me through.

- The Gazette team are all friendly, efficient and helpful.

The worst bits...

- So many willing contributors means that some months it's a juggle to get it all in. I usually 'flex' the font size to make it fit!
- I am not good at proof reading - I can't spot the errors! So, I delegate this job to my husband.
- The advert renewals in March make that month a busy one. But it's only one month in the whole year.

I really encourage you to give me a ring and find out about being the Editor. I have gained so much from doing it. You don't have to have previous experience, it will bring you many new skills and will look good on your CV! I will give you full training and I'll be there to support you through your first editions.

Clare Goddard 565065

The Bluebells

There are always stories attached to pictures. Several people who have seen this bluebell picture say things like, "You were very lucky to have been there at the right time" or "I bet you have a very good camera" or "It didn't look like that when I was there" or "I could have taken it if I'd been there and had a camera like yours". What they don't know is that the picture took several years of planning and trying. I cleared fallen branches and litter during each of the winters as removing them when the bluebells were in flower would destroy the bluebells; I knew the exact time when sunrise would light the path and the bluebells; for weeks I checked the growth of the bluebells; as I could envisage the picture, I knew exactly where to place my camera; I knew which lens would be needed, which film to use and when to press the shutter button. I also knew when not to press the button and to go home because the conditions weren't right for the picture I had in my mind's eye. Every picture has a story. We usually don't tell them.

County Councillor's Report

This will probably be my last regular article with the title of County Councillor's Report because my retirement becomes effective after the 2 May Election, when you will have a new County Councillor in place, representing the new Ridgeway East Division replacing Greater Hughenden. It will also be the end of my regular monthly reports for Naphill Gazette after a period of almost 50 years. The first was titled "Local Affairs" then "Parish Council Notes" followed by "District Councillor's" and then "County

PIN UP DIARY DATES

May

Saturday 4th	FREE Rusty Racquets Tennis Coaching, 9 am, open to all
Wednesday 8th	Improvers' Tennis Coaching (5 week course) begins
Thursday 9th	FREE Rusty Racquets Tennis Coaching, 7 pm, open to all
Thursday 9th	NWARA meeting. 8pm. Naphill Village Hall
Saturday 11th	FREE Rusty Racquets Tennis Coaching, 9 am, open to all
Thursday 16th	Tennis Coaching Evening, 7- 8 pm, open to all
Thursday 16th	Curry Night at The Wheel
Saturday 18th	Horticultural Society Plant Sale. Village Hall Car Park 9am - 10.30am
Weds 29th	Quiz Night at The Wheel

Councillor's Report". Totting them all up I would say about 500 plus articles! Reflecting over the years, it always amazes me that so many of the subjects I have reported on regularly repeat themselves from one year to another. I am pleased to see that others have now taken over the task of writing their own monthly comments for the residents, Parish and district.

I have always cautioned myself not to be political in my comments mainly because it was always against the Gazette Editor's policy to allow it, and secondly because it inevitably leads to discord, not a situation to be encouraged in a local newsletter. Factual reporting is sometimes difficult because it nearly always has the style of the author which can indicate bias. Hopefully over the years I have not strayed too far from my intentions to be fair.

The County has now come to the end of its four year term and we shall have to wait to see its composition after the 2 May Election. I do urge all readers to ensure that they do vote for the candidate of their choice. Voting is the safeguard of democracy and you cannot complain about Council policies if you have not voted! Now there is a political statement - sorry! Being in its final days the County's meetings diary is very thin and I have been using the time trying to catch up with paperwork, a never ending task with so many documents coming out from government and County, not to mention District and Parish. Who was it said that computers would create a paperless society? I often think of this when I dump two plastic bags a month of paper at County hall for shredding and of the trees that have been used in its production.

I cannot finish my term as a Councillor without mentioning the state of our roads as I know there is much dissatisfaction with quality of the past repairs and that so many bad potholes have re-appeared this past winter. This I am afraid, will be an ongoing debate because so many of our rural

roads were not built for the heavy traffic they now have to accommodate and the financial investment needed to correct this, is well beyond the available resources. Perhaps an interim solution will be in the quality of the specification for pothole repair.

Many readers have asked me what will I do with my time after having spent so much of it in the past on Council matters. The answer is I still have involvement with several voluntary organisations which will keep me busy but there will also be time for the garden which has been neglected and some more for travel and holiday adventures. I am sure the days will pass all too quickly.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all those residents and readers who have supported me over the past years and of course to my wife Valerie, without whom I would not have survived.

Richard Pushman

Hughenden Parish Council Report

With Councillor numbers gradually returning to full strength and with our new Chairman now in place, the Council recently held a Strategy working party meeting to consider what we can do to be more proactive and forward looking. This will now be an ongoing process, seeking to identify the community's key concerns and expectations and looking to develop a realistic long term plan. This is likely to be especially important as the impact of the Localism Act and revised planning legislation places an increasing requirement for housing development on District Councils who in turn, will be looking to Parish Councils to have properly thought out and constructive plans for the future needs of the area. With this in mind, The Strategy meeting agreed that there was a need to both update the Parish Plan - last published nearly 10 years ago - and to consider how we can produce a Neighbourhood Plan. The former is about understanding the wider needs of the community based around what we already deliver - play and recreation areas, allotments etc - and creating a

HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

8pm Thursday 16th May

Widmer End School

Your chance to hear what the PC has been doing and to question Councillors on any issues.

All welcome.

Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be available

planned process of improvement. What are the youth needs of the area, for instance? Do we need more facilities for the elderly? We have set ourselves the target of the new Parish Plan being in place by May 2014. The first step will be to identify all the community groups in the Parish and consult with them on where they see the key areas of need. We then intend to survey every household in the Parish, both adults and the younger generation, to understand what people are looking for from their Parish Council and from their local environment. This process is all about consultation to ensure that whatever we consider is done through a properly democratic and transparent process. Hopefully, at the end of it, we will have a range of affordable ideas that can be turned into reality over a period of time.

The second - and parallel - stage is likely to then be the development of a formal Community Plan. This will be much more focused on planning and the need for the Parish Council to be properly informed and armed to manage any expectations that may come from government for future development. This will need professional help from the District Council and will be a longer and more expensive process, but if we do not have such a plan in place we will be exposed to imposition rather than consultation.

On another note, Naphill and Walter's Ash ward is back up to four Councillors and we are delighted to welcome Peter Williams who has been co-opted. Now living in Stocking Lane, Peter was prompted to volunteer having recently returned from three years abroad in Ireland. He and his family appreciate now more than ever how important the environment and facilities around us are and Peter is keen to protect and promote these. When he is not working, you can find him cycling to and from the Pre-School with his two young boys, at the Crick playground attempting to wear them out or at Bon Ami feeding them.

And finally, just a reminder that the Annual Parish Meeting will be on 16 May at Widmer End Primary

School. Starting at 8pm, it will give us a chance to bring you up to date on where we are and where we are going and give you a chance to ask any questions. We have an excellent speaker talking about the Grange Trust which has managed to secure a large piece of common land in Widmer End in perpetuity for the local community. Please do try and attend as we would really like to meet you and hear your views.

Phil Conran, Roger Beavil, Dennis Hackling and Peter Williams

Shana Update

The Shana Planning Application put forward by Country Supplies received over 220 objections. It was due to be determined by 17 April, but due to its 'complex nature', the Planning Officer's report has been delayed. The site is, to all intents and purposes, fully operational despite the fact that it has no planning approval for anything other than as an equestrian facility and small shop. Despite this being Green Belt and AONB, WDC's interpretation of new Planning Guidelines would seem to favour this application. But as many have pointed out, the noise, vibration and fume intrusion, to say nothing of the potential danger from the constant flow of heavy lorries through the village to pedestrians, cyclists and school children make this, in most people's minds, a completely inappropriate use of that site.

The Planning Department has indicated that it intends to place an enforcement notice to remove the soil banks that have been placed around the fields adjoining the site and we expect this to have been issued by the time of this Gazette's publication. But the key issue now is the need for the application to be properly considered by the Planning Committee where we will then have a chance to give verbal representation on the problems this is already causing. The WDC Councillor who needs to call this in is Marcus Angell who represents Bradenham in whose area this is. If you feel this is an important issue, then please go to www.nawaraid.co.uk where you will find contact details for Marcus and then email him to request it is called in.

Phil Conran

A Personal Perspective

For those who regularly read 'personal perspective', my apologies: due to my oversight it never appeared in the last Gazette.

The last few meetings of Hughenden Parish Council (HPC) have been well represented by 'members of the public', and it has been good to hear their views on various issues, and to encourage their comments. There is a right for all members of the Parish to attend a meeting,

whether of a sub-committee (for planning, environment and services or for finance and administration) or for the Full Council itself.

For the latter, and particularly if you haven't been to one before yet want to speak on some issue, you might find that jotting down what you want to say prior to the meeting will be useful, to keep your comments concise but understandable; and please be polite even if you are furious about something! You may wish to stand or sit while speaking. At Full Council there is an item on the agenda allowing 'public speaking', while at the less formal committee meetings try to catch the eye of the Chairman if you would like to speak at a particular point. There are rules about duration of speaking, but at most meetings we try to be flexible, and to give you a good chance to make your comments.

Naphill and Walter's Ash ward is now up to full strength, with four Councillors, though at the time of writing there were still three vacancies elsewhere in the Parish. Our best wishes go to Peter Williams, who joins Phil Conran, Dennis Hackling and myself.

All Councillors aim to be at the Annual Parish Meeting, when we bring all Parishioners up to date with what we've done on your behalf, and look to suggestions from you for what we might do for the Parish in the future. Please try to get to Widmer End school on Thursday 16 May for an 8pm start. We'd really like lots of people to turn up! We try to use different locations each year; last time it was our school in Walter's Ash.

More and more people have 'laptops' or 'tablets' or 'iPads' as ways of keeping in contact while away on holiday or on business. My wife and I recently had a short break away from the UK and I took my laptop with me, and where we stayed I was able to make use of the Internet and check on messages by using local 'wi-fi' facilities. However, I couldn't send messages out! I managed to contact our Internet Service Provider (ISP) who informed me of some settings to change. The moral of the story is this: if you know you are taking computer equipment with you, check beforehand with your ISP about whether you will need to take some action. It would have been so much simpler to have done that if I had realised it beforehand!

With Eastertide having come and gone and with hopefully better weather, the next few months might be ideal to explore some of the open spaces HPC is responsible for. Perhaps add a little extra to your planned walk in Naphill Common by also calling in at Vincent's Meadow and Vincent's Pond. Or you could venture further afield by going to Little Burnham Field (beyond

Naphill & Walter's Ash RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM

Thursday 13 June at Naphill Village Hall

7.30pm - AGM

8.00pm – Talk by

Steve Cohen

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All welcome.

Hughenden Valley allotments), or Primrose Hill Amenity Area (in Widmer End), or Cockshoot Wood (off the Kingshill Road in Four Ashes). Enjoy the walks!

Roger Beavil

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents' Association

Planning: 13/05523/FUL Land adjacent to 155, Main Road, Naphill. Erection of detached two bed bungalow with associated access and parking. (Comment: Backland development where vehicular access and parking could prove a problem.) **13/05571/FUL** 3 Allen Drive, Walter's Ash. HA for erection of single store rear extension construction of pitched roof over existing side dormers and alterations to 1st floor front and rear windows, erection of 1.5m fence to side and rear extension. **13/05740/FUL** 10 and 11 Vincents Way, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey front extension to both properties and single storey side extension to No. 10. **13/05784/FUL** Fernlands, Chapel Lane, Naphill. HA for erection of part two storey/part single storey front and side extension. (Objection. The new plan so minimally addresses the loss of amenity to neighbours, that objections to the previous failed application will

equally apply here.) **13/05797/FUL** 229 Main Rd., Naphill. HA for construction of single storey side and rear extension. (No drawings to comment on as yet.)

Update: 13/05088/FUL Wrightway Steel, Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane, in GB/AONB.

Change of use of redundant wooden barn to B2 (Industrial) steel girder fabrication. The outcome of this widely opposed application is still awaited. .

12/07953/FUL Country Supplies. Walter's Ash.

Change of use of Shana Riding School from equestrian to a B8 storage and distribution centre. The unauthorised business is proceeding as if permission has been gained, while the numerous HGVs serving it are proving to be a problem. Complaints to WDC enforcement and planning departments continue while overdue decisions are awaited.

Volunteers Needed for Community

Speedwatch. At present Naphill has only three volunteers in the Speedwatch Team. We need at least three or even six more so that we don't have to depend on help from outsiders when each village becomes responsible for organising its own Speedwatch timetable. The commitment involves three volunteers for one hour, twice a month, using a SID to check vehicle speeds. One volunteer writes down the information required, after a second has spotted a vehicle going 35 mph or more, and a third calls out the car registration number. On 16 April only 20 cars were found to be speeding in Walter's Ash between 9.30 and 10.30am. While in Hughenden Valley, 60 cars were recorded as speeding, at a similar time, a few days earlier. All records are downloaded and dealt with by Thames Valley Police.

The Neighbourhood Action Group organiser lives in Great Kingshill. If you would like to join the Speedwatch team it would be easier if you ring me on 563634 and I will pass on your name and contact number.

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County Council Elections 2 May 2013

You may be surprised to know that Naphill and Walter's Ash, but not Bradenham, are now in the **Ridgeway East Division.**

The Candidates are

Ron Gardner, Labour

Allison Harrison, Liberal Democrat

Nick Morris, UKIP

Date of next meeting. Thursday 9 May. Naphill Village Hall.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634
glorialeflaive@msn.com*

Neighbourhood Police News



Hello from the Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Police Team (PRNPT). If you need to contact your neighbourhood police team then please dial 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Princes Risborough Police Office or leave the team a message. Alternatively please send an email to the following address: princesrisboroughnhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

police.uk.



Thames Valley Police (TVP) would like to raise awareness of its new community messaging system called Thames Valley Alert (TVA), which has been running since the 01/04/2012. This updated messaging system is an effective way for the police to make contact with the community and allows them to send out important messages via email, via phone or text message.

The messages include asking for your help to solve a crime, providing you with crime prevention information, notifying you of crimes that have occurred in the local area and providing you with information about what the local police have been up to.

If you want to receive additional messages from the TVA system from Country Watch, Horse Watch, Dog Watch etc then once you are signed up to the system you can edit your profile, by selecting edit your details and then community interests. This selection then opens up as an option that you are then able to select the various Watch messages that you may want to receive.

Your TVA account also allows you to look at crime statistics for the local area, by clicking on the crime statistics option.

If you want to receive crime messages from another police area then select message settings then alerting areas. This option is useful if you have a vulnerable member of your family that lives in another area or you have a business there, and you want to know what is going on there as well.

To join TVA please access the website, www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk and create an account or speak to your local police officer who will be able to sign you up.

*SGT 4738 Andrew Deane
Princes Risborough Area Neighbourhood Police*

Neighbourhood Action Group

On 19 March, between 9am and 10am a SID was deployed on Main Road Naphill, junction of Downley Road, in the 30 mph section, capturing the data of traffic travelling in both directions. 21 drivers exceeded the speed limit and have been sent CSW letters.

On 20 March between 10.30am and 11.30am a SID was deployed on Main Road, Naphill, junction with Woodlands Drive, in the 30 mph section, capturing the data of traffic heading towards Walter's Ash. Five drivers exceeded the speed limit and have been sent CSW letters.

The speed working group coordinator has arranged safety briefing/awareness meetings for the changing of the VAS signs. If you wish to be included please let me know asap.

*PC 3146 Lee TURNHAM
Neighbourhood Officer.
Greater Hughenden Parish.*

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Our April meeting (which actually took place at the end of March because of the Easter holidays) was condensed into just 30 minutes from 7.30pm to 8pm when the A.G.M. was due to start. This makes for a bit of a gallop through our business and means that some things have to be held over until the next month as there is not enough time to discuss them properly, but it does stop us from waffling or getting too bogged down!

We are still looking at installing a hearing loop in the hall, but it is hard to find a firm that will come to give us a quote without charging for a site visit and assessment. Hopefully next month we will have more information.

We are also looking at installing CCTV camera's outside the Hall to deter vandalism. We have a couple of quotes in and will discuss them fully next month.

If you have been into the Hall this month I hope that you have noticed and appreciated newly painted walls. It was a job that was very overdue and the place now looks much lighter, smarter and loved. Maybe by the time you read this the new curtains will be in place as well really giving the place a face lift.

The A.G.M. took its normal format with the

Chairman's report outlining the events and achievements of the year and then the treasurer's report presenting the year's account's. Our treasurer, Ken Wright gave his last report as he has resigned after eight years looking after our accounts. We thank him for all his hard work on our finances and presenting them to us in such a user friendly format. Ken, enjoy your extra leisure time. His place has been taken by John Harris who has returned to the job of treasurer. John has been the independent examiner of our accounts for the last eight years and he has passed that job over to Ken. A swop over of roles.

The village representatives were all re-appointed, the representatives of all the village organisations were confirmed, and the officers, John Harris as Treasurer, Judy Whitehouse as Secretary and Tanya Stevens as Lettings Secretary were appointed. The Chairman, Vice chairman and the co-opted members are voted in next month.

Our next meeting, the May meeting will be at the end of this month, April, as we have another bank holiday Monday. After that things should run as normal with our meetings being back on the first Monday of each month. It has got quite confusing.

Please make sure you have the fete day down in our diary, 15 June. Do offer your services to help if you can, but in any event do be there. It promises to be another great event.

*Sarah Bacon 563479: Chairman Naphill Village
Hall & Playing Fields Council
sarah.bacon39@googlemail.com*

Second Hand Emporium

15 June Fete Day

It is now time to think about all those items in your garage, cupboards, sheds, lofts..... that you no longer want or need. We need these items (well most of them) so please donate them to the second hand emporium.

The second hand emporium is traditionally one of the most important elements of the fundraiser. In previous years it has raised over 10% of the fetes total revenue. This is a massive testament to the volunteers who help gather all the items that are donated and sell them on the day. Without the contributions from Naphill and Walters Ash residents there would be no second hand emporium.

Call Ian Bond now on 01494 564 824 to arrange collection or to find out where they can be dropped off.

Fete Day

Saturday 15 June 2013

British Achievements in History

Saturday 15 June 2013

The day of the fete is moving closer and closer and with it the items on our meeting agenda are becoming more urgent too. We are all working really hard to ensure that there are some great **prizes for the Grand Draw and Tombola**, and that we receive in as many **donations of bric-a-brac, books, cakes** (on the day) etc. as we can.

So that's where YOU can help. With the weather having improved, briefly, in April, did you start clearing out your cupboards - **old crockery, books, ornaments**? Did you start a bit of spring cleaning and find those unwanted Christmas presents? If you did, and you've now got a pile of items that need to go then please pass them onto the fete. We can make use of most items. When donating these items with the relevant stall holders it would be appreciated if you could organise when you are going to drop them off rather than leaving items on their drive ways, as they still have their own lives to live before the fete!

Local businesses could also support the fete by way of prize donations for the Grand Draw. If you run your own business then have a think whether you could make an offer of a great prize that would help promote ticket sales.

Volunteer Ticket Sellers going door-to-door will be needed during late May - early June, please help.

Fete Procession

Please can all groups intending to join in with the procession please contact us so that we can compile a list of names. We will need to know how many people and whether you are using a vehicle or walking.

2012 Fete Award Winners

If you were an award winner last year and received a cup/trophy please can you contact us so that we can collect them back in. Thank you.

Fete Committee contact details are:

nwafete@hotmail.co.uk or 07779 033493 New Fete Mobile Number

You can also follow us on Facebook 'Naphill Walter's Ash Fete' and Twitter @naphillfete

Thank you to everyone who supports this major event, we look forward to seeing you all on the day.

Fete Committee

Fete Tombola

The 2013 Village Fete is fast approaching and we really do need your help with donations for the tombola!!! If you have any unwanted items suitable for prizes, we would be delighted to receive them. Ideal prizes would be bottles of booze, games, toys, puzzles, sweets, etc... Please drop them in to us any time at 4 Lacey Drive, off Chapel Lane. Thanks for your generosity,

Andy & Judy Pope.

Book Stall

Once again I am asking for GOOD QUALITY adult and children paperbacks, for the Fete on 15 June.

I am happy to receive your donations from 20 May onwards. If you have books for me call me on 564226.

I am unable to receive them earlier as we have little space to store them and we are very busy prior to that date. Thank you in advance.

Pauline Pool

Best Kept Village Update

The new notice board is in place and looking very smart. Those notices which were still relevant have been displayed. There is no need to laminate them in future, and they will remain clean. The old ones needed a good wipe over.

Please take notices for display to Bon Ami or to Bramble Cottage, Downley Road.

It is great to see so many neatly trimmed verges along the our village roads. Bucks County Council will be trimming their grass areas shortly and we can see if anything further needs doing.

The first proposed 'clean up day' will be on the morning of Saturday 4 May. We shall be litter picking and washing road signs initially. Further details will be on the Notice Board, and publicised through village organisations.

Contact Sarah, Cathryn, Peggy or Judy for information.

News From Christians in the Community

With the Naphill Fete coming up in June we are preparing to have a tent there for children and parents to come to. They will be given a 'caterpillar passport' with five coloured stickers to collect during the activities provided and will go away with a beautiful butterfly. This activity was provided by Hughenden church at last year's Hughenden Village Day and was very popular.

We will have had a meeting to discuss various dates of coffee mornings so more details of these next month.

Norma Clarke

Services at St Botolph's

May 5th 11am Eucharist

May 9th 7pm Ascension Day Service at St. Paul's, West Wycombe

May 12th 11am Eucharist

May 19th No service at St Botolph's - open air service for all denominations in High Wycombe

May 26th 11am Matins

Peggy Ewart

Naphill Neighbours

At our April meeting, over 40 of our members were present to watch a Sugarcraft Demonstration by Mrs Ann Ginger. Years of experience were evident as Ann deftly modelled sugar paste into a delicate lifelike rose. As we watched her work, we also had the opportunity to see firsthand some of her work as it was circulated amongst us. We were able to see photographs of some of the wedding cakes she had made and the sprays of sugar paste flowers adorning them. It was a very enjoyable evening and Ann very kindly donated two sprays to our Raffle table so there were a couple of happy recipients at the end of the evening.

On Thursday, 11 April, over 50 of us travelled to the City of Bath for the day. We experienced some wet weather on the way down and there were one or two showers during the day. However, we did get some sunshine and it didn't deter us from soaking up the culture and enjoying a little shopping. A lovely bustling place and I am sure that some of us will return at a later date having 'whet our appetite'.

On Saturday, 15 June, we have been asked if we would organise our usual Cake Stall at the Naphill Fete. We have agreed to the cake stall but will not be running the hamper raffle as we have in years past. Naturally, we would be grateful for any home baked cakes and biscuits you feel able to donate, and if you are good at making preserves these would also be appreciated. If you are not a 'cake' or 'preserve' maker, perhaps you might like to make a financial donation that we can add to the takings of the stall. If you are going on holiday around this time, you can always bake something and Sheila Rolfe would be happy to freeze it until the day.

Our next outing takes place on Tuesday, 18 June, when we will visit Borde Hill Gardens, near Haywards Heath. We are already taking names for this trip so if you are interested in joining us, and you don't have to be members, please contact Sheila Rolfe on 562888 or Hazel Vickery on 563977. The cost will be £20.50 for Members and £22.50 for Guests and this becomes payable at our May meeting. On the day the coach will leave

Naphill Village Hall at 9.00 am with one more pick up at Forge Road.

Our next meeting takes place on Monday, 13 May, when Mr Mark Davis will give an illustrated talk entitled "From Medicine Spoons to Love Spoons". Tea Hostesses for the evening will be Shirley Clark, Jean Perfect and Margaret Cole. Until then, take care.

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

As I write, Spring has finally sprung and the sun is shining, making our thoughts turn to making the garden look fabulous for the summer. To help you with your plans, our **Plant Sale** this year takes place at the Village Hall on **Saturday May 18 from 9.00 – 10.30am**. This is the perfect opportunity to buy all the plants you need to make your garden flourish, 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 get things to grow in time!

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.

It is also time to start planning your exhibits for one (or both) of our shows. The shows are for anyone with an interest in gardening and we welcome all entries. We have had several new exhibitors over the last couple of years who have been surprised at how much fun it is, and often win prizes.

You certainly don't have to be a professional to exhibit in our shows, just enthusiastic; the main thing is that exhibiting should be fun! So, to try and help you, we have put together some information and guidelines in both the schedule and on our website, 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.

If you have exhibited previously, you should already have received your copy of this year's schedule. Alternatively, you can pick one up at the plant sale, from Peter Davis, The Post Office or from me. If you prefer, you can download the schedule from the website. So, no excuses - have a look and, more importantly, have a go!

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 563233

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

Our programme for the year is beginning to take shape. Some of the events are familiar. We will repeat the Mini-beast Safari on Sunday 7 July, led by John Tyler (full details nearer the time). John will identify any insects or other creatures found by the children. We need a new generation of naturalists so please encourage your children to join in. Bridget Parslow has agreed to lead another bat walk on Friday 19 July, starting from the Village Hall at 8.15 pm. We hope to have a butterfly walk, also in July, led by Denis Dell who is an expert on the purple emperor butterfly, and there will be another fungus foray in the autumn. Our moth trapping evenings are underway. These are difficult to advertise because they have to be arranged very close to the time so that we know that the weather conditions will be just right.

For something completely different we hope to organise an 'Historic Pub Walk' on the evening of Tuesday 25 July. We will start and end at our two existing pubs but we will wander past some other houses that once sold beer. Our excuse is that at least two of them are on the Common. Meanwhile don't forget our regular 'Walks for Pleasure'. Chris Millar's short walks (2-3 miles) are on the first Wednesday of each month: the next will start from the Village Hall at 10.30am on 1 May. Ron Collins' longer walks (5-6 miles) start from the Village Hall at 9.55am, on the third Monday of each month, the next being on 20 May.

Last month I mentioned that we hoped to make a list of the birds seen on Naphill Common. It was our great good fortune that a villager, Gordon Hickmott had been keeping just such a list for some time and has let us have a copy. His list is most impressive and includes such unusual or rare species as snipe, corn bunting, peregrine falcon, lesser spotted woodpecker and a hawfinch. We hope to have the list on our website soon, with thanks to Gordon. Such lists are important, not only because it may encourage people to search out the species for themselves, but also to serve as a record for comparison with later and earlier times.

Despite the rain and snow of recent months our working parties have made a valiant effort to clear and widen some of the principal paths so, now that spring appears to have arrived, it is a splendid time to explore what the Common has to offer.

*Trevor Hussey Chairman
Long walks: Ron Collins 562240
Short Walks: Chris Miller 563707*

Naphill Evening WI

Although our March meeting was an open meeting (when we could bring visitors) I think most members were relieved that no men came, as our speaker Tina-Louise Deeks had us all on our feet gyrating our hips at the end of her really interesting talk on Egyptian Belly Dancing.

Our Ploughman's Lunch at Jenny's on 9 April was, as usual, a very sociable occasion with different conversations going on all the time. Usually we sit in her lovely garden but this year we were indoors - although the sun did come out for us.

Our meeting on 18 April is entitled 'Legal Miscellany' and our speaker is His Honour Christopher Tyrer. The competition is for a floral decoration in an egg cup.

Our theatre trip to see Top Hat is on 17 April, which I know will be most enjoyable.

As mentioned last month, the Food Appreciation Group will be having tea at the Marlow Garden Centre on 23 April and lunch at The Tree, Cadmore End on 22 May.

Our plans for the float are going well - or should I say Juliet's plans because, as usual, she came up with the good ideas.

Our wall hanging is almost ready, with just the framing to sort out, so the talent of some of our members should be available for everyone to see very soon.

Carol Gilliam

Naphill Tennis Club

The new tennis season is now in full swing but it's not too late to join our **FREE Rusty Racquets Coaching** on Saturday 4 and 11 May from 9-10 am or on Thursday 9 May at 7 pm. This is for anyone who hasn't played for some years but would like to have a go..!

We also have a five week **Improvers' Coaching Course** open to members and non-members starting Wednesday 8 May at 9.30 am for one hour plus a **Coaching Evening** on Thursday 16 May at 7 pm. Do come along and have fun at these tennis tasters.

For anyone thinking of joining our very friendly club, the membership rates are extremely good value only £45 for new adult members and £20 - £25 for juniors (includes FREE junior coaching which takes place during the summer school term on Friday evenings and on Saturday mornings for the Under-7s).

For further information, please give me a call on 01494 565406 or email jttench@gmail.com.

Jenny Tench

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

It is amazing the difference in everyone now that we have that extra hour of light, and the slightly warmer days, there are so many more people walking around the village and in the woods.

Now that we are finally seeing the change in weather, we have also changed our menu to the summer one! This new menu is a great mix of traditional home cooked summer food, with a few special twists. Many of our classic dishes have stayed, but Tony our chef has been very busy over the last few months trialling new dishes. The children's menu and Senior Citizen's menu have also been updated. Hopefully you'll be out in the gardens eating al fresco enjoying the sunshine and our new flavoursome menu.

While I'm on the subject of outside, it is fantastic that the village is entering into 'The Best Kept Village' which will be judged in June. I have had long conversations with Mark and our gardener Ross about smartening up the front garden and working out how to make it look prettier (their definition to pretty and mine are slightly different!) Anyway we are working towards a number of goals so that we support the village in this quest.

So what's coming up over the next two months:

- Curry Night - Thursday 16 May - please book to ensure a table
- Quiz Night - Wednesday 29 May
- Fete Day - Saturday 15 June
- Father's Day - Sunday 16 June

As you I'm sure you are all aware we had the Beer Festival last month, but as it had not happened when I was writing this you'll all have to wait till the June edition.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and we will see you soon.

Claire and Mark

Bon Ami

At last we have seen some sunshine! It has actually been warm enough for customers to sit outside on our lovely terrace, (and not just the hard souls that always sit outside).

We hope you have enjoyed our new cakes this month; sticky toffee loaf with fudge icing, ginger glazed buns and a beautiful French rhubarb tart - all made by Camille Van Hoegaerden who has trained at 'Le Cordon Bleu', London in patisserie and who has joined our small team to work with us in the school holidays.

In May we will be teaming up with 'Malt the Brewery' to produce some cakes using their

splendid locally produced ales. Do pop in to try some cake and find out more about this innovative micro brewery situated just up the road in Prestwood.

We are delighted that John Easterling, Malcolm Glenn and Michael Goodwin have chosen to exhibit their artwork with us again this year for the Bucks Open Studios event in June. The paintings really do brighten up the coffee shop and we dread to think how bare it would look without them.

As we write this article we are looking forward to this coming Friday when we will be visited by 60 reception children from Naphill and Walter's Ash school, accompanied by the appropriate number of adults. Our terrace will be packed on that day. We are busy baking biscuits especially for them.

As always we would like to thank all of our lovely customers for their continued support.

Ruth & Amanda.

Pony Espresso

During the recent Arctic spring, we found that the front door to Pony Espresso kept blowing open, resulting in the temperature dropping by at least 10 degrees in a very short space of time. I asked the friendly builders working down the road and who came in most days if it could be rectified. "Yes, easily!" they said, and turned up the next day with a draft excluder and a door closer. In fact three of them arrived, bringing the joke about changing light bulbs to mind, but I buttoned my lip as they set to work. Luckily the wind was still huffing a bit, so they could test their progress. The more they fiddled about, tightening this and angle-grinding that, the less the door stayed shut. I had visions of having to bulk-buy fleeces to hand out to customers upon arrival. After a while, and with the sky darkening and more snow falling, one of them stood back, rubbed his chin, sucked air through his teeth, and told me sagely that some doors just don't shut, and suggested hiring a doorman. As my unprintable reaction clearly wasn't what he expected, they persevered, and though not entirely windproof, at least my little heaters aren't just blowing hot air into outer space.

I've had many kind comments about the ambiance of Pony Espresso, and want to thank all our customers for their patience on our very busy days! Please order early for birthday cakes, as we are getting very busy on that front too. Both Donna and I enjoy meeting new customers and love seeing the familiar faces of our regulars! Bon appetit!

Blaine Wilsworth

Naphill and Hughenden Scouts

The summer term is one where we aim to spend as much time outdoors as possible. Plans are still fluid at time of writing but are likely to include a cook out in the woods, climbing and a week end camp.

Looking back over the half term to Easter, we started with the scouts going on a short expedition to High Wycombe on public transport. We have found that while many of our scouts travel to school by bus, having to get on to public transport, ask how much the fare is and get as close as possible to the fare in change was something many had not done before. We are not sure exactly what the bus driver thought when 30 scouts in uniform boarded his bus and somewhat increased the sound levels on what had been a quiet and uneventful evening, but he took it all in his stride. One thing the scouts did learn is that it takes a bit longer when travelling by public transport compared to 'mum's taxi' which meant the start to the bowling (the purpose of the expedition) was slightly delayed. It's all a learning experience!



RAF Medic SAC Jonny Marengi supervises two scouts practising applying a bandage.

Also this term most of our scouts have completed Levels 1 and 2 of their Emergency Aid badge. For this we are grateful for the support of RAF High Wycombe and for RAF Medic SAC Jonny Marengi who gave up his evening to come and teach our scouts some of the fundamentals of Emergency Aid. The scouts really enjoyed the evening, and when a recap session was held the following week were able to apply what they had learned. Jonny has volunteered to come back soon to assist the scouts to progress to their level 3 badge.

Mark Powell.

Former Shana site Planning Application

In the March 2013 Gazette, Bradenham Parish Council reported on their considerations of the Planning Application for the Shana Site in Walter's Ash. The Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Association were surprised and disappointed that Bradenham Parish Council objected only on road safety and pollution concerns. The Council omitted to mention either Green Belt policy or the significance of the site being in the AONB.

We were concerned that Bradenham Parish Council's report went so far as to state that "It was decided that although the application constituted an appropriate reuse of existing (derelict) buildings in the green belt...."

We wish to assure the readers of the Gazette, and particularly residents who sent letters of objection to the planning office (of which there were over 200), that the information given out by the Residents Association about national Green Belt Policy was correct, in that:

Policy GB2 (2) clearly states "Within the Green Belt, development will not be permitted unless there are very special circumstances, for any purpose other than: (a) Agriculture or Forestry; (b) Essential facilities for outdoor sport and outdoor recreation"

And GB2 (3) states: "In all cases, development is subject to appropriate policies in the local plan and must retain the open character and rural amenities of the Green Belt and respect its visual amenities."

These National Policies should have been given as a reason for Bradenham Parish Council objecting to this planning application in addition to the reasons they gave.

Should WDC permit this proposed development, a dangerous precedent will be set for other locations in the Green Belt and AONB and will be detrimental to life in our villages. The site is already being used without planning consent and WDC have failed to stop this unlawful activity.

We need the full support of local residents and Parish Councils in opposing this application and it is a shame that BPC have failed to recognise key Planning Policy issues in their objection.

*Dr Marek Pawlik
Chairman - Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents
Association*

Note from Peggy Ewart

The short letter about Lynne Turner that I wrote for the February issue was done out of compassion. She has recently broken the law but that does not mean everything she did previously for the Parish

should be ignored.

I have written directly to Robert Harris explaining the circumstances pertaining in Hughenden Parish Council at the time the money was transferred. The Gazette is not the place for this, much as I would like to clarify the issues.

Talented local now one step away from The O2!

Emily Williams, from Walter's Ash is now just one step away from performing at The O2 in London after again impressing the TeenStar judges and a live audience! Emily Williams, aged just 11, delighted judges with her amazing cover version of 'Right To Be Wrong' by Joss Stone and has now made it through to the Area Finals so is one good performance away from playing within one of the greatest live music venues in the world. Not bad for someone so young who has never entered a competition like this before!

TeenStar is an exciting brand new national talent competition for teens and pre-teens which searches for the UK's best singers, singer-songwriters, rappers and vocalists of all genres. TeenStar, is being brought to you by Future Music who already produce other national competitions including the hugely successful Open Mic UK competition. Such acts as Jahmene Douglas, Birdy, Hatty Keane and Lucy Spraggan, who have all come through Future Music competitions.

One contestant who is impressing the judges so far is Emily Williams, now in the running to compete for a place in the National Final within The O2 in London. She wowed the judges and the huge audience in a Regional Final Showcase this weekend having already got through initial auditions. More than 9,000 hopefuls entered TeenStar in its first year and now Emily Williams is amongst the last few acts competing for a place at the Grand Final within The O2.

Chris Grayston, Events Coordinator for TeenStar comments "We are looking to find an act that has something unique to offer, another Birdy or Lucy Spraggan that can go all the way, with both the ability to deliver a strong live performance but also potential to become a professional recording artist. There is so much talent out there I'm sure we can find that star again!"

The competition is divided into age categories; 'Late Teens' (16-19), 'Mid Teens' (13-15) and a special category searching for the stars of tomorrow; the Pre-Teens! All types of singers, vocal performers, groups and acoustic singer/songwriters are invited to enter TeenStar.

The TeenStar singing competition has music industry judges attend every stage from auditions to the National Grand Final. You can expect to see

judges from BBC Radio 1, BBC Introducing, regional press and record labels, with judges getting more prestigious as the singing competition progresses. Past judges for Open Mic UK include Radio 1 DJs Ras Kwame and Annie Nightingale MBE, KISS FM's Charlie Hedges and Ivor Novello award winner Mark Hill who was one half of Artful Dodger.

If you know of anyone wanting to get involved in auditioning for next year and for more information on the competition go to the website www.teenstarcompetition.co.uk or better still come down and support your local talent performing in the Area Final and see who makes it to Grand Final! You can purchase tickets on the door subject to availability or from Emily Williams.

Memories of The Clumps on Naphill Common

As a small child, in the summer, my mum and dad used to meet me from Sunday School at Bradenham Church and we used to walk up to the 'umbrella tree' (which is what I called it) and on to The Clumps. I was fascinated to hear the stories of the drovers and their history in this area.

We then used to visit Mr and Mrs Wingrove who had a wooden type bungalow further on from The Clumps. Mr Wingrove was the Keeper of the Common and in the summer he used to let out a small piece of land for campers. They also used their front room as a shop. So, if I was lucky, I had a small bar of chocolate. Mrs Wingrove always attended Bradenham Church wearing a long black skirt and bonnet (lovely lady).

In the March Gazette there was a report by the Friends of Naphill Common about the clearance of The Clumps area. So on a very nice day at the beginning of April, I took a walk across to see the work which they have done (it's wonderful). I could not believe how overgrown it had been and what they had cleared.

Just recently I decided to look through my bookshelves and came across my book on the drovers, which I have had for years. In the early 18 and 19 centuries and from Tudor times drovers had to be licenced and prove that they were over 30 years old, a householder and a married man. A Welsh drover could earn as much as 3s a day and they were entrusted with so much of their countrymen's wealth. They sold cattle on their journeys and carried large sums of money. The history of banking is closely linked to the droving trade, particularly the career of a young farmer's son, David Jones, who came into contact with the drovers outside the family farm. At the age of 15 he was employed at The King's Head in Llandovery where the drovers conducted much of

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Roger Beavil

their business. This led David to found his bank 'The Black Ox', later to become 'Lloyd's Bank'. Besides the South of England routes they also travelled up to Scotland on different routes.

One of the stops that the drovers took was on Naphill Common. In the middle of the Common there are two low circular earthworks, which mark the pens where sheep and cattle grazed overnight. The remains of a drovers' inn, marked by a Portuguese laurel, have been found close by.

I have taken these snippets from an interesting booklet by Shirley Toulson. It tells of how they survived the journeys and attacks from highway me en-route.



The routes taken by the drovers

Pam Smith

Lacey Green Windmill

The windmill will be open from Sunday 5 May until Sunday 29 September on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 2pm to 5pm. Admission is £2 per adult, and £1 per child (aged 5 -15). On Sunday 12th May we will be open from 11am to 5pm, and will hope to have the sails turning (as always this will depend on weather conditions on the day). This is part of National Mills Weekend which is co-ordinated by the Mills Section of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. Our Village Horticultural Society will have their plant and produce stall by the windmill on Sunday 12th May, they will also be open from 11am.

The windmill is the oldest smock mill in the country

and since 1971 has been restored back to working order by members of The Chiltern Society. Due to the fragile nature of the 360 year old wooden machinery, we do not use the mill to produce flour. Please park in Pink Road and walk up the path on the right hand side of The Whip pub. Alternatively Arriva Bus 300 runs hourly on Sundays between High Wycombe and Aylesbury (and through Naphill and Walter's Ash), and stops by the path to the windmill.

For further details about the windmill, including a map and more travel information, please see our website at www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk or telephone 01844 275871.

Scannappeal Open Gardens 2013

Scannappeal's Open Gardens scheme for 2013 has been launched to raise funds for life saving equipment at Wycombe, Amersham and Stoke Mandeville Hospitals and in the community. From April to September, fourteen gardens around Buckinghamshire are taking part including in High Wycombe, Great Missenden, Chesham, Marlow and Bourne End.

From smaller neighbourhood gardens to those at larger properties, there are a range of different places to visit, with varying special features. Refreshments are available at all the properties and some will also feature musical entertainment to give the charity's supporters further reasons to visit and enjoy a morning, afternoon or evening out.

To request a copy of the Scannappeal Open Gardens leaflet which gives details of all gardens or to book tickets in advance (including a discounted multiple entry ticket), telephone 01494 734161, email info.scannappeal@buckshealthcare.nhs.uk or visit www.scannappeal.org.uk

RAF High Wycombe

During the month of April we saw a change over of the RAF High Wycombe Station Commander. After two years in the post, Group Captain Mark Heffron has left us for pastures new; reluctantly saying goodbye to the Station. As an active member in the local community, Group Captain Heffron engaged with a lot of the key groups within our local area and I'm sure you will all join us in wishing him good luck for the future. We welcome into the post Group Captain Frank Clifford.

In other news, celebrations were in order at the RAF Benevolent Fund's Awards evening as RAF High Wycombe picked up the Award for Best Station! In 2012 the station raised over £35,000 for the charity through a number of fundraising initiatives including dinners, gift fairs and bucket collections.



Welcoming Group Captain Frank Clifford.

Representatives from RAF High Wycombe travelled down to London to attend the Awards Dinner and pick up the award, held at the Royal Institute of British Architects. The awards ceremony was the RAF Benevolent Fund's first event of this kind, designed to recognise stand-out contributions made by a few of the dedicated individuals and corporate partners who support the charity.

The station was helped by the Thursday Club, a group made up of serving RAF personnel and RAF family members who organised a number of the events throughout the year raising lots of

money for the Benevolent Fund.

"RAF High Wycombe and the Thursday Club have been key supporters of the Benevolent Fund for many years and really do deserve some recognition for their incredible fundraising efforts. As a charity with no government income we rely on this kind of wonderful enthusiasm for our work. We simply could not provide the level of support required without it." Said Rachel Huxford, Head of Regional Fundraising.

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Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15–7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30–6.45	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Methodist Church	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6–7.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Mondays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	guidinginhughenden@hotmail.co.uk
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Cubs (Walter's Ash)	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Catherine de Rouffignac 496917 (office hours)
EXTEND Gentle Exercise	Mondays 2 – 3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Carolyn 712801
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30–11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10,11,12 Saturdays 9.30–11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30–11am	The Crick	
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Matt Gunnell 07446838565
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45–8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		
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Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8–9pm	Small Hall, Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Jacqu'in the Box Music for Babies & Toddlers	Tuesdays 10.15am and 11.15am	Naphill Village Hall	Jacqui Tomlin 07948371615 jacquitomlin@aol.com
Line dancing	Tuesdays 8–9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
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	Wednesday 7.30pm		
	Thursday 5.45pm		
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Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
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Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Fridays & Saturdays (April–July)		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8–10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
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Editorial

This month's cover pictures are photographs of artwork produced by three of our local artists: Roni Wilkins, Keith Wilkins and Susan Wharton. They are all taking part in Bucks Open Studios, which runs from 8 to 23 June and is signposted by the distinctive yellow boards outside their homes. Bucks Open Studios artwork will also be displayed at Bon Ami. Many thanks to Roni, Keith and Susan for allowing me to use these fantastic and varied images of their work.

June is, of course, the time for our village fete. I know that the organising committee have put many, many hours into making it all happen. Please go along and support it, rain or shine. I'll be there, selling ice creams, so I really do need it to be sunny!

Please note that your July/August Gazette will be out later than usual to enable contributors involved in the fete to get their articles and photos together for this summer edition. The copy date has been moved out to 22 June.

*Clare Goddard 565065
gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk*

New Editor Needed

We are still looking for a new Editor for the Gazette. If you are at all interested, or have any questions, please give me a ring and I will tell you more about it.

Editing the Gazette is great way to gain confidence in computing skills – you don't need to be an expert to take it on! It's extremely rewarding to see the result of your work in print and I think it's fair to say that this publication is very much appreciated by the local community.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Clare Goddard 565065

Hughenden Parish Council Report

The Annual Parish Meeting held at Widmer Primary School attracted its best turnout for a number of years. Whether it was the sparkling wit of the Council speakers or the talk about the Grange Area Trust that was the main attraction is unknown, but it was good to see so many people able to attend. The talk about GAT was a fascinating insight into what can be achieved with enough passion and support from the local community and reminded us of how important it is to keep our green spaces green.

The meeting was also an opportunity to brief residents of the Parish on the fraud case which has now taken a new twist with the Proceeds of Crime Act Judgement. Although the ex-Clerk stole a total of £28,200 from you, the Court has decided

that she need only pay back £12,400. Given assurances in the March Gazette that the full amount would be repaid, one assumes that this will happen regardless of the Court order, but the decision has certainly come as some surprise to the Council.

The APM was also, very sadly, the last event for our outgoing Clerk Charlotte Watts who was getting married three days later! We have now started the process of recruiting a new Clerk and advertisements have been placed in the Bucks Free Press amongst other media. Anyone who might be interested in this challenging but very rewarding position should write in to the Council.

Traffic issues seem prevalent at the moment. The vexed problem of parking outside Costcutter is proving difficult to resolve and the Council is now seeking advice from the police following the turning down by Bucks CC of a request for double yellow lines. And the on-going saga of parking at the Co-op is finally moving on a step with Bucks County Council about to start their feasibility study for the optimum solution. This is being funded by the Council and will hopefully provide a resolution to something that seems to have been debated for ever.

Finally, at our most recent Council meeting – which broke the record for a late finish and led to some Councillors wishing they had brought a sleeping bag – we elected our Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the next twelve months, both, you may be glad to hear, Naphill and Walter's Ash Councillors. Roger will remain as Chairman and Phil as Vice-Chairman. With the Council back up to full strength, we look forward to a productive, constructive and positive year ahead.

*Phil Conran, Roger Beavil, Dennis Hackling and
Peter Williams*

Hughenden Parish Council Article: Goodbyes and Welcomes

It is with sadness that we are to say goodbye to our Parish Clerk on 16 May – Charlotte Watts.

Job Advert

ACCOUNTS/ADMIN ASSISTANT REQUIRED

J Smith & Son (Walter's Ash) Ltd is a small local company with a residential and commercial property portfolio. We are looking for a part-time accounts/admin assistant to work 6–9 hours a week over two or three days weekly. Flexible hours can be arranged during school holidays. A good knowledge of Microsoft Office (Excel, Word and Outlook) is essential, as well as some experience in an accounts/administration role. If you are interested, please email your CV to admin@jss.myzen.co.uk.

PIN UP DIARY DATES

June

Wednesday 5th	Improvers' Tennis Coaching (members & non-members), 9.30-10.30
8th to 23rd	Bucks Open Studios - Free: www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk
Wednesday 12th	Improvers' Tennis Coaching (members & non-members), 9.30-10.30
Saturday 15th	VILLAGE FETE Midday on The Crick
Saturday 15th	Strawberries & Cream + Ball-Machine Game on the Tennis Courts
Sunday 30th	American Tournament + BBQ, tennis courts

Charlotte has steered the Council through quite a difficult period and she will be greatly missed. After her impending wedding, she will be taking up the post of Parish Clerk at Wendover Parish Council.

Hughenden Parish Council is actively recruiting a replacement for Charlotte and should anybody be interested in this position, please can they email hughendenpc@btconnect.com. During this period the Council office will be operating restricted opening hours of Monday and Thursday 9 – 3pm. There is a 24 hour answering machine and messages will be returned.

The Council are delighted to welcome two new Councillors. Cllr Linda Derrick who will be representing the Hughenden Valley Ward and Cllr Sade Adoh who will be representing the Widmer End Ward. Both Councillors were very active in their communities and are looking forward to working with their Parishioners.

The Council is always looking for ways to engage the younger members of the Parish. To this end we are delighted to announce that Hughenden Parish Council will be sponsoring the return of the **Climbing Wall**. This is a **FREE** opportunity for children aged 7+ with no upper age limit (!) to have a go at scaling the wall. The Climbing Wall is organised by Green Parks (which is part of Bucks County Council) and is fully insured. The Wall will



Have a go at scaling the climbing wall - it's free!

be located at the following venues and we would be delighted for Parishioners young and old to come and have a go!

- 11 July Hughenden Valley Combined School
3.30pm – 5.30pm
- 12 July Parish Council car park, Great Kingshill
3.30pm – 5.30pm (opposite the Recreation Ground)
- 13 July Widmer End Combined School
11am – 1.30pm
- 13 July Naphill Village Hall car park
3pm – 5pm

We forward to look seeing you there!

Emma Marsden, Assistant Clerk

A Personal Perspective

Most Parishioners never get to the Annual Parish Meeting, though it is your right to do so, as it is to attend the more regular meetings of Full Council or sub-committees. The Annual meeting is held in a different part of the Parish each year.

As you probably know, for the last few months I have been Chairman of the Parish Council, which has given me additional perspectives on the role of a Parish Councillor, and will remain in that role over the next 12 months.

The chance to write and present a report on behalf of the whole Parish has been a great opportunity to reflect on what has happened to benefit Parishioners, and I was a little surprised but greatly encouraged when I saw just how much positive action has taken place despite being significantly side-tracked by various legal and semi-legal proceedings, such as the fraud case involving an earlier Clerk to the council.

It was possibly a good thing that no-one was there from the Bucks Free Press, because they might have found it difficult to find any contentious comments – just an awareness by everyone that we should be concentrating on the future! At one point I mentioned that we had recently sent letters to 'influential' people, like our Member of Parliament and the Transport Secretary, about the declining state of the roads in the Parish, with its

impact on road safety as road users try to swerve or suddenly brake, or suffer damage to their car or bicycle, etc. I mentioned, as an aside, that it would be even better if hundreds of people wrote letters or sent emails complaining about this. One person said that within a few hours a damaged area had been fixed, but several others, including myself, said that was not the general response we got from the Highways Authority.

The one downside we have at the moment is that our Clerk has now left us, moving on to Wendover Town Council. While we wish her well we now have to spend time and energy finding a permanent replacement.

Looking to the future we would like to consider ideas of extra 'services' that we might provide for specific groups, like 'pensioners', 'teenagers', etc. If you have any ideas, please forward them to us at the Parish Office (715296 or www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk).

Roger Beavil

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents' Association

Planning: 13/05810/LBC. Walter's Ash Farmhouse, 376 Main Rd., Walter's Ash. **13/05995/FUL.** 17 Bailey Gdns. Naphill. HA for construction of single storey side extension and new pitched roof to existing porch. **13/05999/FUL.** Bucks Mill, Stocking Lane, Naphill. **13/06007/FUL** Sembal, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HA for erection of single storey rear extension.

Uplands Hotel, Four Ashes Road. Redrow Homes plan to demolish the existing buildings and replace with 16 luxury houses. Planning permission has not yet been granted. A planning application number is awaited.

13/05088/FUL. Wrightway Steel, Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane, in GB/AONB. Change of use of redundant wooden barn to B2 (industrial) for steel girder fabrication. (Retrospective). Refused.

12/07953/FUL Country Supplies, Walter's Ash. Change of use of Shana Riding School to B8 Use. WDC Enforcement notice to remove bunds around fields has been served. Decision on application due 17 April, still awaited.

Parking adjacent to Costcutters Post Office Residents who live on Main Road either side of the Post Office have been seriously inconvenienced and upset by some visitors to Costcutters parking across their driveways. Please leave access to driveways unobstructed..

Best Kept Village Competition, June 2013 Households throughout the Parish are being requested through Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group representatives to tidy front

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM

Thursday 13th June

Naphill Village Hall

7.30pm – AGM

**8pm Your chance to meet,
listen & talk to**

Steve Cohen

After 24 years as our top local journalist and NHS campaigner, Steve is moving on from editing the Bucks Free Press and South Bucks Star. He is a famously entertaining speaker with a fund of anecdotes and a fascinating insider view of local media. There is a short AGM at 7.30pm, before Steve takes over at 8pm

Don't miss it !

*Come and enjoy a free glass of wine, soft drinks,
and delicious nibbles. Everyone welcome*

gardens, as well as footpaths, gutters, etc in front of their houses, and clear away all rubbish. Our aim in Naphill and Walter's Ash to win the Best Kept Village Competition is an added incentive. The shops and businesses that front Main Road are being asked to join in this effort.

Speedwatch Volunteers still needed. All other villages in the Parish, apart from Naphill & Walter's Ash are up to strength on volunteers.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13 June 2013. Naphill Village Hall. 7.30pm. AGM. 8pm Meet Steve Cohen. See details in box.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634
glorialeflaive@msn.com*

Neighbourhood Police News



Hello from the Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Police Team (PRNPT). If you need to contact your neighbourhood police team then please dial 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Princes Risborough Police Office or leave the team a message. Alternatively please send an email to the following address: princesrisboroughnhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

Community Intelligence

The PRNPT is trying to gather more intelligence

about the unwelcomed visitors that are travelling specifically to the Princes Risborough and Hughenden areas to either ply their trades or commit crime. Especially vehicles that are trawling the area looking for scrap metal, offering door step services, e.g. guttering or roofing work, driveway resurfacing, or vehicles that are towing trailers that are either empty or carrying plant equipment.

You, as a member of the local community are best placed at gathering this information and assisting the police to identify the people and vehicles visiting the area. You will know the people who live locally, know of their comings and goings and the vehicles that they use.

If you can obtain the vehicle registration numbers, make and model, the time, date and location sighted then this would be greatly appreciated.

Please pass any information you have to the police and this can be done via your Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, by calling on the Police 24 hour non emergency and general enquiry number 101, or by emailing the team directly

*SGT 4738 Andrew Deane
Princes Risborough Area Neighbourhood Police*

Neighbourhood Action Group

On 16 April, between 9.30am and 10.30am a SID was deployed on Main Road Walter's Ash, junction of Kilnwood, in the 30 mph section, capturing the data of traffic travelling in the direction of Naphill. 15 drivers that exceeded the speed limit have been sent CSW letters.

On 18 April, between 5.30pm and 6.30pm a SID was deployed on Main Road Naphill, junction with Louches Lane, in the 30 mph section, capturing the data of traffic heading towards Walter's Ash. 38 drivers that exceeded the speed limit have been sent CSW letters.

The speed working group coordinator has arranged safety briefing/awareness meetings for the changing of the VAS signs. If you wish to be included please let me know asap.

The new mobile SID units have now been deployed within the Parish and are certainly heightening speed awareness. The units will be moved to different locations on a rotor basis.

Crime within the Parish

April 2013; Theft from motor vehicle = 3, Criminal damage = 1, Burglary non dwelling = 3, Theft = 1. Assault = 1.

Have you signed up to Thames Valley Alerts?

Thames Valley Alerts is the new system for receiving crime and policing updates for your

area. The state-of-the-art system allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive them. A new option includes receiving information via text and more traditional landline and email messages will still be available. You can also filter the updates you receive by specifying the priority level of the messages you receive.

To sign up to receive alerts visit
www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/

*PC 3146 Lee TURNHAM
Neighbourhood Officer, Greater Hughenden
Parish.*

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

We are making progress with the refurbishment of the Hall. The decorating has been done and I'm sure you will agree that it looks so much better. The stage curtains are up and the other curtains are due to be up by the time you read this – fingers crossed.

The side door that we all use to get into the Hall has been troublesome for a while. The lock is temperamental sticking at times, the handle is very stiff, and the door has been damaged by getting caught by the wind. So – we are replacing it with a more sturdy door that will stand up to the wind and hopefully have a lock that is easier to manage. The quotes that we have had in so far for a new door have been frightening, but it is a job that definitely needs doing. Maybe that will also have been fixed by the time you read this.

We are very aware of the gaps that are appearing in the hedge that runs along the side of the Crick adjacent to the Main Road. The hedge itself has been totally choked by ivy and our first thought of removing the ivy would have left us with no hedge! So we plan to plug the gaps with poles that the ivy can continue to grow up and gradually plug the gaps.

The new notice board is now in place and I hope you agree looks very smart. If you have a notice you want displayed either drop it into Bon Ami or to Peggy Ewart, Bramble Cottage, Downley Road, and Peggy will make sure it is up within a day or so.

We are awaiting a new village hall sign to go up and replace the current one which is looking past its best by date. It has been ordered. We are in the process of getting quotes for the hearing loop and CCTV and hopefully they can be installed in the next couple of months.

The first working party to tidy up the village ready for the Best Kept Village competition has happened and others will be planned soon. The

judging should be some time in June, but we would like to continue to keep our village clean and tidy and a pleasant place for us all to live in. If you can help by keeping the paths and pavements and any road signs round you clean it would be great.

Please make sure you are there at the Fete on 15 June which should be another great day and please all pray for good weather.

The Parish Council is bringing the climbing wall back up to the Village Hall car park on 13 July. This proved to be very popular last time for young and old alike, so do put the date in your diary and come along and have a go.

We will have our annual litter pick around the Hall and the Crick before our next meeting. If you would like to come and help then come along with your rubber gloves at 7.30 pm on 3 June. We would love to see you.

*Sarah Bacon 563479: Chairman Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council
sarah.bacon39@googlemail.com*

Fete Day: Saturday 15 June 2013 British Achievements in History

It's arrived, we're in the month of the fete and all our hard work is about to be revealed. We're still busy though, rechecking and reconfirming arrangements.

We're all hoping for a sunny day, reminding all our neighbours, friends and family to 'come along to the fete' and now busy selling raffle tickets for the Grand Draw too.

Grand Draw Raffle Tickets are on sale at The Wheel PH, The Black Lion PH, Bon Ami, Pony Espresso, Shear Madness and in the new post office.

The fancy dress / floats will now be judged on the Crick, rather than at Forge Road, as previous years. Don't forget if you want see the float procession it leaves Forge Road at 11.45am arriving at the village hall at approximately midday.

The judging categories for individual fancy dress are: Under 5's, 5 – 9 yrs, 9 yrs +, and Best Adult

We are still awarding a trophy to the best villager, so you can send/phone your nominations to Claire Christian at The Wheel, and as always there'll be awards of Cups or Vouchers for the Best Dressed Stall, Adult Float, Junior Float and Walking Tableau.

Last minute donations for the crockery smash, tombola, and bric-a-brac stalls will be much appreciated, contact Ian Bond or Andy Pope if you have something to donate. Cake stall donations are best delivered on the day.

See you at the fete.

Fete Tombola

The 2013 Village Fete is fast approaching and we really do need your help with donations for the tombola!!! If you have any unwanted items suitable for prizes, we would be delighted to receive them. Ideal prizes would be bottles of booze, games, toys, puzzles, sweets, etc... Please drop them in to us any time at 4 Lacey Drive, off Chapel Lane. Thanks for your generosity,

Andy & Judy Pope.

Book Stall

Once again I am asking for GOOD QUALITY adult and children paperbacks, for the Fete on 15 June.

I am happy to receive your donations from 20 May onwards. If you have books for me call me on 564226.

I am unable to receive them earlier as we have little space to store them and we are very busy prior to that date. Thank you in advance.

Pauline Pool

Best Kept Village Update

A working party on 4 May did a lot of cleaning, litter picking and weeding, particularly around the village hall and along Main Road. Road signs have been scrubbed/washed, and the telephone box has been given a good scrub. The bus shelter has been refurbished by Hughenden Parish Council.

Naphill Neighbours have a work party this week to deal with the corner of Clappins Lane, Bill Price is busy painting metal posts around the village hall, flower baskets will be put up shortly, and the corner of Chapel Lane is also being kept tidy.

Villagers are dealing with issues close to where they live, eg. the graffiti on the village entry sign at Clappins Lane. Many thanks to everyone who is joining in.

BCC Highways have cut the verges and are scheduled to do so again in mid May. There seems to be a raised awareness about litter picking (it should not be necessary!) Narrow verges sometimes look rather ragged; maybe there is one you could deal with near you. All hands on deck!

There will be another clean up morning on 25 May, starting at 10am. Judging takes place throughout June; you may see three people with clipboards and badges at any time during the month.

We just need to keep up the good work so we are spick and span and beautiful! Any queries to Sarah, Cathryn, Judy or Peggy, please.

Services at St Botolph's

June 2nd 11am Eucharist
June 9th 11am Eucharist
June 16th 11am Eucharist
June 23rd 6pm Evensong for St Botolph's
Day led by the Rector, Nigel Lacey
June 30th No service at St. Botolph's. 11am
Eucharist at St. Lawrence, West
Wycombe to celebrate the church's 250th
anniversary

Peggy Ewart

Christians in the Community

Come and visit us in our marquee at Naphill Fete day – a great activity put on by Hughenden Church together with Christians in the Community. Also on Saturday 13 July there will be a coffee morning at the Naphill Methodist Church. There will also be a plants stall and cakes for sale.

Norma Clarke

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

We have a trip organised to **Kew Botanical Gardens** on **Sunday 23 June**, leaving the Village Hall at 9am. The cost will be £20 per person or £18 for 'concessions', this covers the cost of the coach, entry to Kew and a tip for the coach driver. If you would like to come along, please let me know as soon as possible. We are hoping for good weather so we can enjoy the extensive gardens, and a wander along the treetop walkway to view the gardens from a different angle...

After a very cold start to the gardening year, the weather has improved and the plants are responding fabulously – they really are very clever, and always seem to catch up, so with any luck our gardens and allotments will be in perfect shape in time for our

Summer Show: Naphill Village Hall, Saturday 6 July

We know that there are some very keen gardeners in the village, so how about entering your achievements in our Summer Show? We want you all to show off what you can grow in your garden or allotment, your baking or flower arranging skills, or prowess with a camera.

Just because we call ourselves the Horticultural Society, it does not mean that we are professionals, in fact far from it! Just enthusiastic about what we grow (or try to..). "Mine are better than that" is a popular comment we get from people who are too shy to enter!

The list of guidelines in the schedule, explaining what is required for each of the classes, is very helpful, and the information can also be found on our website, so no excuses – have a go – it really is easy and most of all fun, and there are always people on hand on the day who are only too happy to give advice and help.

We are always keen to get entries in the Children's classes, so why not get your youngsters to have a go this time? There are two classes for them to try:

1. A Garden in a Seed Tray
2. Two Gingerbread People (judged on appearance only)

Should you need a schedule, they are available from Peter Davis (569303), the Post Office or myself, or can be downloaded from the website.

If you are not up to exhibiting, why not come along and admire others efforts? 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 (if you have any contributions to this, please let Peter know).

Cathryn Carter 563233

Second Hand Emporium

15 June

Fete Day

It is now time to think about all those items in your garage, cupboards, sheds, lofts..... that you no longer want or need. We need these items (well most of them) so please donate them to the second hand emporium.

The second hand emporium is traditionally one of the most important elements of the fundraiser. In previous years it has raised over 10% of the fetes total revenue. This is a massive testament to the volunteers who help gather all the items that are donated and sell them on the day. Without the contributions from Naphill and Walter's Ash residents there would be no second hand emporium.

Call Ian Bond now on 01494 564 824 to arrange collection or to find out where they can be dropped off.

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

By the time this appears the leaves on all species of tree will be fully out and the Common will be at its most beautiful. The summer migrant birds should have arrived, so listen for the repetitive call of the Chiffchaff and the more liquid song of the Willow Warbler: the short trill starts on a high note and tails off to a lower one. Some Blackcaps now stay over winter and they are already singing. Their song is a fairly long, generally starting with some soft chattering with a few hoarse notes, but blossoming into clear flute-like ending. Not many years back the call of the Cuckoo would have become almost monotonous by mid-May, but now we think ourselves to be lucky to hear one. Sadly there has been an almost equal decline in the Swallows, Martins and Swifts that visit the village.

This year the theme of the fete is "British Achievements in History". The Friends of Naphill Common will have a stall and we will be celebrating one of Britain's greatest scientific achievements: Charles Darwin's great work. Unfortunately, as far as we know, he never visited Naphill Common, but despite that handicap he still managed to transform our understanding of nature. We will have, amongst other things, a free quiz for children.

Naphill has two fine pubs, but it once had at least six. We invite you on a pub walk starting from The Wheel and then passing all of the houses which were once pubs and ending at the Black Lion. The total distance is about 2 miles plus another $\frac{3}{4}$ mile if you need to return to The Wheel. Meet at the Wheel at 7.15 pm on Tuesday 25th June. The walk is free but please buy your own drinks.

It is often bemoaned that today's children are so restricted in where they are allowed to play that they have lost touch with nature. This is all the more reason to encourage them to join our mini-beast safari on Sunday 7th July. Meet at 2 pm at the Village Hall for a walk on the Common led by the entomologist John Tyler. He will encourage them find insects and other creatures and help to identify them. All free.

On Friday 19th July we have a bat walk on the Common led by Bridget Parslow of the South Bucks Bat Group. Meet at the Village Hall at 8.15 pm and allow about 1½ hours walking. All free. We hope to organise a butterfly walk in July, hoping to see the Purple Emperors, but we do not have the details yet. There will be a fungus foray in the autumn.

Our work parties meet on the first and third Sundays of each month to try to clear paths on the Common. If you would like to join in please

contact Peter Davis, our webmaster and work party organiser.

*Trevor Hussey Chairman
Long walks: Ron Collins 562240
Short Walks: Chris Miller 563707*

Naphill Evening WI

Our theatre trip to see 'Top Hat' on 17 April clashed with the date of Margaret Thatcher's funeral and we were a bit worried that we might get held up going into London. We should not have worried. We arrived in plenty of time for a coffee before the show and then enjoyed an excellent show. Thanks as always go to Marion Lawrence for organising the trip.

A few of us went to a Fashion Show hosted by Princes Risborough WI. This was most enjoyable, especially as we were given a glass of sparkling wine and nibbles to enjoy whilst we watched some of their members parade along the catwalk.

At our May meeting we will be discussing the decline of our high streets and town centres and in June it will be our Birthday Party, always something to look forward to. And then there is the fete of course.

The Food Appreciation Group had an enjoyable tea at the Marlow Garden Centre on 23 April and is now looking forward to lunch at The Tree, Cadmore End on 22 May.

Carol Gilliam

Naphill Tennis Club

Come and *indulge* yourself at our **STRAWBERRIES & CREAM STALL** at the Naphill Fete! We will be situated in front of the tennis courts.

Enjoy some fun with the **BALL-MACHINE GAME** - for young and old alike!

Other Club activities are:

- Improvers' Coaching Course now under way but it's not too late to join in
- Junior Coaching Friday evenings and Saturday mornings during the school term
- American Tournament & BBQ on Sunday 30 June

For anyone interested in playing tennis, our membership rates are extremely good value only £45 for new adult members and £20 – £25 for juniors. For further information, please give me a call on 01494 565406 or email jttench@gmail.com.

Jenny Tench

Naphill Seniors Lunch Club

Like many within our Community we will miss a good friend and also in our case a hard working

member of our support team with the sad and early demise of Helen Collins. When the Club reopened some 15 years ago Helen was among the first to come forward and offer to help not only with cooking but also in other ways which eventually became occasional clerical work and organising our helpers annual dinner.

On a general note, we are still continuing to meet on the second Wednesday of each month for a reasonable priced home cooked lunch with members attending usually in the mid thirties. We continue to offer a warm welcome to any other Senior members of our community who might wish to join us for lunch.

Finally, we would offer our thanks to our friendly neighbours at the Bon Ami Tea Room who were so generous and helpful with home produce for our last lunch. A great help in enabling us to keep costs down and much appreciated.

Jan Gaunt

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

In last month's gazette we never got the chance to tell you about how the Beer Festival went. I have a funny feeling most of you already know as most of you were here! It was an amazing festival which started off right with all our ordered beers on the tasting notes actually turning up, which has to be a first in seven years. After all the love and care it takes from the Tuesday delivery to venting, then tapping them and then actually being able to serve it on the Friday, we had another first and every single barrel (all 20 of them) had settled and they were all suitable for drinking. We should have known then what to expect over the Friday and Saturday.

It was the best ever festival yet. Friday was a great steady day which got busier as the evening went on. For the first time we had a disco in the dining room, which was done by Rewind Disco and let's just say there was a lot of dancing! By the end of the evening, we had already sold half of the beer in the beer tent so Saturday had a lot to live up to. Not enough sleep later, and Saturday was a beautiful day with the sun shining to which I thought "fantastic, and then, oh no" (or something similar)! The day was spectacular with everyone and their dog arriving, for lots of beer, wine, cider, music and food, what more do you need? As the garden got busier and with very little space left to sit down the picnic blankets started to appear and we started to run out of beer! By 6.05pm we had run out of everything in the tent, so it was to the bar... well all I can say is you definitely carried on enjoying yourselves until the end of the night.

We need and want to say thanks to all our staff

who worked so hard, and to some of our loyal customers who helped out especially on the Saturday night, we would not have coped without you! Also thanks to Seasons who supplied the meat on the Carvery and to The Bailiffs (the band).

The weather in May got our hopes up with it looking so much better, this timed fantastically with the launch of our new summer menu which has been going down well with a lot of compliments coming back to the kitchen. So if you haven't tried it yet do come and see us soon.

So June is now here which means it Fete day on 15 June! We as usual will be taking part in the procession so you'll have to come and see our float. We will also be having a disco in the evening by Rewind Disco.

Father's Day is on the Sunday 16 June the day after the fete. With the summer hopefully here we will be running the occasional event so keep an eye on all our chalk boards that will keep you updated.

Finally good luck to the Village for 'The Best Kept Village' competition this month, and well done to all the volunteers for their hard work that's been going on during May, cleaning, painting, flowers and general tidying.

Cheers

Mark and Claire

Bon Ami

Hurrah, it's cream tea time at last (although actually it's raining heavily as we write this)! Why not take a walk in Naphill's beautiful woods to see the amazing bluebells and reward yourself with a cream tea and enjoy the sunshine (maybe) on the terrace?

Sunday 16 June is Fathers' Day. Why not spoil your daddy and treat him to a coffee at Bon Ami and we will give him a complimentary cupcake or pastry to accompany it?

Bucks Open Studios will commence with us again on 8 June and run until 23 June. Please let Amanda or Ruth know if you would like an invitation to the private preview evening on Friday 7 June. We are looking forward to seeing our walls transformed with new works of art at this time.

Many thanks to all of our customers as always.

Ruth & Amanda.

Pony Espresso

After many queries as to when I was going to purchase outside furniture, I finally made the much put off trip to Ikea for tables and chairs. For the first few days the weather was unusually winter-

like for April, with driving rain and the odd hailstorm accompanied by high winds (ohthe door.....) but then it all calmed down and we had a hint of summer. Stoically, some customers sat outside and by the power of their great imaginations, made references to boulevards of France and promenades of Italy while staring at a brick wall and drivers with mild road rage. How I love the positive outlook of our customers. Let's collectively pray for the a repeat of the summer of '76 or my trip will have been in vain!

We had the Great Pony Bake-off in April, with an order for fourteen cakes for one day and three the day after. Donna and I put our heads down and 140 eggs later we produced the goods without too much argument about who was using the oven! The cakes went down extremely well and though not on that scale, we are still baking delicious birthday cakes, as well as our lovely selection in the cafe.

We look forward to meeting more new customers and appreciate everyone's support. See you soon!

Blaine Wilsworth

Naphill Brownies

The Brownies are doing their 'Out & About' badge at the moment, so are taking every opportunity to get outside.

We started the term with a scavenger hunt, set by the Brownies for each other, giving each other lots of tricky things to try to find around the scout hut, like a yellow wire/ a purple flower etc

Mayday inspired us to have a go at a bit of traditional maypole dancing. We are grateful to Naphill and Walter's Ash School for lending us their maypole. It took us a bit of practise to get the idea, but the girls were great at helping each other. After just one short session we successfully managed to weave the ribbons neatly onto the pole.

We have been playing lots of games both inside and out, including bowling (with home-made 'pins'), beetle drives (the sweetie version) and parachute games on the crick.

On a slightly wet May evening, we enjoyed a Spring walk to Hughenden. Brownie enthusiasm is rarely dampened by the weather and we found much to enjoy en route. We then all caught the bus back to Naphill (a first for many). It was a bit unfortunate that the bus driver was just learning and his ticket machine was playing up, but we all returned safe and sound.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly), 565571

Naphill & Hughenden Scout Group

Naphill & Hughenden Scout Group invites suitably experienced applicants for the voluntary post of Group Scout Leader



A challenging and rewarding appointment, the Group Scout Leader is responsible for the provision of Scouting in the Naphill and Hughenden Scout Group for about 100 young people, aged 6 – 14 and the management of adults directly involved in the development of these young people. The Group currently has 2 Beaver Scout Colonies, 2 Cub Scout Packs and 1 Scout Troop, with plans to open a second Scout Troop.

Previous Scouting is not essential. Good organisational, communication and management skills are essential. This voluntary post, will be for a period of 2 – 5 years subject to agreement. Be prepared ...to make a difference

For further information, please contact:

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Picture This

Bluebells; walking through a wood full of bluebells illuminated by sunlight filtering through freshly-sprung, green beech leaves must be one of the most uplifting experiences of a Chilterns' spring and early summer. Fragrance fills the air; you feel good, you breathe deeply and people smile as they walk by. And for photographers, it's a special time of year too.

The Bluebells in the woodland behind the RAF base in Walter's Ash was the cover picture of last month's Gazette. I was delighted to learn that the photograph had generated lots of comments to the Editor and it seems several Gazette readers are interested in taking landscape photographs in our local area. So I'm writing an article each month aimed at helping and inspiring readers to make photographs.

First of all, I'll use the term 'making photographs' rather than 'taking photographs'. The picture you create with your camera is your unique impression of the scene before you – that's why you hear people say "it didn't look like that when I was there". What is simply there is one thing: what you then make of it is quite another.

Contrary to the popular belief that the camera cannot lie, it can never actually show the truth – not least because it only has one eye.

So, pictures are never reality and they are always

unique to you. Here are five tips to help you to create your original pictures.

As love is to marriage, so light is to photography – the most important ingredient. Choose a time of day when the quality of sunlight is good for photography. Early morning and early / late evening sunlight is wonderful for landscape photography.

Sunlight between 10am – 3pm is much less than ideal. Photographs will look 'flat' because they will lack the shadows and contrast needed for a 3-dimensional feel.

Woodland – like Naphill Common – can be difficult to photograph. Photographs can look messy simply because the picture holds too much. Concentrate on simple scenes – a single tree for your main subject for example. The Common has some wonderful old trees.

Flowers, such as bluebells, and those in your garden, look better if they are in the shade when you photograph them. If you photograph bluebells in bright sunlight you may well end up with pinkbells or purplebells! Experiment to see the difference for yourself.

Get very, very close if you are taking close-ups such as flowers. Check to make sure your camera is focused on your main subject and not on the background.

The fifth tip is that the kind of camera you have really does not matter (really). You can use a mobile phone camera, an old-fashioned film camera or a multi-million pixel, 'wipe-out-your-bank account' kind of camera. The success of your picture will be the combination of your unique way of seeing your chosen subject and great light.

Have fun and create some wonderful pictures.

Richard Holroyd.

Richard@richardholroydphotography.com

Helen Collins

Following the passing of my dear wife Helen on 18 April, I would like to convey my very sincere thanks to our friends and acquaintances within the village for the kindness and support we have received during her illness. Words cannot adequately express our appreciation. I know Helen derived a great deal of comfort from knowing she had such good friends around her and I feel sure this friendship gave her the strength and fortitude to cope with her illness in the positive way she did until the very end.

The attendance at her funeral church service in Hughenden was staggering, she would have been overwhelmed and touched as indeed were our entire family. The attendance of The Lacey Green Singers was particularly poignant as Helen was a

member and enjoyed her singing so very much.

The collection in memory of Helen will be divided equally between Iain Rennie and Florence Nightingale Hospice. At the time of writing the amount raised has reached £2500. So a very big thank you to all who have donated and I will advise of the final total in due course.

Finally thank you for your ongoing support. I don't know what I would do without such a wonderful village community behind me.

Ron Collins

Charlotte's Law

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/47962>

The campaign calls for a sensible change in law, for the safety of elderly drivers and others on the road. From 70 years of age, and every following 3 years, the elderly reapply for a driving license. They are issued with a medical 'self declaration' questionnaire. At present the legal requirements are: 'If any medical conditions are declared, the DVLA will consider whether to revoke a license or seek medical records and may request another test to be taken. Failure to declare any onset or health condition is a criminal offence'.

Such existing legislation of self declaration and self assessment is lax and unsatisfactory. Some mental and other health problems may be ignored or an independent desire to drive, 'no matter the risk', may influence the answers to the questionnaire. It should be compulsory for elderly drivers to have a thorough medical check up with a doctor, and medical certificate of proof, before a driving license is issued. Also, when a certain age is reached, a re-test.

Had such protective legislation been in place, an 89 year old man suffering with dementia would not, on the night of 5 September 2011, have been driving on the wrong side of the Marlow by-pass 'horribly killing' 19 year old Charlotte Pitwell, a passenger with driver friend Owen Livett, who suffered serious injuries and is left traumatised. The new proposed Charlotte's Law, with your support, could help save lives.

Thank you.

*Mrs Evelyn Livett (Owen's Grandmother)
OAP Retired Driver*

Opportunity for Enthusiastic Musician

The Methodist Church is looking for an enthusiastic musician to help provide music at the church. There is an organ, a piano and a keyboard available. There may also be the potential to start a community choir.

Jean Lawrence-Mann

Trustees Needed for Allotment Charity

Are you passionate about giving people the opportunity to lease allotments to grow their own fruit and vegetables and preserving this community asset for the Parish for our future generations? If so, could you consider becoming a Trustee for the Allotments for the labouring Poor (AfLP) Charity?

The charity has existed for many years now, but its role in more recent history with regards to 'community land' which has been maintained and managed by the Parish Council has been lost. The charity is now keen to re-establish its role and is in positive discussions with the Parish council regarding confirmation of its role as landlord for some of the current allotment land.

The Parish Council still intends to maintain and manage the land on a day to day basis and allotment land will continue to be provided very much as it is now.

The role of the Charity will be, for example, to oversee how the Parish council manages the land, the allotment rent it charges, any proposed changes in policy such as permitting bee keeping (under very specific restriction) on land and any other issues important to tenants.

To enable the charity to do its work requires it to recruit new Trustees. Once recruitment is complete, there will be four Trustees who together will be responsible for making decisions on behalf of the Charity and the people it works for.

Initially in the role you would be working closely together with other Trustees and the Parish council in resolving some historical issues relating to some of the Community land in the Parish. This may take some time commitment in reading background information and attending meetings. However, once these issues are resolved it is not expected that the role of Trustee to the AfLP Charity will require a great deal of time commitment.

If you would like to find out more please contact:

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Emma Marsden

Naphill Neighbours 35th Anniversary: 1998

The theme for our village fete float was a TV production, so we decided to do 'Animal Hospital'

with Rolf Harris, which was popular on TV.



We only had a small truck but four of us: Lily Larman, Sheila Rolph, Jean Perfect and Pam Smith, had great fun doing out entry.

The club 'Naphill Neighbours' celebrated their 35th year with large party in the village hall and a large cake was cut. It had coral trimmings on it; so beautifully done.

The speaker for the evening was Steve Cohen, 'The Bucks Free Press Editor'. He gave us a surprise by producing a 'mock-up' of the mid week paper with a photo of our fete Rolf Harris on it. The wording was that rumours were that Rolf Harris was a member of Naphill Neighbours.

In the party photo are some of the committee members who are: Jan Curtis, Pam Smith, Jean Perfect, Lily Larman (who was chairman of the club) and also Valerie Whale. Pam is holding her book on the history of the club. On it is a photo which I will perhaps put into the Gazette another time with a write up on it.



I have kept the yearly programme cards and it is so interesting to read the interesting talks we have

had also trips out taken over the years.

Now the club is in its 50th year and is a strong club led by Sheila Rolph and her committee, who are doing a sterling job. If you have not been to one of the meetings – on the second Monday of each month – you will be made so welcome.

Pam Smith

Welfare Benefits System Do you know what's changing?

You may have heard that the Government is changing the welfare benefits system effective from 1 April. At Chiltern CAB, we want to help you to understand how these changes could affect you and your family.

These changes include cuts to Housing Benefit, Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Council Tax Benefit, amongst others. Some of the individual changes will have a massive impact on particular families. Over the coming months we will be highlighting your concerns or worries about how the new changes will affect you. This month we give you advice about Cuts to Housing Benefit for social housing tenants from 1 April.

Q. Dear Chiltern CAB, I have heard about the new Housing Benefit rules that could mean a reduction in my benefit if I have too many spare bedrooms, what does this mean?

A. Dear Client, under the new national Housing Benefit rules that provides benefit to working age tenants, you will be allowed one bedroom if you are a single customer or part of a couple; plus:

- one bedroom for a child;
- or, one bedroom for two children under 10;
- or, one bedroom for two children of the same sex up to the age of 16;
- one bedroom each for children over the age of 10 of the opposite sex;
- one bedroom for other single people or couples aged 16 or over

For example:

- Couples with no children would need only one bedroom
- A single parent with one or two children under 10 would need two bedrooms
- Couples with three children (two boys and a girl) aged six, eight and 12 would need three bedrooms
- If you are pregnant and have an extra room for the expected child, you are under occupying until the child is born.

Tenants who need an overnight carer may be entitled to an extra bedroom, and there are exceptions for people who have too many bedrooms because of bereavement, or could afford to pay the rent for the last 12 months

without claiming Housing Benefit.

In Buckinghamshire, your Chiltern CAB is working with other partners to offer support, advice and guidance on these government changes to benefits. If you are concerned about these changes or worried about how they will affect your family, please call your Chiltern CAB today for free, confidential and impartial advice.

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Join Naphill & Walter's Ash Parents Today!

This is a community Yahoo! email group for parent residents of the local area. The group's intention is to support the strong community spirit that exists in the local area. It is free to join and members benefit by being able to:

- Seek or make recommendations for businesses and services (i.e. plumbers, builders, boiler repairs, cleaners etc.)
- Ask for wide-ranging advice
- Communicate useful local information
- Offer or request assistance for neighbours/community projects in need
- Buy, sell, borrow or recycle items
- Promote fundraising activities and more

The group is moderated by Lisa Hamill, a Mum of two at the local school. If you wish to join the group, or get an idea what it looks like, please visit:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/naphillWalter'sashparents> and follow the instruction on how to join. The group has only just started, so once you have joined, please feel free to start making posts and please also spread the word about the site. The more members there are, the greater the benefit to us all.

Thinking of Joining a Local Football Team?

Naphill FC are now looking for budding footballers from years 1 to 5 to join for the 2013–14 season Your child will;

- Be part of a positive environment
- Interact with other team members
- Work as part of a team
- Learn footballing skills
- Most importantly, have great fun

We get together on Saturday mornings for training and there are also regular matches against other teams from the local area. Training sessions are

every held week during term times, from 9.30 am until 11am at the school. Why not come along to a session or two before the end of this season (July) free of charge, to see what you think. or info visit www.naphillfc.com , e-mail naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk or call John on 07920 061 754

Local Charity Opens its Doors to Visitors

Child Bereavement UK is inviting visitors to attend its Open Day on Wednesday 3 July between 2pm and 7pm at the Clare Charity Centre, Saunderton. The charity has been working in Bucks, and at various locations across the country, for nearly 20 years, supporting families and educating professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement. It made headlines recently when its Royal patron HRH The Duke of Cambridge visited with the Duchess and met bereaved families participating in the charity's support groups for children, parents and young people.

During the Open Day, you will be able to learn more about the bereavement services provided for families, and the broad range of training courses the charity offers professionals whose work brings them into contact with bereaved families. You will also be able to find out more about volunteering and fundraising, and chat to staff and volunteers, who will be on hand to provide information and advice – as well as offering refreshments.

Child Bereavement UK's Support and Information line receives 1500 calls per year from families and professionals, and c. 200 bereaved families are supported via its groups and one-to-one sessions with its trained bereavement support workers.

If you are interested in volunteering, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved, where projects will be matched to your skills which will be highly valued.

Teresa Griffin, who has volunteered with the charity since 2011 on the Support and Information line, said: "I have completed a course of training to become a bereavement services volunteer for Child Bereavement UK. I remain very conscious of the vulnerability of those families who have the courage to ring the charity and I feel proud and privileged to be associated with such a worthwhile and much-needed organisation."

Chief Executive of Child Bereavement UK, Ann Chalmers said: "We are very grateful for the ongoing support that the people of Bucks have given us over the years. Our Open Day is an informal opportunity for you to come along and find out more. As a charity, we depend on the generosity and support of so many people to ensure that we

can continue to help families receive the support they need to rebuild their lives when a child grieves or when a child dies. Whether you are interested in our services, our courses, volunteering or fundraising – we look forward to welcoming you."

Volunteers at a Child Bereavement UK event

For more information about the Open Day please contact Sue Randall on 01494 568919 or email sue.randall@childbereavementuk.org

Child Bereavement UK, Clare Charity Centre, Wycombe Road, Saunderton, HP14 4BF

Flower Festival Concert

St Dunstan's Church, Monk's Risborough

Saturday 29 June 2013 at 7.30pm



The Archaeus Quartet: Anne Hooley, Louise Bevan, Elizabeth Turnbull, Martin Thomas

Programme:

Haydn – Quartet in C Op.54 No 2

Skalkottas – Five Greek Dances

Dvorak – Quartet in F minor Op.9

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RAF High Wycombe Officer's Mess Summer Ball – Friday 28 June 2013

RAF High Wycombe will hold its annual Summer Ball on Friday 28 June 2013, within the grounds of the Officers' Mess on Bradenham Woods Lane. The event will commence at 1900 hours and continue until 0430 hours the next morning, although all outside activities will cease operating at 0200 hours. At this point, the entertainment will continue inside the Officers' Mess until the event ends. A total of 900 guests will attend.

Entertainment for the Summer Ball will include numerous fairground rides, as well as live bands and a disco. There will therefore be an element of noise associated with the Ball, which we hope will not cause too much disturbance to you on the night. Noise levels will be monitored by the Summer Ball Committee, in order to ensure that they remain tolerable for local residents.

In the days preceding the event, a number of large vehicles will enter and exit the Officers' Mess, for the purpose of delivering marquees and the attractions for the event. These vehicles will be marshaled on and off site, in order to prevent disruption to local traffic on New Road and Bradenham Woods Lane. There may be some noise caused during the erection of the marquees and the setting up of the fairground rides, for which we apologise in advance.

We thank you for your continued support to RAF High Wycombe. We also thank you in anticipation of your understanding over the period 26–29 June 2013. If you have any queries regarding the Summer Ball, please do not hesitate to contact the team by email (HWY-OffrsMessSummerBallMbx@mod.uk) or via the RAF High Wycombe Media and Communications Officer, Flying Officer Charlotte Dooley (HWY-AdmWgMCO@mod.uk).

RAF High Wycombe Annual Reception – Thursday 20 June 2013

RAF High Wycombe would like to inform our local residents that on the evening of the 20 June 13 at 2030 there will be a flypast of the Officers' Mess by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. Those within the area of Bradenham, Naphill and Walter's Ash will be able to view the aircraft as they pass over our community. There may be an element of noise associated with this, which we hope will not cause too much disturbance to you. Please contact the Media Communications Officer if you have any queries regarding this event.

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Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15–7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30–6.45	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Methodist Church	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6–7.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Mondays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	guidinginhughenden@hotmail.co.uk
Cubs (Naphill Disraeli)	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Akela 0149 448 1103 naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Cubs (Walter's Ash)	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Catherine de Rouffignac 496917 (office hours)
EXTEND Gentle Exercise	Mondays 2 – 3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Carolyn 712801
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30–11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10,11,12 Saturdays 9.30–11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30–11am	The Crick	
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Matt Gunnell 07446838565
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45–8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8–9pm	Small Hall, Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
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Line dancing	Tuesdays 8–9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday 10.55–11.30am 11.35–11.55am 12.05pm–12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45pm for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30am and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesday 7.30pm		
	Thursday 5.45pm		
Fitness Pilates – Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45–10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Curtis 562779 naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jtench@gmail.com
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Fridays & Saturdays (April–July)		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8–10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30–9.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga: Stretch, Tone & Relax	Tuesdays 1.30–2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
WI	Third Thursday in the month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jenny Price 563001

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Editorial

I hope those of you who came out to enjoy the Fete had a good time before the heavens opened. Everyone has been very positive about the organisation of the Fete and how many stalls and activities there were. Well done to the fete committee for all their months of planning and preparation.

Many thanks to Ian Banks for recording the fete with his camera once again. There were so many pictures to choose from, I hope you enjoy the selection in the centre of the Gazette. Thank you also to those people who sent in some of their own pictures. This month's cover picture features Claire as she receives her birthday/thank you flowers at the Fete.

Please take a look on page 18 for details of a website, set up by Lisa Hamill, for local parents. If, like me, you read it and thought it was a great idea but then forgot to sign up, go and do it now!

This edition of the Gazette covers both July and August, so your next edition will come out in September.

Please read my article below and help me to find your next Editor!

*Clare Goddard 565065
gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk*

You Need a New Editor!

I am disappointed that I have not received any enquiries to find out more about the Gazette Editor's role.

People who have tried volunteering usually say that they get much more out of it than they put in, whether it's personal satisfaction, new skills or friendships. I am strongly of the opinion that taking on a voluntary role should be something everyone tries at some point in their life, but also that it should fit within the overall work/life/family balance.

So, it's good to do voluntary work while you can but it shouldn't become a 'noose around your neck' - the fear of being committed for an overly long time is probably what puts people off volunteering in the first place. Passing your voluntary job on to the next person means that some 're-learning' of the role needs to take place, but overall the job will evolve and change to reflect the different personalities that get involved. That's a good thing and it

allows for more local people to take ownership within their community.

Here are some suggestions about how the role of Editor can be filled:

- Make it a role that is automatically up for renewal after two years
- It could be a 'job share' - two people, five editions each per year
- Offer it to an A-level/undergraduate media or graphics student, overseen by an adult, as part of their studies
- Advertise the role via Community Impact Bucks, the website for local volunteering, which may mean that the job goes to someone outside of Naphill & Walter's Ash

If you have any other suggestions, please let me know. If I haven't heard from anyone local by the next Gazette deadline, 9 August, I will start to advertise it outside of the villages. In the meantime, please do consider giving me a ring on 565065 and I would be pleased to tell you about the role.

Clare Goddard 565065

A Personal Perspective

At last there are some signs of success regarding making our roads safer, and in particular by reducing the number of potholes, on Coombe Lane for instance. Let's hope that the repairs last longer than on other occasions! Although Hughenden Parish Council (HPC) recently wrote to various people that can influence road conditions, I suspect that Bucks County Council are influenced by the quantity of letters and emails they receive. So, once again, I urge you to contact them with your complaints, and send a follow-up message if your first communication doesn't seem to work. Let's really see if 'local power' actually works! You can send a letter to them at County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UA; you can send an email from their website or alternatively use customerservices@buckscc.gov.uk

It is also important to note that we now have a few months to wait for Transport for Bucks to provide us with a report on possible ways to improve road safety at the shops in Walter's Ash, which is being funded mostly by HPC. Once we've considered their ideas we will want to involve the local community in choosing the best options to pursue.

PIN UP DIARY DATES

July

Saturday 6 July	Horticultural Society Summer Show Village Hall. Doors open to public 2pm
11 July	Climbing Wall: Hughenden Valley Combined School 3.30pm – 5.30pm FREE
12 July	Climbing Wall: Parish Council car park, Great Kingshill 3.30pm – 5.30pm (opposite the Recreation Ground) FREE
13 July	Climbing Wall: Widmer End Combined School 11am – 1.30pm; Naphill Village Hall car park 3pm – 5pm FREE
Friday 12 July	Bon Ami takes part in "Tarts for Troops". 50p donation from every hot drink sold

August

2 August	Charity Ceilidh on behalf of Wycombe Young Carers Admission: Adults £8, children (under 15) £4 Naphill Village Hall Doors open 7.30pm. First dance 7.45pm Doors close 11pm. See article for further details
Saturday 31 August	WI Open Afternoon Village Hall. The WI will unveil our work. Everyone is welcome and we will be serving afternoon tea (with cakes of course) from 2 pm to 4 pm.

How did most of us manage without email? Are you someone that might want to use email but you don't know how to use it? We are looking at things which in the future could improve the community in some way. So, please drop a line if you would like us to consider helping those who currently don't use email, or send your thoughts to HPC on any other issue. The address is The Common, Great Kingshill, Bucks HP15 6EN.

Committee meetings during August are very few, in contrast to the many additional meetings needed at the moment for selecting a new Clerk for HPC, and selecting new Trustees for the Allotments for the Labouring Poor charity. All Councillors need to balance their work, domestic situation, leisure interests, etc. with their commitment to activities within HPC. So August is often used as a time of mental refreshment, before normal activities are resumed. I hope that you, too, will be able to find the summer a time to recharge metaphorical batteries.

Roger Beavil

Bradenham Parish Council

At the annual Parish Council meeting Jan Pearce was unanimously elected Chairman and Teif Jones was elected Vice-Chairman.

The year 2012/13 had been a busy year with various large planning applications, a public hearing/inquiry into the travellers site, traffic calming as well as the usual Parish Council matters.

The Parish Council was presented with

various options for a Parish Council web site and it is intended to be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

Dog fouling in the Parish is becoming a problem and it was decided to ask the National Trust for guidance on dealing with this, as much of the land in the Parish is owned by the National Trust. We have no dog litter bins in the Parish, which may need to be considered at considerable cost. We would like to remind dog owners to act socially responsibly when out with their dogs.

The accounts were agreed and signed off by the Council. The internal audit had taken place. The Parish Council will receive a full audit on sending the Annual Return to the Auditors.

The Council had attended the public inquiry for the travellers site in Walter's Ash for the 4 days at Wycombe District Council's offices and we are now awaiting the inspectors decision.

The next meeting is Monday 15 July at 7pm in the cricket club in Bradenham. The meeting is open to members of the public.

*Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council,
clerk@bradenham.org.uk*

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents' Association

Planning: 13/05999/FUL Bucks Mill Stocking Lane Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear extension and first floor rear

roof extension incorporating three rear dormers.

13/06076/FUL. 238A Main Rd., Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear extension. Proposed roof alteration. Amendment to 12/07506/FUL. **13/06116/FUL 279 Main Rd.** Walter's Ash. HA for conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation, erection of single storey side extension to provide garaging and alterations to existing driveway. (Overdevelopment and loss of amenity to neighbours). **13/05974/FUL Tilbury House, Louches Lane**, Naphill. HA for erection of two-storey side extension following removal of existing garage and shed. Erection of single-storey side infill extension linking existing outbuilding, side/rear extension to outbuilding with erection of pitched roof overall and insertion of Velux windows. **13/06182/FUL 132, Templewood**, Walter's Ash. HA for installation of two sets of four foot high gates to front boundary to private driveway (retrospective). **13/06210/FUL 41 Ash Close**, Walter's Ash. Erection of one two-bed dwelling adjacent to No. 41 Ash Close. New shared access. (Question over density). **13/06225/FUL Wychwood, Louches Lane**, Naphill. HA for construction of part two-storey, part single-storey rear extensions. (Loss of amenity to neighbours in Bailey Gdns as a consequence of the two-storey extension). **13/06013/ADV Costcutters**, 19 Main Rd., Naphill. Display of two external illuminated fascia signs and two non-illuminated window vinyls, (Comment. There should be no greater external illumination than at present). **13/06267/FUL Glendower, Downley Rd**, Naphill. HA for construction of single-storey side and rear extensions (alteration to 13/05255/FUL). **13/06308/FUL Games Court RAF High Wycombe**, Main Road, Walter's Ash. Construction of single-storey extension to Red Kites Nursery and alterations to existing car parking.

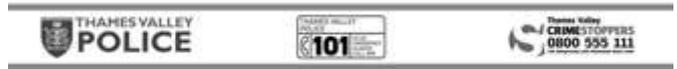
30mph Wheelie Bin Stickers. We have a further supply of these stickers at 50p each to cover cost. If you would like one, please phone 563634 or email glorialeflaive@msn.com

Speedwatch. Volunteers still awaited. Naphill & Walter's Ash team is short of four volunteers. Please ring or email me as above.

Date of next meeting. 8pm Thursday 11 July 2013 at Naphill Village Hall. Open to all.

Gloria Leflaive 563634
glorialeflaive@msn.com

Neighbourhood Police News



Hello from the Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Police Team (PRNPT). If you need to contact your neighbourhood police team then please dial 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Princes Risborough Police Office or leave the team a message. Alternatively please send an email to the following address: princesrisboroughnhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

The Princes Risborough Police Office is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10 am - 2 pm. If you cannot make it along to a Have Your Say event then you are more than welcome to come down to the police station during its opening times and speak to the station's duty officer, Share KHAN.



A 'QR code'

QR Codes

In the past few weeks you may have seen members of the PRNPT in the High Street, or outside Tesco's, Princes Risborough asking questions about QR Codes. Over the last year we have seen an increase in the use of QR Codes (see above) by various companies, businesses and organisations, which are displayed on advertising and promotional literature. Smart phone users can download an app which will scan the code, taking the user to a webpage which enables the user to gain information about a promotion, product information, etc. The above QR code will open up onto the Thames Valley Alert main web page.

Thames Valley Police are always looking at new ways to communicate with the public and deliver good news stories, crime prevention advice, and advising of crime in the local area. Are we ready for the advances in technology or will it have to wait a few more years? If you have any views on the matter, please contact

the neighbourhood team.

Increase in Dog Fouling on our Streets

At numerous 'Have your Say' events and community meetings held across the Princes Risborough and Hughenden areas, members of the public have been approaching the Police about irresponsible dog owners failing to clear up their dogs mess and have asked the police to take action.

Unfortunately this matter is not the responsibility of the police and falls upon the local authorities to enforce. Please contact either the Dog Warden at Wycombe District Council, 01494 421734 or Environmental Health - environmentalhealth@wycombe.gov.uk , to report any issues.

*SGT 4738 Andrew Deane
Princes Risborough Area Neighbourhood
Police*

Neighbourhood Action Group

On 15 May, between 10.30am and 11.30am, a SID was deployed on Main Road Naphill, in the 30mph section, capturing the data of traffic heading towards Walter's Ash. Nine drivers that exceeded the speed limit have been sent CSW letters.

Crime within the Parish

May 2013:

Burglary dwelling = 1, Criminal damage = 2, Making off without payment =1, Burglary non dwelling = 3, Theft = 1 Assault = 2.

There has been a reduction in the number of thefts from motor vehicles. The contents of your vehicle are always a potential target to criminal activity. Even if you hide items such as laptops, they are still easily found. 99% of modern laptops and tablets have Bluetooth. This device has its own battery system. You cannot ever turn this device completely off. The criminal will scan a car park with his/her mobile phone looking for a Bluetooth connection, as they pass the vehicle a series of numbers will be displayed on their phone, thus indicating a device is hidden or on display in the vehicle. The vehicle is then broken into and the device is found and taken. Please be aware of this and do not leave anything in your vehicles that might attract attention.

*PC 3146 Lee TURNHAM
Neighbourhood Officer, Gt Hughenden Parish.*

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

I am writing this before the Fete with my fingers tightly crossed for some good weather. By the time you read this you will know if it worked.

I am sure that you have noticed the new curtains are now in place and I hope you agree that they do look good making the hall look nice and fresh and light.

The next job that might have been done by the time you read this is replacing the side doors. We have had several quotes in and have now accepted one and asked them to go ahead and fit them. The old doors have been desperately in need of replacement for a while.

We are also in a position to go ahead with getting CCTV fitted to the outside of the Hall to deter vandalism - hopefully.

We have had a couple of acts of vandalism to the Hall. On one occasion doors that had been newly painted were daubed with obscene graffiti before the paint was dry!! Luckily the culprits were recognised so we have been able to take action and get some recompense for the second coat of paint. On another occasion hirers broke through from the Hall and found eggs in the Bon Ami fridge which they decided to throw against a wall. The sticky egg white has proved so hard to remove that the wall needs to be totally stripped back and repainted at substantial cost. We work so hard to maintain the Hall to keep it attractive for the use of the village that it is heartbreaking to have such incidents and we are taking a very strong line with any hirers that cause such damage.

We have had a number of positive comments regarding the good work that has been done in cleaning up and tidying the Village in preparation for the judging of the Best Kept Village competition and I would like to thank all of you who have helped both on the clean up working parties and on your own to the bit of the village around you. It is looking good and whatever happens in the competition it is good for us all to take a pride in our surroundings and hope that we can maintain it throughout the year.

The summer weather has taken a bit of a back seat again as I write this but let's hope that it

will be back again with us soon so we can enjoy the drinks in the garden and barbeques.

*Sarah Bacon 563479: Chairman Naphill
Village Hall & Playing Fields Council
sarah.bacon39@googlemail.com*

Best Kept Village Update

By the time the July/August Gazette reaches you the judging of the Best Kept Village competition should have been completed. The result will be on the Village Hall Noticeboard, local websites, etc. in early July.

The efforts that have been made by various groups, working parties, and individuals in the village are highly commendable. Our spick and span village has been commented upon by a number of appreciative local residents. A list of the main achievements is given below:

- All the gates, poles, etc. around the Village Hall have been repainted by Bill Price. A terrific effort.
- The walls around the front of the Village Hall are weed free. Much general clearance has also been done under the hedges and around the Dilly Knox tree.
- The hanging baskets prepared by Judy, hung by Dave, and watered by 'Bon Ami' are becoming more colourful as the sun comes out.
- The War Memorial is looking better than ever, thanks to Trish.
- All public seats have been scrubbed, including those by the pond.
- Road signs and street names have been cleaned.
- The verges at the end of Chapel Lane and Clappins Lane have been dealt with by a W.I. gentleman, and a Naphill Neighbours gentleman!
- Tennis Club members have cleaned and tidied around the courts.
- The telephone kiosk has been cleaned and weeded.
- The bus shelter has been refurbished (HPC)
- Our two pubs are looking particularly colourful.

All this represents a terrific community effort of which our village can be immensely proud. Many thanks to everyone who has played a part. We are starting to think about how we

keep up the momentum! Any thoughts and comments would be welcomed by Sarah, Cathryn, Peggy and Judy.

Fete Day

Firstly I would like to thank all of the committee for putting so much hard work in to the Fete for the eight months prior and also on the actual day, you were all amazing. I also would like to thank all our fantastic volunteers that run all the stalls, if it wasn't for you the fete would not run, so thank you again.

Unfortunately we cannot compete with mother nature, and she definitely threw everything she had at us this year. Thankfully the procession went ahead and everyone involved made a huge effort, and the rain managed to stay away for the first two hours. Despite the weather the village turned up in force and there were loads of people out to support the village. We had a massive number of stalls and attractions to keep people busy, I'm sure it gets bigger each year. Coles and Blackwell surprised us all with a go kart track which was great and we will now need it back next year as it was so busy. Thank you for organising it.

The amount of people in fancy dress this year on The Crick was amazing to see and definitely made the judging more difficult, although it was much easier to judge everybody on the Crick instead of at Forge Road. We had a few nominations for the Best Neighbour award and you were; Jan Gaunt for the OAP lunches she organises, and the following ladies who have put so much effort into getting the village ready for the Best Kept Village competition - Peggy Leggett, Sarah Bacon, Cathryn Carter and Judy Whitehouse.

Winners

- Best Neighbour Award - Ruby Sell
- Best Junior Float - Pre-School
- Best Senior Float - W.I
- Best Walking Tableau - Naphill and Walter's Ash School
- Best Stall - Naphill Neighbours (please come and collect your cup from The Wheel!)
- Adult Fancy Dress - Richard Webb
- 9's and over - Lauren Patterson
- 5-9's - Sofia Lomax
- Under 5s - Alex Foster

Thank you to Station Commander Frank Clifford, Valerie Pushman and Sarah Bacon who did the judging this year.

I would love to write here how much money we raised, but until the team and I have finished all the calculations I have decided to withhold this information until I know exactly where we are as I wouldn't want to mislead anyone. I currently have my fingers and toes crossed that we made it into the profit side, but the weather did not help. I will update everyone in the September edition of the gazette.

On a personal note thank you to the Village Hall for my amazing flowers they were gorgeous, and I wasn't embarrassed - much!

Once again thank you to everyone involved for being there and supporting the day.

The Fete Committee

Claire Christian, Kat Dunlap, Ian Bond, Andy Pope, Sarah Creaser, Sam Keen, Lisa Williams, Hillary Spain and Steve Wicks also RAF James McNaulty and his team.

Fete Book Stall

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who donated books and bought books.

Because of you we managed to raise just under £400; less than previous years but that could be due to Kindles AND excessive rain.

We had an enormous amount of books to sell and an enormous amount left over. However, as in previous years, what is left we are passing on to very worthwhile causes who will then benefit from your donations.

We must also thank our willing band of helpers; Matthew, Eileen, Neil, Heidi, Iain, Christine and anyone else that we may have been too tired to notice! It takes a great amount of time setting up and clearing away, quite apart from the selling and all help is, therefore, greatly appreciated.

Finally, we would like to say to Claire and her Team, 'well done and thank you' for a terrific Fete. It seems to get bigger and better each year so please don't give up!

Michael & Pauline Pool

Services at St Botolph's

July 7th 11am Eucharist

July 14th 11am Eucharist

July 21st 11am Eucharist

July 28th 11am Matins

Services in August will follow a similar pattern. The Parochial Church Council is considering changing to an earlier time on Sundays. Once the consultation is over any alterations will be notified.

Peggy Ewart

Christians in the Community

We hope your children (and you!) enjoyed our marquee (put on by St. Michael's Hughenden) at the Naphill Fete. Our tent was certainly used as a refuge when the torrential rain came down. Approximately 70 children came to gather coloured spots on their caterpillar and by the end of the afternoon soggy (very soggy) butterflies could only be produced!

Our next Coffee Morning is going to be on 13 July at Naphill Methodist Church from 10 am til 12 noon. There will be a raffle, plants stall and cakes for sale.

Norma Clarke

Naphill Neighbours

I apologise to our Membership for the fact that our usual contribution did not appear in June's edition of the Gazette. Regrettably, I keyed in the incorrect ending to Clare's email address which means that it's floating around somewhere!! However, not to deprive Mr Davies of a write up on his visit, it follows now.

On Monday, 13 May, we welcomed back Mr Mark Davies to speak on a totally different subject entitled "From Medicine Spoons to Love Spoons", which was accompanied by slides of an array of Love Spoons carved by Mr. Davies himself over a number of years. He also displayed some of them so that we could see, first hand, the intricate carving involved in each one. To begin with we were treated to a sight of medicine spoons and these ranged from porcelain to silver, in several designs, and all with measures enabling the correct dose to be administered. Thankfully, medicine tastes a lot more palatable today and we can comfortably 'sip' it off a spoon!!

We were then introduced to the carved Love

Spoons. This traditional craft originated in Wales during the 17th Century when young men would carve the spoons from one piece of wood to present to a young lady who 'caught their eye'. In those days the design was quite simple but today they boast an array of symbols and motifs which relate specifically to the recipient. As a result they become family heirlooms and you rarely see them on the antique circuits. They are popular gifts for special occasions such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and births, just to name a few. Mr. Davies has been a keen carver and after his talk he had more than a few questions to answer, one of them I seem to remember was what happens if you make a mistake?

On Monday, 10 June, we welcomed Mr John Bates, who gave a talk entitled "Life on the Falkland Islands". Mr Bates career took him to the Falklands with his wife and young family. He gave a very interesting talk, sprinkled with humour, on the journey there, which took some weeks as it is about 8,000 miles away, the kindness of the islanders on their arrival; they had no hesitation in providing all the family needed in their residence until their possessions were released from the ship, and the complete contrast of life there compared to here. The inhabitants led a fairly simple life, and still do, much more sedate than we experience here, and Mr Bates spoke of the huge effort of digging out bricks of peat, which they used as heating and cooking fuel; I don't think he expected to be engaged in that activity when he arrived. They ate lots of mutton, which was cheap and we housewives will know has to be cooked very slowly to be edible; it certainly isn't something you can just roast and carve for Sunday lunch.

Before the Argentine invasion in 1982, Mr Bates and his family had returned to Britain and he spoke of his fears for the islanders during that time and even now when tensions arise. The population of the Falklands is almost exclusively of British birth or descent and he ended his talk telling us how very patriotic they were. We thank Mr Bates for his very entertaining and informative talk.

Saturday, June 15, was Fete Day and we organised our usual Cake Stall. We thank everyone who donated to our stall, both members and many ladies who do not belong to our club. We had a wonderful selection of

home baked cakes, biscuits and preserves and we also thank those of you who gave us cash donations to add to our takings. Because of your generosity we made a handsome profit of £368.80 to hand over to the Village Hall Council. Those of you who attended will know that the Fete ended with an enormous 'downpour' and I think most of us went home to a nice warm 'soak in the tub'.

On Tuesday, 18 June, we departed for our full day outing to Borde Hill Gardens near Hayward's Heath. Despite the heavy traffic on the M25, our driver made good time and we arrived at the gardens by 11 am in time for morning coffee and also giving us the opportunity to order our lunch and be allocated a time to return to enjoy it. The cafe was run very efficiently and the food excellent; the staff were friendly and nothing was too much trouble.

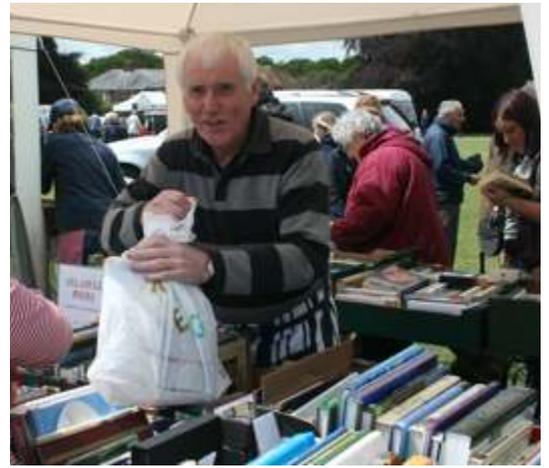
The weather was humid and overcast, much the same as in our own local area, and there wasn't as much colour in the gardens as we had hoped; our summer weather taking some time to materialise. The rhododendrons were almost over and the roses still in bud but the lupins offered a fantastic display. The house was packed with furniture and pictures and our tour of it lasted about an hour. We were back in the local area before 7 pm in spite of the rush hour traffic. This proved to be a lovely day out.

On Thursday, 25 July, we have our half day outing to Kelmscott Manor. We leave the Village Hall at 12.30 pm with one more stop at Forge Road. After a tour around the house and garden, at about 3.30pm, we leave Kelmscott for Burford where there will be time for a browse around the shops and afternoon tea before our journey home, scheduled to be at 6.00 pm. The cost is £18 for Members and £20 for Guests. If you are joining us on this outing and have not yet paid, this becomes due now.

Our meeting this month will be held on Monday, 8 July, when Mrs Sylvia Eastgate will give a demonstration on "Tai Chi". Tea hostesses for the evening will be Valerie Pushman and Trish Bowen. This will be our last meeting before the summer break and we look forward to seeing you all. Take care.

Yvonne Cook









Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

The weather pixies have done it again! - I struggled to keep things alive in the cold weather running up to the plant sale, and everything else is very late and slow to get going this year as the weather has not really warmed up. I don't think I have ever had tulips flowering in the middle of June before!

The good news is that many perennials and shrubs have enjoyed last year's wet weather and the mildish winter and are taller than ever this year. Those of you who grow Wisteria seem to be having a bumper display.

We are hoping that lots of you have had great successes in your garden or allotment, and will come and show off your favourites at our **Summer Show** which takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 6 July. If you have not yet got a schedule and decided what you can enter, contact Peter Davis or myself right away, or download the schedule from our website.

It is not just flowers, fruit and vegetables. We have classes for cookery, photography, flower arranging, handcraft, and there are classes for children to enter- so don't be shy, have a look and have a go!

The show opens to the public at 2pm when you can find out how well you got on and admire the other 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 7 September.

The schedule covers 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. Happy gardening and enjoy the summer when it gets here.

Cathryn Carter 563233

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

We hope for fine weather on Sunday 7 July, when children and adults are invited to accompany the entomologist John Tyler on a Mini-beast Safari on Naphill Common. John

will help the children catch and identify insects and any small creatures lurking in the bushes and bracken - last year these included a slowworm. Like all of our events it's free: all you have to do is bring your children and meet at 2 pm by the Village Hall. The safari will last as long as you wish.

We also hope for dry and warm weather on Thursday 18 July, when the butterfly expert, Dennis Dell will lead a walk to search for the rare and elusive Purple Emperor butterflies, which are known to be on the common. They are one of the largest and most spectacular of our butterflies. They require a combination of tree species. The males patrol towards the top of tall oaks or other forest trees while the females seek out the pussy willow bushes where they lay their eggs. This combination of trees exists at several locations on the Common. On the way we will look out for other butterfly species such as Speckled Wood, Gatekeeper, Meadow Brown, Peacocks, Commas etc. If you would like to join the short walk, assemble at the Common end of Forge Road at 10.30 am.

It has to be fine again on the following day, Friday 19 July, for our bat walk, led by Bridget Parslow. We start at 8.15 pm at the Village Hall and walk over the Common. Bring a torch. There will be 'bat detectors' available so that we can hear their signals as they find moths and other insects amongst the tree branches. Last year, in less than perfect weather, we detected three species: Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle and Brown Long-eared, but there are almost certainly others waiting to be discovered.

The Bucks Invertebrate Group hopes to conduct a survey of insects on Naphill Common on Saturday 14 September, starting from the Village Hall at 10.30 am. If the weather is suitable Neil Fletcher will set up his moth traps on the Common at 7.15 pm on the same day. Neil is trapping moths on the Common on several evenings this year but it is not possible to advertise these in the Gazette because they depend on weather conditions and are arranged at the last minute. The trapping does not harm the moths but just attracts them to a light so that they can be identified. We will publish the list of species on our website.

You are also invited to join our Fungus Foray

on Sunday 13 October. It will be led by experts to help you identify what you have found, and start from the Common end of Forge Road at 10 am. In previous years we have discovered some unusual and rare species.

Our Walks for Pleasure are proving popular. We have short walks (2-3 miles) led by Chris Millar, starting from the Village Hall at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of the month, and longer walks (5-6 miles), led by Ron Collins, starting from the Village Hall at 9.55 am on the third Monday of each month. They are free and friendly, and you are very welcome to join in.

The Friends of Naphill Common has over 150 members. Please consider joining - only £5 per year. The money goes towards paying experts, event leaders and speakers. We also receive help from the Chilterns Commons Project which is run by Rachel Sanderson under the auspices of the Chiltern Conservation Board - to whom we owe thanks.

Trevor Hussey Chairman

*Long walks: Ron Collins 562240
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Naphill Evening WI

We've finished our Wall Hanging! Made to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 Olympics, our wall hanging for the Village Hall is finally finished and it must be said we are rather pleased with the result.

To celebrate we are holding an Open Afternoon at the Village Hall on Saturday, 31 August, when we will unveil our work.

Everyone is welcome and we will be serving afternoon tea (with cakes of course) from 2 pm to 4 pm. We hope to also have other displays to tell you a little about our WI. Please do come along.

On to other matters, it will be our Birthday Party in June when members will enjoy a tasty meal and also listen to Mr Steven Rodrick telling us about The Chilterns. On 18 July we will hear about Health in our Senior Years by Maureen Dennis.

First though, I must mention the Fete. We are very pleased to have won the prize for the best senior float and thanks go to Juliet for her great ideas and implementation and also to

Richard Webb for building our fantastic train. I know everyone involved enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to the members who served teas and refreshments in the Village Hall and also those who ran the tombola, particularly Jenny and Daisy. Thank also go to the husbands who spent quite a while battling with the wind to erect the gazebo!

In August the Food Appreciation Group are having a picnic in one of our member's garden and then, before we know it, it will be September.

I hope everyone has a lovely summer.

Carol Gilliam



Richard Webb as Isambard Kingdom Brunel. He also won 'best adult costume award'.



Juliet Shortall with Ladies of Naphill WI

Naphill Tennis Club



Our Ball-Machine proved to be a great success at the Fete, particularly with the youngsters. Only problem was rain stopped play! Finally, at 4 pm, when sunshine and blue sky beckoned and puddles had evaporated, a few stalwarts turned up to 'have a go'. The Ball Machine was trundled out once more, the kiddies had some fun and a few extra £s were raised for the fete.



Our Strawberries & Cream Stall was doing a steady trade before the heavens opened. Perhaps, next year, we should consider hot soup and rolls!

Jenny Tench

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

We would like to thank friends, customers, and off duty staff who helped us out during the day, you always help to make our life easier on these busy days. We really hope that everyone enjoyed Fete day to some extent, wasn't it a shame that the weather dampened the day (just slightly damp)! Well done to all of

you who supported the village whatever the weather. All of our staff made a huge effort with their costumes keeping to our crazy British Inventors theme, if nothing else we hope they put a smile on your faces, and some of you didn't get too wet from the water balloons, we really enjoy taking part in this amazing day. I was extremely embarrassed by the presentation of a beautiful bouquet of flowers on the Crick with everyone singing Happy Birthday to me, it takes quiet a lot for me to be embarrassed but Chloe ensured I was, so thanks and don't do it again!

After the fete was over we carried on into the night with an old skool disco by Shaun Salter (Rewind Disco). We celebrated many Birthdays during the day and there was some fantastic dance moves going on by the end of the evening (you know you are!) Here's to next year.

Mark and I were lucky enough to go on holiday to the Isle of Man for the TT Week, and we would like to thank Chloe and the team for looking after the pub while we were away. You all did an amazing job as usual. Thanks again.

On 19 June we celebrated our 7th anniversary at The Wheel (my god time flies)! Thank you to all our customers, staff, family and friends who have given us so much support and loyalty over the years we couldn't have done it without you. With this in mind I feel I must mention about one of the previous landlords Jimmy Mack (McBride) who sadly passed away on 11 June. Jimmy ran the pub for many years and was a well known landlord in the area, The Wheel and our customer raise a glass to you.

Hopefully the weather will start to improve for the summer holidays and we will see more people out in the garden enjoying the sunshine. Any events will be advertised on our chalkboards outside the pub, so keep an eye on them for anything coming up.

Once again Thanks to everyone for all their support.

Mark and Claire

Bon Ami

A big thank you to everyone who has been to view the new artwork from "West Wycombe Art Group" as part of "Bucks Open Studios" displayed in Bon Ami. The paintings will

remain here throughout the summer months so do come and have a look if you have not done so already.

We have a big fundraising event coming up on Friday 12 July. On this day we will be taking part in "Tarts for Troops". This is an incentive organised by "Blind Veterans UK". Throughout the day Bon Ami will donate 50p from every hot drink sold. Our cake cabinet will be filled with tarts, both sweet and savoury, such as the ever popular Bakewell tart, French Apple tart or Cheese and Onion TART. If, like us, you feel strongly for this cause please come along and support us on this day by enjoying a hot drink with us and a freshly baked tart.

In anticipation of the sun shining our Beechdean freezer is stocked with delicious ice creams. Come and enjoy one, or two, on The Crick.

We look forward to seeing all of the customers that we know and some new people too. Have a great summer.

Ruth & Amanda.

Pony Espresso

Pony Espresso is now into month seven and business is good, so much so that I am going to give Sunday opening a try. The hours won't be as long as other days, but we hope to see many of you popping in for a special treat and a delicious coffee and a quiet read of the the Sunday papers at some point.

I have also been asked by some customers about starting a Scrabble club, and as I am a huge fan of Scrabble, hope this works. Please come and and leave details if you're interested and hopefully some games can be arranged.

Our baguette menu remains very popular, and we have "Specials" on everyday too - unsurprisingly, soup is still in demand, and we also do freshly baked quiches everyday, as well as a number of different salad choices. And as ever, the cakes and cupcakes fly off the shelf! We look forward to having many more regulars. See you soon!

Blaine Wilsworth

Picture This

Sadly, I missed this year's British Achievements in History Fete and so I missed all those photo opportunities. I hope that one of the Fete's subjects was the invention of photography and the inventor an Englishman,

Henry Fox Talbot. The French might not agree that Henry invented photography - they prefer Nicephore Niepce - but as we live in Naphill and Walter's Ash, Henry is our man.

Back in the early 1800's when photography was invented, making photographs was a slow, risky and very unhealthy pastime. Picture this. As a photographer, you first had to work in a completely dark room or tent and make your own 'film'. You had to coat small sheets of glass with very poisonous liquid chemicals, which meant that you didn't bite your finger nails more than once. You then left the glass sheets to dry and kept them in the dark. Your camera was made of wood and, together with the weight of your glass 'film', you needed a donkey or a handcart to carry it all.

Fast forward from the 19th to the 21st century and you can now carry your camera in the back pocket of your jeans, you can bite your finger nails as often as you like and you don't need a barn-full of hay for the donkey!

The trouble is, that our small cameras can get in the way of making pictures. Cameras are now so easy to use, they almost encourage us to take lots and lots of snapshots without really thinking about the picture we are trying to create. So my tip for this month is to slow down, look very carefully and create your picture in your mind's eye before you grab the camera. Here's an example of slowing down to make a picture, make new friends and, in this case, influence people.

On Main Road there is a postbox and usually, in June and July, flowers from the garden of Beech Cottage spill over the wall and surround the red postbox. It would be easy to simply notice the postbox and 'take' a picture but a few years ago, I decided to make it the subject of my photograph.

The box was a bit dirty and so for me, the red wasn't red enough and the box didn't shine enough. And morning was the best light. So with my picture in mind, early one morning I took my cleaning bucket and Mr Muscle spray and cleaned up the box. It was now red with gold lettering. But it wasn't shiny enough. So I returned to the box with some extra virgin olive oil and gave it a light polishing. Camera and tripod came next and I then arranged the flowers to form a composition that I liked. A small crowd had now gathered around me probably wondering whether I needed medical

help and also inquisitive about what I could see that they couldn't. I let them have a look through the camera and I remember that they were amazed at the picture they could now see. I also learned later that I was being observed from afar and as soon as I'd finished and left, the observer popped across the road with his camera and made his own picture!

So next time you feel the urge to make a picture, slow down, look very carefully until you can see your picture in your mind's eye and then reach for your camera.

Articles about photography really do need pictures don't they. By the time you read this, I should have set up a special Naphill & Walter's Ash page on my website www.chilternphotography.com where I can show you some of the things I'll be writing about. Enjoy your photography!

Richard Holroyd.

Richard@richardholroydphotography.com

Join Naphill & Walter's Ash Parents Today!

This is a community Yahoo! email group for parent residents of the local area. The group's intention is to support the strong community spirit that exists in the local area. It is free to join and members benefit by being able to:

- Seek or make recommendations for businesses and services (i.e. plumbers, builders, boiler repairs, cleaners etc.)
- Ask for wide-ranging advice
- Communicate useful local information
- Offer or request assistance for neighbours/community projects in need
- Buy, sell, borrow or recycle items
- Promote fundraising activities and more

The group is moderated by Lisa Hamill, a Mum of two at the local school. If you wish to join the group, or get an idea what it looks like, please visit:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/naphillWalter'sashparents> and follow the instruction on how to join. The group has only just started, so once you have joined, please feel free to start making posts and please also spread the word about the site. The more members there are, the greater the benefit to us all.

Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic

The Buckinghamshire County Council (Main

Road, Naphill) (Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic) Order, 2013

Buckinghamshire County Council has made an Order, which will temporarily prohibit:

(1) any vehicle from proceeding, except for access, in that length of Main Road, Naphill, which commences at its junction with Bradenham Wood Lane and continues for a distance of 400 metres.

(2) any vehicle from proceeding, except for access, in that length of Main Road, Naphill, which commences at its junction with Clappins Lane and continues for a distance of 600 metres (in the direction of Coombe Lane).

The alternative route for vehicles affected by the closure will be via Main Road, Coombe Lane, Valley Road, Hughenden Road, Glenisters Road, Arch Way, Oxford Road, West Wycombe Road, Bradenham Road, Wycombe Road, Woodway, Main Road, New Road and vice versa.

The closure is required whilst British Telecom works take place and it is anticipated that the works will commence on 21 August 2013 and will take approximately 2 nights between 2355 hours and 0500 hours each night to complete.

The Order will come into operation on 21 August 2013 when the appropriate signs are lawfully displayed and will continue in force for a period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Penalties for not observing these restrictions will be as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Road Traffic Act 1991.

Dated 9 August 2013.

Anne Davies

*Service Director: Legal & Democratic Services
County Hal, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UA*

Bill Latham

The family and I would like to thank the kind people of Naphill for their wonderful support during the difficult time of Bill's illness and passing.

We have lived happily here now for over 45 years. It is comforting to know that he will be greatly missed by so many.

Joan Latham

Helen Collins

Following on from the article in the last edition I am pleased to report that the total sum raised in memory of Helen amounted to £4000 which is a wonderful tribute to her. I have sent £2000 to The Iain Rennie at Home Service and £2000 to Florence Nightingale Hospice.

May I take the opportunity of thanking everyone who donated cash at the church for your contribution. As I do not know who donated in this way I have not been in touch to thank you personally but I am most grateful.

Ron Collins

Naphill Bridge Club

Would you like to join your local Bridge Club?

The Naphill bridge club meets weekly at the Methodist Church on Thursday evening, starting at 7.15pm. We welcome all players to come and try our club, our members have mixed abilities and you will be assured of a friendly welcome. We have light refreshments during the evening, and if you require a partner, provided we are given advance warning, we will try to find one for you.

So, ring now Margaret Stagg 530736 or Rene Ashby 482933

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2 August 2013

On behalf of Wycombe Young Carers. Admission: Adults £8, children (under 15) £4. Doors open 7.30pm. First dance 7.45pm Doors close 11pm

Please make cheques payable to 'High Wycombe Rotaract' in advance, and send to 31 Amersham Hill Drive, High Wycombe, HP13 6QX or pay on the door.

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Organised by: The Rotaract Society of High Wycombe.

Welfare Benefits System

Do you know what's changing?

You may have heard that the Government is changing the welfare benefits system effective from 1 April. At Chiltern CAB, we want to help you to understand how these changes could affect you and your family.

These changes include cuts to Housing Benefit, Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Council Tax Benefit, amongst others. Some of the individual changes will have a massive impact on particular families. Each month we will be highlighting your concerns or worries about how the new changes will affect you. This month, we look at changes to the current Disability Living Allowance (DLA).

From October 2015, people in receipt of DLA will be reassessed for a new benefit called Personal Independence Payment. Some existing claimants with a change in their circumstances may be invited to apply earlier.

To get PIP you must:

- Be age 16-64.
- Satisfy the daily living and/or mobility activities test for three months prior to claiming, and likely to continue to satisfy this test for at least a further nine months after claiming.
- Provide detailed information on how your illness affects your daily life and attend a medical assessment.

Disability Living Allowance for children under 16 is not affected by these changes at this point in time. There will be two parts within two rates. These are made up of:

Part 1 - Daily Living

- Standard rate - if you have a limited ability to carry out daily living activities
- Enhanced rate - if you have a severely limited ability to carry out dialling living activities

Part 2 - Mobility

- Standard rate - if you have a limited ability to carry out mobility activities
- Enhanced rate - If you have a severely limited ability to carry out mobility activities

The only exception is for people who are terminally ill and who are not expected to live for more than six months. These claims will be dealt with quickly and the person will not need a face to face consultation, or to fulfil the three month qualifying period.

If you are concerned about these changes or worried about how they will affect your family, please call your Chiltern CAB today for free, impartial and confidential advice.

01494 545991 www.chilterncab.org.uk

RAF Annual Reception

On Thursday the 20 June 2013, RAF High Wycombe held the Annual Reception in the Officers' Mess for over 200 guests and staff. The Annual Reception is our opportunity to thank all those in our Community who have offered us so much support over the past year. The guests were entertained by the RAF Presentation Team and the High Wycombe Ladies Choir, who provided us with a fabulous set of their new songs, using it as a warm up to the Buckinghamshire Armed Forces Day! The evening culminated in a Sunset Ceremony, with a parade from RAF High Wycombe Personnel and the Central Band of the Royal Air Force.

I hope all those that attended enjoyed the evening, and look forward to another year of working closely together. The only part of the night that didn't quite go to plan was the fly past. Unfortunately, due to the weather in Lincolnshire, The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight could not take off. We were told that many in the village had come out to spot the aircraft as it flew past, so we are sorry to have caused any disappointment! However, we

would like to see the BBMF at some point over the summer; so watch this space...



The Sunset Ceremony, with a parade from RAF High Wycombe Personnel and the Central Band of the Royal Air Force



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Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15–7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30–6.45	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Methodist Church	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6–7.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Mondays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	guidinginhughenden@hotmail.co.uk
Cubs (Naphill Disraeli)	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Akela 0149 448 1103 naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Cubs (Walter's Ash)	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Catherine de Rouffignac 496917 (office hours)
EXTEND Gentle Exercise	Mondays 2 – 3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Carolyn 712801
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30–11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10,11,12 Saturdays 9.30–11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30–11am	The Crick	
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Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45–8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
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	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		
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Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8–9pm	Small Hall, Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Jacqui in the Box Music for Babies & Toddlers	Tuesdays 10.15am and 11.15am	Naphill Village Hall	Jacqui Tomlin 07948371615 jacquitomlin@aol.com
Line dancing	Tuesdays 8–9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday 10.55–11.30am 11.35–11.55am 12.05pm–12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45pm for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30am and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesday 7.30pm		
	Thursday 5.45pm		
Fitness Pilates – Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45–10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Curtis 562779 naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jtench@gmail.com
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Fridays & Saturdays (April–July)		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8–10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30–9.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga: Stretch, Tone & Relax	Tuesdays 1.30–2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
WI	Third Thursday in the month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jenny Price 563001

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Editorial

From reading your articles I can see that the summer break has been very much enjoyed. I am in denial that we are nearing September already!

This month's Gazette contains a wide variety of gardening and outdoor news - finally the gardeners have enjoyed some rewards for their labours! Our front cover this month is also garden related. Thank you to Meredith Draper for sending it in. She took the picture for her A level photography course whilst she was looking into macro photography (ie. close up photography). This shot was taken in one of the allotments in Naphill and Walter's Ash.

I am working closely with a local lady who will hopefully take over the role of Editor in the near future. I am enjoying showing her the ropes in this issue - watch this space for more news.

Clare Goddard 565065
gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk

Autumn 2013 District Councillor Report

We hope you had a wonderful summer break, enjoyed the glorious sunshine and were able to get out and explore our beautiful Chilterns countryside; we, your District Councillors will continue to strive to protect it for all to enjoy.

Ward Budget

Over the last few years we have put our Ward

Budgets to good use by contributing towards many worthwhile projects.

So far this year we have allocated money to help with the Lollipop Patrol in Hughenden Valley for Hughenden School.

We still have some funds available if you know of any worthwhile projects in your village please get in touch.

New Waste and Recycling Service Road Show

Wycombe District Council's waste and recycling experts will be coming to a location near you this August and September to answer your questions about the new waste and recycling service, which will start in the autumn.

Road Shows in or near our Ward are as follows:

Thursday 12 September:

Downley Community Centre, School Close, Downley, HP13 5TR: 9am to 12pm

Thursday 19 September:

Hughenden Valley Village Hall, Coombe Lane, Hughenden Valley, HP14 4NX: 9am to 12pm

New waste and recycling containers will be delivered during September and October, together with a collection calendar which will be attached to the top of the recycling bins. For now, current collections will continue as normal; bins should be put out by 7am on collection day.

PIN UP DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7th	Horticultural Society Autumn Show: Naphill Village Hall at 2pm
Wednesday 12th	Curry Night at The Wheel
Friday 27th	Macmillan Big Coffee Morning: Bon Ami, Naphill Village Hall from 9am – 4pm. 50p from each hot drink sold throughout the day donated to Macmillan. There will also be a cake raffle and a Guess How Many Coffee Beans in a Jar Competition.
Friday 27th and Saturday 28th	Beer Festival at The Wheel

OCTOBER

5th October	Brownie & Guide Jumble Sale. Naphill Village Hall at 2pm
10th October	Curry Night at The Wheel
Sunday 13th	FONC Fungus Foray. Meet at the Common end of Forge Road at 10 am. Free.
24th October	Game Nights at The Wheel

We continue to serve our ward and all who live and work within it.

If, there are any matters that concern you and you would like our assistance please get in touch.

David Carroll (716967) Audrey Jones (563435) Dory Morgan (562129)

Hughenden Parish Council Report

Alas, the deadline was missed for the last Gazette, so apologies to those who wondered whether we had all given up. Nothing could be further from the truth as Council affairs grind on and we deal with such issues as new lamp posts in Widmer End and muntjac in the allotments.

The first thing to mention is that we now have a new Clerk to the Council. We are delighted to welcome Peter Wetherman to the role. Peter has been a solicitor in the area for many years, a background that is already proving extremely useful as we deal with some Freedom of Information issues. We feel extremely fortunate to have his services and believe he will be a great asset to the community.

We could not have coped over the last couple of months without Emma Marsden (Assistant Clerk) valiantly filling the breach and I would like to give her a huge vote of thanks for her hard work.

You may have been aware that that the Council funded a visit from the mobile climbing wall to Naphill on a Saturday in mid-July. This appeared to be hugely enjoyed by those that came along, but it was a shame that for the 3 hours it was there, only 17 youngsters turned up. We feel that we need to find a way of publicising it better next time, but any suggestions on other youth activities that we can support would be greatly appreciated.

The Council is now having a break for the summer with the next meeting being in early September. But one final event is worthy of mention and that is the annual allotments competition. Ward Councillor Peter Williams was on the judging panel and has submitted this report.

'There are elements in life that we have to accept as inevitable; prices will rise, new version of cars get bigger and it will always rain when it's time to judge the best allotments in the Parish.

Four Councillors (one from each ward to ensure fairness) duly arrived one Saturday morning armed with brollies and wellington boots along with their clipboards for the full day it takes to

visit each of the eight allotments administered and maintained by our Parish Council.

The sun however, confounded us all and blazed down continuously while we toured each and every plot, marking as we went for such things as variety of produce, quality of edging, weed control and use of recycling/composting.

What a way to spend a glorious, British summer's day, witnessing the amazing keenness and ingenuity of some allotment keepers. From those growing chillies and artichokes to bountiful boughs of berries. We learnt that this year, on the whole, has been tough on potatoes but kind to fruit.

The judging panel were all newbies this year and we were all genuinely impressed with what people are able to achieve with their parcels of land. It really did take us all day to tour them all and we retired, slightly sun burnt, to one of the local hostleries to quench our thirst and review our scores to determine the best three plots at each site along with the overall top three in the Parish as well as the best newcomer allotment.

So what were the results? Well keep an eye out on the Allotment notice boards and the Parish Council website to find out soon!

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Councillors Phil Conran, Peter Williams, Roger Beavil and Dennis Hackling

A Personal Perspective

I had hoped that August would be a time when we could relax, spend time with family, and perhaps think of ways in which the residents of Hughenden Parish could have improved services.

However, around 50 incoming emails, mainly from some fellow-Councillors, together with phone-calls, replies, etc., on a single topic have dominated my time and that of several other Councillors. We also nearly held an Extraordinary Council Meeting on the topic, but I'm glad to say that those who had suggested it decided in the end to withdraw the request. In the holiday season we would have inevitably found that some Councillors would have been away on holiday. It is, of course, the right of any Councillor (or at least two of them) to ask for an ECM; it is also their right to ask to know about what is happening with regard to almost any aspect of Parish business, though the Clerk keeps us all up to date at Full Council meetings on a wide variety of matters, the next date being 10 September.

By the way, it is worthwhile noting that in addition to our long-standing part-time Assistant Clerk (Emma) we now have a full-time Clerk (Peter) who is still getting used to many of our activities.

The frustration, for me at least, is that more and time and effort seems to have been spent in the last few weeks on matters with an underlying history going back several years, at the expense of ideas and activities that could help the Parish now and in the future. I can only hope that we soon find a more suitable balance of effort. Before our mid-summer break many were involved in projects that will bear fruit over time, not the least of which has been trying to reduce road safety concerns at either end of our Ward, around the Co-op store in Walter's Ash and at what was previously the Costcutter store in Naphill.

I'm looking forward to September, when we might be able to think more of the Parish and Parishioners in general!

For those of you reading this article, I trust that your summer went well. Please do send to the Parish Council your ideas on ways in which groups of residents might be helped.

Roger Beavil

Bradenham Parish Council

The last Parish council meeting in July was brief, mainly because we had no news on the various major planning matters outstanding in the Parish.

The council decided that it again would have a stand at the Bradenham fete on 14 September. We would put together a small display about the various activities the council is involved in. It was also decided to hold a photographic exhibition/ competition at the fete. We are looking for photographs that include a scene featuring Bradenham Parish, people may be included, but must not be the subject. The photographs will be displayed at the Parish council stand at the fete and visitors to the stand will have the opportunity to vote for the picture they like best. The prize is the opportunity to have the photograph reproduced on the cover of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette later in the year. All entries have to be submitted to the clerk no later than 11 September. The detailed rules of the exhibition/competition are available from the clerk: clerk@bradenham.org.uk or 562254.

The next meeting of the Parish council will be on 9 September 2013 at 7pm at the cricket club.

*Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council,
clerk@bradenham.org.uk*

Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents' Association

Planning Applications to 9 July 2013:

13/06360/FUL Kate Cottage, 252 Main Road, Naphill. HA for erection of single storey rear extension. Appn. Permitted. **13/06308/FUL** Games Court, RAF High Wycombe, Walter's Ash. Construction of single storey extension to Red Kites Nursery and alterations to existing car parking. Appn. Permitted. **13/06565/FUL** Co-op Supermarket, 312 Main Rd., Walter's Ash. Installation of a canopy at the side of the property and colour variations to the shop front. **13/06467/FUL**. 121 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear and side extensions, insertion of window to front in connection with part conversion of garage into living accommodation and insertion of window in north elevation. Appn. Permitted Amendments. **13/06225/FUL** Wychwood Louches Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of part two storey, part single storey rear extension. The two storey rear extension has been moved some metres to opposite side of the property. However the neighbours at 17 Bayley Gardens, where the garden is very shallow, object that any two-storey extension would overlook both their small back garden and rear bedrooms. (NAWARA Objection on loss of amenity to neighbours). Appn. Permitted. **13/06210/FUL** 41 Ash Close, Walter's Ash Erection of 1 x 2 bed dwelling adjacent to No.41 Ash Close with new shared access. (NAWARA Objection. Overdevelopment. Insufficient parking space for 4 cars. Hazard from additional access opposite an existing car park. Destruction of a lot of hedging.) Appn. Refused.

Further Decisions:

13/06076/FUL 238 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear extension and provision of new hipped roof over the existing single storey side projection (Alternative scheme to planning permission 12/07506/FUL) . Appn. Permitted. **13/06007/FUL** Sembal, Coombe Lane Naphill. HA for erection of single storey rear extension. Appn. Permitted. **13/05810/LBC** Walter's Ash Farm 376, Main Road, Walter's Ash. Listed building application for the replacement of existing single glazing by sealed units of 12mm depth into the existing frames.

Permitted. **13/06267/FUL** Glendower, Downley Road Naphill. HA for the construction of single storey side and rear extensions (alternative scheme to p/p 13/05255/FUL) Permitted. **13/05974/FUL** Tilbury House, Louches Lane, Naphill. HA for erection of two storey side extension following removal of existing garage and shed. Erection of single storey side infill extension linking existing outbuilding, side/rear extension to outbuilding with erection of pitched roof overall and insertion of velux roof lights. Appn. Refused. **13/06013/ADV** 19 Main Road, Naphill. Costcutters. Display of 2 x externally illuminated fascia signs and 2 x non-illuminated window vinyls. Permitted. **13/06182/FUL** 132 Templewood, Walter's Ash. HA for installation of 2 sets of 1.225m high gates to the front boundary to private driveway (retrospective). Appn. Withdrawn. **13/06341/FUL** 1 Battingswood Gardens, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear extension and extend car port to rear. Permitted.

Applications to 15 August 2013:

13/06932/FUL Bucks Mill, Stocking Lane, Naphill. HA for insertion of one front dormer window. **13/06881/FUL** 32 Main Road Naphill. HA for construction of part single, part two storey front, side and rear extensions and loft conversion with associated external alterations. **13/06864/FUL** 41 Ash Close, Walter's Ash. Alterations to existing bungalow and erection of 1 x 2 bed dwelling adjacent to No.41 Ash Close with new shared access. **13/06818/TPO** 27 Braeside, Naphill. Reduce overhanging branches back towards boundary by 2-3 metres, judiciously pruning sub-lateral branches only to Beech group rear of 26-27 Braeside. **13/06423/FUL** Uplands House Hotel, Four Ashes Road, Cryers Hill. Demolition of existing buildings, erection of 5 x 4 bed and 11 x 5 bed dwellings. (16 in total), formation of new ring road access to highway together with associated infrastructure. (This application by Redrow Builders will result in loss of 74 rooms, 22 employees and part-time staff. The existing hotel and conference centre is in Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Beauty, with part of the grounds classified as Ancient Woodland. Any objections to demolition of existing buildings in favour of a more extensive housing development on the site, will need to be sent in immediately.) **13/06770/FUL** 3 Wellhouse Way, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear extension with new steps. **13/06666/FUL** Briar Wood, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HA for raising of roof and associated roof extensions and

alterations to create first floor living accommodation, construction of rear and side extensions, new front porch and creation of new parking area to front with retaining walls.

Parish Community Speedwatch. Volunteers urgently needed. Only two hours a month at most. Please ring 563634 or email lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Date of next meeting. 8pm Thursday 12 September 2013. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 563634
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Neighbourhood Police News



Hello from the Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Police Team (PRNPT). If you need to contact your neighbourhood police team then please dial **101**, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Princes Risborough Police Office or leave the team a message. Alternatively please send the PRNPT an email to: princesrisboroughnhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Reporting Untaxed Vehicles

Officers and staff are being reminded to report untaxed vehicles to the DVLA so that they can take action and remove them from the road.

The DVLA has a dedicated website to report untaxed vehicles. The website offers a place for officers and staff to check the vehicle hasn't been taxed in the meantime, and if not, an easy process to report it.

Ch Insp Henry Parsons, Head of Roads Policing, said: "The DVLA have dedicated teams dealing with removing untaxed vehicles from our roads. If you spot a vehicle which has an out of date disc, report it to the DVLA using their website. Some have tax discs which are out of date by a considerable amount, often masking criminal activity such as the car being used as a 'pool' car to commit crime.

Catalytic Converters property marked as part of Operation Smog

Thames Valley Police has teamed up with Mercedes-Benz dealer Hughes of Aylesbury in a crime-busting initiative designed to thwart metal thieves.

As part of Op Smog, Hughes will be offering customers the chance to get the catalytic

converters on their Mercedes Sprinter vans security marked.

Det Insp Ian Wood, South East Regional Co-ordinator for Aylesbury, said: "Although Thames Valley Police saw a reduction of just under 50 per cent in metal theft across the Force in the last financial year, theft of catalytic converters can still be a problem and we have been investigating ways of reducing it.

"As part of Op Smog, we are keen to get as many catalytic converters as possible security marked so that if they are stolen, we can try and trace them. Hughes of Aylesbury have sent a letter to all their customers with Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vans offering them the chance to have their catalytic converters marked for free as part of the initiative."

Thames Valley Police officers from the Op Precious metal theft team were at Hughes last week to see the first vehicles being marked.

Darren Nottingham, Hughes of Aylesbury service manager, said: "The Mercedes-Benz Sprinter was the first van to achieve the Euro 5 emissions standard and because this required the use of a catalytic converter with a relatively high proportion of precious metals, our vehicle was initially targeted by thieves. But now the other manufacturers are using these types of exhausts and this is becoming very much an industry-wide problem."

Det Insp Wood continued: "We are really pleased to be working with industry partners to try to tackle this area of crime. Not only does this give us the possibility of tracing stolen items, it will also give us the opportunity to gather evidence to prosecute offenders. We also appeal to the public to report any suspicious people, particularly seen around commercial vans, people carriers, and 4 x 4 pick-ups.

"We are keen to continue working with dealerships to carry out these operations and offer this service to their customers."

Anyone who sees any suspicious activity or has any information about metal or catalytic converter theft should contact the Police Enquiry Centre on 101

Road Safety

In the past month the PRNPT and volunteers from Community Speed Watch have been present at the following locations: Cockpit Road and Missenden Road, Great Kingshill, Valley Road, Hughenden Valley, Main Road Walter's Ash, Windmill Lane and North Road, Widmer End and Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross.

In total 291 drivers were issued with Community Speed watch letters.

The Princes Risborough Police Office is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10 am – 2 pm. If you cannot make it along to a Have Your Say event then you are more than welcome to come down to the police station during its opening times and speak to the station's duty officer, Share KHAN.

*SGT 4738 Andrew Deane
Princes Risborough Area Neighbourhood Police*

Neighbourhood Action Group

Speeding

- On 4 June between 13.30 and 14.30 a SID was deployed on Main Road, Walter's Ash in the 30 mph section, capturing the data of traffic heading towards Lacey Green. Fourteen drivers exceeded the speed limit have been sent CSW letters.
- On 5 June between 13.30 and 14.30 a SID was deployed on Main Road, Naphill in the 30 mph section, capturing the data of traffic heading towards Walter's Ash. Twenty drivers exceeded the speed limit have been sent CSW letters.

Litter

The top five lamest excuse on the Internet:

1. "I don't see why I should pick up other people's litter"

Edmund Burke was right: "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing". That's what's happening right now. By default, we are allowing the people who drop litter to win because we can't be bothered to do anything about it.

2. "It's the Council's job"

This is a good attitude to take if you like paying Council Tax. In England and Wales Local Authorities already spend around £500m per year of our taxes on picking up litter. Getting to grips with rural litter would require a significant increase in this figure. The truth of the matter is that Councils can't solve this problem on their own. This is something we can and should do for ourselves.

3. "It's dirty"

Not true. It's no more dirty than a little light weeding – just wear some gloves. How dirty can you get picking up a coke can?

4. "It's demeaning"

Yes, you may feel a bit self conscious at first.

But the feeling lasts about five minutes. People won't think you are nuts and your friends will still speak to you.

5. "I might get hurt picking up something nasty"

There is really very little risk. Out in the countryside you very rarely come across anything dangerous or unpleasant. It is almost all plastic bottles, cans, crisp packets and chocolate wrappers.

Give it a go. You'll make a big difference.

The litter around the Parish has started to increase with the more pleasant days and evenings upon us. Please take time to dispose of your litter in a manner that does not cause others to do it for you.

PC 3146 Lee TURNHAM

Neighbourhood Officer, Gt Hughenden Parish

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Despite Sarah Bacon's excellent organisation in sending in her news in good time, I (the Editor) have managed to lose it and cannot find any trace of it electronically! So I apologise to Sarah and to you, the readers, for the absence of her article. I do know, however, that the fete raised over £5,000 thanks to the hard work of the organising committee.

Sarah will update you all next month with the news from the Village Hall and Playing Fields Council.

*Clare Goddard
Editor*

Christmas Gift Fayre

We know it is rather early to be mentioning this, but we wanted you all to know that the Christmas Fayre is going to be revamped this year, and have a slightly different format.

Unfortunately, Father Christmas cannot be with us on the day, he is a very busy man in December and is booked to be elsewhere.

So, although there will not be a grotto, there will be more stalls selling all sorts of things to make your shopping easier. We will of course have all the usual things such as tombolas, games, cake stall, grand draw, mulled wine and mince pies – the list goes on.

Most importantly, we want you all to come along on 7 December and enjoy this fun afternoon at the Village Hall.

Christmas Gift Fayre Committee

Report of Best Kept Village Results

Naphill has been awarded a Certificate of Merit for achieving a Highly Commended grade in the Defra Cup. The marks awarded were 83 out of a possible 100.

The village can be very pleased with this achievement since it is some years since Naphill last entered the competition and there was much to do. Many thanks to all those who played their part. The cup was won by Seer Green, with Stewkley as runner up.

These are the judges' comments:-

The Methodist Church building surrounds were tidy. The Village Hall is quite a large building with tidy surrounds; in use on the day of the visit by patrons enjoying refreshments. Good hub of community with a large parking area. A refuse bin was seen to be overflowing near the village hall and some graffiti was noticed by the tennis courts. The playground had good robust play equipment.

Public houses were well presented with tidy surroundings. The village notice board had good clear information with a BKV notice and a message thanking the community for the effort in BKV preparation – a nice touch.

The War Memorial was well maintained. The pond near Vincent's meadow was clean and well managed with appropriate planting by the surrounding waters edge.

A good detailed map of the features/locations was provided for the judges.

These comments follow the format of the categories on the mark sheet. Marks are given below:-

1A Places of worship	8/10
1B Playing field	18/20
1C Village Hall	17/20
1D Hedges, verges, conservation area	8/10
2A Areas around pubs and shops	8/10
2B Bus shelter, notice boards	8/10
2C War Memorial, pond	8/10
3 Overall appearance, lack of litter, evidence of community effort	8/10

The judges' comments are not very detailed and therefore provide less future guidance than might have been hoped. Doubtless we can make our own judgements.

Great efforts had been made to improve the environs of the Village Hall but the judges would

not, of course, have been aware of the starting points earlier in the year.

Some efforts do not seem to be rewarded in the marks because several items have to be considered together in order to make the process manageable. For example, the Black Lion and the Wheel probably merited 10/10 for the attractive way they look but some shops would have been marked down, reducing the mark to 8/10. Similarly, we may feel the War Memorial alone deserved 10/10 but it is combined with the pond. The judges' decision is, of course, final and respected.

Naphill has to rely on Bucks County Council and Wycombe District Council to deal with the verges and wash the road signs. The schedules seem to be variable to say the least. Judges are aware of this but at certain times the overall appearance of the village can be adversely affected.

The Village Hall Council will be considering the results, and planning for the future, at its next meeting on 2 September.

Peggy Ewart

Services at St Botolph's

September 1st	11am Eucharist
September 8th	11am Eucharist
September 15th	11am Eucharist
September 22nd	11am Matins + Baptism
September 29th	9.30am Benefice Service at St. Mary's, Radnage

Peggy Ewart

Naphill Neighbours

The Committee hopes you have all had a wonderful summer. We certainly cannot complain about the weather this year; there's been a lot of sunshine and very warm it's been too. Let's hope we haven't seen the last of it just yet.

At our July meeting we all had the opportunity of joining Mrs Sylvia Eastgate as she demonstrated "Tai Chi" movements. Tai Chi was originally developed as a martial art in 13th century China but today it is practised around the world as a health-promoting exercise. I think a majority of us took part and from the back of the hall, where I was situated, it did look very graceful seeing us all following Mrs Eastgate's lead and waving our arms to and fro and it appeared to be very gentle exercise which didn't

place any stress on joints and muscles. I recognised a lot of the movements which are used in other fitness and Pilates classes. We very much appreciated Mrs Eastgate encouraging us and we all enjoyed the evening.

On Thursday, 25 July, we had our half day excursion to Kelmscott Manor in the Cotswolds. This is a limestone manor house which was the country home of William Morris from 1871 until his death in 1896, after which it was occupied by his widow, Jane Morris, and later by his daughters. It really is a beautiful house and is full of the designs of William Morris in wall coverings and textiles, lovely furniture including two four poster beds and some beautiful family portraits of his wife and daughters. The house is quite close to the Thames Path between Buscot and Grafton Locks so if you are ever spending your holiday walking that path you can always take a break at Kelmscott and enjoy this wonderful spot. We took much longer than we expected soaking up the history of this manor and arrived in Burford in time for a quick browse around the shops and afternoon tea before returning home. We were very fortunate with the weather yet again with just the threat of rain. All in all, it was a lovely afternoon.

At our next meeting, on 9 September, we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary and we hope as many of you as possible will attend. We will be celebrating in style; wine on arrival having some photographs taken and there will be Musical Entertainment by 'Voice Versa'. At the end of the evening the Committee will be serving our Celebration Birthday Cake with tea and coffee. No tea hostesses that night, you will be waited on hand and foot.

On Tuesday, 17 September, we are going out for our special treat, namely our 50th Anniversary Tea Party. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 2.15pm with one more pick up at Forge Road. At our next meeting Hazel Vickery will be seated in the Lobby of the Village Hall with her list so that, if you have any doubts at all about that particular event, you will be able to check with her to clarify things. We hope you will all enjoy yourselves.

Yvonne Cook

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Autumn Show: Saturday 7 September, Naphill Village Hall at 2pm

How has your garden fared this summer? If it is

anything like mine, the lawn is rather parched, but the flowers have enjoyed the weather and put on a magnificent display. Everything may have had a late start, but they have certainly caught up now, and no hosepipe ban has certainly made the watering a lot easier!

We are hoping that you all have lots of things in the garden which have behaved themselves, and if so, we are hoping that you will come up trumps and make the Autumn Show a success. This is your big chance to show off what you have been nurturing in your gardens and allotments over the year.

We would love to see as many of you as possible at this village event, and always welcome more exhibitors – so, don't be shy, pick up a schedule and have a go. The show is meant to be fun, and not the fierce competition you may think. There are flower, vegetable, cookery, photography, and handcraft classes, and of course special classes for children (in case you are looking for something to do in the last few days of the holidays!!)

As always, full details are of all the classes can be found on our website, along with advice on how to stage your exhibits and handy hints for exhibitors.

The schedule in printed form is available from Peter Davis, the Post Office, Bon Ami or myself.

We open to the public at 2pm, when exhibitors and visitors can come and admire the exhibits (and find out what you have won!), and have some refreshments before the ever popular auction of donated exhibits at 4pm.

Looking ahead, our annual Cheese and Wine evening will be on Friday 25 October. 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

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

The weather has been kinder to us this year and our various events have been successful in attracting pleasing numbers of people. Even our stall at the fete withstood the storm. On 25 June a merry band toured the pubs of Naphill, including those lost long ago. We walked from the Wheel to the Three Pigeons; thence to the Blacksmith's Arms and the Rag and Louse (alias the Walnut Tree); then on to the Royal Oak and finally ending up at the Black Lion. Our excuse, if excuse was needed, was that all, except the



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Royal Oak, had at one time been on or adjacent to the Common. Even the Wheel stood on the edge before the enclosures of the 1850s.

Despite clashing with the men's final at Wimbledon, several families enjoyed the Mini-Beast Safari on 7 July. More than a dozen searched for the Purple Emperor Butterfly on 18th July: the search was unsuccessful but enjoyable none-the-less. The bat walk was more productive the following evening, with plenty of Common and Soprano Pipistrelles, and perhaps something rarer.

Thanks to Neil Fletcher, we have been holding regular moth trapping sessions on the Common and well over 100 species have been identified so far this year. We have had two beautiful hawk moths – Elephant and Pine – and several rarities or local species, including a Red-necked Footman, a Mocha and Black Arches. All moths are released unharmed. Unfortunately we can't advertise the sessions in advance because they have to be arranged to suit the weather.

Thanks to Chris Miller and Ron Collins respectively, our short and long walks have attracted increasing numbers. The short walks (2-3 miles) led by Chris, start from the Village



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Hall at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of the month. The longer walks (5-6 miles), led by Ron, start from the Village Hall at 9.55 am on the third Monday of each month. Like all of our events, they are free and you are very welcome to join in.

At the time of writing, the 'Draw and Walk' event, organised by Roni and Keith Wilkins, has yet to take place on 25 August. I hope the sun smiles and this splendid and novel idea is a success.

Our next event is a Fungus Foray which will start from the Common end of Forge Road at 10am on Sunday 13 October. It will be led by experts from the Bucks fungus Group, who will be happy to identify whatever fungi you find. Children are welcome. Our Open Meeting (and AGM) will be on Friday 7 February 2014 and the local historian Frances Kerner will be our speaker. Please come.

The West Wycombe Estate tells us that it is most unlikely that they will start felling trees on the Common this autumn as originally intended. It is likely to start in 2014 and, because the Common is an SSSI, it will be restricted to modest numbers agreed by Natural England and the Forestry Commission. On a less

cheerful note, there is a danger that Acute Oak Decline (also known as Sudden Oak Death) may appear on the Common, so we are organising a survey. The recommendation by the Forestry Commission is that infected trees are removed and burned. A preliminary survey suggests that the number of infected trees will be small.

Trevor Hussey Chairman

*Long walks: Ron Collins 562240
 Short Walks: Chris Miller 563707*

Naphill Evening WI

We have been entertaining our friends from Napton WI with whom we are twinned. On 13 August we met up at West Wycombe Caves for coffee and a visit to the caves, followed by lunch at the George and tea in the old Library. The weather was kind to us and those that did not wish to go into the caves walked down to the church in the village. Everyone got on very well together judging from all the chatting and story swapping. We look forward to another visit to them sometime in the future.

Margaret has hosted a picnic in her garden on behalf of the Food Appreciation Group, also with fairly good weather. Some of us had to miss this

event as we attended the Federation Day in Aylesbury put on by the Bucks Federation to promote WIs, where there was a tombola, a jigsaw puzzle that they hoped visitors would finish by the end of the day and some fun science games for any children (or adults) who attended.

Our Open Afternoon at the Village Hall on 31 August will have come and gone by the time you read this but plans are in hand to make it an interesting and entertaining event. There will be a display showing various past events that Juliet is organising and there will also be a variety of members' crafts on display. We are all looking forward to this, as some of our members are very artistic and, of course, crafty! The cakes will be excellent too.

On 17 October we will have our Annual Meeting and then on 25 October it will be the Autumn Group Meeting at Downley Village Evening WI when we will be told about the publishing of *Pride and Prejudice 200 Years Ago*.

Carol Gilliam

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

It always amazes me how quickly these two months go by. It doesn't feel that long ago since I was writing the last Gazette. Talking about the last Gazette I would like to thank Clare Goddard for the picture on the front cover, which has caused my customers no end of entertainment!

The last couple of months have seen some amazing weather and also some very heavy rain as soon as the kids broke up from school (always the way!) We haven't had any events on during August as so many people are off on their summer holidays including most of my staff. July and August has however hosted a number of parties that have been lucky to have the weather, which has given them the use of our courtyard off the dining room. It's only taken two years for the sun to shine on it. My Mum's 70th was a great evening although it wasn't a surprise in the end. Thanks to everyone who came and especially to Alan who organised the red carpet from Hughenden Manor which she walked down with a huge smile on her face. One of our staff Kate Greenlee also turned 18 and is now finally legal to drink; let's just say it was interesting!

We would also like to congratulate one of the fete committee members Lisa Williams and her husband Peter on the birth of their third son Mark, who I'm pleased to say was here for a

visit at just three days old (strange his name is the same as the local landlord!)

So what's coming up over the next two months...

- Curry Nights are back – Wednesday 12 September and 10 October
- Beer Festival! – Friday 27 and Saturday 28 September
- Game Nights (the season starts again) – 24 October and 14 November

We have had lots of question when the next Beer Festival is and we now have the dates 27 and 28 September, we will have our usual 20 + ales and at least four ciders out in the marquee. We will have live music on Friday and Saturday this year, the theme for the ales is still work in progress so you will have to wait for the tasting notes.

On a very scary note our Christmas menu will also be available by the middle of September!

Thanks to everyone and I hope you had a lovely summer holiday.

Mark and Claire

Bon Ami

It has been a very busy summer so far and we have welcomed so many new faces at Bon Ami, along with our ever-loyal regulars. The warm weather has brought children out on the Crick by the dozen and we have enjoyed watching them running around and playing games – the way the summer holidays should be spent!

Back in July we held a Tarts for Troops day to raise money for Blind Veterans UK. We got busy making lots of tarts, both sweet and savoury and Bon Ami donated 50p from each hot drink sold throughout the day. Together with customer donations, we raised £98 – it was a lovely day and we really appreciate our customer's support for such a worthwhile cause.

In September, in conjunction with Malt the Brewery (our local micro-brewery in Prestwood) we will be baking a special fruit and ale cake using their Summer Daze ale, which is light fruity and refreshing. Do come in and try some! – cake that is, not ale.

On Friday 27 September we will be hosting our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. It will run for the whole day and we will again be donating 50p from each hot drink sold to Macmillan. Do put the date in your diary and come along and help us support the invaluable work that they do.

And lastly – throughout September the artwork displayed at Bon Ami will be discounted by 15%

to make way for some new pieces. Come in and treat yourself or someone special to a timeless piece of local art.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you soon.

Ruth and Amanda.

Pony Espresso

They told me everyone goes away in August! They said it would be a quiet month! Not in Pony Espresso it isn't! We are getting busier and busier I'm very pleased to say, and I have now taken on a few more members of staff. Even through the hot days of summer we were asked if soup was on the menu, and for awhile it wasn't, but it is now. On the opposite end of the scale we now stock ice creams and sorbets from Beechdean, which are selling well. Our freshly baked and filled baguettes continue to be very popular as do our lovely selection of cakes. Sunday opening is picking up nicely so even though it doesn't yet say on the door, we're open between 10am and 3pm.

I'm very grateful for all the support from my customers and new people come in everyday which is fantastic! Here's to another busy month...cheers!

Blaine Wilsworth

Picture This

Sometimes photographs are unsuccessful because there are things in the background that weren't noticed when the picture was made; you've seen the picture of someone with a telegraph pole growing out of their head. So my tip this month is about getting rid of – or at least minimising – messy backgrounds by limiting how much of your photograph is in sharp focus. Some of what follows might appear to be a bit technical, but your camera instructions will show you how to do the technical bit.

So picture this. A few weeks ago, I and many other people were out on Main Road, cameras ready and eagerly expecting to see a fly-past of a Hurricane, Spitfire, and a Lancaster. Sadly, bad weather in Lincolnshire prevented the 'planes from taking off. So, with no air display over Naphill and Walter's Ash but with the camera ready for action, I headed for the garden.

Two years ago, I had planted some Irises and this year, for the first time, a plant had flowered. It had a single, stunning flower: the intense colour glowed; the elegance demanded you stare. This was a flower posing for a portrait.

The soft evening light was good light for

photography. But there was also competition from surrounding grasses and lavender; they were like the people who dance around behind TV reporters with "Hello Mum" banners. This was the messy background waiting to happen. An option would have been to cut the other flowers down – but as two of my wife's favourites, that was a short-lived option.

So I had – and you have – two ways to blur the background and keep flouncy Iris nice and clear and the star of your picture. The first way is to get very close to the Iris and focus on it. And it doesn't matter which sort of camera you use – getting very close always blurs backgrounds. The second way is for you to control the lens setting of your camera. (Sorry but you can't do this on a phone camera or a fully automatic compact camera.) Your camera instructions will tell you how to set 'Aperture priority' for your lens. One thing the Aperture does is to influence how much of your picture from front to back is in sharp focus. To make backgrounds blurred and keep foregrounds sharp, you choose a large Aperture which will have a number value of around f2.8 or f4.0. Carefully focus on your foreground subject and press the shutter.

The result will be a perfectly sharp foreground and a blurred background which is perfect for portraits and it's called 'Shallow Depth of Field'.

So, next time you are at a party and there's a lull in the evening, you can now start a stimulating in-depth conversation about the artistic value of 'small f-numbers' and 'Shallow Depth of Field'. You can also find some pictures which illustrate this technical stuff in the 'Naphill' gallery on my website www.chilternsphotography.co.uk In the meantime, enjoy your photography.

Richard Holroyd.

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Autumn in the Garden

After the beautiful days of this summer, Autumn is quickly upon us as we race to get things tidy in the garden. With bedding plants past their best and vegetables that have done their thing, what better time to start a compost heap?

Composting is easy – it really is! We are all aware on the need to recycle our rubbish and if our new kerbside collection isn't up and running, it soon will be, but rather than putting some of this waste out for collection we could put much of it to use in our gardens. It's valuable stuff.

Peelings, tea bags, loo roll tubes and a whole wealth of other things can be turned into compost for the garden. If you get the mix

correct a 50 / 50 balance of greens and browns then it will do all the hard work for you. Greens are things like plant matter and vegetable peelings, tea bags, flowers and grass clippings but it's best to avoid perennial weeds. Browns are dry things such as cardboard, leaves, straw or even shredded paper (one of the things we can't put out in the paper bin!). There are so many things that can go into the compost heap, some that you'd never think of, like the waste from the Hoover and clothes made of natural fabric that aren't good enough for the charity shop.

Making a compost heap is easy too. Black bins are on offer at the moment and available to buy via the Council (www.getcomposting.com), or call 0844 571 4444), pallets can be tied together in a square or you can literally just make a heap. I currently have a variety on the go and so far have had the best results with the black plastic bins. (However this may be because our chickens can't get inside to gobble up the worms!)

Autumn leaves make fantastic compost when mowed up with the grass. The mix of grass cuttings and dry leaves make the ideal mix, alternatively leaves can be stored separately in either plastic bags with holes poked in the sides or wire bins. Whichever way you used them this rich plant matter will make a great addition to your garden once it has rotted down.

If you are new to composting, need more advice or would like to go on a free composting course, please go to; www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk or email composting@buckscc.gov.uk or phone 01296 387797. Happy Composting!

Alexandra Gray – Master Composter

100th Birthday Celebration

Phyllis May Southam - née Lawrence, a life-long inhabitant of Naphill Village, hopefully celebrates her 100th birthday on 8 September 2013 at 'Beehive Cottage' on Naphill Common.

Phyllis was born at 'Roselyn Cottage' on Main Road, Naphill, now re-named 'Siskins'. Subsequently she lived at the bungalow on Downley Road, originally the village shop. In her later life Phyllis worked at the family furniture business. 'W Lawrence & Sons', Downley Road, where she met and married Douglas Southam, her second husband, and they made their home together at the original family home, 'Beehive Cottage', Naphill Common, where Phyllis still resides.

Jean Lawrence-Mann



Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale Saturday 5 October Naphill Village Hall 2pm

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.

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Attention All Gazette Advertisers

In July, my emails were hacked. The hacker deleted everything in my inbox – which covered the past few years – and every name and address in my contact list. In addition, he or she sent an email to every contact claiming that I was on holiday in Manila and had been mugged and desperately needed £2500 to pay the hotel bill and return home! Fortunately, all my contacts recognised this scam for what it was.

Forty-eight hours later, BT Yahoo managed to restore the contacts list but were not able to regenerate the emails themselves. However, with help from a friend, I discovered just eight months of incoming emails hiding in Windows Live Mail (a strangely arbitrary period from July 2011 to March 2012). This is therefore an appeal to all advertisers, and others, who have asked me to do something on their behalf – such as add their names to the waiting list for display adverts. PLEASE email me again at alanlewis69@btinternet.com, repeating your request. This will be of great help.

I should add that the experience is not one I would wish on anyone. We're all regularly encouraged to think of the planet and not print emails unnecessarily but, having been hacked (and my password was 14 characters long and

World Cup Entry 1966 – Naphill Neighbours Club Float



Pam Smith has shared this fantastic photo of the Naphill Neighbours float from the 1966 Village Fete. The club entry was titled 'Club Team for the Cup'. In 1966 the Club was called 'Young Neighbours' but when Pam was asked to go on the committee it was changed to Naphill Neighbours. Pam wonders where those 48 years have gone!

Pictured here, from the left, are Sylvia Stone (?), Pam Smith, Olwyn Stone, Marion Stevens, Nancy Hussey, Sue Stallwood, Brenda Butler, Doris Jenkins, Sally Harvey

a mix of letters and numbers!), when this happens I wonder whether the advice is as good as it appears. From now on, I shall be changing my email password regularly.

Alan Lewis

Plant Enthusiasts!

Wild plant charity Plantlife (plantlife.org.uk), are hoping to reach out to many wild plant enthusiasts and nature lovers by inviting them to become wild plant 'pioneers' and subscribe to a free quarterly e-learning bulletin to learn more about our native wild plants via the 'Wild About Plants' project website – www.wildaboutplants.org.uk. The Wild About Plants team deliver Plantlife's outreach programme and work to help people reconnect with the outdoors and their local green spaces. Working with schools, families and communities from all walks of life and with fantastic free downloadable resources, the team hope to engage people with the nature on their doorstep. In recent years subscribers have been asked to

record the plant life in their local area and recount what they used to see/pick and forage for.

Plantlife have just launched "flowers on the edge" their annual road-verges campaign. They are asking communities to record how their road verges are looking this summer by taking photos and sending in stories.

The Wild About Plants team Wild About Plants is funded by Natural England through Access to Nature, as part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme. It is a partnership project involving partner organisations throughout the country.

Finally, did you know that the county flower of Buckinghamshire is the Chiltern Gentian?

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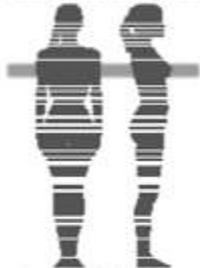
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	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9-30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	The Crick	
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	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
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	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45 pm		
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	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8-10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
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Editorial

I am delighted to welcome Sonia Goby to the Gazette team as the new Editor. Sonia has been working hard over the summer to transfer the Gazette onto her Mac software and this month she has 'taken the plunge' and has put this edition together for you. I wish Sonia well in her new role and want to say a big thank you to her for taking it on.

I would also like to thank Ian Banks, Alan Lewis, Mike and Pauline Pool, Judy Whitehouse, Dave Kidger, David Leith and Sue Fryer for the support that they gave me throughout my time as Editor. They've always been willing to help out if I've needed it and I very much appreciate the time that they put in.
Best wishes, Sonia!

Clare Goddard
gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk

From the New Girl

Thank you for all the lovely greetings and good wishes that have flooded in since it was announced that I was going to take over from Clare as Editor. I think I am probably going to need them!

It was a lovely, sunny Saturday when I read Clare's plea in the Gazette. I reckoned I was fairly computer literate, retired with a few hours to spare and that Himself and I needed to be more involved in the community. I wrote the 'if you are really desperate might I do', email. Now of course, I am assured, there was no desperation, but Clare kindly agreed to let me have a go just the same.

I quickly found that I was nowhere near as computer literate as I thought and that none of my computer programmes were of any use and that the current Gazette editing programs didn't work on my computer. It is a very steep, but worthwhile, ongoing learning curve and I am very grateful to Clare, I have such a great act to follow, and Geoff at our printers and Richard for all their help, advice, patience and support and to Alan for doing all the advertising, that would definitely have been a step too far! Because of the programme change, I have set the Contacts Directory and the Clubs and Organisations from scratch so I should be grateful if you would please check that I have entered your details correctly. Likewise, I am trying! Himself would add VERY! If you let me know, I will happily do my best to correct omissions and errors in the November Gazette!

Congratulations to Naphill Neighbour's on their 50th Anniversary and my thanks to Alan Jaycock for this month's cover photographs.

My thanks too to all the contributors and advertisers who have made this edition of the Gazette possible and I look forward to working with you all and getting to know you better in the future.

Sonia Goby

gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk

Naphill Neighbours



Our first meeting after the summer break fell on Monday, September 9th, when we celebrated our Golden Anniversary, 50 Years of Naphill Neighbours! Our members were welcomed with a glass of 'Bubbly', treated to an evening of entertainment by 'Voice Versa' and an opportunity to view lots of photographs taken over the years, thanks to Pam Smith, our local historian, and Valerie Whale our present 'snapper'. Our thanks go to Alan Jaycock who very kindly took professional photos during the evening so that we have a record of our celebrations and two of which appear on the front cover of this month's Gazette. Before our entertainment commenced we all joined in a rendition of our Anniversary Song, the lyrics of which fitted very nicely into the tune of our Christmas one. It was all rounded off with coffee or tea and a piece of our delicious celebration cake and we all enjoyed the evening and the chance to catch up with one another and some old friends. Many thanks to all those who helped in the kitchen at the end; I've lost count of how many there were but it made tidying up a lot quicker and was very much appreciated.

On Thursday, 17th September, we all had a very special treat when we boarded the coach at the Village Hall for our journey to The Oxford Belfry for Afternoon Tea. They laid on a delicious spread thoroughly enjoyed by us all and there was plenty of time for chatting with one another before we made our way home again. There was quite a buzz on the afternoon!

Our next meeting takes place on Monday, 14th October, when we hold our AGM; please don't let this frighten you, and take names for our Christmas Dinner. Afterwards we welcome back Mr Russell Cherry to speak on "The Thames from Oxford to the Barrier", which will be illustrated by slides. You may remember he spoke in July 2012 on the Thames from its source to Oxford. Be sure to come along because he knows all the 'pubs' along the way and walking the Thames Path can be quite thirsty work. Tea hostesses for the evening will be Juliette Shortall, Anne Thomas and Jean Fortescue. We look forward to seeing you.

Yvonne Cook



Are You Getting the Green Deal?

The Green Deal is a new Government scheme to help with energy saving improvements to your home such as loft insulation, double glazing and solar panels. YOUR Chiltern CAB is on hand with lots of advice about the scheme and how it works.

Q. Dear Chiltern CAB, I'm a homeowner, and I've been looking for ways to cut my energy bills. I've just received a leaflet about the Green Deal - is there anything I should know before I decide whether to sign up?

A. The scheme lets you make improvements to your home without having to pay up-front. Instead, you take out a loan which is repaid through the

savings on your energy bills. Like any credit arrangement, the Green Deal is a serious financial commitment and is attached to properties, not people, so you need to think carefully about whether it's right for you.

The scheme is designed so that savings always outstrip repayments. But this isn't a guarantee, so taking out a Green Deal loan may mean that your bills increase. If you're on an electricity meter r payments will be taken off your credit in small amounts several times a day, so you may find that your credit is used up faster.

Green Deal loans are covered by the Consumer Credit Act, which gives you important rights, however you need to be aware of certain information regarding the 'cooling off period' should you decide to go ahead, after an assessment of your home. If you can't save money through the Green Deal, you may be able to get extra financial help under the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) for energy saving improvements to your home, including solid wall insulation and cavity wall insulation. Call Energy Savings Advice Service on 0300 123 1234.

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PIN UP DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

5th October	Brownie and Guide Jumble Sale Naphill Village Hall at 2pm
10th October	Curry Night at The Wheel
13th October	FONC Fungus Foray. Meet at the Common end of Forge Road at 10am.
13th October	Charity Quiz Night Black Lion 8.15pm
24th October	Game Food Night at The Wheel
25th October	Naphill Horticultural Society, Cheese and Wine Evening, Naphill Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Wine and Soft Drinks Bar. Tickets £10
26th October	Princes Risborough Rotary, Halloween and Bonfire Party, Risborough Secondary School, Gate opens 5.30pm, Fireworks 7.00pm
30th October	Quiz Night

November

2nd November	Bonfire Night on the Crick
6th November	The Wheel - Malt The Brewery Tour
14th November	Game Food Night - The Wheel
27th November	Quiz Night - the Wheel

Bradenham Parish Council

At our September meeting Carl Etholen, our new County Councillor introduced himself. He updated the parish council on the County's road maintenance program and answered questions. Research on a parish council web site had come to a halt due to holidays, but Teif Jones will look at various options and suggestions and present those with costing to the next meeting.

We gained a certificate of merit in the Best Kept Village Competition in recognition of the high standard. We had gained 83 out of 100 points. Discussions took place on village entry gates and signs. Bucks County Council had offered 2 different types of gates, one painted, the other not. The parish had asked if boulders or large stones could be used, but this had been rejected by the County on safety grounds. Large stones, like the Sarsen stone on the Green, would suit the area very well, speaking of the spirit of the place. The National Trust and the Chilterns Conservation Board would favour stones. The parish Council supported by County Councillor Carl Etholen will go back to the County to look again at the possibility of large stones as entry signs to Bradenham village.

The published HS2 construction route along the A4010 was discussed and we will write to our MP expressing the Council's concerns about the use of the A4010 for construction traffic. The parish Council had a stand at Bradenham fete with a small display. We had had 7 entries to our photographic exhibition/competition. A photograph taken in north Dean by Richard Holroyd received the most votes from the public. It will be displayed on the November front cover of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette. Many thanks to Clare for giving us this opportunity.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 11th November at the Cricket club at 7.00pm.

*Deirdre Hanson. Clerk to the Council
clerk@bradenham.org.uk*

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Has anyone got "Angel's Fishing Rods" in their garden, that I could have a piece of, please? Can't buy it anywhere!!

Sally Woodbridge 562281

Naphill Brownies

Welcome to our new gazette editor Sonia and thank you to Clare for all the hard work as outgoing ed.

We are all enjoying being back to brownies after the summer. The brownies are working on their Artist badge this term, so will be drawing, painting and being generally creative. We have already experimented with colour with paints, food and wool. This is alongside the usual mix of games, songs and challenges.

We welcome 4 new brownies this term, having said farewell to some of older girls who are moving on up to Guides. We also say farewell to 2 of our leaders, Rachel and Tina, who are moving away to take on new challenges. We would like to say a big thank you and wish you all the best.

In a few weeks time we are going to be visiting the RAF Fire Station, so will hopefully get our Fire Safety badges this term too.

The Brownies and Guides Jumble Sale takes place on 5th Oct. We hope you have been collecting your jumble for us over the summer. There will be the usual collection of jumble from round the village on the morning of the sale so please put your bags out by your gate for us. Do come along in the afternoon and find yourselves some bargains. As ever the brownies will be manning the toy stall with their usual enthusiasm.

*Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)
565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com*



**Guides & Brownies
Jumble Sale
Saturday
5 October
Naphill Village Hall
2pm**

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.

Neighbourhood Police News



Hello from the Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Police Team (PRNPT). If you need to contact your neighbourhood police team then please call **101**, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Princes Risborough Police Office or leave a message. Alternatively please send the PRNPT an email to: princesrisborough-nhpt2@thamesvallet.pnn.police.uk

Child Safe Wristbands

A new wristband to promote child safety has been launched for children by the national charity Embrace, which can be obtained directly from the Embrace website.

Embrace, the new name for Child Victims of Crime, the charity which provides practical and emotional support for young crime victims, is helping to keep children safe with the launch of the new wristbands

The 'Child Safe' wristbands, which come in red and white versions, are available to police, PCCs, and schools free of charge via the charity's new website.

They are fun wrist wear with a serious purpose. The design is bright and shiny, similar to those typically used at music festivals, and the wristbands are suitable for children of all ages. The reverse of each wristband is white which allows a contact number (or any other relevant information) to be written on and immediately accessed in the event of the child becoming separated from the group or lost. The wristbands are easily fastened and can be worn for as long as needed; you just carefully cut them off and dispose of responsibly when finished.

The Child Safe wristbands are ideal for use at whenever children are out in public places. Those supervising children can use them as an additional layer of security for extra peace of mind.

Anne Campbell, chief executive of Embrace, said: "This is a simple idea which was well received in trials last year. Thanks to support from Securitas, who have sponsored the product for this year, we've been able to mass produce the wristbands and make them widely available. Orders have already been flooding in from all over the UK, proving that this is going to be a very popular resource.

"We're keen to enhance the safety of children and young people as well as provide practical and emotional support for those who have been badly

affected by crime, directly or as a result of what has happened to a close family member."

If you would like to order wristbands, please email **Jenny Raine, Operations Manager at Embrace**. Embrace CVOC is the only national children's charity supported by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) but is reliant wholly on voluntary fundraising to continue its work.

100 Days of Action

This year, Thames Valley Police are tackling rural crime with 100 days of action. The ten rural Local Policing Areas (LPAs) will hold 10 days of intensive operational and crime prevention activity. The aim is to prevent rural crime offences through high visibility policing in hotspot locations, respond to rural crimes, identify and secure suspects and bring offenders to justice, target known offenders and crime groups and improve confidence in the police among the rural community.

Chief Superintendent Tim De Meyer, Head of Neighbourhood Policing and Partnerships said: "The sort of work planned for the 100 days of action is already happening across the Force and will be business as usual from now on.

"But these more intensive operations will serve to speed up our progress in tackling criminals who target the rural economy, improving security in rural areas and gaining the trust and confidence of local people. This work will also enable our officers to learn more about how the farming community works and pick up new skills that we can use to protect them and catch the criminals who target farms." Find out what they have been getting up to on the 100 days of action blog: <http://tvp100daysofaction.blogspot.co.uk/>

Princes Risborough & Hughenden Neighbourhood Police Team

Past Times of Naphill & Walter's Ash Exhibition

When I did my last exhibition called 'Past Times of Naphill & Walter's Ash', I said it would be my last. But I have been asked so many times if I could do it again. So, with the promise of help from the Village Hall Committee and others, here we go again. On Saturday 30 November I will do it again and will be advertising the event with posters in the area. Please put the date on your calendar.

I would also like to congratulate the WI for their recent exhibition, which was excellent.

Pam Smith

Hughenden Parish Council Report

For a variety of reasons, the Council has become somewhat introspective over the last year. The recent court case, a change of Chairman, the recruitment of a new Clerk have all impacted on the ability of the Council to look forward and do anything other than mark time. However, with the new Clerk's feet firmly under the table and a new sense of resolve by Councillors to get stuck into issues that are more strategic and forward looking, we have got a busy time ahead, particular in relation to the Parish Plan. Earlier in the year, we agreed to contact all community groups in the parish to get ideas on what sort of things the parish might want to improve life for local residents of all age groups and we expect to be doing that shortly. That should then lead to a wider parish-wide survey of all households to hear what individual residents would like to see as our priorities for the future. All this should then feed in to a plan that will be published in May 2014. Whether you sit on local committees or just live in the parish, we hope you will be able to respond positively to this process and help us to understand what is important to your future happiness in Hughenden Parish.

On a rather less positive note however, we have to report that the speed management programme we instigated with NAG earlier this year has had to come to a grinding halt because of theft. The programme has the signs that flash '30 SLOW DOWN' when you pass at a higher speed being moved around the parish by a team of volunteers. Costing £2.8k each but worth absolutely nothing to anyone else, one of these signs has been stolen from a post in Great Kingshill. Until we get it back or find a way of securing these signs to make them impossible to remove, the programme has had to halt which given how speeding is the top priority across the parish, is a shame.

WE THEREFORE ASK THAT IF ANYONE KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT THIS THEFT, THERE IS A £100 REWARD OFFERED BY THE COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO ITS SAFE RETURN OR AN ARREST.

It may just be the result of a prank in which case, its return will see no more action being taken, so if you know anything, please contact the Parish Clerk on 715296.

Sadly, there has also been a spate of anti-social behaviour across the Parish recently (though not in Naphill or Walter's Ash to our knowledge, thank goodness) – cricket ground roughed up, fencing

around a playground knocked over sort of thing. Again, these may simply be someone's idea of high spirits, but someone has to pay to get things repaired and generally, that is the Parish. We would therefore ask people to keep an eye out and let the Clerk know of any instances in our villages.

Finally, to end on a good note. The allotment competition winners were announced at our September Council meeting and cups awarded. First prize overall went to Mr Wilson for his Walter's Ash allotment. Best Newcomer went to Mr Goodfellow from the Red Lion allotments in Gt Kingshill. Our congratulations to both, especially Mr Wilson who seems to make this a regular annual event!

Councillors Phil Conran, Peter Williams, Roger Bevil and Denis Hackling

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

Back again after the summer break with a host of topics to discuss and act on. The Fete Committee, who did us so proud with this years rain-affected day, put forward their ideas for new format in 2014, spread over three days and including a large marquee in case it rains again. As if! We were happy to go along with this and so gave them the go-ahead.

More boring, but very necessary, items were dealt with, such as, the Cleaners Contract, Data Protection Registration, Banking Mandates and a new Insurance Policy. Our Treasurer managed to reduce the latter by £1500 (we were very impressed).

The damage to the back corridor has been put right and decorated with the cost for this and an apology received from the youngster responsible.

The new double doors, which we had hoped would be replaced by now, have been delayed but we are hoping to get someone else on the job very soon. The CCTV cameras and extra razor wire for the roof should be in place this month, September, which will be a significant deterrent against vandals.

Hall kitchen users will be pleased to hear that we are getting a new hot water system for tea/coffee making which will be more efficient and safer in use than the present Burco boiler.

We are continuing in our efforts to tidy up around the Village Hall and Playing Fields and to encourage the rest of the village to do their bit by building on the impetus set by our Best Kept Village Committee which did so well this year. In the play area, the

Parish Council if their expert could have a look at it. The lack of shade in the play area in recent sunny conditions (do you remember them?) has prompted us to consider what could be done about this. Twice we have planted trees and each time they have been vandalised. Perhaps the answer will be to plant more mature trees.

Don Turner 562645

The Black Lion

We didn't contribute to last month's Gazette and so we missed telling you about our special local market. This is held in our garden every Saturday from 10 am. Local gardeners bring their excess produce to sell and the money raised is donated to Naphill School to help sponsor their school garden project. We do hope that you will support this event. The Black Lion continues to sponsor the Naphill Boys' Football. This year, through our Quiz Nights and bar collections, we were able to pay for all of the medals for the boys at the NFC Presentation Day and we thank our customers for facilitating this.

Wycombe Lions are hosting a charity quiz night on 13th October at the Black Lion starting at 8.15pm. The Lions host a series of quizzes in pubs around the area. The winning team from each pub going through to the final which will be held at Cressex Community Centre on 20th November. The prize for the overall winning team will be £500.

Wycombe Lions raise money for local charities and the last two competitions have raised £5000 for Ian Rennie, Hearing Dogs and Friends of Maplewood School. Please come along to support this very worthy cause and have an enjoyable evening as well.

From the 1st October our new Autumn Menu will be available and we extend a warm invitation to you all to come and try this!

Christmas is fast approaching and I am delighted to announce that our two talented chefs have completed our Christmas Menu and that this too will be available from 1st October either from here at The Black Lion or on-line. So please take a look and make your bookings.

Thank you all for your custom throughout the summer and we look forward to welcoming you in the coming weeks.

Bob, Martin, Jack, Mike, James, Ben and our team

Naphill Evening W.I.

Wow. Our Open Afternoon surpassed all our expectations. None of us organising the day could believe the talent within our WI. We had expected some fine examples of cross stitch and embroidery, but we got so much more. There were beautiful paintings, wood carvings, hand-made metal plates, stump work, to name but a few. Of course, there was also the unveiling of our wall hanging, which was done by Mrs Lindsey Haubner, one of the Trustees of the Bucks Federation of WIs. Lindsey was most impressed with all the different crafts on display.

I think I can say for all of us that we had a very successful afternoon, with lots of visitors. The selection of cakes served was mouth watering!

At our September meeting Mrs J Dineen will tell us about Old Buckinghamshire Cooking, so again cakes might be involved!

As I mentioned last month, on 17th October we will have our Annual Meeting, when we will vote in our new committee, and then on 25th October it will be the Autumn Group Meeting at Downley Village Evening WI.

The Food Appreciation Group will be meeting for lunch on 24th October for lunch at the Kings Head and they are already taking names for those wishing to attend the Christmas lunch at Little Marlow

Carol Gillam



Naphill Horticultural Society

What a fabulous Autumn Show we had the entries were once again incredible considering the hot, dry summer we have had. We clearly have some very diligent waterers in the village!

Once again we had some new exhibitors, who all won prizes, and now know what fun the show is and not the daunting prospect people seem to think! The buzz in the hall when the exhibitors came back to find out how their entries had fared was amazing. It was also brilliant to see that the children who entered had done so well. A huge pat on the back all round seems in order!

Whether you were an exhibitor, a viewer, or a buyer at the auction you helped to make the day a great success, so thank you.

The biggest thank you however, must go to Peter Davis, our Show Secretary, who puts so much work into organising the shows and ensuring that they run smoothly- he makes it all look so effortless, but the rest of us know that this is not the case!

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 25th in the Village Hall.

The evening will start with an illustrated talk by Stefan White entitled "Come into the Garden Maude" which is all about the great women gardening pioneers. Women have always loved gardens but their influence on them is often unacknowledged. This talk explores the range of their involvement as gardeners, patrons, writers, artists, plant collectors and garden designers. From lowly medieval weeding women, English Queens, noblewomen seeking retreat, eccentric Victorians gardening in bloomers and corsets through to more modern pioneers and garden designers like Gertrude Jekyll, Vita Sackville-West, Rosemary Verey and Beth Chatto, it celebrates women's very considerable achievements in the garden. 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.

Cathryn Carter
563233, www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Picture This

After such a wonderful summer, I don't want to sound despondent, but as the summer is starting to fade, Autumn is on the way; and Autumn is magical time for landscape photography. Vibrant colours, dew covered cobwebs, troops of fungi, and early-morning mist are all part of this time of year.

From a photographic viewpoint, the heavy green colours of the summer foliage will give way to vibrant oranges, reds and yellows and these colours can look spectacular as close-ups or as a

part of a wider landscape. From a sleep-deprivation view-point, in Autumn, dawn and sunrise will pop up at a much more civilised time of day which means that taking advantage of the beautiful early morning light will be much more enjoyable too!

Naphill Common and other local woodlands will have masses of photo-opportunities. As ever, creating photographs will also be challenging. So the past hints and tips will all apply to autumn plus one or two more to help you make some special pictures.

My first tip is keep it simple - 'it' being the content and composition of your picture. Although you are looking to make it simple, it's not easy. If you were an artist who paints, you would start with a blank canvas and you would paint in only the things you wanted to add to your picture. With photography, you do exactly the opposite; you try to exclude what you don't want to see in your picture. So, choosing where you place your camera is critical if you want to exclude things. Try making a foreground object such as a single tree, a fungus, a puddle or a boulder of puddingstone, the main feature of your picture; get in close to it to give it emphasis and size. The second tip is to photograph open landscapes, such as fields and big views, with Side-Lighting where the sunlight is coming from your left or right. This lighting, especially in the early morning or late evening, can be exquisite and will help you to create a 3-Dimensional effect in your photograph. There are several local views such as Northdean, Bradenham and Hughenden Park where this will work really well for you.

Side-lighting can also work well in the woods where shafts of light break through the tree canopy; it can be magical if there is also some mist in the air.

Last tip, don't photograph with the sun behind you - that should definitely be reserved for Pantomime lighting!

Some examples will appear on my Naphill web page chilternphotography.com and once this is all up and running smoothly, I'll be happy to include your pictures there too. More of that next month and in the meantime, enjoy making your pictures.

Richard Holdroyd
richard@richardholdroydphotography.com

Naphill Horticultural Society Cheese & Wine Evening

Friday 25th October

Naphill Village Hall

Wine & Soft Drinks Bar

Tickets £10.00

21st Annual Naphill Fireworks & Bonfire

The fireworks display will be held on Saturday 2 November this year with a couple of changes

Due to the abuse by certain, mainly commercial, people the provision to dump wood on the bonfire will be restricted this year. All large amounts of wood including branches of trees will only be accepted by appointment. Small private amounts will be accepted on Saturday 26 October and on the morning of Saturday 2 November without an appointment. If you have a large amount please phone 563120 to make an appointment.

The tickets for the event will be available from 19 October at reduced prices up to close of business at the usual shops and pubs on Friday 1 November. All tickets purchased on Saturday 2 November will be at the full price. Please remember that the shops and pubs cannot accept credit card payments for the tickets as they do not make any money out of selling them. It is all done for the good of the community.

We hope you come and join this highly enjoyable event and have a good time.

*Andrew Wilmot
Chairman of the Firework Comitte
662770*

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RAF HIGH WYCOMBE CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR. Thursday 7 November from 10am to 2pm. Officers' Mess, RAF High Wycombe. For the RAF Benevolent Fund. 40 stalls and refreshments. Admittance £2 with an invitation obtainable from **NEW!** Costcutter and Co-op.

NIKKI'S CARS. A brand-new opportunity for the village as a private hire company is established in Naphill. All jobs welcome, local, airport. **NEW!** Large car on request. Just give Nikki a call on

GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2013
ON THE CRICK

Fire lighting at 6pm display from 7pm
Tickets: Adults £5 before the day £7 on the day
Tickets: Children £1.50 before the day
£2 on the day (under 5s FREE)

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The Wheel

I would like to start by congratulating Jacob Cadwell and Kate Greenlee for both getting into university, which also means that they have both left The Wheel Family for the fun of university life. We wish them both every success, with not too many hangovers and I'm sure they will be back during the holidays. As they leave for pastures new, we welcome back Aby Johnson and Annabel Wilmot as they have both now graduated and are working for us again whilst looking for new jobs. The newest and youngest member of the team to join is Rachael Keen, who has the joys of working with Chef until she's old enough to be on the bar!

During the last month we celebrated Chloe's 24th Birthday her 7th here with us and the return of Mark Chambers back from Canada. Mark is occasionally working over in the U.K. and for some random reason is using The Wheel as his U.K base (no idea why), but it's great to have him here.

September is the month when everything settles down after the fantastic summer (makes a nice change), and we start planning the next few months and into next year, it's really quite a scary time! The chef and I have finished the winter menus, after a lot of deliberation and testing we finally agreed and it will be out very shortly after you read this. We see the return of Granny B's homemade soup and there will be some great traditional winter meals like Toad in the Hole, a Steak and Merlot Pie and so much more. Chef is also very busy planning dishes for Curry Nights and the Game Nights so do look at the dates and join us for a special meal.

Dates to look out for:

- Thurs 10th October - Curry Night
- Thurs 24th October - Game Food Night
- Sat 2nd November - Bonfire Night on the Crick
- Thurs 14th November - Game Food Night
- Wed 6th November - Malt Brewery Tour
- Quiz Nights - last Wednesday of the month

There is so much coming up its difficult to know where to start. Please remember to book for the Curry and Game nights and to book early for you Christmas parties!

I hope everyone is looking forward to our spectacular Bonfire night on the Crick as much as I am. The village event is such an amazing night and we hope to see you all out supporting the village and don't forget to get your tickets early. We will also be collecting in our beer garden as normal.

We will be inviting our customers to join us on a Malt the Brewery Tour, which will be on Wednesday 6th

November and will involve tasting lots (hopefully) of Nicks ales, having a bite to eat and generally having a fun evening at the brewery. If you're interested in joining us come and book your place on the coach now. Also Happy 1st Anniversary.

So as sad as it is the Winter months are on their way, the fires are ready to light, homely filling food is organised and lots of fun to be had with us at The Wheel. Hope to see you all soon.

Cheers Claire and Mark

Bon Ami

After such a lovely summer Autumn seemed to arrive overnight. Consequently we are very busy in the kitchen making soups such as "Butternut Squash & Sherry" and our customers regular favourite; "Beef Goulash".

September has proved a very busy month for individual celebration cake orders. One such order was for such a grand Golden Wedding cake it barely fitted in the oven!

Once again we have accumulated many items of lost property. If you think that you may have mislaid something on the "Crick" or left a piece of clothing in "Bon Ami" then please do call in and we can reunite you with it.

Ruth and Amanda

Christians in the Community

At our committee meeting last month we hope to have finalised the dates for the Christmas activities and we will let you know these next month.

During the summer holidays plans have been made to put on a 'Quiet Day' on Saturday 12th October. This will take place at the Naphill Chapel and will be led by two ladies from Witney. Tickets will cost £10 (payable in advance). More details from me, Yvonne Cook (563960) or Moira Lewis.

Norma Clarke (563116)

Naphill Bridge Club

Would you like to join your local Bridge Club?

The Naphill bridge club meets weekly at the Methodist Church on Thursday evening, starting at 7.15pm. We welcome all players to come and try our club, our members have mixed abilities and you will be assured of a friendly welcome. We have light refreshments during the evening, and if you require a partner, provided we are given advance warning, we will try to find one for you. Margaret Stagg 530736 or Rene Ashby 482933

*Dennis Lynch
0791 754411, home 01494 566129*

Naphill Fete Prize Winners

£200 – Julie Walter
£100 -Sarah Bacon
£50 -Valarie Pushman
Family ticket to Bletchley Park – John Stanners
Family ticket to Waddeston Manor - Talmer
Family ticket to Odds Farm Park – Lisa Jones
Match tickets to Wycombe Wanderers - Isaac
Cineworld tickets - Tom
Play Train voucher - Burden
Family ticket to Chinnor and Princes Risborough
Railway - Karen
Adult+Child ticket to Bekonscot Model and Railway
– A Banford
4 Skate vouchers to Absolutely Ice – Slough –
Sarah Gunn
Family ticket to Hellfire Caves – Wendy Salter
£50 Eden Shopping Voucher – Bob Holland
Crossroads Vets – free vaccination – Ralph Cook
Skin Deep Studios facial – Judy Redrup
Skin Deep Studios facial - Burden
Skin Deep Studios facial – Pat Reid
Skin Deep Studios facial – S.Hussey
The Curry Centre £15 off - Barry
House of Fraser – Personal Shopping – Phil Jones
House of Fraser – Personal Shopping – Campanini
Risborough Spring Swim and Fitness Centre – 3
day pass – Payne
Risborough Spring Swim and Fitness Centre – 1
day pass – Burden
ROK 18V Cordless Drill - Dave
ROK 710W Hammer Action Drill - Ted
ROK 650W Angle Grinder - Jackie
ROK 350W Jigsaw – Terry Deane
ROK Tool Bag – John (ICS)Roald Dahl Museum –
Golden Ticket – Bob Holland
Whiteleaf Golf Club – Four ball voucher – Tracy
Morris
Black Lion – 2 Course Meal for 2 - Wagner
AMF Bowling – family ticket – Ralph Cook
Cupcakes voucher – Rob Harris

Friends of Naphill Common

It has not been a bad summer and perhaps we will have a fine autumn. There are few trees to beat beech for colour when the leaves turn; the wild cherry adds a dash of red and the birch has a delicate beauty, so the Common will provide some splendid walks if the sun shines. Our work parties are battling to open up the paths to give easier access and enable people to walk round the worst patches of mud.

Although the tranquillity and the grandeur of the

trees are the most immediate attractions, there is great appeal in some of the details. The Common is slowly revealing more and more rarities and uncommon species of plants and animals. Most people know of the Star-fruit in Daisy Pond, the Hairy Bindweed near Woodbine Cottages and the Yellow Birdsnest near Bradenham Manor, but I am sure more will follow.

When autumn comes these species will have finished blooming but you can still search out some more hardy kinds. Junipers are not yet rare but there is a new survey underway because they are in serious decline and threatened by a new fungal disease. We have four rather ancient specimens: remnants of what was once a forest of juniper. The cuttings that were taken from them a few years back are almost ready for reintroduction. During a walk you will also come across some old oaks and several very fine ancient beeches, just as large as those in Burnham Beeches. There is a map on our website showing where these are. Recently, a member of FONC pointed out that some of our rowan trees are huge and one is the largest I have ever seen. They can be a glorious sight in autumn, with their clusters of brilliant orange/vermillion berries.

Because the Common was wood pasture until relatively recently, it lacks the flora of ancient woodland, but the scattering of old trees ensures that there are many interesting insects, lichens and fungi. There are three species of deer but while there are signs that badgers visit the woodland there are no sets on Common itself – or if you know of one please tell us.

Please join in our Fungus Foray on Sunday 13th October. We will meet at 10am at the Common end of Forge Road and the walk will be led by experts who will be able to identify what you find. Children are very welcome. I am not sure how long it will continue but if you want to leave before the end and are not sure of finding your way back, a guide will be provided.

The short walks (2-3 miles), led by Chris Miller, start from the Village Hall at 10.30am on the first Wednesday of the month, and the longer walks (5-6 miles), led by Ron Collins, start from the Village Hall at 9.55am on the third Monday of each month. All are welcome and there is no charge.

Trevor Hussey. Chairman

The Rotary Club Princes Risborough Halloween and Bonfire Party

Saturday 26th October

Bellfield Road School

Gates open 5.30pm, Fireworks 7pm

Family tickets £12 (2adults + 2 children)

Napill Tennis Club

We have all enjoyed some really good tennis so far this season due, in no small part, to the excellent summer weather over the last few months. Our American Tournament + Barbecue at the end of June was very successful and the Children's Summer Tennis Camp in August, run by our coach Mel Burn, was extremely popular.

Those who took part in the Improvers' Coaching earlier in the summer enjoyed it so much that they came back for more in September!

Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Team Matches have been played – and are still ongoing – with varying degrees of success and much enjoyment. The Club is always keen to welcome new team members so do please get in touch if you aspire to be the next Wimbledon champion or would just like to imagine you are!

Our AGM on 25 November at 8 pm will be held at the very sociable venue of The Wheel Pub in Naphill and our Festive Tennis on 8 December will be, as usual, a light-hearted event with mulled wine and mince pies followed by a 'pot-luck' lunch.

For further information please contact myself or a committee member as per the Gazette Directory.

Jenny Tench

A Diamond Couple



Congratulations to Sheila and John Veysey of Main Road, Naphill, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 22nd August.

There were lots of celebrations, including a party for friends and family at Hughenden Village Hall. There was also a very special telegram from the Queen!



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Christmas Gift Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre is on the 7th December in the Village Hall from 1.00 p.m to approximately 4.30 p.m., and will have a change of format.

Due to decreasing numbers, and the lack of people to run it, there will not be a grotto this year, but instead we will be having more gift stalls, along with the usual tombolas, mulled wine & mince pies, grand draw etc.

We know that it will still be a fun and festive afternoon for the community.

We are asking all village organisations if they could possibly run a stall or game for us as the Fayre. We would like there to be a good balance between village generated stalls and the usual trade and craft stalls.

If your organisation can help us by providing a running a stall or festive game, then please could you let Norma Clarke know by the end of October (tel. 563116) giving her some idea of what you have in mind and any requirements for power etc.. Additionally, if you know of anyone who makes craft items or 'foodie' things and may like to book a stall, again please let Norma know.

We know how hard you all work for the village already, so if your man/woman power really won't run to providing a stall then perhaps your organisation could donate an attractive prize for the "Grand Raffle". If this is at all possible, please let Cathryn Carter know (tel 563233)

Many thanks in advance for your support.

*The Christmas Fayre Committee
Registered Charity No. 300309*

Books Wanted

Very good quality children's books and current paperbacks needed for the book stall at the Christmas Fayre. Please contact Judy Whitehouse on 07813 678844 email judy@judyq.demon.co.uk or leave in the porch of Langstone, off Forge Road (next door to the Black Lion garden)

RAF High Wycombe



As we come to the end of a busy summer, RAF High Wycombe looks towards the upcoming traditional ceremonial season. On Sunday 15th September, personnel from RAF High Wycombe gathered in the town to remember the great sacrifice given by so many in service of our country and celebrate "our finest hour". Battle of Britain Sunday is a proud day in the RAF and it was good to see the support that the town offered up to the Station. I hope those that attended the Parade and Service enjoyed the afternoon, and thanks must also go to High Wycombe Town Council for all their efforts toward organising the day.

Some of you may have noticed a visit by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight on the evening of the 12th; we were lucky enough to have them visit us for our Annual Battle of Britain Dinner, and thankfully the weather didn't interfere with our plans! We now look towards Remembrance Day, and hope you will join us once again in the town to

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Thursday 7 November from 10am to 2pm.

Officers' Mess, RAF High Wycombe.

For the RAF Benevolent Fund.

40 stalls and refreshments.

Admittance £2 with an invitation obtainable from Costcutter and Co-op.



Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents'

Association

Planning to 10th September 2013.

Planning Policy Change. Please note that **loss of light** can no longer be used as a planning objection. It must in future be dealt with through a Civil action.

13/07061/FUL 16 Vincents Way, Naphill. HA for erection of single storey side extension. **13/06951/FUL**

Retrospective. 2 Honey Way, Walter's Ash. HA for erection of shed to rear. **13/06864/FUL** 41 Ash Close, Walter's Ash. Alterations to existing bungalow and erection of 1 x 2 bed dwelling adjacent to No. 41 Ash Close with new shared access (NAWARA

objection. Overdevelopment. Two houses on cramped site with very small amenity space. Urbanisation by removal of 10m of existing hedging and planting and increased traffic/ parking controls. **13/06915/FUL**

Land adjoining 155 Main Road, Naphill. Erection of a detached bungalow with associated access and parking (amendment to permission **13/05523/FUL**).

(NAWARA objection. Access to site, together with limited parking and amenity space constitute overdevelopment of site, exacerbated further by proposed increase in size of this development.

13/06881/FUL 32 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of part single, part two storey front, side and rear extensions and loft conversion with associated external alterations. (NAWARA comment. A large development, but not excessive in relation to the adjoining properties and plot size. We question the requirement for weatherboarding by WDC.)

Updates. **13/05088/FUL** Wrightway Steel. Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane. Naphill. Following application refusal, Wrightway Steel is expected shortly to move to new business premises outside Naphill.

Appeals. **APP/K0425/A/11/2159978** and **APP/K0425/A/12/2183066** of May 2013 by Travellers Mr Murphy and Mr O'Connor against WDC refusal to allow them to establish permanent camps in Chilterns Green Belt/AONB in either Hedgerows, Walter's Ash, or The Nursery, Flackwell Heath have still not been decided. The Inspectorate in Bristol is unable to provide us with a satisfactory reason.

Planning Decisions. **13/06565/FUL**. Co-op Supermarket. 312 Main Rd., Walter's Ash. Installation of a

canopy at the side of the property and colour variations to the shopfront. Permitted. **13/06467/FUL** 121 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear and side extensions, insertion of window to front in connection with part conversion of garage into living accommodation and insertion of window to North elevation. Permitted.

Dog Bins. NAWARA to request that the additional dog bin allocated to the village by the Parish Council be placed near the gate leading to Coffin Path in Naphill.

Thames Valley Police Information

8th July – 29th August. Greater Hughenden
Anti Social Behaviour - None

Burglary/Crime update

Walter's Ash. 1 Non-dwelling burglary. 1 Shoplifting. Naphill. 1 Possession of Drugs. 1 Dangerous Dog. Hughenden Valley. 1 Theft of motor vehicle. 1 Nuisance. Great Kingshill. 1 Theft from motor vehicle. 1 Theft. 1 Criminal Damage
Widmer End. 1 Theft from motor vehicle

Community Speedwatch. Volunteer still sought. Surely someone can spare just one or two hours a month, occasionally, for the good of the community?

Date of next meeting. Naphill Village Hall.
8pm Thursday 10th October 2013.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

SERVICES AT ST. BOTOLPH'S

October 6th	11am Harvest Festival Gifts go to the Saunderton Hostel
October 13th	11am Eucharist
October 20th	11am Eucharist
October 27th	11am Matins

The Rector, Revd. Nigel Lacey, has produced a new Guide to St. Botolph's. Copies are available in the church. A small donation towards costs would be appreciated.

Peggy Ewart

Help make it a pink October for Scannappeal!

Scannappeal is looking for individuals and groups to get together and organise a pink themed fundraising activity to help create a totally digital breast screening service and improve diagnosis of breast cancer in Bucks.

Bucks Breast Cancer Appeal



Bucks Breast Cancer Appeal

Ideas include:

- pink dress down day
- pink themed coffee and cake morning
- pink lunch or afternoon tea
- pink cocktail hour or party
- pink raffle or bring & buy sale
- pink themed golf trolley competition or
- raffle a day's holiday from work in October

Bucks Breast Cancer Appeal



Bucks Breast Cancer Appeal

If you can help, or have your own ideas, please contact the Scannappeal office to discuss your plans and reserve pink balloons, collection boxes and other fundraising materials.



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Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesday 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Methodist Church	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Mondays 6 -7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	guidinghughenden@hotmail.co.uk
Cubs (Naphill Disraeli)	Tuesdays 7-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Akela 01494 448 1104 naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Cubs (Walter's Ash)	Wednesdays 6-7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Catherine de Rouffignac 496917 (office hours)
EXTEND (Gentle Exercise)	Mondays 2 - 3 pm	Naphill Village Hall	Carolyn 712801
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.com
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9-30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	The Crick	
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Matt Gunnell 07446838565
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45-8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07973 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7 - 8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Comittee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jacqui Tomlin 07948371615
Jacqu'in the Box Music for babies and Toddlers	Tuesdays 10.15am - 11.15am	Naphill Village Hall	Jacqui Tomlin 07948371615 jaquitomlin@aol.com
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 01494 718595
Seniors Lunch Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1 until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Guant 562282
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Every Wednesday 10.55 -11.30am 11.35 - 11.55a. 12.05pm - 12.m20pm	Naphill Village Hall Fore Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30 am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45 pm		
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45 am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Curtis 562779 naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david_tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8-10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30-9.30pm	Scouts & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga Stretch and Tone	Tuesday 1.30-2.45pm	Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
WI	Third Thursday in month 7.45pm	Village Hall	Jenny Price 563001

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Editorial

Well they haven't given me the sack yet, so here is effort number two. My sincere apologies for all my errors in last month's magazine. Hopefully I have learnt a little more and there will be fewer mistakes in this edition, but please bear with me.

It has been a busy, interesting and fun month here in 'Sunny Naphill', a story for another day. Firstly I met the team of volunteers who work so quietly and efficiently to sort out the advertising, the finances, the website and organise the distribution of the Gazette, we are now the Six Gusetteers, and I am greatly indebted to them for their support and kindness.

Then I was invited to join the Village Hall Committee. Oh I could find so many excuses for why I couldn't attend which I initially made to the secretary. You see, I wouldn't know anybody. How would I get my trolley in and out of my car? They wouldn't be talking about anything that applied to me, the list grew by the minute. Then I remembered that one of my objectives in becoming editor was to get involved in the community I love, so off I went.

The trolley was no problem, there were knights in shining armour to make sure I was on and off of my trolley as necessary. (I try not to be "off my trolley

too often" as I am told that this is truly alarming.) Everybody made me so very welcome and I learnt so much about our community. There was a hall full of like minded people, all wanting to serve and help our community in so many different ways. One item which particularly struck a chord was when Gloria Leflaive explained that we are the only local community who don't have a team of people volunteering to take part in Community Speedwatch and that there is a real need for people with just an hour or two to spare to help with this issue. There is an item asking for a volunteer to become show secretary for our Village Horticultural Society and stating that if nobody comes forward we are in danger of losing this this much loved event!

You know, you were so nearly spared having me as editor of the Gazette! I felt sure that there were lots of people out there who are far clever than me, who would remember to turn the hyphenation off, who wouldn't make all the typing errors, who wouldn't stretch the adverts. Oh, another one of "THOSE" lists of excuse and there are probably lots of "THOSE" people but there was just one problem, they didn't volunteer. So please, before there is a dreadful accident caused by speeding, before we lose our Horticultural Society show, whatever, please think positively, WE NEED YOU! On the same theme, we have lots of events in the village this month and again, from my Village Hall Committee Meeting, please support the fireworks on the Crick and Pam Smith's Past Times Exhibition,. There are lots of other great things happenng in and around our villages. Please have a look on the Pin Up Diary Board and let's all join in!

My thanks this month to all our contributors and to Richard Holdroyd for the beautiful cover photograph which won the recent Bradenham Fete Photographic Competition, a very talented gentleman to whom I am very grateful for all his help and kindness.

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Hughenden Parish Council Report

HPC's media exposure seems to occur in phases. We can go for months with not a word and suddenly, attendance at a Council meeting by one of the Bucks Free Press reporters can lead to a flood of articles. It certainly came as a surprise that they thought anyone would be interested on our debate on the process for meeting minutes publication, but sometimes, you get the feeling they are just looking to fill their website news section and in doing so, it often gives a disappointing impression. JK Rowling's 'The Casual Vacancy' paints a picture of Parish politics being a hotbed of factional fighting and high drama, and if you read the BFP articles, you might

get the impression that HPC is a good place to set the sequel. But in truth, day to day Parish activity is nothing like that as we simply try to ensure that the residents in all the villages get the services they are used to – allotment and open spaces management, hedge cutting etc. But even those issues have decisions that need to be taken – contract renewal, quality control, added cost services such as the replacement of some street lamps that are under HPC ownership etc. Our latest meeting had an approach made by a television production company to discuss. A programme is being made about the impact of theft in the workplace and they want HPC participation because of the £28k that was stolen by a previous Clerk back in 2010/11. We therefore have to make a decision as to whether we should be involved as clearly, there is a risk that TV programmes will seek to sensationalise. We are therefore arranging to meet the production company for more information, but always, we have to be mindful of the best interests of our community.

You may have seen a Bucks Free Press report on the study that HPC has been trying to commission with Bucks County Council into the parking problems around the Coop. Progress has been extremely slow, mainly, it seems, because of resource problems with BCC. They have now promised us the report by the end of January when hopefully, they will present the Parish Council with options that can be considered for improving road safety in the area. But the process – and other issues such as the delay in the Shana lanning application determination - has highlighted the ever increasing budgetary pressures faced by District and County Councils that will mean that in the future, more and more will have to be done at Parish level.

Finally, a word about bonfire night and the various events that will take place around the Parish.

Please be safe and please think about pets and the vulnerable when letting off fireworks.

Councillors Phil Conran, Peter Williams, Roger Bevil and Dennis Hackling

Books Wanted

Very good quality children's books and current paperbacks needed for the book stall at the Christmas Fayre. Please contact Judy Whitehouse on 07813 678844 email judy@judyq.demon.co.uk or leave in the porch of Langstone, off Forge Road (next door to the Black Lion garden)

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PIN UP DIARY DATES

November

2nd November	Bonfire Night on the Crick
6th November	FONC 2-3 Mile Walk - Village Hall 10.30am
6th November	The Wheel - Malt The Brewery Tour
9th November	SKA Night Naphill Village Hall (Pepper Foundation - Iain Rennie for kids)
11th November	Remembrance Service
13th November	Body Shop Evening Bon Ami 7.00pm
14th November	Game Food Night - The Wheel
17th November	Charity Shopping Hughenden Village Hall (Pepper Foundation - Iain Rennie for kids)
27th November	Quiz Night with Peter Williams - the Wheel
30th November	Past Times Exhibition of Naphill & Walter's Ash in the Village Hall 11a.m-5.00pm

December

4th December	FONC 2-3 Mile Walk - Village Hall 10.30am
7th December	Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre - Village Hall 2.00pm.

A Personal Perspective

If you regularly read my 'personal perspective' you will know that since the elections for the Parish Council in May 2011 I've tried to give a little of the background to how I've found being a Councillor. Despite some frustrations it has been generally very satisfying, though time-consuming. I again thought about this when following a little white ball round a golf course fairly recently, since I'm trying to get back into the 'swing' of that particular sport.

Whenever we start adding to our existing domestic or leisure interests we have to balance the satisfaction gained with pressures on time. Unfortunately this has meant that three of our Councillors have had to withdraw their services recently, one from Great Kingshill and two from Hughenden Valley, with 'domestic' or 'personal' considerations being the main reasons for leaving the Council. We are, of course, sorry to see them leave, particularly as it puts some added pressures on remaining councillors. After all, we are volunteers, not paid officials.

You may know that we already have a couple of examples where someone living within a different village has become one of the councillors taking a special interest in another Ward. Dennis Hackling, for instance, became one of the Ward councillors for our area, Naphill & Walter's Ash, and is doing a great job even though he lives outside the Ward boundary.

The longest journeys across our Parish are four miles or less, and I would ask you to consider helping the Parish by being co-opted as a Parish Councillor and being prepared to help particularly with an interest in either Hughenden Valley or Great Kingshill.

It is becoming particularly important to maintain the full quota of fifteen councillors as we are entering a more positive phase, with background work already starting to eventually produce a new 'Parish Plan', with input from local groups and residents, to have a clearer picture of where we want or need to be in the next five or ten years, and also with a serious look at how best to communicate with all parishioners and groups, for instance.

So I'd like to invite you to think about becoming a Parish Councillor now! Much of the involvement is optional, and for you to judge how much time is put into things, but we all have to be aware of potential conflicts of time with our other activities. Please consider doing this and putting forward your name, by contacting our Parish Clerk, Peter Wetherman, on 01494-715296.

Roger Beavil

Neighbourhood Police News



Thames Valley residents are advised to be on their guard to a new type of scam which is becoming prevalent across London and is now spreading to the local areas.

The courier fraud scam often targets the elderly and vulnerable and takes the following steps:

1. The victim receives an unsolicited telephone call from fraudsters saying they are from their bank (or in some cases claiming to be the police), stating that their systems have spotted a fraudulent payment on their card or that their card is due to expire and needs to be replaced.
2. The person may be asked to ring the bank back using the phone number printed on the back of their bank card. This helps to convince the person that the call is genuine. However, the fraudster has kept the telephone line open so even though the person has called the bank, the call does not go through. Instead they are unknowingly connected straight back to the fraudster.
3. The fraudster then gains the person's trust by pretending to be from the bank and seeming to offer assistance. In many cases the person is asked to provide their full bank card details and key in their PIN so that their existing card can be cancelled and their new one activated or authorised. The fraudster will then explain that the bank will need to collect the card.
4. The fraudster will then attend the person's address or send an innocent courier company driver to collect the card and sometimes provide them with a replacement card which is subsequently found to be fake.
5. Therefore, the fraudster has obtained the person's name, address, full bank details, the card itself and the PIN. The bank cards are then used fraudulently without the victim's knowledge.

There are a number of variations to the scam, including:

- Fraudsters pretending to be from the police cold calling members of the public and telling them that their bank account has been compromised by criminals. The fraudster suggests that the person should transfer their bank balance into a 'safe' police bank account.
- Fraudsters pretending to be from the police

attending people's addresses and retrieving the person's card and PIN.

- Members of the public receiving letters on bank headed paper informing them that their account has been the subject of a fraud. The letter advises them to transfer their funds to a 'safe' account and that an official will be in contact to provide them with a new card and PIN.
- Fraudsters contacting members of the public requesting them to cut their cards in half because their account has been compromised. They are then asked to post the cut card to an address where fraudsters simply tape the card together again and can use the details to commit fraud.

Police advice is that if you receive such a call, end it immediately. If you have elderly or vulnerable family members, friends, or neighbours, let them know about the scam.

- Please be aware that:
- Your bank will never attend your home
- Your bank and/or the police will never collect your bank card
- Your bank and/or the police will never ask for your PIN

If you receive this type of call, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or via their website. In an emergency, dial 999.

*Princes Risborough & Hughenden Neighbourhood
Police Team*

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Having missed the September meeting as I was away on holiday, it has seemed a very long gap since the July meeting - but despite the holiday period we have not been idle in working on the Hall.

After years of talking about it, we do now finally have CCTV cameras installed around the Hall and car park which will hopefully deter vandalism. We have suffered again from seasonal summer mindless vandalism, graffiti, paint on doors and windows etc. that are just really annoying and disheartening, and take some poor volunteer a long time to clean up. When there are any future problems we should have a good picture of the culprits that we can pass on to the Police. Hopefully just the presence of the cameras will prove to be a deterrent. As another precaution we also plan to lock the gates to the car park at night so do make sure that your car does not

get locked in overnight.

You will probably have noticed the gaps appearing in the hedge between the The Crick and Main Road. Mark Blamey has now planted some sturdy posts and wire in these gaps in the hopes that the ivy will have something to grow up and fill in the gaps. We did at one point think that we would try to get the ivy out of the hedge but then realised that it has completely taken over so if we did that there would be no hedge left!! We do thank Mark, yet again, for his help in this.

We have put up a sign reminding people not to park on the road between the entrance and exit to the car park as it obviously impedes vision for those driving in and out.

Replacing the side doors to the Hall (the one off the car park) seems to be another long saga, but hopefully by the time you read this the new replacement door will be in place. We were originally promised them for July!!

Those of you using the kitchen will find we now have a boiling water tap to replace the urn. This provides instant boiling water for making teas and coffees so no longer any need to get that urn switched on so much in advance.

The willow tunnel in the play area has, to put it mildly, gone a bit wild. Everything has grown like mad this year and that is no exception. Hughenden Parish Council have now included it in their maintenance schedule and so it will be lovingly and professionally tended and kept in check twice a year. Our thanks go to them.

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

Village Hall Events:

- 2nd November - Fireworks
- 10th November - Remembrance Service
- 30th November - Pam's Past Times Exhibition
- 7th December - Christmas Fayre

Services at Saint Botolph's

November 3rd	All saints - 11am Eucharist
November 10th	Remembrance Sunday - Meet at the Lych gate at 10.50am, Service at 11am
November 17th	11am Eucharist
November 24th	11 am Matins

Peggy Ewart

Naphill Neighbours

At the beginning of our meeting on Monday, October 14th, we held our AGM. That progressed very quickly and without issue and we were then able to introduce Mr Russell Cherry to speak on "The Thames from Oxford to the Barrier". The section of the Thames from Oxford to Wallingford is still essentially rural. It passes the landscaped gardens of Nuneham House, lots of lovely meadows, thatched cottages and under some lovely stone bridges at Abingdon, Shillingford and Wallingford. Then it passes through Goring and Streatley arriving at some more familiar territory to us at Shiplake, Henley, Bisham and Marlow. I'm sure quite a few of us have strolled along its path in this area. It begins to be a little busier beyond Maidenhead and Windsor and before long flows through London towards the Barrier. Mr Cherry, once again, pointed out all the pubs along the way and it was a tempting thought to don the walking boots and spend time walking that lovely National Trail. A thoroughly enjoyable talk accompanied by slides.

We have been asked to run our usual Bottle and Can Tombola again this year at the Christmas Gift Fayre on Saturday, December 7th, at the Village Hall from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Any donations you feel able to give would be very much appreciated and can be brought to the November meeting.

Also this evening we have started to take names for our Christmas Dinner, which will take place on Monday, 16th December. The price remains the same as last year at £20 for members and £25 for guests. Payment must be made at our November meeting at the latest.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 11th, when our speaker will be Mr Clive Bevan, who will give a talk on "Gardening for H.M Prison Service & for H.R.H the Prince of Wales". Tea hostesses for the evening will be Maddy Morris and Yvonne Cook. If there is another lady who could join us that evening, it would be very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all next month.

Yvonne Cook

Friends of Naphill Common

It is a joy to walk in the Chiltern Hills with their unique mixture of fields, hedges and woodland. The small, irregular meadows are largely the result of piecemeal "assarting": centuries of nibbling away at the woodland, cutting down the trees and enclosing a meadow with hedges. Place names such as 'stocking' and 'stocken' refer to tree stumps (stocks) and may record where this was done.

The hedges were often formed by leaving whatever

woody species happened to be in the woodland – so you will see in them beech, oak, ash, hazel, dogwood, hornbeam and, on chalky soils, spindle berry (also known as spindle tree and skewer wood). Surprisingly, even such woodland herbs as dog's mercury, bluebell and yellow archangel often survive in hedges first made in mediaeval times. These hedges are very different from those planted at the time of the 18th and 19th Century enclosures: mainly on the Aylesbury plain. Enclosure fields are generally more regular shapes and the straight hedges are far less rich in species – usually hawthorn or elm, with intrusions of elder and blackthorn.

Such beauty has enemies. The most destructive is *Homo sapiens*, who bulldozes trees and hedges, cuts high-speed train tracks through ancient landscapes and insists on importing infected material, even when it is quite unnecessary. Hence we had Dutch Elm disease and now are faced with Oak Processionary Moth, Asian Longhorn Beetles, Ash Dieback and Acute Oak Decline. Some pests, such as the Horse Chestnut Leaf Minor (the larvae of a tiny moth) manage to get here without our help. Fortunately some of these diseases are yet to reach the Chilterns or are progressing only slowly. The Horse Chestnut Leaf Minor turns the leaves a nasty brown but does not appear to do serious damage. We have recently undertaken a brief survey of the Common looking for Acute Oak decline and were relieved to find very few infected trees: perhaps two in the area we surveyed. The Ash Dieback disease has not yet made a serious appearance.

Heavy rain did not deter eleven people and a dog from searching for fungi on Sunday 13th October and it proved fruitful and almost enjoyable. Our next event is an open meeting and AGM on Friday 7th February 2014. I hope many will come to the Village Hall to hear the historian Frances Kerner talk about our Common and have their say about what we should be doing. In the meantime our short walks (2-3 miles) will take place on the first wednesday of the month starting from the Village Hall at 10.30 am, and led by Chris Miller. Ron Collins will lead the longer walks (5-6 miles) on the third monday of each month, starting at 9.55 am from the Village Hall. All is free and everyone is welcome. (From January onwards Ron's walks will start at 9.30 am so be at the Village Hall by 9.25 am.

naphillcommon.org.uk

*Trevor Hussey - Chairman
Long Walks: Ron Collins 562240
Short Walks Chris Miller 563707*

Remembrance Sunday 10th November

The Village Hall will be holding its usual Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10th November commencing at 2.45 pm.

The origins of this Village Hall Service date back to the time when there was a regular meeting of a Naphill and Walters Ash Branch of the Royal British Legion, meeting in the Men's Games Room of the village hall. They had a fixed bar in one corner of the room. Many of its members had fought in one or both of the World Wars and there was a strong feeling of comradeship amongst those who attended. In the 1960s lack of support for the facility led to its demise but the Remembrance Service continued organised in the main by a Mr Harold Tweedale. He passed the responsibility for the days organisation to me sometime in the 1970's and it has continued to this day. Originally the Service took place at the Memorial but in the 1980's with the increasing attendance of children in the Scouts and Guides and the age and infirmity of the Veterans, it was agreed to move part of the proceedings into the Village Hall.

It has always been a non denominational Service with the officiating Minister selected from the RAF and local churches. The Scouts and Guides have always provided much appreciated support and links have been maintained with the RAF who send a representative to lay a wreath at the Memorial Stone.

An invitation is extended to all residents and friends to attend on this special day and it is an opportunity to offer thanks to the men and women of our armed services who have given their lives in the cause of freedom and whose personnel today still risk their lives to protect our country.

"We will remember them".

Richard Pushman

Naphill W.I.

With the clocks going back soon and the weather taking a turn for the worse, we are thinking of more interesting things at WI. On 21st November, our speaker Kay Patterson will be giving us some Christmas Ideas. The competition will be for our favourite Christmas Tree decoration, so members had better go up into the loft and see what they can find.

Before that we will have had our Annual Meeting and a new committee will have been elected. Some of us will also have gathered at Marion Lawrence's home for an afternoon of craft ideas.

On 14th October a few members joined another

local WI for a trip to the Poppy Factory in Richmond. An interesting outing, although the lunch rather reminded us of school dinners.

Carol Gillam

Naphill Scouts

We welcomed three new members to Naphill Scouts this term which, with a few departures to Explorers, brings our numbers to 29. We have had a packed first half to the term which included practicing our knots, a night hike to Speen, and our annual pumpkin carving competition. We did have to reschedule our cook out at short notice due to leader availability on the night but are hoping to do this soon.

A quick thank you to the crew at RAF High Wycombe fire station who put on an informative and very enjoyable evening for the Scouts right at the end of last term to enable all to achieve their fire safety badge.

We have just said goodbye to Steve, one of our leaders, who is moving out of the area. So if you are reading this and would like to get involved either as a uniformed leader or a non-uniformed helper please get in touch through naphillscouts@aol.com. We could really do with one more regular leader to ensure we can continue to deliver a full programme



for the scouts.

*Adrian Curtis 562779
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Naphill Brownies

A big thank you to all who helped in any way with our October Jumble Sale: Whether by donating, helping with the sale or by coming and buying. We had more jumble to sell than ever and made over £850 for Guides and Brownies funds. This will allow us to keep subs down even with the rising cost of Girlguiding membership.

In early October we had a great time visiting the Fire Station at the RAF base in Walter's Ash to do our Fire Safety badge. They taught us about fire safety

in our homes and what to do in a fire, and then patiently answered all our questions. The brownies had a go with the fire hose, learned how to operate a fire extinguisher, then looked around the engine and tried out the 'blues-and-twos'. We would like to say a big thank you to the RAF Fire Service.

At the end of October we are having a 'bring-a-friend' evening with a Halloween theme. The brownies are planning the activities for the evening and will be using their artistic skills to give the activities a spooky edge. By then we will have nearly completed our artist badge.

Our new brownies have settled in brilliantly and as we head into November we look forward to enrolling them into the family of Girl Guiding using the brand new brownie promise.

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Picture This

There's nothing quite like a photo competition to peek interest in photography, especially when the prize is the having your picture on the front of the Gazette. But photographic competitions are funny things, you can never quite predict what the judges will like; they all have their own likes and dislikes as I was to find out!

Details of the competition were published in the Gazette in August / September. Organised by Bradenham Parish Council to coincide with the fete at the manor, the competition rules stated that up to 3 photographs could be entered and photographs had to capture the character of the parish. The pictures would be judged at the fete by all the good folk who visited the fete. People were asked to vote for their favourite picture; the picture with the most votes would win.

I telephoned the Parish Clerk, Deirdre Hanson, to check the definition of the Bradenham parish boundaries. Beautiful though it is, I decided that I didn't want to make a picture of Bradenham Village. I also decided that a picture of the woods wouldn't capture the character of the Parish. So instead, I decided that the subject needed to be familiar but the viewpoint and composition needed to be unusual. I entered 3 pictures: two were broad sweeping views looking down the valley towards Bradenham whilst my third picture was a view towards Smaldean. The first two I personally liked; the third I entered as an afterthought but doubted it would be popular.

So much for my taste! The third was judged to be the winner and is on the cover of this Gazette. So my photography tips for this month are all illustrated by this picture.

Here's a little about my criteria for making the familiar a bit different. In making the picture of Smaldean, I wanted to capture the nature of the rolling Chiltern hills, the farmland being worked and the small community nestling in the valley. I needed a high viewpoint, sweeping down towards Smaldean. There are two or three high viewpoints to choose from. The one I chose meant that the morning sun wouldn't be facing me. The lighting needed to be coming across the picture so that the shadows added depth and that meant that I needed to be making the picture before 10.00am. Any later and the shadows would disappear. The old twisted tree is an very important part of the picture; it adds an unusual foreground giving the picture a 3-dimensional effect. This works to draw the viewer in. By carefully deciding where to stand when I pressed the shutter, the tree was positioned to hide a very unappealing red van next to the farm! And the shape and colour of the ploughed field on the left balances the picture. Oh yes, and there is a very photogenic sky too. For the Gazette, the picture was cropped to a square so that you can see all these elements of the composition.

So there are 5 tips:

- viewpoint - think about what you want to show in your picture
- time of day - what direction will the light be coming from
- lighting - the quality of the light (morning & evening work best for landscapes)
- foreground interest - look for something to emphasise (a tree, a rock, a flower)
- composition - arrange the picture in your viewfinder so that it looks good to you

Going back to the judging, the voting surprised me.

One of my two personal favourites which I thought would be popular - a sweeping view, great lighting, classic setting - didn't get a single vote! And this tells you something important about photography - the end product is always in the eye of the beholder. Fete-goers liked the picture on the cover and I hope that you do too.

Richard Holroyd

Naphill Tennis Club

Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Team Matches have been played – and are still ongoing – with varying degrees of success and much enjoyment. The Club is always keen to welcome new team members so do please get in touch if you aspire to be the next Wimbledon champion or would just like to imagine you are!

Forthcoming events are:

- AGM on MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER at 8 pm will be held at the very sociable venue of The Wheel Pub in Naphill with Free Drink on arrival;
- FESTIVE TENNIS on SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER. A light-hearted event with mulled wine and mince pies followed by a 'pot-luck' lunch.

For further information or to contact the club, please see list of organisations at the front of the Gazette.

Jenny Tench

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents' Association

Planning: Appeals by Travellers Mr Murphy and Mr O'Connor against WDC refusal to allow them to establish permanent camps in Chilterns Green Belt/AONB, in either Hedgerows, Walter's Ash, or The Nursery, Flackwell Heath. These will now be decided by Secretary of State, Eric Pickles. **13/05088/FUL** Wrightway Steel. Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane. Naphill. The owners are not now moving to an industrial site where they can lawfully run their business, and have decided to **Appeal** against WDC refusal to let them continue their noisy metal girder fabrication at Hunts Hill Farm. The neighbours may have to suffer loss of amenity, noise and odours from steel working and vehicle movements for many more months. WDC will now issue an Enforcement notice as well as a second Noise Abatement Notice (if necessary) which, if breached, will lead to prosecution. **12/07953/FUL** (a) Shana. Country Supplies. Bucks CC Highways have withdrawn their previous Highway objections to the proposed use of the site subject to some restrictions regarding New Road. (b) HGV Licence for 13 vehicles, including one Artic still under consideration by VOSA. (c) WDC

Environmental Services Dept. have done further research on the noise levels suffered by households bordering Shana re. the HGVs, and are about to issue their findings. (d) Appeal against removal of bunds. The DoE Inspector will visit in November. **13/07241/FUL** Meadow View, Stocking Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey side extension. **13/07200/FUL** PRTC Sports Hall. RAF High Wycombe, Main Road, Walter's Ash. Erection of extension to front, single storey side extension and creation of mezzanine floor all to existing Sports Hall. **13/07223/FUL** Falcons Oak, Forge Road, Naphill. HA for the construction of two storey rear extension with balcony, double attached side garage with room above and single storey side extension. (NAWARA objection on grounds of overlooking and loss of amenity to neighbours). **13/06423/FUL**. Uplands House Hotel, Four Ashes Road, Cryers Hill. Demolition of existing buildings, erection of 5 x 4 bed and 11 x 5 bed dwellings (16 in all). (NAWARA added its objection to those of historical and architectural groups, the Chiltern Society, and all other local Residents Assns. as the application is in breach of Green Belt, AONB and Core Strategy policies, and 68 people will lose employment.)

Developments Permitted 13/06951/FUL 2, Honey Way, Walter's Ash. Erection of shed to rear. **13/06881/FUL** 32, Main Road, Naphill. Part single, part two-storey front, side and rear extensions and loft conversion with associated external alterations. **13/06864/FUL** 41 Ash Close, Walter's Ash. Alterations to existing bungalow. Erection of 1 x 2 bed dwelling. **Enforcement 13/06076/FUL** 238 Main Road. HA for a conservatory, but this and previous developments, including 238a Main Road, do not appear to be in line with permissions received.

Bucks CC Budget Consultation. Council Tax will increase. How do you want your money spent by the County Council? Let BCC know by filling in the Questionnaire on line. Go to www.buckscouncil.gov.uk/budget. Click on Budget consultation. On right top of the page click Residents Survey. At bottom left of each page click Next after answering the questions as they arise. Residents only have until 18th November 2013. For those without computers, the Budget Consultation booklets should be available in the libraries. Ring Chris Lowe, 01296 382038 if you need further advice.

30mph Stickers for Refuse/Recycling Bins. These speed limit reminders have proved useful, but we could do with more along Main Road. If you would like 2 or 4 at 50p each just ring 563634 or email glorialeflaive@msn.com and I will drop them round. Date of next meeting. 8pm Thursday 14th November 2003. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Naphill & Walter's Ash 21st Fireworks and Bonfire

The fireworks display will be held on Saturday 2nd November this year with a couple of changes

Due to the abuse by certain, mainly commercial, people the provision to dump wood on the

bonfire will be restricted this year. All large amounts of wood including branches of trees will only be accepted by appointment. Small private amounts will be accepted on Saturday 26th October and on the morning of Saturday 2nd November without an appointment. If you have a large amount please phone 563120 to make an appointment.

The tickets for the event will be available from 19th October at reduced prices up to close of business at the usual shops and pubs on Friday 1st November. All tickets purchased on Saturday 2nd November will be at the full price. Please remember that the shops and pubs cannot accept credit card payments for the tickets as they do not make any money out of selling them. It is all done for the good of the community.

We hope you come and join this highly enjoyable event and have a good time.

Andrew Wilmot - Chairman of the Firework Committee 562770



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The Wheel

Well that's another Beer Festival over with and I'm pleased to say it was another amazing weekend. Yet again we were so lucky with the weather with two dry days although there was a slight chill in the air in the evenings, not that many of you seemed to notice, (may be due to the beer jackets you were all wearing)! The village as usual was out in full force ready to try the 20 different ales and 6 ciders and from what we saw most of you tried them all. This year we had music on both Friday and Saturday and we would like to thank JJ Newman, Andy & Richard and Steve Mac for providing us with some fantastic entertainment. We would also like to thank all our amazing staff for their hard work over the weekend, and also the hard drinking from some of you! The stories we can tell after a Beer Festival are fantastic but really cannot be printed (you know who you are)!

As I sit here writing this the winter weather has definitely arrived, but on the up side the fires are now lit which always puts a smile on my face. The winter menu also started just at the right time, with the soups and pies going down a storm. Our last curry night was a huge success and we were completely sold out, so remember to book early for the next one. The next special evening is the Game food night which will be held on the 14th November, these are always extremely popular and give people a chance to try something new and very local, you'll need to book so as not to be disappointed. We have had BT sport for a couple of months now and I'm pleased to say that it is proving to be popular with the Rugby being the most popular.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Tony the Chef and all our kitchen staff for achieving another rating of 5 for 'Scores On The Doors', which for those that are unaware is the highest score from The Food Standards Agency ratings for kitchen and food hygiene. Well done to you all.

Charity currently seems to be the forefront of our minds at The Wheel. Shaun raised £225 for the Heart Foundation by completing a 10K run in 1 hour 21 mins and that was with a dodgy knee, so well done Shaun. We also have a customer who is aiming to make the base camp of Mount Everest for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and we are collecting on his behalf and will keep everyone up to date on his progress once he leaves. The Wheel is also supporting a local charity that is in desperate need of help but not of the money kind. So it's really easy as they are after things that you may normally throw away. They need various items ranging from working electrical items such as washing machines, toasters, kettles all the way down to plates, cutlery, pots and pans. Basically all we are asking is to

think whether it could be used by someone else before you throw it out and if so please call us at The Wheel. Your help is much appreciated as they survive on these donations.

So what's coming up...? Well to state to the obvious Christmas is just around the corner and we are taking bookings now, if you would like a copy of the menu please pop in and pick one up. In the December edition we will let you know our opening hours over the festive season. As previously mentioned Game Food Night is on the 14th November. Our quiz nights have started again and are run by Peter Williams who has returned to us now he's back in the village, so come and join us on the last Wednesday of the month next one is 27th November.

As always thank you to all our customers and we hope to see you all soon.

Claire and Mark

Christians in the Community

We recently enjoyed a ladies 'Quiet' Day at the Naphill Methodist Chapel – it wasn't a totally silent day as some people might imagine but with groups exploring prayers, and an artistic workshop, we were brought closer to God.

There will be a coffee morning on the 9th November at the Naphill Methodist Chapel

There will be tea or coffee, cakes, raffle and bric-a-brac. Also plans have been made for Christmas – carol singing in the pubs on Wednesday 18th December and the Carols by Candlelight in the Naphill Village Hall on Sunday 15th December (times will be available in the next gazette)

Norma Clarke

Bon Ami

Firstly, a huge Thank You to all of you who made it along to our Macmillan fundraising day in September. By donating 50p from each hot drink sold on the day, together with customer donations, we raised £315.02. The weather was fabulous and we would also like to thank the Village Hall for the loan of the extra tables and chairs for our impromptu expansion into the car park when we had run out of space.

In contrast, the weather has now turned very wintry, and in response to customer requests, we are again serving our Winter Magic Coffee. It is a cappuccino style coffee with chocolate, hazelnut, honey and a

pinch of both ginger and cardamom – do come and try one.

With Christmas in mind, we are holding a Body Shop Evening at Bon Ami on 13th November. Come and join us from 7.00pm onwards and enjoy a little relaxed shopping and free refreshments.

Finally, we do have a new display of stunning artwork in acrylics by Michael Goodwin – quite a departure from his usual work and well worth a look.

As always, we thank you all for your continued support and custom.

Amanda and Ruth.

Pony Espresso

November marks the first birthday of Pony Espresso, and what a good year it's been! I'm very grateful to all our customers and the extremely positive feedback I've had and hope to keep going from strength to strength. I now have Silvia Lucchi on board, adding flavours from Italy to the expanding menu. Now that it seems the lovely summer is behind us, we have jacket potatoes as well as a daily special hot roast baguette, which are both proving very popular. Sadly, the much used outside tables and chairs have now gone into hibernation! But of course, I'm hopeful of a mild spell before the depths of winter.

I'm still hoping to set up a scrabble club and have had a few interested players, so please come in if you would like to join. There have been some rather competitive inter-family games over lunchtime - much to my amusement - with the words "cheat" and "sore loser" whispered all too frequently!

Children in Need day gives us and the surrounding businesses a chance to dress up in aid of charity, and with this year's theme being of the circus, we're bound to be the objects of much hilarity! Come along and support a worthy cause on November the 15th.

Blaine

Hughenden Community-Run Village Shop with a Modern Twist

Our community-run village shop sells just about everything you would expect from a small convenience store. The difference is that it is a 'not-for-profit' organisation operating for the benefit of the local community.

The daily running of the shop is overseen by one part-time paid supervisor and a team of volunteers and committee members. Any surplus in takings

goes back into the community or into shop investment. For example, the shop sponsors the local football club and regularly provides hampers for local groups' fundraising raffles such as the Lacy Green School Ball and Great Kingshill School events. The shop is a very real community hub and is as much about providing a centre for the community as it is about selling a pint of milk! Our team of volunteers also carries out free home grocery deliveries to the elderly and housebound or indeed to anybody who needs them for any reason.

The shop has often been referred to as a 'Tardis'! Even though it is (temporarily) based in a Portacabin it is a mini-supermarket/traditional village shop, selling convenience food - ready meals, baking, cooking, household, toiletries, newspapers and magazines, sweets, sandwiches, fruit and veg. The advantage that it has over the chain convenience stores AND supermarkets, is that it also sells truly local products such as fresh bakery bread delivered daily, 'very local' homemade cakes, scones and honey, local eggs, cereals, sausages, bacon, and cards, plus Beechdean Ice Cream and Mary Berry Sauces.

The shop is ideally situated in the grounds of the village hall adjacent to the children's play area and parking is free and plentiful.



The Staff – Volunteer Shop Assistants

The commitment from the community to work in the shop is vital for a community-run shop to remain viable.

All the shop staff receive a 10% discount on every purchase*, so volunteers can be rewarded for their contribution and commitment. (*discount excludes stamps, tobacco and news products*)

In order to work in the shop, no experience is necessary as everyone receives full training and it is easy and fun! Volunteering is very flexible. Shifts can be a couple of hours per week or just a morning a month. Some volunteers work in pairs -

some with their spouses or with their friends, sons, daughters and other family members. For example, Barbara and Vincent work from 4-6 pm on a Wednesday and Daphne and Yvonne work together on one Saturday morning a month and have a great time.

Working in the shop is a fantastic way of meeting people, helping your community, enhancing employment prospects AND of being rewarded with cheaper shopping every time you shop there!

It appeals to a wide age range - staff currently span from 14 to 84 years. All under 18s work with an adult and volunteering provides valuable work experience for young people who gain many transferable skills for their CV and eventually the work place. Volunteering can earn points and go towards making a university candidate stand out from the crowd.



This community-owned shop is only truly viable thanks to the commitment and engagement of its volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Louise on 564244 for a chat and more information. Alternatively, just call into the shop to find out more and, hopefully, put your name down!

Louise

Yoga - The Promise of Freedom

In the west people usually think of yoga as just the various physical postures (or asanas). The name itself comes from the Sanskrit word yuj, which is translated as "to unite, to join, or to connect" - the body, mind and spirit. This goal is timeless, which makes yoga as vital today as it was thousands of years ago. When the state of yoga is achieved the mind is still and the perception is clear, resulting in a feeling of unity and happiness.

With constant practice, yoga brings medium and long term rewards for the body & mind. It also gives you an instant feel-good effect as it feels so much better to inhabit a looser, freer body than a

contracted tight and stressed one. Yoga brings a sense of expansion on many levels. It allows you to rediscover an internal sense of wholeness that, in today's fast paced world, is often lost.

If you start with a restless body and a hyperactive mind that is difficult to focus, your yoga practice will work out physical tensions and calm both mind and emotions. If you start with a dull, lethargic body, then your yoga practice will bring back a sense of life to your body, refresh your mind and bring a sense of peace and freedom.

Whether yoga is used as a gentle or demanding fitness programme, as a form of treatment for an injury or condition, as a spiritual experience or last, but my no means least, a source of pleasure there are many reasons for taking up yoga. Yoga is for ANYONE of any age, and can be practiced at any time, wherever you are.

The positive effects of yoga:

- improves stamina, strength and flexibility
- increases vitality and energy
- leads to an improves awareness of the body
- reduces tension and pain
- delays the ageing process
- alleviates the complaints of old age
- leads to inner peace & harmony
- helps to build up resistance to stress
- improves quality of life and mental well being
- develops stamina & concentration
- improves the ability to focus and provides mental clarity
- boosts self confidence and self-awareness
- opens up new perspectives and approaches to life

Classes are held:

Tuesday evening at the Oakeshott Centre, RAF High Wycombe (opposite Naphill & Walters Ash Primary school) Tuesday 7.30 – 8.45pm.

Thursday morning Great Kingshill Village Hall, Great Kingshill 10 – 11.15am.

They are 'drop in classes' £7 per session – all you need is a mat, something warm for the relaxation and a drink. So if you are interested come along and see what difference yoga can make to your life. Any questions you can contact me on 07947 118664 or email revitalise_me@btinternet.com.

Namaste - Sue

The biter not bit

Forty years ago I was working for the Cement & Concrete Association in Fulmer. In the 1960s, the Training Centre was converted to offices when a brand-new larger Training Centre was erected. One of the modifications during the refurbishment was that what had been a first-floor gent's toilet – one sitting, two standing – became an office, indeed my office. One of the staff writers at the C&CA was a Canadian, Dave Beadle, who promptly labelled me (in correct trans-Atlantic pronunciation) 'The First Loo-tenant'.

Later, after I had moved elsewhere, Dave himself moved in, becoming 'The Second Loo-tenant' while I was renamed 'The First Left-tenant'. One day during my tenancy, I added a jam doughnut to my mid-morning coffee from the dining room on the ground floor. As I was halfway up the stairs with my coffee in one hand and a plate-plus-doughnut in the other, I met the department's secretary Jill coming down. As we passed, she picked up the doughnut, took a bite, replaced it and went on down. I continued up to my office, with a mixture of annoyance and amusement and convinced she would soon replace it. But then

came a flash of inspiration: I would hide in the store cupboard with the door pulled behind me so that when she delivered the replacement – as I was sure she would – I could suddenly appear from the 'closed' cupboard and startle her. So I put the cup and plate down and hid.

Almost immediately, I heard the voices of my boss and a colleague. "Oh, Alan's not here," said my boss, "but he can't be far: his coffee's here and he's started his doughnut. I'll wait". So there was I hidden in a closed cupboard, barely two or three feet away from my boss who conceivably, in the wake of the building's recent transformation, might casually open the cupboard door to see how tidy it was. At his age, finding me in a cupboard might lead to a heart attack. And if he survived, how would I explain my presence there?

Scarcely breathing, I waited until I felt sure he had given up before very cautiously emerging. The coast was clear. I had avoided embarrassment. As for Jill, she later told me she had no intention of replacing my doughnut.

Alan Lewis

Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre



**Saturday 7th December
In the Village Hall**

Doors open 2.00p.m

**Raffle, Refreshments
Mulled Wine, Games
Craft Stalls, Tombola
AND
Lots More!!!**



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 gifts and goodies.

Should you be interested in running a stall on the day, please contact **Norma Clarke on 563116**

If you could make a cake for the cake stall, or have any homemade preserves or pickles that you could donate, the Tennis Club would love to hear from you.

Also, if you are able to donate any prizes to the raffle or tombola, or even some of your time on or before the day, please, please contact me, **Cathryn Carter on 563233**. Make sure you come along and have a great time.



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Adult Ballet	Wednesday 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Methodist Church	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 7-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
EXTEND (Gentle Exercise)	Mondays 2-3 pm	Naphill Village Hall	Carolyn 712801
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	The Crick	
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Matt Gunnell 07446838565
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45-8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
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	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common(FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
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Horticultural Society Comimittee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturculturalsociety.co.uk
Jacqu'in the Box Music for babies and toddlers	Tuesdays 10.15am & 11.15am	Naphill Village Hall	Jacqui Tomlin 07948371615 jaquitomlin@aol.com
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 01494 718595
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Every Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
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	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45 pm		
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Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
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	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
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Editorial

Well, it isn't very often that my office desk sees me at 8 o'clock on a Sunday morning, but this is the Christmas / New Year Edition of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette. It is the culmination of weeks of planning, scheming and dare I say, 'arm twisting'. You see, I wanted to make this month's magazine 'special'. I wanted this edition to be colourful and to reflect our great, caring, vibrant community. So how could I do this? How could we finance this? Who would write the articles and provide the pictures? I am a woman on a mission, always a dangerous creature to cross and I have so many people to thank for helping me!

Of course there are all our wonderful regular contributors and advertisers but for whom there would be no Gazette, and to who I am eternally grateful.

How to finance this extravaganza? My grateful thanks go to our local advertisers who have bought space for their colourful Christmas Greetings and which have helped to cover the extra printing costs.

Where do you find a photograph of our beautiful village Christmas tree in November? Peter Davis, of course! A BEAUTY, taken last year which he has so kindly allowed us to use this year and more thanks go to my resident "Photographic

Consultant", Richard Holroyd, for designing the cover for me.

THEN! My three very special 'guest contributors', whos' articles I am sure you will appreciate. The Rev Michael Hill, the minister at our local Methodist Chapel, who sets the scene and reminds us that Christmas is an important Christian Festival when we can look back and reflect on our past. Who better to help us reflect on the past than one of Naphill's oldest residents, Jean Lawrence Mann, who was born and bred here over 95 years ago. But Christmas and the New Year are not just a time for looking back, they are also about looking forward, planning and anticipating the future and so we have our youngest contributor, Maya Goddard, who at just 12 years old has written so eloquently about how she and her family celebrate Christmas. Thank you all!

Oh, and my heartfelt thanks to you our subscribers and readers, my Gusetteers, our wonderful printer, in fact everybody for the opportunity to edit this great publication and to share this festive season with you all. MERRY CHRISTMAS and every blessing for 2014!

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Photograph courtesy of Peter Davis

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for Christmas

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Roger Beavil

Hughenden Parish Council Report

We have had a good response to our request for input to the Parish survey we intend to send out in the new year, so many thanks to those organisations who were able to contribute. The purpose of the survey will be to identify the key priorities for people in the Parish over the next few years, regardless of whether they are in the Parish Council's power or not. Surveys will be sent out for both adults and youth to complete which hopefully will help us to prepare our Parish Plan by May next year. We therefore ask that when this slips through the letterbox, you could just spend a few minutes filling it in and sending it back.

Once again, we have appeared in the Bucks Free Press, this time over the issue of whether we should instigate a forensic audit into the way that the Parish accounts were managed back in 2010/11 when the fraud committed by the Clerk was carried out. This is a highly contentious issue. For many people, there is a strongly held belief

that there should be a recognition of accountability by the then Council over deficiencies in the governance process. For others however, there is a view that it is now all in the past and we should move on. The Council has decided to defer the decision on whether to go ahead with the audit until we have a better idea on cost, but if you have strong views either way, we would welcome your feedback through email (addresses at the front of the Gazette).

The fireworks display this year was spectacular as always, but what is always so nice is the tremendous feeling of community you get there. Our thanks go to all the volunteers that make such a huge effort to make sure we can enjoy the evening safely and with a plentiful supply of food and drink.

Finally, we would just like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year and ask that with the weather now turning decidedly chilly, you can also keep an eye out for those who are more vulnerable at this time of year.

Phil Conran, Roger Beavil, Peter Williams, Dennis Hackling

Saint Botolph's Services

December 1st	11am Eucharist
December 8th	11am Eucharist
December 15th	11am Eucharist
December 22nd	6pm Carol Service
December 24th	5pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Peggy Ewart

PIN UP DIARY DATES

December

4th December	FONC 2-3 Mile Walk - Village Hall 10.30am
7th December	Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre - Village Hall 2.00pm.
7th December	Naphill & Walter's Ash School Event 11am-2pm
8th December	Tennis Club Lunch
15th December	Carol Singing in the Pubs
20th December	Carol Singing in the Village Hall 4pm
24th December	Disco at the Black Lion
24th December	Midnight Mass St. Botolph's 11.30pm
31st December	See local Pub articles for details

From the Editor

This really has been a marathon edition to put together! Only a few tears and tantrums! The print has got a bit small and everything is a bit squashed,

but I hope you will ENJOY! I do have lots of ideas for the Gazette in 2014 and I look forward to sharing these with you in the New Year.

Sonia

A Personal Perspective

We are starting to see progress on a number of issues. Those affected by parking at the shops in Walter's Ash, for instance, may have noticed some activity recently, with rubber traffic sensors and even someone in a yellow coat! That's because the Feasibility Study the Parish Council has commissioned for looking at ideas about how to improve road safety and reduce the likelihood of accidents in that area has started and may even be finished by the time you read this.

That won't, of course, be the end of the matter. We'll need to consider the possible alternatives, discuss these with the Residents' Association, come up with a plan for financing the best ideas, and put them to local residents, before going ahead with any scheme. I'm sure, however, that Hughenden Parish Council will be asked to fund part of whatever work is chosen.

Unfortunately, for those living near the Post Office in Naphill, we are still waiting for Bucks County Council, or Transport for Bucks, to come up with ideas about how to handle the increased road safety concerns arising from the re-siting of the Post Office. We'll keep pressing for their suggestions.

We are also pleased to provide some extra financial assistance to Village Halls across the Parish, primarily to help towards Christmas lights, and suggest using LED lights which are both more environmentally-friendly and should last longer. Let's hope that we are cheered whenever we pass by one of our local village halls.

This edition of the Gazette will take us beyond Christmas and into the New Year, so I'd like to send my best wishes and hope that it turns out to be a peaceful season.

Roger Beavil

Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre

Saturday 7th December 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 gifts and goodies.

Should you be interested in running a stall on the day, please contact Norma Clarke on 563116

If you could make a cake for the cake stall, or have any homemade preserves or pickles that you could donate, the Tennis Club would love to hear from you.

Also, if you are able to donate any prizes to the raffle or tombola, or even some of your time on or before the day, please, please contact me, Cathryn Carter on 563233.

Make sure you come along and have a great time

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

We spent a lot of our meeting this month agreeing the paperwork. To keep up with the times we need to ensure that all our policies and procedures are in place and up to date, not the most riveting reading, but unfortunately necessary in this day and age. So, we went through and agreed our financial regulations, the revised lettings agreement and the terms and conditions. A good job done.

The next bit was more encouraging as we went through all the improvements we have achieved; the new side doors (at long last); the CCTV which has already proved its worth identifying a security breach during the Blood Doning session; the new razor wire stopping, or at least discouraging, access to the roof; and the new boiling water tap in the kitchen (instruction booklet should you need it in the kitchen drawer). All of these have significantly dented our funds so it was great that the firework display was another great success. We have a great debt of gratitude to the team who organised the display drawing in crowds from beyond the village. Another wonderful village event. Thank you Andrew and your gang.

The certificate of merit from the Best Kept Village competition will be on display in the entrance lobby. It appears that the scoring was very close and we only missed third place by one point. We plan to keep up the momentum and to do even better next year so do please keep your bit of the village looking loved.

The next event in the Hall is Pam's exhibition on the 30th November. This is always a very popular event where the history of our village and villagers is on show. For those with a long association with the village they can find embarrassing pictures of ancestors and for those of us who are newcomers we can see just how the place has developed over the years, and wish we had been here all our lives. The following weekend it will be the Christmas Fayre. Do come along and get your Christmas shopping sorted and try your luck with the Grand Draw.

By the time you read this the tree may well be lit letting us know that Christmas really is coming. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and good health, wealth and happiness in 2014.

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

From Maurice Saunders

Thank you for all your kind thoughts and greetings following my birthday on 1st November. Another reminder of the friendship which exists in our village. I am now in Icknied Court, Princes Risborough.

Maurice Saunders - formally of 136 Main Rd

Goodbye to Ian Kelloway

I received a phone call from Ian, our milkman, informing me he will be leaving Wren Davis at the end of November.

Ian has worked for the company for more than 40 years, delivering to our house for 27 of those years.

Always reliable, always aware of what is going on in the village and always quick to inform the relevant people or agencies should he see problems whilst on his round, quite apart from always checking what Clappins Lane is like when we have had a heavy fall of snow, to make sure he can reach us all.

We must be the best 'served' village in Bucks and we would like to say a huge 'thank you Ian and good luck in whatever else you decide to do'.

Michael & Pauline Pool



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Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre

7th December - 2pm

Naphill Village Hall

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Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

By the time you read this, the Christmas Tree outside the Village Hall should be lit up and brightening the dark evenings. I'm sure we all feel the stresses of the day fade away when we see the tree looking so wonderful on our way home.

However, we all know that energy prices are soaring, so we are asking you to dig deep to help cover the running costs and the all-important insurance for the brave chaps, led by Mike Mason, who climb the tree each year to put the lights in place and take them down again in January- often facing everything the weather can throw at them.

If you would like to make a contribution, collecting tins are in all the local shops and both pubs, so please, donate what you can.

Enjoy the lights and have a very Happy Christmas!

Cathryn Carter



Carol Singing!

**Carol Singing in the Pubs
Thursday**

19th December

See details - Christians in the
Community article

**Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 15th December
4pm**

Naphill Village Hall

Naphill Neighbours

On Monday, 11th November, we invited Mr Clive Bevan to speak on "Gardening for H.M. Prison Service & for H.R.H the Prince of Wales. Mr Bevan spent 30 years working for the Prison Service where he tended the prison gardens, growing vegetables and encouraging prisoners to become involved in helping him. Part of that job was to give them an interest and something worthwhile to do whilst they were serving their sentences. He did not speak at great length about that part of his life but more about his time since he retired.

He seems to be well known for growing giant vegetables and he shared a story about growing cabbage six foot across and weighing about 50/60 kilos. He assured us that the taste of something that large was every bit as good as a normal size cabbage. He spends quite a lot of his time now travelling to places like China and Malaysia to show them his growing techniques thus enabling them to grow these giant vegetables and feed a greater number of people. I don't think the allotment would be large enough to grow vegetables of this calibre and you would definitely break the wheelbarrow getting them home.

You may remember at our September Meeting, when we celebrated our 50th Anniversary, that we were entertained by Voice Versa. During their performance their very talented pianist played a lovely piece of music by an Italian composer Ludovico Einaudi. I have since found out that the piece she played was called 'Nefeli' and you can download it from Googleplay and listen to it on Youtube. It is also included in an album called 'Eden Rock', which you can purchase on that very well known internet shop. Lovely music and I've put it on my Christmas list.

Moving on to the next date on the calendar, we will be organising our usual Bottle and Can Tombola at the Naphill Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday, December 7th. Thank you all those who have remembered to bring something along to the November meeting. If you haven't already done so, it isn't too late. Any contributions can be left with Sheila Rolfe or Joy Stroud. We hope you will support this event which raises funds in order to enhance our Village Hall and Playing Fields and looking back over the year it is clear that so much has been achieved.

Our Christmas Dinner takes place on Monday, December 16th. Please arrive not before 6.30 pm but definitely by 6.45 pm so that we can all be seated by 7.00 pm when our meal will be served. Later we will be entertained by Mrs Ann Swaithe a Singer/Comedienne. No tea hostesses required this evening; two members of the Committee will keep your wine glasses topped up and the waitresses will deal with everything else. This will be the last meeting of the year and we look forward to seeing you all for this special meal together, singing Carols and our special Christmas song accompanied by

Sheila on the piano.

Our first meeting in 2014 will be held on Monday, 13th January, at 8.00 pm when Mike Payne will give a talk on "The History of Pinewood Studios". There aren't any tea hostesses on the list for January at present, which means I will be doing some telephoning.

Before signing off all that remains is to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year from Sheila and her Committee.

Yvonne Cook

Friends of Naphill Common

The winter is here and, with luck we will see days when the sun shines on glittering frosts that freeze the muddy paths on the Common, or when the bare branches are decorated with a cover of snow. With even more luck, we may be spared drizzling rain or high winds.

The storm on the 28th October did some damage on the Common. The oaks proved the most vulnerable: at least ten had their tops blown down and there were several large branches strewn around. Fortunately, none of the veteran trees were damaged. The Lady's Mile (the path up the village side of the Common) was almost blocked in one place, and the bridleway (H12/B84) that runs parallel with the Lady's Mile was blocked in three places. One blockage was by a very large oak, broken off half way up the trunk.

Our work parties will try to help clear the fallen timber but, as we are not insured to use chain saws, the larger limbs will have to be cleared by workers from West Wycombe Estate. We have informed them of the situation and sent a map to show the blockages, so the work ought to be done by the time you read this. Global warming, caused in part by the increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, is likely to cause more frequent and more serious storms. Our Common is doing its bit to protect us because woodland of its size is calculated to remove around 400 tons of carbon dioxide each year.

At present we are engaged in negotiations about the proposed felling which will probably start in a year's time. We have no official status or power, but our aims are to protect the valuable old trees; ensure that the archaeological sites (the Romano-British farmstead, WWII tank tracks, ancient boundary bank and ditch, sawpits, charcoal platforms etc.) are not damaged during felling and the extraction of timber, and prevent damage to paths and bridleways. Some real benefits may be possible if we press for them, such as widening the glades to let in more light and encourage greater diversity in both flora and fauna, cutting back some of the holly, clearing around the ponds and existing juniper, and we may even get a clearing in which our juniper cuttings can be re-introduced. So far we are encouraged by the plans of the Forestry Commission and others, but we need to be vigilant. It is especially

important that there is a long-term management agreement negotiated; otherwise all the clearing will be overgrown within a few years - as happened after the felling in the 1990s.

Our walks continue as usual. The short walks (2-3 miles) will take place on the first Wednesday of the month starting from the Village Hall at 10.30 am, and led by Chris Miller. Ron Collins will lead the longer walks (5-6 miles) on the third Monday of each month, starting at 9.55 am from the Village Hall. All is free and everyone is welcome. (From January onwards Ron's walks will start at 9.30 am so be at the Village Hall by 9.25 am.)

Please come to our Open Meeting and AGM on Friday 7th February in the Village Hall. Doors will open at 7.15 pm when tea or coffee will be available. It is your chance to vote in a committee and chairman and to express your opinion about what FONC should be doing. Most important, you can hear a first class local historian, Frances Kerner, talk about our common and locality. All free – however, it is almost time to renew your membership (£5). Please do! It is vital that we can continue to care for our remarkable Common. After Stephanie Morgan left for Wales, Lynn McMinn (tel. 01494 564667) kindly took up the post as membership secretary. Lynn will be happy to hear from you.

*Naphillcommon.org.uk
Trevor Hussey - Chairman
Long Walks: Ron Collins 562240
Short Walks Chris Miller 563707*

Remembrance Sunday 10th November

What a marvellous turnout for our village annual Remembrance Day service in the village hall. The service was conducted by the Rev. Ruth Hake of RAF Air Command. To see so many of our young people from the scout and guide movements and our local school join in with the people from Naphill and Walter's Ash was amazing. Not only was the hall packed out, but people were standing in the porch, hall and kitchen areas. Our collection for the Royal British Legion totalled £317.25p.

The laying of the wreaths took place around the memorial stone and donations of these amounted to a further £258 being given.

Thank you to all who attended, to Adam Pool for his playing of The Last Post, and to David Goodchild for playing the piano. This service brings us all together to remember the men and women of our Armed Forces who have fought in wars for our country's freedom.

Richard and Valerie Pushman

Naphill Evening W.I.

I think "Food, Glorious Food" will describe our December. The Food Appreciation Group is

meeting for Christmas lunch in Little Marlow on 3rd December. Some of us will be making cakes for the Christmas Fair on 7th November. Then we have our Christmas Party on 12th December, when we will be served a lovely three-course dinner. Hopefully we will still have room for our own turkey on the 25th.

We have had two craft meetings, which have been great fun with a lot of talking and some sewing. We have swapped ideas and shared our skills which was what we intended and hopefully some of our houses will be decorated with items that we have made.

On 6th November we had a trip to the theatre to see 'The Bodyguard'. What a super show, full of well known songs (which some of us sang along to). We left Naphill at 5 pm and quite a few of us planned to have a coffee when we reached London. Unfortunately, the traffic had other ideas for us and if it had not been for the skill of our lovely coach driver we would have been late for the show. As it was, we arrived at the Theatre at 7.31 pm and were ushered to our seats with great speed just as the show started. A great evening and thanks to Marion Lawrence for organising it.

By the time you read this, one of our members, Pam Smith, will have had her Past Times Exhibition on Saturday, 30th November, which I know would have been worth popping along to.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all

Carol Gillam

Naphill Brownies

We had a lovely time bringing our friends to brownies for a 'Halloween evening' at the end of October. We played Halloween games, did apple bobbing, made spider cakes, origami bats and slime. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and it was great to see the girls taking care of their guests.

Wasn't it wonderful to see so many Scouting & Guiding members at the recent Remembrance Service in the Village Hall? It is good to join with the rest of our community to recognise the commitment of our servicemen and women.

Our 5 new brownies have recently been enrolled into the Guiding family using the brand new (brownie) guiding promise. 2 of our leaders also took this opportunity to do our promise in their leadership roles. We were also able to present the brownies with their Artist and Fire Safety badges as well as some special Community badges to a few girls who go the extra mile to take part in all the extra events like Remembrance, Jumble Sales, Fete etc.

It is an exciting time for Brownies worldwide as we head towards the Brownie centenary in 2014. There will be some fun events coming up to allow us to celebrate this milestone

*Brown Owl (Ruth Daly) 565571
ruth.daly3@btinternet.com*

Picture This

As Santa gets his suit dry cleaned and his elves start varnishing the sleigh, I thought that I'd make a suggestion for your photographic Christmas list. And I'll use this month's cover picture, by Peter Davis, to show why.

But before I do, I would like to say thank you to our Gazette Editor, Sonia, for asking me to help her with the selection of the cover photographs for the Gazette and in the preparation of the pictures for printing. So I'll be looking for photographs that are the right shape to fit a front page, are local, have impact as a cover and meet the technical needs of the printer.

This month's picture by Peter Davis ticks those boxes. Just look at the sparkle and brilliance of the Christmas lights set against a rich, deep blue, starry sky. Very Vincent Van Gogh. And the sweeping trails of orange light from the passing cars add impact to the picture. I hope you agree that it makes a beautiful cover.

As well as simply enjoying the picture, by looking carefully, you can also discover how the photographer worked and learn how you could create similar photographs of lots of different subjects. Look at the most important part of the photograph - the light. The sky isn't black so you know that the picture was made when there was light in the sky and only the first stars could be seen. Balancing the bright illuminations with the darkening, but not black sky, is called using 'crossover lighting'.

Look at the orange trails of light. These tell you that the camera shutter - for the uninitiated, the part of your camera that controls how much light comes through the lens - was open for a time exposure, in this case, 5 seconds. Long enough for the bright rear lights of cars to travel along the road and create the trail of light. Notice that the cars themselves don't show up as they are not bright enough for the camera to record them.

Notice the lights in the tree; they are clear and sharp so they haven't moved during the long exposure which tells you that the photographer chose an evening with no breeze.

Everything is in focus which tells you that a medium/small aperture was used, in this case f5.6, and this aperture also helped to give the bright flare to the illuminations.

And because the picture is sharp and yet it shows the movement of the cars' rear lights, you know that Peter used a tripod and a cable release to 'press' the shutter. Trying to hand-hold a camera to make a picture like the one on the cover will end up with a very blurry picture. But then you could always tell people that you were inspired by the paintings by Monet!

So back to what you might want the fat guy in the suit to bring you in December. My suggestion for your Christmas list is to get a tripod. It will transform

your photography and also make pictures like the one on the cover possible.

Enjoy your photography and I wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Richard Holroyd

Naphill Scouts

Well, what a fun packed half term the scouts have had! We had a cold and crisp cook out in the woods where fortunately all the fires got lit and all the bacon / sausages / marshmallows got eaten. We played wide games on the crick (Black spot lighthouse is the current favourite game), and finished the year with our Christmas party.

This half term we have been working on the Community Challenge Badge. This included thinking about the meaning of Remembrance Sunday and taking part in the parade and the service, having a visit from representatives from the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and meeting one of their puppies in training, and participating in the Group Carol service.

We have had to call on a number of parents to assist this term and we would like to thank all those parents who have given their time to assist. Our appeal for a new leader or two has yet to bear fruit so if you know anyone who might be interested please get in touch.

Adrian Curtis
naphillscouts@outlook.com

The Tennis Club

As you know, we play tennis all the year round although in January/February we start at 1.30 pm instead of 10 am on Sundays to give the courts a chance to thaw out after any night frost. It is great to get out and work off any over-indulgence during the Christmas period and to feel so much better for it – though I do speak personally of course!

In addition to our regular club sessions, our forthcoming events are:

CAKE STALL at Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre on SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER. We would welcome all donations of cakes, biscuits, sweets and preserves. Please bring to the Village Hall on the day or phone 01494 565406.

FESTIVE TENNIS on SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER. A light-hearted event with mulled wine and mince pies followed by a 'pot-luck' lunch.

For further information or to contact the club, please see 'Tennis Club' under list of clubs at front of Gazette. We also have our own web-site at www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk

Jenny Tench

Best Kept Village Competition 2014

A review of our achievements this year in coming 4th in the De Fraine Cup (with a Certificate of Merit) has encouraged us to start planning to win in 2014.

At the Village Hall Council meeting on 4th November it was agreed to re-form the working party ready to meet early in 2014. This will be the last Gazette until the February issue so we need to raise awareness now, and seek recruits. Sarah Bacon, Cathryn Carter, Peggy Ewart and Judy Whitehouse have a continuing and enthusiastic interest, and have been joined by June Lynch. Please contact one of us if you would like to be involved.

It is hoped to form a cleaning/conservation group to meet frequently and regularly from the New Year onwards. The name 'The Naphillians' has been suggested. Any other thoughts? Jobs to be scheduled include :- litter picking (often), cleaning road signs (once), trimming verges as required, weeding around the Village Hall and keeping it weed free, replenishing hanging baskets, obtaining and planting large flower troughs, etc. Many thanks to Judy for planting autumn baskets so beautifully.

One of Naphill's difficulties is that BCC and WDC are responsible for cutting roadside verges. Weather affects the schedules but we need to look at those for 2014 to see how to keep on top of the cutting. In 2013 there were undoubted difficulties. Most other villages in the De Fraine Cup have their own parish councils whereas Naphill is within a large parish. We may, therefore, be at a disadvantage in terms of lack of

control over the overall appearance of our village.

A lot of hard work and goodwill was generated within Naphill in the run up to last year's judging in June. Long may it continue!!!

Pam's Past Time Exhibition November 30th 2013

I did say I would not do this again, 'Famous last words!' I had my arm twisted as they say.

Thanks to 'the muscle team' for giving help with transport and putting up the tables and also to Barbara Clark, without them this event would not have happened.

After saying never again, I do hope, that if you came you enjoyed the day. It is always such a pleasure to see folk meeting up again and reminiscing over the photos and records which I have collected over the past 30/40 years.

The welcome cups of tea and refreshment provided by Cathryn Carter and the attractive poster by Judy Whitehouse, Oh my thanks to both ladies! We are so fortunate to live in such a wonderful village where people have time to help one another.

I am writing this item on the 15th November so as to get it published in the December/ January Gazette so I am unable to say how much money I raised for the Village Hall funds, but I will put this in the February edition of the Gazette.

Pam Smith



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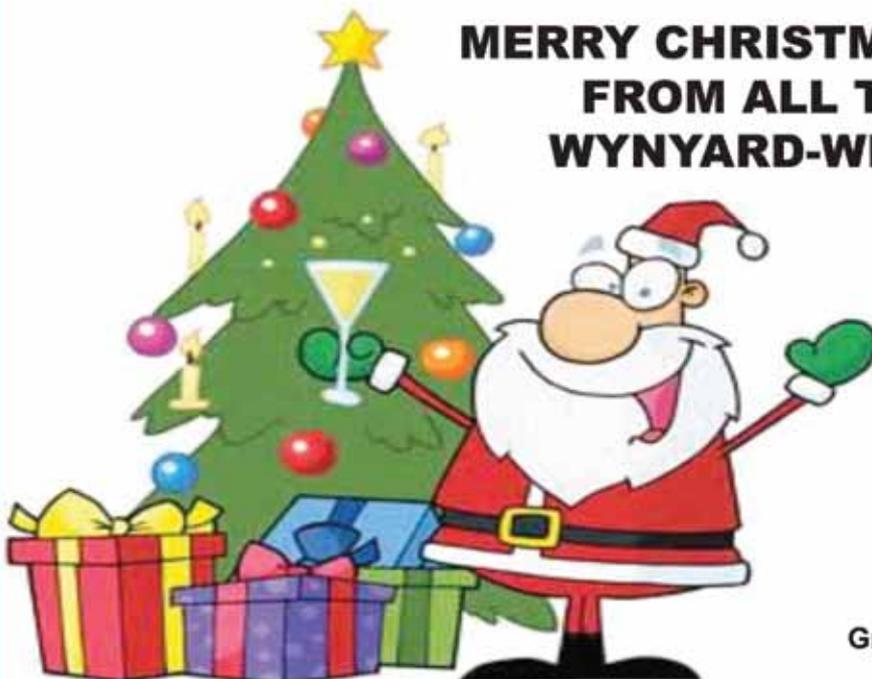
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Planning: 13/07679/FUL. 136 Main Road, Naphill. HA for raising roof, roof extensions and alterations to create first floor living accommodation and single storey front and side extensions. **13/07694/FUL** Hughenden Manor, Manor Road, Hughenden. Create permanent car parking area of 150 spaces to existing overflow area, together with additional overflow spaces of 141. Extend existing coach parking area to allow 4 spaces in total. Works to visitor paths and vehicular access within the woodland, new woodland restoration and retention of parking spaces for visitors and staff parking within existing woodland area. Ancillary works to create paths to both wider countryside and Hughenden Manor. **13/07492/FUL** Bailiffs Cottage, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear extension, rear glazed veranda structure and construction of detached outbuilding (garden store). **13/07451/FUL** Fernlands, Chapel Lane, Naphill. HA for erection of single storey front, side and rear extension. (NAWARA objection. Loss of amenity to neighbours.)

13/06116/FUL 279 Main Road, Walter's Ash. HA for conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation, erection of single storey side extension to provide garaging. (NAWARA comment. This minor amendment will do little to reduce the loss of amenity to the neighbour.)

13/05088/FUL Wrightway Steel. Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane. Naphill, in GB/AONB. The owners have withdrawn their Appeal against WDC refusal to allow change of use of redundant wooden barn to B2 (industrial) use for steel girder fabrication, and are reported to have moved to a suitable site in Great Kingshill.

Planning Decision. **13/06423/FUL.** De Veres Uplands House Hotel, Four Ashes Road, Cryers Hill. Demolition of existing buildings, erection of 5 x 4 bed and 11 x 5 bed dwellings (16 in all). **Refused.**

Urgent HS2 Compensation Responses by 4 December Latest.

Message from David Lidington MP. You would recall that the High Court ordered the Department for Transport to re run its consultation on HS2 Compensation. On 12 September the Department for Transport launched a new consultation on the compensation package that will be put in place for those affected by Phase One of the HS2 scheme. It is important that as many people as possible respond to the consultation to ensure as much moral pressure as possible is placed upon the Department to introduce a comprehensive and generous compensation scheme as soon as possible.

The consultation closes on 4 December 2013 and you are able to respond online, via email or by post. I have included a short factsheet with the relevant contact details. HS2 Ltd has provided a

response form for those who wish to respond to the consultation to use, if they wish.

Responding to the Consultation

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Parish Community Speedwatch.

Our volunteer numbers have now risen to 3. We need minimum of 6. Only one or two hours a month, apart from August. Two volunteers work together at any one time accompanied by a member of the local Police force. If you can spare the time please ring 563634 or email glorialeflaive@msn.com and I will forward your name to PC Lee Turnham.

Date of next meeting. 8pm Thursday 5th December 2013. Naphill Village Hall. A week earlier than usual.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

News from Christians in the Community

A couple of weeks ago we had what I thought was going to be the last Christians in the Community meeting but God had other plans! There will now be two coffee/committee meetings per year to discuss specific events that we are hoping to put on. Hughenden church is being asked to fund the Easter/Christmas cards and also plan the pubs carol singing. But as we still have on the committee various members of different churches it will still be the same people doing the jobs!!!

For this Christmas the cards will be going out in all the parish shortly.

The carol singing in the pubs will now be on THURSDAY 19th December – starting at the Gate and the White Lion (top of Cryers Hill at 7.30 pm. Another team will be at the Black Lion and the Wheel (Naphill) again starting at 7.30 pm. And then both team will merge at the Harrow (Hughenden) at 9 pm. If you would like to join us you would be very welcome.

Our last event of the year is the Carols by Candlelight in the Naphill Village Hall at 4 pm on Sunday 15th December. Mulled Wine and mince pies afterwards.

Unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given

Words of a famous Christmas carol; words used in Handel's "Messiah"; words taken from the prophet Isaiah nearly 3000 years ago. Unmistakably the words speak of the baby Jesus, born in a stable at Bethlehem, and a story familiar from much telling.

The setting for Isaiah's original words was in the politics and military manoeuvrings of the Middle East long ago. The child's coming would herald a new era: God's hopes for His people. But the people's hopes had to be stretched for several centuries before the child would arrive.

A key word in the quotation is that little word "us". Unto us a child is born. For my wife and I, before this coming Christmas, if all goes well, unto us a child will be born! A new grandchild! The fifth in less than 4 years, so we're getting used to it. My wife is definitely not going to give birth to this child, but it will definitely be born "unto us". In the modern phrase, we are stakeholders in this child: doting grandparents!

Jesus was born unto Joseph and Mary, but clearly he was born unto many others. Shepherds had never previously heard of Joseph and Mary, but God's messengers (angels) made it clear the child was born for them and they should go and admire the little one.

Wise Men set out from far away following a star that would lead them to the child born unto them. By Isaiah's standards, these were foreigners and unbelievers, and Isaiah would have been very surprised that God should allow them to bring their strange and symbolic gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

The kind innkeeper, (an essential character in all school nativities, but who doesn't get a mention in the bible!), had the dubious privilege of a baby born in his stable, and all these strange visitors coming to see the child born unto them. Maybe he realised that the child was born also unto him, but the family disappeared one night, and fled as refugees to Egypt.

There is no record of the Egyptians realising that the baby who came with that nice couple from across the border, was actually born unto them as well. But the Coptic Church in Egypt today can celebrate with thankfulness their predecessors who kept the holy family safe for a few years.

But before then, King Herod realised that the baby born in his kingdom, might become a competitor to himself. The Messiah, the Saviour of the World, these were titles which he did not welcome. The child was born unto Herod as much as to any person, but the nervous Herod saw the Christ-child as a threat, and not in any sense as God's gift.

Like our expected grandchild, every child is born unto a wider family, to a local community, a gift to this world. Christ was born unto the characters of

the nativity, but was born not just for the people alive then, but for every generation since, and not just for the people in Bethlehem nor even in Egypt, but for every place on Earth.

Some like Herod fail to see God's blessing, but many like us can quite rightly say with Isaiah, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Rev Mike Hill

Memories of a True-bred Naphillite

During my early years, Naphill was a small hamlet. I knew every house by name and the family living there. There were narrow lanes with hedges either side and transport? Well that was a bicycle or a horse and cart. There was no noisy traffic or glaring lights. We didn't have electricity, just the moon, stars and lanterns. Indoors it was candles, lamps and an open log fire.

Preparations for Christmas were simple. We made paper chains and collected holly and mistletoe from the common and woods. We all helped make the mince pies, we stirred the pud and made a wish, and of course, there was homemade pork pie too, you just didn't buy these sort of things!

We were allowed to go carol singing, just to friends and neighbours and the pennies we collected often went on sweets!

As I grew older I loved to tour the village with the Methodist choir. Armed with lanterns, and accompanied by mouth-organs, fiddles and trumpets off we would go. We sometimes stopped for light refreshments. The hot soup at Doris Bailey's is such a happy memory! At another house we just started singing and some geese came to join us! They won! We fled!

Christmas Eve night we each had a sock to hang up at the foot of our bed. "Santa" filled them with sugar mice, nuts, sweets and an orange and we always had one 'special present'.

On Christmas morning the church bells rang out. It was like a very special Sunday, nobody went to work and all the shops were closed! After our Christmas dinner we had a party with singing and games.

It often snowed and there was magic in the air. I have a favorite carol:

*Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine,
Love was born at Christmas,
Stars and angels gave the sign*

And so I wish you all, love, peace and happiness.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!
Jean Lawrence Mann (aged 95 years young)

Christmas Today

Decorating the house is the thing I cherish most in the run up to Christmas. Carefully unwrapping

the figurines to place around the house, setting up the wooden crib into the nativity scene, decorating the tree with bought and homemade baubles and decorations; I love it all. I also like opening my advent calendar, because I adore the surprise of what is behind each door every day.

On Christmas Eve, I always remember to place my stocking at the end of my bed. My brother writes a letter for Father Christmas and we put out a glass of milk and mince pie for him and a carrot for his reindeer. I find every year that I can never sleep, mainly because the excitement gets to me so much!

On Christmas day, we are normally with our grandparents. In the morning - as soon as I wake up - I open the presents in my stocking. They are full of little treats and some of our own favourite sweets. We usually have a breakfast of cold ham and Worcester sauce, and as soon as we have finished, we badger our parents until we are allowed to open the presents underneath the tree. In the afternoon we light a fire and play board and card games.

One Christmas, a couple of years back, I woke up in the middle of the night to find my brother had opened all his presents! In the morning we realised that his clock was upside down!

On Boxing Day we sometimes visit relatives, but we usually stay home and play with our new presents, as well as playing in the snow (if there is any!).

*by Maya Goddard
Aged 12*

The Wheel

Wow! What an amazing evening the Fireworks committee put on again for us this year. You all made a brave decision on the day which defiantly paid off in the end. Yet again I didn't see a single firework, but I'm getting used to it now. Thanks to all my staff for all their hard work during the evening. I am pleased to say that many of you here already had tickets but those that didn't did contribute to our bucket that raised an extra £160 again thank you all so much for your support.

By the time you are all reading this Christmas will be in full swing, we will be putting up all the decorations, Santa will be back outside with his pint, the Christmas tree lights will be up and the parties will be going. This year's Christmas Carols will be on Thursday 19th December with the usual mince pies and mulled wine. Talking of parties New Years Eve will be yet another entertaining evening, we are having another fancy dress evening and the theme is British Sitcoms from the 70's and 80's So we hope you will all make the effort as all money raised on the evening will be going to a local charity.

Christmas opening hours:

Mon 23rd Dec 12pm - 11pm (food 12-3 6-9)

Tues 24th Dec Christmas Eve 12pm - 12.30am
(food 12-3 and 5-8)

Wed 25th Dec Christmas Day 12 pm - 2pm (no food)

Thurs 26th Dec Boxing Day 6pm - 11pm (no food)
Tues 31st Dec New Years Eve 12pm - 1.30am (food
12-3 and 6-9)

Wed 1st Jan New Years Day 6pm - 11 pm (no food)

In January we will be having another Game Food night on Thursday the 16th, and we will doing Burns Night on Saturday 25th. Burns night will be a set menu and bookings only. Please book soon as there are limited places and they go very quickly. I have booked the piper and we will be doing the full speeches.

That just leaves us to say thank you to all our customers and staff for their support during 2013 and here's to 2014. Mark and I and our team of fabulous staff would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas at The Wheel

It is that time of year again when Santa comes to stay,
He sits outside no matter what conditions are at play.
And he looks towards to the Christmas Tree Lights,
That brighten up these long dark nights.

Oh the time of endless fun,
Mark put down that staple gun!
Now the baubles have all been hung,
Christmas carols can now be sung.

I'm sure the chef will be singing too,
Oh the joy it will be bring to few!
The wine and ale will be flowing,
And both the fires are sure to be glowing.

When you battle through the snow,
Who will you find under the mistletoe!
it might be one of our amazing team,
Or it may just make you want cry and scream!

With Christmas parties in full swing,
Ensure your early so you don't miss a thing
So come and join the Christmas cheer,
Join in with the staff and drink lots of beer!

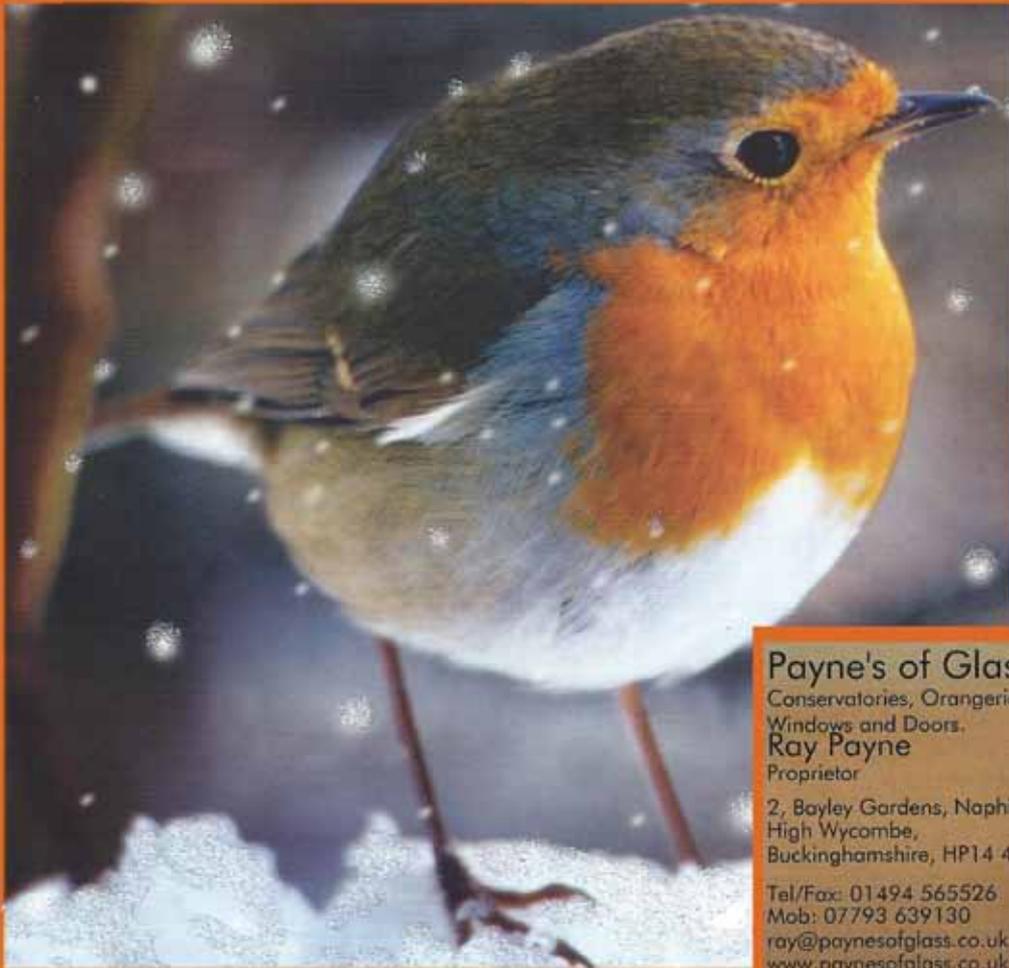
The celebrations start each day at noon, So come and
see our dogs patrol each room. We hope you'll come
and have a good laugh,
And a Merry Christmas to you from all of the staff.

Claire and Mark

Pony Espresso

Pony Espresso is now into it's second year! Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating our one year anniversary in November - hope all enjoyed the delicious fizzy and delectable bites produced by Silvia who worked non-stop on the day.

One day in November, I had a slight crisis on the staffing front, and so texted one of my emergency contacts to see if she was available. Yes, she replied, she was. The day in question arrived and at around 11 in came a friend of a friend, so we chatted for awhile, until I asked what she would like. "To work," she said. My head spun, and seeing the look of confusion on my face continued, "You texted the wrong Amanda,



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didn't you?" Thankfully, hardly questioning why I had contacted her out of the blue, except to say she thought I knew she worked as a dinner lady, (I didn't) she donned an apron and we got through a pretty hectic lunchtime without a hitch. It could have all gone horribly wrong!

One of my customers has turned out to be an ace photographer and website designer so Pony Espresso will soon have a website. Hopefully, in time, orders can be made online to cut the queues at lunchtime. In the meantime, there's always the phone to pre-order for those who have short lunch breaks.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has made us a success, and of course to my fantastically talented staff, Donna and Silvia. Merry Christmas!

Blaine Wilsworth

Shear Madness

I know we haven't written for the gazette for ages so here goes.

Firstly a Big Thank You to our customers for helping us to raise nearly £300 for The Princes Centre by running our 'Blues Brothers Police Car' at the Kop Hill soap box challenge back in September,

Once again Thanks to the boys from Manor Garage for their help,

Next on the agenda is Children in Need, This year together with Manor Garage, The Co-Op & Pony Espresso we hope to raise even more money by dressing up in Circus themed Fancy dress, Our Costumes have arrived, much to the amusement of our customers who had a sneak preview!!

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have our '1964 Mini' on the wall in the shop, This will fit in well with the ZX Spectrum and other strange items we now have in here! A BIG thanks to Manor Garage, Paul Hardinge and Nick Skegg for their help with this,

The Winter stock has arrived, Sledges, Snow Scooters and shovels, we will once again this winter look like 'Hildreths'

Finally we would Like to Thank you All for your continued support and wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all,

We are delighted to announce that we raised a fabulous £431.29 for Children in Need!!

The Black Lion

The recent weather with the high winds and rain certainly makes you want to stay at home, but we have a Roaring log fire to tempt you out and with our ever changing menu offers it really is worthwhile giving us a try, our popular autumn warmers of Coq au Vin, Homemade Pies, Lamb Rogan Josh and Sweet Potato Goulash, plus many of our continuing favourites are available from 12 noon every day through to 9pm and 8 pm on Sunday. We are also offering until the end of December - 2 Courses for £14.75 and 3 Courses for

£17.50 on our Specials Menu, including Fresh Fish from South Devon and our local Butchers produce. Pop in and check out our exciting offers.

The Black Lion fund raising has continued with great success, our farmers market saw every penny being raised go towards the development of the Naphill and Walter's Ash School garden. We would like to thank all the gardeners and Allotment owners who so kindly donated their produce completely free to support this project. The Lions Club special Charity Quiz was held this year at the Black Lion and we raised £173 on the evening which goes to towards local charities, other fund raising on the bar and quiz nights has supplied training equipment which goes towards the development of Naphill Football Club U15's and U16's. Well done to all of the local people and our customers who give so generously to support the local School and clubs.

Christmas is nearly here, and we would like to welcome you to hold your parties and celebrations at our pub. Our Christmas menu is available in house, and also on the website www.blacklionnaphill.com. We have taken many bookings over the past month, so secure your booking early to avoid disappointment.

We also have a couple of events coming up for you to enjoy. We will be holding a Christmas Eve Disco to start the celebrations early from 8pm until 11pm also we will be holding our usual New Years Eve celebration with a cocktail theme this year until 1.30am. Everyone is welcome and entrance is free for both events. We are also offering a special 2 and 3 Course Menu on New Year's Eve from 5pm – 8pm, please call and make your reservations soon, as tables are limited. The menu will be available in house and on the website from December 1st.

We have many plans for the future as we move closer to 2014 we will be having more meal deals on our food coming along so keep in touch either through our website or for more information, please call 01494 563176. Don't forget to keep right up to date with our latest news, discover us on Facebook.

We hope to see faces old and new in the very near future. Thank you for all your support it really is appreciated.

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Christmas Eve Bar open 12 noon until 11.30pm Food 12 noon until 4pm
Christmas Day Bar open 12 noon until 2pm no food

Boxing Day Bar open 12 noon until 6pm Food 12 noon until 4pm

New Years Eve Bar open 12 noon until 1.30am food full menu 12 noon until 5pm set menu 5pm until 8pm Platters 8pm until 10.30pm

New Years Day Bar open 12 noon until 6pm food 12 noon until 6pm

Cheers! Bob, Jack, James, Ben, Martin Mike and all of the Team

2013 Fireworks Committee Fireworks Display & Bonfire 2013

As you will have seen we enclosed the bonfire for 2 weeks prior to the event and that helped us to control the quality of the material in the bonfire. It burned much better as a consequence and there was little left to clear up. One person dumped tree branches and clippings on the car park but as we have CCTV now we will be looking through the footage to see if we can pinpoint who it was. If we find out we will be taking the appropriate action.

The wind was our worst enemy this year and we were a little concerned in the fall-out area near the children's play area. We made sure that people walked close to the hedge to avoid them coming to any harm. There were just a few minor issues for the first aiders to take care of but nothing serious.

There were a few less people this year probably down to the fact that it occurred in the school half term holiday. However we made just over £5,600 for the village hall which we were pleased about.

The RAF station commander Frank Clifford lit the bonfire and was very enthusiastic about it.

I would like to thank all of those who contributed in any way towards the fireworks display. If I mention all the names I will undoubtedly miss one, so I will not try. All the helpers, which amount to about 50 people, do a tremendous job and without them it would not happen. So thanks to you all and hope to see you next year.

I hope you enjoyed it and look forward to next year's on 8 November 2014.

*Andrew Wilmot Chairman
2013 Fireworks Committee*

Attention all display advertisers

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