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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 5.30-6.45pm	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
	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 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
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 9.45-10.45am	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 and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@outlook.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesday and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
Junior Sessions - Summer school term-only	Fridays 5-7.30pm. Saturday 9-10am		
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	Tuesdays 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

So here we are! The first 2014 edition of the Gazette and my first opportunity on behalf of the Gussetteers, to wish you all well for 2014. The good news is, that we have a new Gussetteer! Richard Holroyd has bravely agreed to 'pull up a chair beside me'. As a local professional photographer and businessman, Richard will sort out all the photography, and generally assist whilst hopefully keeping my 'latest and greatest ideas' in check. I very much appreciate his help and the skills he brings to our team.

Our new business year starts with our March Edition. Alan Lewis, our super efficient Advertising Manager, is working tirelessly to renew the advertisements and to allocate the available spaces which are, as always, in great demand. I would request please that all advertisers, old and new, please send us their advertisements for this year. Because of the change in the computer editing program, it will ultimately make the advertisements easier to handle if they are assembled in this software.

From your calls and comments, I know that the December, colourful edition, was very much appreciated. The colour printing costs are high, if you want us to continue to use colour, we may have to look at raising the magazine subscription costs in the future. I do have plans to include one coloured 'business promotion' page each month, which will be available for local business to buy and would help towards some of the extra costs. We will also be introducing a limited amount of coloured advertising space. I should welcome your comments as to whether you would like to see a more colourful Gazette and the funding issues involved. Currently subscribers pay £3 for 10 copies of the Gazette. The actual cost of printing the magazine, in its current form with just a colour cover and colour back advertisement, is approximately 85p per copy. These costs are covered by your subscriptions, the advertisements and a grant £400 annual grant from the Council.

Some years ago our webmaster, Judy Whitehouse,

set up the village website, [www.naphill.org.uk](http://www.naphill.org.uk). This is such a useful resource where you can read the archived copies of the Gazette, dating back to 1937, locate local tradesmen, read the history of our village keep up with calendar dates, follow us on Twitter, and so much more! We are currently looking at ways to make this site even more useful.

So New Year and new developments, the Gazette never sleeps! I look forward to receiving your ideas for things you would like to see included in the magazine and on the website.

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## A Personal Perspective

If you regularly read this article you will know that over the last three years I've tried to paint some kind of picture of what life is like as a parish councillor. Last night was exceptional!

Our Full Council meeting started at 8pm but finished well after midnight, but I trust I'm not putting you off any thoughts you had about putting yourself forward to be a parish councillor. What happened was that we had over 30 separate items to consider, and everyone there wanted the chance to add to discussion or suggest action that HPC (Hughenden Parish Council) might take. What made it exceptional in a positive way, however, was that everyone stayed awake, there were no shouting matches or use of offensive language, and everyone really wanted us to finish what was on the agenda.

The reason behind this is that each councillor wants to do the best for around 9000 people in the area, and sometimes that all takes time, which is probably the main commitment anyone becoming a councillor has to make, together with the certainty that we will never please all of 'the people' all of the time, to use a well-known phrase.

We are, as you probably know, all unpaid volunteers. We were in a warm room, had water to drink, and someone had thoughtfully provided some Maltesers, and we had the opportunity to influence things for the community's benefit.

Sometimes in small groups and sometimes in larger committees we discuss specific ideas regarding the future, and also the impact of some historical events. For our immediate area, Naphill and Walter's Ash, for instance, we are moving forward with regard to road safety issues near the Co-op store, and will be getting views from the Residents' Association, local businesses and local residents. We aim then to apply some of the thinking to road safety close to the new Post Office in Naphill. We are also looking for ideas about how to make the small pond in Walter's Ash more attractive. A parish-wide 'youth event' is being organised, though we are at an early point in planning it. You will also in the near future receive a 'Parish Survey Form', to get your views on a wide range of topics, which should help HPC to really know a bit

more about how you feel about things, particularly those where we can do something positive.

On top of these forward-looking plans, we also have to consider 'internal' issues, which can affect the effectiveness of HPC.

More insights next month!

*Roger Beavil*

## **Best Kept Village 2014 - calling all Naphillians**

Making our village look its best is worthwhile of itself but we hope to enter the competition again this year. The Working Group formed by the Village Hall Council met on 14th January in Bon Ami to start planning for 2014.

The village already has working parties, organised by the Friends of Naphill Common, which aim to preserve and care for the Common. It would help if we also had volunteers to meet regularly to devote efforts to keeping the village itself clean and tidy. Much hard work was done last year on an ad hoc basis but we would like to form a group to meet regularly.

As a start, we hope to meet up every other Tuesday afternoon to deal with litter, cleaning signs, weeding around the Village Hall, etc. The dates for the next couple of months are:-February 11th and 25th, March 11th and 25th, and April 8th. If you would like to join in please come to the Village Hall at 2pm ready to do some grubby jobs. Litter first in all probability. Days and timings will be reviewed once we see how things go.

Various people have volunteered to care for grassy areas, etc. close to where they live. Please let one of us know if you would like to help in this way. Group working can be quite a sociable activity and we can refresh ourselves amicably in Bon Ami!

The hanging baskets have been a great success so large troughs may be the next step. More flowers would enhance the look of the Hall or the entrances to the village. Would anyone like to sponsor a trough? Looking bright and cheerful is a morale boost for us all. We may run an event to raise funds.

The 'Naphillians' will be advertised through village organisations, on the Noticeboard, and in the Gazette.

Please contact one of us if you would like to volunteers or sponsor, or just turn up on one of the dates given above. Also Bon Ami will have a volunteer sheet in the café.

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## **The Black Lion**

All of us here at The Black Lion would first of all like to thank everyone for another successful Christmas. It's so satisfying to hear the great comments coming back, and makes the long festive hours seem all worth it. We introduced our Christmas Eve Disco which was well received. So much so, we will definitely be doing it again. New Year's Eve was a big smash, as always, and welcomed in 2014 in great spirits.

It's tempting to put your feet up and take some rest after all the hullabaloo, but we're a restless bunch here, and we want to take 2014 as a year of opportunity. The menu has seasonably differed, and is now offering what can be described as an 'Around The World' theme. Why not start with our Sweet Potato and Halloumi Samosas, Smoked Kippers and Scrambled Egg or a Warming Lamb Scotch Broth, followed by a Thai Green Chicken Curry, Hungarian Goulash, Teriyaki Salmon on Stir-Fry or Lamb and Oregano Bolognese with Parmesan? Along with our ever popular 2 and 3 Course Menu, we also have superb meal and drink offers on every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We are also doing fantastic discounts on our bottled beers and ciders. Pop in and see what's on offer.

We have many plans for the future as we enter 2014. We're glad to have the Crib and Dominoes team continuing a relatively steady season, and our regular quiz every two weeks has seen some very good attendances, especially the festive ones we held over Christmas. We are continuing our popular deals on our bar and food, and have also introduced more to make sure we get your attention. The rumour about live music hitting The Black Lion is becoming more real as the days pass, so keep your eyes and ears peeled. 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 all hope to see faces old and new in the very near future. Thank you for all your support.

Cheers!

*Everyone at The Black Lion*

## **Saint Botolphs Services**

February 2nd	11am Eucharist
February 9th	11am Eucharist
February 16th	11am Eucharist
February 23rd	Matins

*Peggy Ewart*

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

Well, this is a little late but Happy New Year. Let's hope it will be a good year for us all. It hasn't started that well for the Hall in this dreadful weather., there has been some water damage. Hopefully, by the time you read this it will be a little drier, I'm fed up of mud and muddy dogs. The rain has found its way into the small hall via a leak in the roof resulting in puddles on the floor. A roofer has been along who feels that we need to sort out the flat roof and hopefully by the time you read this the work will have been done. The electrics have been checked and have found to be safe so the small hall can still be used as long as the floor is dry. At least we are on the top of the hill so our flooding is minimal compared to those round Marlow and the Thames.

We are getting back into action on the Best Kept Village. The committee is expanding and is back meeting and planning. The newly renovated Village Hall sign is back in the village and should be back up shortly once the frame has been stripped and powder coated. A job for the finer weather probably. Please continue to keep the areas round you tidy and litter free. Once the Spring appears then we will be much more inclined to be out and about round the village, and so will really start on getting things spick and span again.

The Christmas Fayre was another lovely village occasion and we have to thank Cathryn Carter and Norma Clarke for all their hard work and organisation. It is always hard to calculate if attendance is higher or lower than previous years, and if the take will therefore be up or down. We were also aware that we did not have the Grotto and Santa couldn't make it this year and thought that might affect things, but takings were in fact similar to previous years, so thank you all for coming along, helping to run stalls and spending you money. With a leaking roof then a boost to our funds was timely.

The Christmas lights were just wonderful again and survived gales and monsoon conditions. Many thanks to Mike Mason and his team for climbing the tree and putting them on for us. A wonderful sight on these dark evenings and I do miss them now.

Some of you will remember the wonderful magic show we had in the Hall a couple of years ago. Well - they are coming back again on the 15th March so do put the date in your diary and make sure you get your tickets. We are very privileged to have such a professional performance in our Hall. I was blown away last time and however carefully you try to watch them you haven't a clue how they do it. We are also hoping to have another quiz night soon. Watch this space.

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

## **Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights**

Once again, we were all thrilled to see our spectacular tree lights 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 must 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 £301. We also had a £200 donation from the Parish Council, plus collections made by the W.I and Naphill Neighbours at their Christmas Parties, giving a grand total of £571. It all goes a long way towards the running costs and the essential insurance for Mike and his team.

We can safely say that our tree's future remains not just bright, but positively gleaming!

*Cathryn Carter*

## **Christmas Fayre Book Stall**

Thank you to everyone who donated books to the book stall and especially to those who left books in my porch as requested as I didn't get to thank you personally. The stall made over £50 for Village Hall funds.

*Judy Whitehouse*

## **Allotment News**

The overall winner for Hughenden Parish in the 2013 Allotment Competition was once again Eddie Wilson of Walter's Ash. Well done Eddie!

For the Naphill Allotments at Louches Lane the winner was Mrs Penhaligon, second was Mr Stroud and third was Mr Chamberlen. For the Walter's Ash Allotments at Clappins Lane the winner was Eddie Wilson, second was myself and third was Bill Pusey.

If you are interested in having an allotment there are a few vacant plots at both allotment gardens. If you took one on now there would be adequate time to get it into shape before sowing time in the spring. Phone the Parish Clerk on 01494 715296 or email [hughendenpc@btconnect.com](mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com) for further details.

*Mike Mason*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents' Association

**Planning: Planning to 07/01/2014.**

**Abbreviations: FUL = FULLHA = Householder application**

**13/08112/FUL.** Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Change of use from agricultural barn building to B8 (Storage). (NAWARA is requesting conditions to protect neighbours amenities. ) **13/08080/FUL** Blenheim Cottage, 68 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey side/rear extension and rear roof canopy following demolition of existing detached garage. **13/08029/FUL** 279 Main Road, Walter's Ash. HA for conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation and erection of single storey side extension to provide garaging. (Objection: over-development, loss of amenity, and violation of previous planning conditions.)

### **Planning Decisions**

**Withdrawn - 13/07694/FUL.** Hughenden Manor, Hughenden Valley. Create 150 permanent and 141 additional car parking spaces to existing overflow area. To coach parking area add 4 spaces. New woodland restoration, works to visitor paths and creation of new paths.

**Planning permission not required -13/07932/CTREE.** Hughenden Manor. Fell 27 trees. **13/07933/CTREE.** Hughenden Manor. Fell 3 Ash and 1 Lime; crown height and spread reduction of up to 2 metres to all Yew and Holly in red bordered area on tree location plan.

**Permitted.- 13/07679/FUL.** 136 Main Rd., Naphill. HA for raising roof, roof extension and alteration to create first floor living accommodation and single storey front and side extensions. **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.

**Refused - 13/07223/FUL.** Falcons Oak, Forge Road, Naphill. HA for construction of two storey rear extension with balcony, double attached side garage with room above and single storey side extension.

**The Hedgerows, Walter's Ash.** While Mr Murphy, the owner of the Traveller site, together with Mr O'Connor, and their families have been in America, members of their extended family and friends have occupied the caravans at The Hedgerows. Local residents have been upset more than once to witness the travellers draining raw sewage from their septic tank on to open land thought to be owned by Bucks County Council, and have complained about the smell. WDC Environmental Service officers visited the site and the travellers have received a warning letter. A decision on Mr Murphy's Appeal to continue camping on the GB/AONB field is expected very shortly.

**12/07953/FUL** Shana/Country Supplies, Walter's Ash. WDC Planning Committee to decide application on 22nd January.

**Thefts from motorvehicles.** 7 of these thefts occurred in the Parish in December, mainly in Naphill and Walter's Ash. The Police are reminding people always to lock cars and not leave Lap Tops and other valuable possessions in cars where they can be seen.

### **Neighbourhood Action Group Community**

**Speedwatch.** On 16th and 18th December a total of 60 vehicles exceeded the speed limit on Main Road and received warning CSW letters through Thames Valley Police. On 16th December ITV Meridian filmed the Speedwatch Team in action in Hughenden Valley following a BFP article about the effective work done by Speedwatch volunteers and Police to reduce speeding in the Parish. Our N&WA team is

now 4. They would be grateful for at least 2 more volunteers to share 3 CSW hours a month.

**Date of Next Meeting.** 8pm Thursday 13th February 2014. Naphill Village Hall.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## Naphill Evening W.I.

Happy New Year to everyone. Looking through our programme for 2014 I think we will enjoy the range of speakers that have been booked.

We start on 16 January with "The Chalk Stream at Hughenden" by Steve Kirkpatrick, and then on 20 February we have Nick Wheeler Robinson talking about Eric Gill, Sculptor and Artist. These are both Open Meetings, when we welcome visitors. The competition for February is a piece of sculpture so why not make it the year that you enter all the competitions.

The Food Appreciation Group have also planned a varied and interesting programme for the year, starting with lunch at the Horse & Jockey in Tylers Green on 29 January. 25 February is also lunch, at the Royal Standard in Wooburn Common.

To close, I think I speak for everyone in saying that our Christmas Meeting was a most enjoyable evening. We were served nibbles and drinks by the committee when we arrived, which were followed by an excellent meal. The evening closed with singing Carols round the piano which really got us in the Christmas mood. (Oh, and I won the competition for a home-made cracker.)

*Carol Gillam*

## Acupuncture Awareness Week

If you have ever wanted to find out what acupuncture is all about, how it could help you and how acupuncture needles really feel (or acupressure if needles aren't for you!) I will be running half hour taster sessions for £10 during Acupuncture Awareness Week 3-10 March. Places are limited so if you would like to book a session then do please contact me as soon as possible

*Janet Beetham, Chiltern Acupuncture, 246A Main Road, Naphill. 01494 564357 or 07510 514945 or email janet@chiltern-acupuncture.co.uk*

# NAPHILL MENS FC



Come and support your local team

Naphill vs Hazlemere Sports  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Naphill vs Wye Rangers  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Both fixtures will be played at Naphill Village Hall  
Kick off 10.30am



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## Naphill Bridge Club

Thursday Evenings 7.20-10.30 p.m.

at

**\*Naphill Village Hall\***

Main Road Naphill HP14 4SX  
(ample parking)

Visitors welcome

For further information contact:-

Margaret Stagg 01494 530736  
Rene Ashby 01494 482933

[www.bridgewebs.com/naphill](http://www.bridgewebs.com/naphill)

### Naphill and Walters Ash Scool Triptych



Naphill Junior Football Team - Press Release



### FONC Christmas Walk 2013



## Friends of Naphill Common

Our Open Meeting is on Friday 7th February in Naphill Village Hall. Doors open at 7.15 pm and the meeting will start at 7.30 pm. The event is free and you are very welcome. Tea and coffee will be available. Our speaker is the historian Frances Kerner and her talk is entitled 'Wild and Picturesque Places': A local and national history of our common land. It is also our AGM. The business will be got through quickly but it will be a chance for you to hear about what we have been doing, details of our accounts and membership and, most important, you will have the opportunity to vote in a new chairman and committee, and even offer your services and ideas if you wish.

When the new committee is formed we will set about organising a programme of events for the year. This will probably include some familiar activities such as the mini-beast safari for children, the fungus foray and the bat walk, but we hope to introduce some new ones – so if you have any ideas please let us know.

Our walks are going well. The short walks (2-3 miles) are led by Chris Miller and take place on the first wednesday of the month, starting from the Village Hall at 10.30 am. The longer walks are on the third Monday of the month and are led by Ron Collins who sent the following report, together with a photo by Peter Davis:-

'Our last walk of the year started from The Gate pub in Bryant's Bottom and was about five miles long. Despite being pre-warned about the steepness of some of the climbs there were some thirty two stalwarts who braved the weather to enjoy a wonderful circular walk that took us to Prestwood and Speen before returning to Bryant's Bottom. Following the walk about half the group enjoyed lunch and good company in The Gate.

A reminder that our walks starting from January will commence at 9.30am prompt from the Village Hall. Our walks are about five miles long and we walk at a pace that suits everyone. This has become quite a social event with lunch at a local pub for those who want it. Dogs are most welcome. Why not come and join us and enjoy the countryside and good social interaction. We look forward to seeing you.'

2014 is going to be an important one for our local common because the chief landowner, the West Wycombe Estate, intends to start felling in the autumn. They have to get the agreement of the Forestry Commission and Natural England (because it is an SSSI). Although the Friends of Naphill Common have no official status, we have been asked to help and are doing our best to influence what is done. We want to protect the important

trees and archaeological features and try to ensure that, if felling must take place, it is to the benefit of the common and those who use it. By opening up the broad walks and glades we may achieve greater bio-diversity and drier paths from which to enjoy it.

The Common was once a forest of juniper but, like elsewhere on the Chilterns, almost all have disappeared. The juniper cuttings taken from our few remaining aged specimens have been returned to us from the Scottish nursery and we hope to plant them out in about a year's time, if we can find a suitable location. It would be good if the felling produced a big enough clearing.

One last point: it is time to renew your subscriptions if you are already a member and to join if you are not. It is only £5 so please support us. Please contact our membership secretary Lynn McMinn (tel. 01494 564667) or you can join at our Open Meeting.

[naphillcommon.org.uk](http://naphillcommon.org.uk)

*Trevor Hussey - Chairman*

*Long Walks: Ron Collins 562240*

*Short Walks Chris Miller 563707*

## Naphill Junior Football Team - PRESS RELEASE

### The Naphill and Walters Ash School Triptych Bash

There's more to a Christmas Fund Raiser than raising funds. This year, on Saturday 30 November, the pupils, teachers and parents at Naphill and Walters Ash School decided to paint a portrait of their school building. And not just a simple picture, but a three-parter, a triptych no less. Jim Kelso, a local artist with two grandchildren at Naphill School, set up the 'three-easel studio' on the day and, using photographs as reference, everybody went at it, free of charge. Parents, teachers, infants and toddlers all joined in and had a go.

Everybody who painted signed the work at the base. One toddler, having contributed some deft daubs, was asked to sign. 'I can't write,' she said. 'Draw an X,' she was told. 'What's an X?' she asked.

Between 11.30am and 2pm the masterpiece was completed, with over seventy pairs of hands having contributed. Cash raised, zero; interest in art raised 100%.

Head teacher, Miss Gwynn, said: 'Naphill and Walters Ash School offer this idea to other schools in the area. But remember, you read about it here first. Naphill are best, we are the champions!'

*naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk*

## Naphill Neighbours

First of all we wish you a very Happy New Year. We hope you will enjoy the speakers and the outings planned for the year but first just a quick recap on December's events. On Saturday, 7th December, we held our usual Bottle and Can Tombola and made a handsome profit of £183.50 for the Village Hall and Playing Field and we thank all those who donated items.

On Monday, 17th December, we shared Christmas Dinner together. Our membership were met with a glass of wine or apple juice, given time to purchase their raffle tickets, and we all sat down at 7.00 pm to sing our Christmas song and then commence a delicious seasonal meal. Later in the evening we were ably entertained by Mrs Ann Swaithe, Singer/Comedienne, making a return visit to us. Ann is always accompanied by her husband, who sets up the equipment and then sits on the sidelines throwing in the odd quip so I think he's very much part of the act. Ann was on form and gave us an opportunity to sing along too, which was great.

On Monday, January 13th, we welcomed Mr Mike Payne to speak on "The History of Pinewood Studios", which was accompanied by a power point presentation. The Studio was built on the estate of Heatherden Hall in Iver Heath, Bucks. Charles Boot owned the estate and created a partnership with J. Arthur Rank and together they transformed the estate into a film studio. Mr Payne was a great film buff and took us through several decades of film making at the studio from "London Melody", starring Anna Neagle and directed by her husband Herbert Wilcox, which was the first film completed there, the Carry On and Doctor films during the 1950's. James Bond 007 during the 1960's, and so on. There were lots of the old film stars appearing on the screen which turned the evening into a bit of a quiz night. His presentation was so interesting it was disappointing to learn that you can no longer visit the studios because it would have made a fascinating day out.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 10th February, when Mr Simon Isaac will give a "Melon Carving Demonstration". Tea hostesses for the evening will be Merle Abbott and Margaret Pearce. We look forward to seeing you and hope that the winter weather will not let us down. Take care.

*Yvonne Cook*

## Naphill Brownies

Happy New Year and Happy Birthday Brownies. Brownies are 100 years old this year. We have lots planned to celebrate. Amongst other things, we will be trying to do 100 of something every week – make 100 people smile; do 100 good turns; collect 100 jokes etc

It seems only fitting that we should do our Brownie

Traditions badge this term too. Looking at some of the things Brownies have learned about over the years: knot tying; songs and so on. There is also a Big Brownie Birthday Challenge for us to have a go at. Hopefully we will have some fun together with our brownie friends from other local packs as part of this. Don't forget the Brownies and Guides Jumble Sale on 1st March. Please save all your jumble for us. We will collect it from around the village on the day.

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



**Guides &  
Brownies  
Jumble Sale  
Saturday  
1st March  
Naphill Village Hall**

**1.30pm**

**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.*

## Christians in the Community

We hope you all had a happy Christmas and we wish you a peaceful and happy New Year.

Did you know we have an internet prayer chain? If there is anyone who you would like us to pray about or if you would like prayer we have about 12 people (not necessarily living in Naphill) who when receiving a prayer request by email pray in their own homes. Just let me know if you would like prayer. If you are requesting prayer for someone else it is important that they know about it and agree to it. You can either talk to them about it or I can discuss it with them.

e-mail normaatsantos@hotmail.com.

*Norma Clarke*

## Picture This

This month, I'm writing about the 50 Shades of Grey. Now, what has come to mind? Have you got a clear, vivid picture? And is it in colour or in black and white? If it is too colourful, keep it to yourself. If it is in black and white, however, I'm interested. Because if you think 50 shades of grey is interesting, think what might be possible with 256!

It's February, and it will probably snow. Bad news for motorists and naturists. Great news for photographers. But snow, especially with bright sunshine and blue skies, isn't easy for your camera to cope with; it's too bright and it's too white. And the brightness means that all that beautiful, sparkly-white snow in your viewfinder is likely to turn out grey. So, my 'Picture This' tip is how to make sure your snow stays white....

The clever exposure electronics inside your camera 'see' everything you point your camera at as a shade of grey. In fact, they can 'see' 256 shades of grey ranging from black to white. The trouble is that these clever electronics will 'see' the first thing you focus on as being a mid-grey tone. So if you point your camera at a black cat in a snow scene and do nothing to help the electronics, you will produce a mid-grey cat.

When you want to make a snow-scene picture, first point your camera at something in your picture that is neither very white (snow) nor very black (your cat): in other words, something in the middle!(In sunlight, green grass or leaves are 'seen' as mid-grey so should do the trick.) Half-press and hold the shutter button on the 'something in the middle' object, compose your picture in the viewfinder and then fully press! Your snow should be white and any black cat in the vicinity will not have become Persian. With an iPhone camera, touch and hold the part of the screen centred on the 'in the middle' object until a square appears, remove your finger, move your phone to compose your picture and press the button. You might need to practice a few times and check that your picture remains in focus but your snow scenes will be so much better.

This month's cover picture has no bright sunshine, just grey drizzle and mist and the softly-muted colours of winter. Your camera electronics would do a good job here. The picture location is Falconer's Hill Wood, Walter's Ash. I wanted to capture the cold, dampness of the soft, grey light of a Chiltern February.

I'm looking to encourage you to make photographs that you are proud of and would hang on the wall of your home. The Gazette Editor is also on the lookout for photographs for the front cover. Pictures need to be a portrait format to fit the format of the Gazette. If you have a picture that you think would make a great front cover, email it to [gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk) or to [richard@richardholroydphotography.com](mailto:richard@richardholroydphotography.com). Enjoy making your pictures, whatever the weather.

*Richard Holroyd*

## Our Methodist Minister

At school I loved maths: I knew there would be a "right answer" and all I had to do was to find it. Today my equivalent is the su doku puzzle. It doesn't matter whether it is "fiendish" or "difficult", there will be a solution. But as an engineer, I discovered that real-life problems don't usually have a single perfect solution: you need to make trade-offs between performance and cost, between long-term and short-term, and between ideal and possible.

In taking decisions and making choices, we instinctively weigh up the options and look for the best way forward, the "right answer". Sometimes there is a definite obvious choice. Often there are pros and cons. Occasionally we are given an "offer you can't refuse".

Some folk are naturally decisive. Others like me dither because we haven't got all the facts, and if we have got all the facts, then the decision has just become too complicated! My boss once said that I have the ability to think of ten good reasons why something cannot be done, which was no good when he demanded it be done!

We've started our New Year, and some of us have made new resolutions, (though few have kept them!) None of us can know for sure what this year will hold, so we make our decisions, partly encouraged by our hopes and partly constrained by our fears. In theory we try to choose and do what is "right".

Each January, my church holds a Covenant Service, re-affirming our commitment to the Lord. It includes these words:-

Christ has many services to be done: Some are easy, others are difficult; Some bring honour, others bring reproach; Some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both.

Before God there are right ways of living, right choices to be made, right attitudes to one another, right services to be done, right priorities and ideals. But they are often not as simple as the "right answers" to my school sums. And certainly God's ways are not always pain-free. The bible stories tell of people trying to obey God and to do what is right. Clearly they didn't get it right every time, but even when they did, life had its problems.

The greatest example of course is Jesus, who did what was right, but suffered persecution and crucifixion. We who choose to follow in his footsteps, do so knowing that blessings will be mixed with sorrows, and not always in equal proportions.

I pray that your blessings will make your sorrows tolerable, and you will have courage to make decisions and choices for right.

*The Rev. Mike Hill*

## Naphill and Walters Ash School

### The build up to Christmas at Naphill & Walters Ash School

During the build up to Christmas, the pupils at Naphill & Walters Ash School were extremely busy: There were Christmas plays and concerts, school trips and PARTIES!!!

Year 4 started off our Christmas festivities with an excellent combo of The Nativity, Robots and Aliens! Their performance amazed the whole school and did their teachers proud. Mrs Campanini, a Year 4 Teacher, said "I was very proud as every single child worked incredibly hard and sang and acted their hearts out!"

Year 6's topic was The Victorians, and after going on a school trip to Hughenden Manor, where they learned about Christmas time for different Victorians classes, poor and rich, they performed a Victorian Christmas Show. This involved posh, extravagant dresses, painted moustaches, impoverished, shivering beggars, some traditional carols and mince pies!

Then Key Stage 1 showed the rest of the school their Christmas Performance of the Nativity. After a great dress rehearsal to the school, they brought tears to parents' eyes. Everyone felt heart-warmed and moved at their hard work and courage.

The school's orchestra also put on an incredible Christmas concert. The musical talent was high and soon got all the parents singing along to the popular Christmas pieces. There were Violins, Clarinets, Guitars, Flutes, Recorders, the choir leading the singing and some traditional Christmas cheer. It put everybody into the Christmas spirit.

Once all the shows had been performed, it was time to relax, and the pupils started to have some proper Christmas fun – PARTIES! Each year played party games such as pin the red nose on Rudolph! They also danced, sang and ate party food. It was everyone's favourite day of the term!

After a term of hard work, the children at Naphill & Walters Ash School were all ready for the Christmas holidays!

Next month, we will be telling you all about our exciting activities at our Forest school.

*By Imogen Thompson and Megan Owens.  
Naphill & Walters Ash School Newspaper Reporters.*

**From the Editor** - Thank you Imogen and Megan! Well done and welcome to my two new 'young reporters'.

### The Headteacher

Life here at school is never quiet and the Christmas holiday and previous term already seem a long time ago. Two of our Year 6 pupils have written the above piece and next month you will hear from the pupils who attend Forest School sessions. Despite

the huge public announcements about international tests, school meals and licenced teachers, we are actually dealing with the more important matter of educating our children so that they can leave here with, not only a good academic record, but as young people who can make appropriate social and emotional choices in their day-to-day lives. The Year 6s who wrote this did so independently and on time – skills that will be very useful in their working careers.

*Kerenza Gwynn*

### Naphill Scouts

We have an exciting term planned for the scouts this Spring. We plan to work towards the Adventure Challenge badge, one of the challenge badges that counts towards the Chief Scout Gold Award. To achieve this the scouts need to plan and make a trip, to do some climbing, and to successfully complete a hike. Last term our hikes were not completely successful so still some work for the scouts to do on their navigation before this can be achieved. This may be down to the fact that in many houses maps are rarely used as the sat nav has taken over, so the scouts have to really practice these basic scout skills. We also plan to achieve the Astronautics badge, but more on that next month. At the end of last term three new scouts were inducted into Naphill Scouts and we have just been joined by six new boys this term.

*Adrian Curtis  
naphillscouts@outlook.com*

### The Tennis Club

Our Festive Tennis event in December was a great success with sunshine, mulled wine and mince pies amid much hilarity and enjoyment.

Now that Spring is on its way (hard to believe?), we have had the courts professionally cleaned and a moss treatment applied ready for the new season.

The 2014 /15 Tennis Club Newsletter giving details of membership and our programme of events will be available from early March either online at [naphilltennisclub.org.uk](http://naphilltennisclub.org.uk) or from the secretary. See our entry under 'Naphill & Walter's Ash Clubs & Organisations' at the front of the Gazette.

For members and prospective new members, please note that our Sunday Club Session will now start at 1.30 pm and will continue at this time for the remainder of the 2014/15 season.

In the meantime, it's on with the gloves and on with the tennis – frost and snow permitting – washed down with coffee and biscuits in the Clubhouse!

*Jenny Tench*

## Picture Gallery



**Naphill and Walters Ash School - Christmas Productions**

School photos from Imogen and Megan - Yr.6 students at our local school. Well done to you all on your plays!



**Past Times Exhibition - So much to see, learn and talk about!**

## A Letter From Ian Your Ex Milkman

I would like to say a very big thank you to all of my customers for the many wonderful cards, messages and gifts I received. On my last day Friday 29th November had any children looked out and saw my milk float they may have thought Santa was coming early and had changed his sleigh for a milk float, it was quite amazing.

I would like to clear one thing up though as I had so many retirement cards is that I didn't actually retire. I resigned from Wren Davis as I didn't agree with some of the unnecessary changes just before Christmas so I will be job hunting in the New Year.

It was very strange on my last day, especially delivering to my last customer which was Trada in Stocking Lane and as I stepped into my milk float for the very last time how many millions of pints I had delivered and how many thousands of miles had I run/walked over the 43 years I had been doing the milk round.

Thank you all once again.  
Regards  
Ian Kelloway

## The Wheel

Firstly we would like to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year from all the staff at The Wheel. We had an amazing family Christmas once the huge amount of people left on Christmas day, and it was great to have all our family with us this year. The Christmas Tree lights were fantastic as usual and I am still amazed that they stayed put with the terrible rain and winds we've had, so well done to the team.

December is always a busy month and this one has felt particularly hard with the important days falling on Tuesday and Wednesday, it just seems to have been a constant weekend! We would also like to extend our best wishes to everyone who has had a difficult time over the festive period as there seems to be so many of you that have gone through so much, we truly hope 2014 is a much better year for us all.

New Years Eve was a fantastic night with so many people putting lots of effort into their costumes. The Theme was 70s, 80s and 90s sitcoms and the costumes ranged from various Allo Allo characters, Father Ted or should I say Jack and Dougal, Hi De Hi, Captain Mainwaring, The Good Life, and Mrs Slocombe and so much more. It was a great night with everyone in high spirits (some more than others) next year we'll keep it simple and stick to Black Tie / Smart.

So what's coming up over the next two months

- Friday 14th Feb - Valentines evening
- Thursday 20th Feb - Curry Night
- Saturday 15th March - St Patricks celebrations
- Thursday 20th March - Italian Night

As many of you know Chloe has not been well and has had to have a major operation....Mark and I would like

to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for working brilliantly as a team, supporting each other and helping to take on the extra hours while Chloe is off. The staff boxes also showed how much the customers believe in you, here is to the staff party in February!

Once again thanks to all our customers and for their support during 2013 and lets raise a glass to 2014.

*Claire and Mark*

## Fete Day Saturday June 14th 2014

### 'Children's TV programmes'

As I'm sure you are all aware the fete committee is now well underway with organising this year's fete. We are planning some major and exciting changes to the fete weekend. I will tell you more in next month's gazette so watch this space.

We need new volunteers to help run stalls on the day and volunteers for the Friday night. Please help the village by helping us to deliver one of the most amazing days / weekends of the year, it is rewarding and fun to be involved in (I promise)!

Contact us by email on [nwafete@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nwafete@hotmail.co.uk) and if you don't have email call The Wheel please note that my staff and husband do not have anything to do with the committee.

We also need as usual

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

The committee can't wait to tell you all more but we have to wait for one more month.....

*The Fete Committee*

## Past Times Exhibition 30/11/2013

Some 200 to 300 people came to the above event and I have received some very nice notes of thanks. Some people have said that it was a pity that the exhibition did not run for longer as there was so much to read and see. My sincere thanks to all those who helped in so many ways with the transport, putting up tables, the refreshments etc.

I did have a lot more on show this time and village folk did attend but I was a little disappointed as the turnout was not as good as in previous years. Perhaps it was too near Christmas?

After taking out expences, gifts for the helpers and the two openers, I was able to give the village hall £287.50, but the aim of this event was to show the items I have collected over the last 40 years which chronicle the history of our village.

*Pam Smith*

## Hortico

Our next event is our DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT on Friday 7th March. Doors open at 7.15pm and we will have the usual Wine & 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 & Stilton Pie or
- Chicken Braised in Cider & Bacon or
- Sweet Potato & Blue Cheese Wellington (vegetarian)

All served with New Potatoes with Butter, Roasted Vegetables & Peas

And for Dessert:-

- Jaffa Pudding (Chocolate & Orange) or
- Brandied Mascarpone & Raspberries with Baby Meringues

Tea and Coffee will follow.

As I write, we have not yet finalised the after dinner entertainment, but have a few options, so I'm sure we will come up trumps as usual.

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

Now, no doubt you are all as fed up as I am with all the rain we have had recently- well so are your plants. Lots of nutrient will have been washed out of the soil, just as some of them are thinking about waking up, so, when the ground is a bit drier, give them all a liberal dose of general fertiliser (plants can't read so it doesn't matter which one you use!), and they will reward you with much stronger growth when they get started.

Finally, an early reminder that on Monday March 17th 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 March 7th.

*Cathryn Carter* 563233  
[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

## Bon Ami

We would like to begin by wishing all of our customers a very Happy New Year. We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break as much as we did.

With St Valentines Day just around the corner we will be busy baking Valentine Cupcakes and Love

Bug Biscuits which we can giftwrap for you free of charge for that special someone.

Although the weather has been rather damp it's lovely to welcome all the walkers and cyclists that are out enjoying our beautiful countryside.

Our Winter Magic Coffee is still extremely popular so we shall continue to make them until spring has sprung!

You may have already seen the article from the Best Kept Village Committee. If you do have an hour or two to spare to help spruce up our village then do pop into Bon Ami and sign up for one of the working parties. Your help will be much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Amanda and Ruth*

## Pony Espresso

What a busy few months leading up to Christmas it was in Pony Espresso! We could hardly keep up with the demand for bacon baguettes - those Christmas parties, in particular the RAF ones, must have been wild judging by the endless stream of bleary-eyed servicemen and women. Glad we helped you all to feel better! So Happy New Year to all our customers, and thanks for making it a very enjoyable time for us too.

Sunday opening is proving worthwhile .....our Roast Pork with homemade Apple Sauce and Stuffing is very popular, and our Daily Specials Menu keeps expanding. We are also now serving all day breakfast, and Jacket Potatoes filled anyway you like. And of course, a quiet hour reading the paper with a coffee is always a bit of a treat.

I hope that all the vouchers we donated to various charities and good causes have been redeemed by now, but look forward to welcoming you if you still have one. We now have a website which is [www.ponyespresso.co.uk](http://www.ponyespresso.co.uk) - and will be taking email orders which should make it much less time consuming than telephone orders.

Again, thank you all for your positive and ongoing support. If you haven't been in yet, come on in -we're friendly and love food!

*Blaine Wilsworth*

## Bradenham Parish Council

As part of the parish council's traffic management plan for Bradenham village the parish council and the National Trust had preferred the suggestion made by Sustrans to use large stone boulders as village entry signs. Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) had not allowed stones due to safety concerns. Our new County Councillor Carl Etholen supported the use of large stones, so we tried again. TfB need to carry out a risk assessment

## PIN UP DIARY DATES

### February

5th February	FONC 2-3 Mile Walk - Village Hall 10.30am
9th February	Child Bereavement Snowdrop Walk West Wycombe 2pm
11th February	Best Kept Village 'Clean Up' Village Hall 2pm
14th February	Valentines Day - events various in Pubs, Cafes
17th February	FONC Longer Walk
20th February	Curry Night Wheel
25th February	Best Kept Village 'Clean Up' Village Hall 2pm

### March

1st March	Brownie Jumble Sale Village Hall 1.30pm
3rd-10th March	Acupuncture Awareness Week (Details in February Gazette)
7th March	HORTICO Dinner Village Hall 7.15pm Village Hall
15th March	National Trust 'Volunteer Day' - Hughenden Manor 10am-1pm
15th March	Saint Patrick's Day - The Wheel

for the use of stones in the verges. Carl Etholen has given the parish council the money to pay for this. At our recent meeting we needed to decide the location, where we would like to place the stone(s) and the size. Not as easy as it sounds! Following consultation with the National Trust we will use the location suggested by Sustrans and published in their report. It is near the back entrance to Bradenham Manor. The size was a bit more complicated, but we have made some suggestions. Now we are waiting for the report from TfB. The process is unfortunately very, very slow.

We had an interesting presentation on a community web site. There are not just financial implications for a parish council web site, but we need to make sure all current legislation is adhered to. A full report of all the various options and costs will be drawn up and discussed at a future meeting.

We have been told that the Secretary of State will make the decision on the traveller site in Walter's Ash by March 2014.

Our accounts were found to be in accordance with proper practices and all relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had been met.

The next meeting will be on Monday 17th March 2014 at 7.00pm in the cricket club.

*Deirdre Hansen - clerk@bradenham.org.uk*

## Hughenden Parish Council Report

The Christmas break now seems a dim and distant event, but hopefully, most people had the opportunity to take a break from the pressures of life and concentrate on family and friends. It was certainly a welcome break from Parish activity, but we seem to have started the New Year with a bang and look forward to a busy period ahead.

Our first Full Council meeting of the year certainly gave us plenty to think about although finishing at 12.45am is not something we wish to become a regular occurrence. There were times when Ever Decreasing Circles came to mind, but hopefully future meetings won't get quite so bogged down in administrative debate.

The money stolen by a previous Clerk is still a hot topic as we struggle to get the Court Order payments completed. As this was only half the full amount stolen, we had hoped that our insurance would cover the rest, but this was negated by the lack of procedures in place at the time, so we are now considering a Civil Claim.

We have now agreed the precept (the element of your Council Tax that contributes to the Parish Council's budget) for the year ahead which, due to a slight reduction in WDC support, will be 0.1% higher than last year with a commitment that our overall budget therefore remains the same. Part of the budget is used to provide donations to worthy causes in the Parish. In December, we were delighted to provide a grant of nearly £3000 to Naphill and Walter's Ash School to support their Forest School and the excellent work they do in giving children the experience of learning about the environment and themselves in our wonderful local woods. The recent high winds have brought the Council's responsibilities for its land into sharp focus, especially the potential danger from falling trees and branches. We are therefore having to carry out a full survey of all the trees to determine whether any pose a danger and need action.

Continuing on the outdoor theme, we are in the process of getting the Walter's Ash pond surveyed to determine its future. Given its proximity to the bus stop, it is unfortunately a dumping ground for all sorts of litter and is not in a good state. We are therefore working with the Resident's Association and the school to look at options for getting it back to its former glory and maintaining it.

Finally, we now have the Feasibility Study into parking

and safety options for the areas around the Coop. This is available on the Parish Council website, but we now intend to set up meetings with interest groups to consider options – with nothing ruled in or out at this stage. Unfortunately, we have been unable to get any response from Bucks CC in addressing similar issues outside Costcutter, but we hope we might be able to embarrass them into taking this seriously.

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

## National Trust

Do you feel passionate about heritage ? Are you a keen gardener or do you enjoy working outdoors? Do you like meeting people and chatting to them ? If the answer is yes to any of the above, you should consider becoming a National Trust volunteer. The Hughenden, West Wycombe and Chiltern property group of the National Trust are holding a Volunteer Open Day on 15th March, 10am -1pm at Hughenden Manor.

Whether your interest lies with history, gardening, helping with events or the countryside, we have the right volunteering opportunity for you. It is a great way to make new friends, learn new skills or to develop new interests. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers for a variety of roles such as

room guides for Hughenden Manor (open throughout the year), the home of Victorian prime minister and author Benjamin Disraeli and the secret location for British map making during WW2. We also look after West Wycombe Park, one of the finest Palladian Houses in the country which is open to the public during the summer months. Volunteers help maintain the extensive gardens at Hughenden and are developing the Walled Garden as a lesson in sustainable gardening. We also care for 3.000 acres of stunning Chilterns countryside, including West Wycombe and Coombe Hill. Why not come along on the 15th to find out more, meet some of the team and have a look around. We'll even throw in some tea and biscuits. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Alternatively, if you would like some further info, contact [Helpingout@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Helpingout@nationaltrust.org.uk) or call 01494 755573.

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Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
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 Village Hall	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
	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 Comimittee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.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	
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	Thursdays 5.45 pm		
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	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
Junior Sessions - Summer school term-only	Fridays 5-7.30pm. Saturday 9-10am		
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
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love Pedro

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## Editorial

There are just so many new and exciting things happening in our Gazette! Thanks to our stalwart delivers, headed by Mike and Pauline Pool, who have agreed to bear the additional weight, we are able to increase our magazine by an additional 4 pages and so add more articles and photos. In all weathers, these hardy souls ensure that the magazines are delivered promptly and my heartfelt thanks goes out to them.

Thanks to Alan's hard work as our advertising manager, we have fresh advertisements from new and regular advertisers, thank you all! Please have a good look through our advertisements and support our advertisers whenever you can.

The Gazette is going to have its very own website and Judy, our webmaster, is busy working on how we can best develop and use this.

I understand that a lovely lady is looking at how she can reintroduce the Network Business Meetings at Bon Ami. I know absolutely nothing about Business Networking so I am looking forward to learning more about this too and will share the information soon.

Of course we do have what I like to call, "Mothering Sunday" to cheer us. Although I no longer have my dear Mother to visit and thank, it is a day when she is especially close to my heart.

When we were very young my brother and I were raised in a flat on what even in those days, was the very busy North Circular Road. It was a noisy and smoky industrial environment. We moved to High Wycombe, when I was 10 and we really thought that we had died and arrived in heaven! We lived quite near the town centre but there were woods and fields just up the road and we had what we had always dreamed about, our own garden! Soon after we moved here it was Mothering Sunday and one of my early memories was going 'Mothering', something we had never been able to do in London, and picking catkins and pussy-willow for Mummy.

Like so many festivals, what is now referred to as Mother's Day, has sadly become heavily commercialised, but it is the hug, the kiss and the visit, not the price tag on the gift that counts. So those of you who are lucky enough to have Mothers, Mums or whatever you call them, cherish them and tell them just how much they are loved, that is what this day is truly about.

Well with thoughts of Spring and Easter on the

horizon, with longer days and hopefully an end to the storms, please tell us what you would like to see included in the Gazette, please go out and about and take lots of photographs and send them in for inclusion in the magazine. It would be really good to receive articles from the local organisations who haven't contributed for some time. Finally, my thanks to all our contributors and to Mark Dell for this month's inspiring cover. I just love the light through the line of trees, "light at the end of the tunnel", Spring is on the way!

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## Best Kept Village 2014 - calling all Naphillians

The first Naphillians' clean up session took place on Tuesday February 11th. A very wet morning became a cold, sunny afternoon but only two hardy souls were available to make a start. Several black sacks were needed for the substantial amount of cans, plastic and glass bottles, foil crisp packets, sweet wrappers, etc. that were strewn around under the trees and hedges, and round by the Scout and Guide Hut.. None of this litter would have rotted down. Add in paper plates and a pile of cigarette ends and you have an idea of the way our lovely green open space is being used. Such a shame that some young people, in particular, seem to have little regard for keeping the Crick litter free.

Once the better weather comes ( assuming it does!) it is hoped that as many residents as possible will keep the area in front of their houses free of litter, leaving the clean up parties less to do. We shall continue to keep on top of things on the Crick.

The next dates are Tuesdays at 2pm on February 25th, March 11th and 25th.

Please contact one of us if you have ideas for further activities or require information.

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## Saint Botolphs Service

March 2nd	11am Eucharist
March 9th	11am Eucharist
March 16th	11am Eucharist
March 23rd	Matins
March 30th	11am Family Service at
<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>RADNAGE VILLAGE HALL</b>



## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents' Association

In case you are not already aware, WDC has unveiled its 15 year Plan to 2031 and is seeking residents' views on their proposed options to build an estimated 14,000 homes, new employment sites and associated infrastructure in the District over that period. The big challenge that faces WDC will be the need to build 700 - 900 homes a year, and find new places for business too, while at the same time delivering the right infrastructure and protecting and maintaining our high quality environment. This is an increase from the 400 homes that are currently built each year and will be very difficult to achieve because 71% of the District lies in the AONB and 48% in the Green Belt.

WDC want you to get involved and they need your input - your views, ideas and concerns. You can view the full Local Plan or just read the summary on the WDC website at [www.wycombe.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/newlocalplan)

A major consultation is running until Friday 4 April 2014. If you are interested in how WDC proceeds with their Local Plan please go to one of their local events to discuss and debate more about the choices they face.

As you can see there will be a staffed exhibition on Thursday, 27th February from 9.30 am to 4.45 pm at Naphill Village Hall and an evening workshop on Wednesday 5th March 7 - 9 pm at Hughenden Primary School. Staffed exhibitions and workshops are being held at several different venues during March. The details of these can be found on the

WDC website as can a copy of the Response Form.

If you would like to attend would you please register in advance by phone 01494 421277 or via email to [newlocalplan@wycombe.gov.uk](mailto:newlocalplan@wycombe.gov.uk)

Gloria Leflaive 563634



### Wycombe District Local Plan Options consultation

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 Saturday 15 March 9.30am to 5pm



**North West Chiltern, 2 dates**  
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**5 March: Hughenden Primary School**  
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## A Little bit of Local History

At my recent Past Times Exhibition, I had my Newell family album on show. Although the Newell family lived mostly in High Wycombe, they have strong connections with Naphill.



My Grandfather, Walter, was Newell's nephew. Claude Newell, who was a builder in High Wycombe, put in a quote to build our village hall. The hall was to be built with the money raised through lots of events

and over many years by the Naphill folk. Claude Newell was awarded the contract and in 1928 our village hall was built, at budget cost, on the land given by Coningsby Disraeli.

My great, great Grandfather, Joseph George Newell lived in High Wycombe and after closing in the evening, he used to run around the roads of High Wycombe. He, with several others, formed the Phoenix Harriers which had previously been linked with others as 'The Cycle and Athletic Club'. I actually had a program of events in the Newell Family Album which was on show at the exhibition.

One special race which Walter ran was in 1908 and was run from Thame to High Wycombe. The town centre was closed and crowds lined the streets. The runners raced past the Saunderton Workhouse, roared on by the inmates, on past the cheering crowds at the West Wycombe Pedestal to the finishing line at the Guildhall in High Wycombe where the Mayor and Councillors were on hand to greet and congratulate them. Walter came in first but

this was not the end of his exciting day! He ran on home as his wife had gone into labour with their 4th child. On arrival, there was his new born daughter, of course named 'Marathon Mary'!

Grandfather went on to run many more races, one of the most notable being the Windsor to Staines in 1914 with 43 competitors from many European countries. The race was started from Windsor Castle, by King George. Walter William Newell came home in 15th position. I am very proud of his achievements! Please see the photograph, taken by Richard Holroyd, of me holding Grandfather's 130 year old running outfit.

*Pam Smith*

## **A Personal Perspective**

If you read last month's article you will know that we recently held a Full Council meeting that had a record number of items to consider and lasted well past midnight. The following meeting had far fewer items, and I'm glad to say we finished much earlier. Perhaps there is a connection!

For anyone considering becoming a Parish Councillor at some point, it certainly helps if you can feel comfortable working within committees, and it is always satisfying when enough people, often with different backgrounds and interests, come to decisions or make recommendations that will affect a sizeable number of residents, and even better when action starts taking place. So the following is an update on recent progress.

You will know already that there are a whole host of road safety issues relating to the shops area in Walter's Ash. The Residents' Association worked hard for many years to seek action, and more recently Hughenden Parish Council (HPC) paid for a 'feasibility study' from Transport for Bucks, as well as gathering additional ideas. Recently we held a small meeting primarily of residents living on or near Main Road, Ash Close, etc., and in a few days we hope to hold one involving local businesses. At this point your Ward Councillors are primarily listening! We will then sift through all the ideas to see about presenting and refining them at a variety of meetings: HPC itself, one or more Public meetings, etc. If it looks like the ideas will need considerable finance we will in parallel discuss that with various businesses and public bodies.

Because the road safety issues in Walter's Ash have some similarities with road safety concerns near the Post Office in Naphill, we are hoping that much of the thinking will subsequently be applied there as well.

During the time I've been a Councillor, HPC has considered 'improvements' to the Pond in Walter's Ash, but each time has paid for any emergency work and postponed coming to conclusions about just what should be done, if anything, to make it an

attractive local feature. So in the last few months we've had a few meetings, which have also included staff from the school, and are hoping to get approval for involving one or more environmental experts to come up with suggestions. Do you have any ideas about what to do with the Pond? If so, please contact HPC (clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk), or phone 715296.

In another part of our Parish, Widmer End, I've recently been involved in seeking agreement between local residents, HPC, BCC, TfB, and WDC! We've ended up with an agreement in principle to consider spending 'S106' monies primarily on a pedestrian crossing, but we are in the early stages of sorting out the details. It is clear that road safety issues dominate our thoughts wherever we live.

We also have a number of ongoing projects that will affect the whole of our Parish: Phil Conran's article mentions the Parish questionnaire which is a preliminary to working on a Parish Plan; we are looking at ways to improve Communications across the Parish; We are organising a 'youth event' within the Parish; and we have ongoing discussions with the Allotments charity. All of these, and more, involve personal time for some Councillors, with the simple reward of seeing things come together with a satisfactory outcome!

*Roger Beavil*



**Guides &  
Brownies  
Jumble Sale  
Saturday  
1st March  
Naphill Village Hall  
1.30pm**

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

*No furniture or electrical goods please.*

## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

The day of our meeting was the same day as the sink hole swallowing up the car in Walter's Ash was reported on the national news and a smaller but significant "sink hole" was found on the Crick. As I write this one week on, the hole on the Crick has grown a bit. There seems very little we can do about this hole except fence it in, which has been done, until the weather finally calms down. In the interim we are getting advice from the District Council and our insurers. Maybe by the time you read this we will have some answers and are able to go about getting it filled in securely. We live in strange times, but at least we are dry, living on top of a hill.

Our new CCTV cameras have been really helpful in identifying the lads who have been up on the Hall roof and damaging the roof tiles. We have been able to pass this information on to the police who are visiting the relevant parents. A result!

The leak in the small hall has now been fixed and so you no longer need wellies to use the small hall. We have also installed grab rails to the sides of the stage and also to the entrance to the main hall to help those who find that step difficult.

We have commissioned Philip Hussey to draw a pictorial map of the village. The meeting saw a beautifully drawn example of a small part of the map and so agreed to proceed. When finished the map will be displayed on the outside front wall of the hall showing visitors the layout of the village and the position of amenities such as the pubs, bus stops etc. We will be asking for sponsorship to fund the framing which will obviously need to be totally weather proof, and thus expensive. Maybe you could help.

The next events are:

- The Evans plus Evans Magic Show on the 15th March
- Quiz night on 27th June
- Naphill Festival on the weekend of the 13th – 15th June

Get the dates in your diary

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

## The Wheel

January and February have ticked along quite nicely considering the terrible weather we've had, but we should all be grateful that we are on top of a hill! Our last Game Food evening was fantastic and was fully booked. We also did Burns Night this year which was an amazing evening with the traditional menu thanks to Chef. Bod was amazing doing

the speeches which was very last minute as our usual Scotsman had to drop out, you did brilliantly. We would also like to thank Andy who played the bagpipes for us. The evening was definitely enjoyed by all and the whisky flowed more for some than others!

Well, the 6 Nations has started and as usual we have had some loud afternoons shouting and cheering at the TV (some more than others). Many of our customers have entered the Princes Risborough Rugby Club sweep stake and the scores are here on the wall in the back bar. Here's to the games this month! Come on England!!

We would like to thank Linda Cole and all the staff for letting us have a brilliant break in the Peak District and ensuring the pub was still standing when we got back! Mark and I had a fabulous few days with four other friends walking, eating lots and drinking plenty, it was a much needed break for us all. Thanks again to everyone, customers included for helping out.

What's coming up over the next couple of months;

- \* More 6 Nations.....
- \* Pie Night - 20th March
- \* Mothers Day - Sunday 30th March (remember to book early)
- \* Italian Night - Thursday 10th April
- \* Easter Weekend - Friday 18th - Monday 21st April

The Chef and I are now in the process of creating the new spring/summer menu, which will be available at the end of April (assuming the weathers changed). We will give you a proper taster in the next edition, but for now don't forget the special food nights that we've got coming up.

On a slightly different note Chloe's operation was successful this time and by the time the Gazette is through your door she will be back to work.

As always Mark and I would like to thank all our staff again over the last few months and to all our brilliant customers who are so important to us.

*Cheers  
Claire and Mark*

## Gazette Deliverers

This copy of the Naphill & Walters Ash Gazette comes to you from one of the 31 deliverers who trudge happily around the villages to post your Gazette through your door.

In spite of a warning to them all that the Gazette is going to increase slightly in page numbers, consequently in weight, they are all prepared to continue with their volunteering.

I am sure you will all agree they do a splendid job and we thank them for the effort they put in to this work.

A big thank you must go to Ted Chapman who has decided to retire from his round. Ted has been a deliverer for very many years, initially with his wife Jenny then later, taking on the task alone. So, well done Ted, we will miss stopping off at your door ten times a year!

We welcome into this exclusive group Ronnie and Niki Smith. Thank you for offering to take over from Ted and we hope you have many happy years of delivering!

*Pauline & Michael Pool*

I should like to add my personal thanks to Ted, Pauline, Mike and all of their GREAT team!



*Sonia*

## **Naphill Evening W.I.**

Our talk on "The Chalk Stream at Hughenden" by Steve Kirkpatrick, who works for the National Trust, was very interesting and informative. Chalk Streams are apparently quite rare in the rest of the world but we have several in this area. I am sure our February speaker Nick Wheeler Robinson talking about Eric Gill, Sculptor and Artist will also be interesting.

The speaker on 20 March will be Paul Heley, talking on "We Think it Rains Here – Try New Zealand". I wonder if they could possibly have more rain than we have had in the past few months? I doubt it!

We will also be joining other institutes on 27 March for the Spring Group Meeting hosted by Sands Valley Evening W.I. Group Meetings are always good evenings, with a chance to meet people that we haven't seen for a while.

The Food Appreciation Group have had their first outing of 2014, with lunch at the Horse & Jockey in Tylers Green and by the time you have read this they will probably also have had lunch at the Royal Standard in Wooburn Common. Partners and friends are invited to join them on 27 March for an evening meal at the Red Lion in Hurley.

Our "Sew and Chat" group are busy making patchwork bags and dressing dolls, and Juliet has called the first meeting of the Float participants in preparation for this year's fete. If this weather continues, we really will float down the Main Road.

*Carol Gilliam*

## **WANTED – TEENAGERS**

We are looking for some teenagers to help us organise an event in Hughenden for teenagers. We want them to help us decide where it should be held, what activities to offer, what food to offer and

to help us budget for the event. It would be good experience for anyone building up their personal statements or CVs.

### **Here's the background.**

We are Councillors on Hughenden Parish Council (which covers Naphill & Walter's Ash). The Council is drawing up its Parish Plan and we need to get the views of everyone in the parish about what the Council should be doing, including what services it should provide for people who live here.

We particularly want to get the views of young people, including teenagers, because there aren't any young people on the Council. The average age of the Councillors is about, well let's say pretty old.

Young people are notoriously difficult to reach. Funnily enough they don't like answering boring questionnaires and aren't keen on turning up at meetings.

So we are organising an event for young people in Hughenden in the Easter holidays which should be fun and attract young people. In return we will be asking the young people who come to give their views about living in Hughenden, what they think the Council should do – and what they themselves might do to help.

We would like young people to help us organise the event – and take some of the decisions.

We have a date (17 April). We have a budget (£1000). We have some ideas (we can offer skateboarding, a mobile games bus, Sound Studio, and a group of young inspectors to interview the young people perhaps on video like Big Brother).

However we need a venue (we need somewhere quite big inside and outside), we need publicity (how do we contact all the young people in the parish, how do we design a flyer and how do we use social media?), and we think we should offer food (but what?). We need young people to help us make these decisions and get things done. We also have to sort out security and we have to come in on budget!

So we need the input of young people and they might learn some new skills (and hopefully enjoy themselves).

We are looking for young residents (11-18 years old) from Naphill, Walters Ash, North Dean, Bryants Bottom, Cryers Hill, Hughenden Valley, Great Kingshill, Widmer End.

If anyone is interested, contact us at

**youth@hughendenpc.org.uk**

**or phone on 07941618331/ 07760 152 457**

*Shade Adoh/Linda Derrick*

## Bradenham Parish Council.

At its last meeting the parish council set the Precept for 2014-15 at £7000, the same as the previous year.

The Road Safety Survey for Village Entry Signs by Bucks County Council was discussed. The comments in the report were accepted, the main point being that a village entry sign should be placed within the 30mph zone, not in the derestricted area. We discussed placing a brick and flint wall instead of a large boulder and decided that the National Trust should be approached to get their views. Bradenham Woods Lane is planned to be resurfaced in the next financial year and the parish council will try to use that to have the next phase of the Sustrans traffic calming scheme implemented.

We had noted that the A4010 is planned to be used as a High Speed 2 construction traffic route. This would have a major impact on the community. The Environmental Statement published with the Bill in November 2013 showed indeed that the A4010 is intend to be used for HS2 construction traffic. The meeting discussed the problems that could cause and decided to object to these plans. We cannot object to the principal of the Bill itself, but can raise objections on relevant items in the Environmental Statement.

After extensive research and debate it was decided, that although it would be preferable to have a web site, with our current budget, we could not afford to have one. It will be reviewed again in due course.

Planning: the Chairman spoke at the Wycombe District Council Planning Committee (22/01/14) on planning application 12/07953/FUL for the change of use at Shana. The council had objected to this application on Highway grounds and these had now been alleviated, however there was disappointment that the recladding of the riding school had been withdrawn from the application and that Saturday opening hours had been added.

We should hear the outcome of the public enquiry on the traveller site ( APP/K0425/A/11/2159978) in March.

Our County Councillor Carl Etholen had attended the meeting and had given a detailed update on Bucks County Council affairs.

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 17 March at Bradenham Cricket Club. Members of the public are welcome.

*Deirdre Hansen, clerk to the Council*

Tel: 01494-562254 clerk@bradenham.org.uk

## Hughenden Parish Council Report

In early March, the Council will be distributing a questionnaire to every household in the Parish. The questionnaire is effectively a survey on Parish life and

contains a number of questions designed to inform the Council in the development of a Parish Plan which we will launch in draft form for consultation at our Annual Parish Meeting in May. We are seeking your views on areas of the community where we might be able to make a difference. We want to understand what it is that annoys and delights you about where you live; what your key priorities are for us for the future; what the needs of different generations are now; what it is that you would like us to do.

For instance, we ask about your concerns on road safety. We would like to know what facilities you feel we should provide for children and teenagers. And we are looking to understand the effect of crime in this area. A Parish Council has a limited budget and limited powers, but increasingly, it has the freedom to develop new opportunities that go beyond our traditional areas of responsibility. Whilst it has been difficult to understand the much vaunted concept of Localism we heard so much about at the last election, it does seem that the Government is keen for Parish Councils to do more, although of course, without extra central funding. And we must also be aware that if we don't play a more active part in managing our own future, others will do it for us. We are already seeing the threat of large scale housing development coming out of Wycombe District Council's latest Local Plan. Thousands of new houses that must be built somewhere in the District over the next few years and we must ensure we are in a position to protect our community from inappropriate development in our Parish.

So this Questionnaire is very important to us as it will help to shape the future for Hughenden Parish and for the villages of Naphill and Walter's Ash.

In early March, each household will receive an envelope that will contain the questionnaire and a reply-paid envelope. Please take the time to complete the questionnaire and return it to us as soon as possible, but by the end of March at the latest. It is completely anonymous and is not marked in any way to show which house it came from. We will then analyse the responses during April and develop the Plan in time for our APM in May when we will launch it for consultation.

If you lose your questionnaire or have not received it by mid-March, you can go onto the Parish website [www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk) to download a new one or simply call the Clerk and you will be sent one.

Please please please participate! You may think it a bit long or that some of the questions seem strange, but it has been made as short as possible and the questions have been very carefully thought through.

Thank you for your participation.

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

## Christmas Lights

The team hope everyone enjoyed the lights. We had one extra garland this year and the tree looked better than ever. Mike Leggett was the lead climber and he was assisted up the tree by Tom Oxnard. Mark Blamey from Saunderton drove the cherry picker and he was assisted on high by Stephen Fountain from Widmer End and by Kevin Oxnard. David Greenwood and Simon Mason of Hughenden Valley spent a long time up a tall ladder tying/untying the ropes at the ends of the garlands. The team on the ground comprised Gary Putnam from Lacey Green, Ron Collins, John Harris, Terry Aldridge, Peter Brown, Glenn Gavin, Peter Davis, Tom Oxnard, Henry Oxnard, Neil McMinn, Jack Mason of Hughenden Valley and myself. That's 19 people – quite a team.

We put up the lights on 23rd November and took them down on 12th January. We were blessed with good weather on both days. However, in between we had some of the rainiest and stormiest weather experienced for many years. We had a first – a gale on 23rd December broke off the mast at the top of the tree. Fortunately the safety rope prevented the sphere from crashing to the ground. Mike Leggett went up the tree on Christmas Eve to effect repairs (assisted by Kevin Oxnard on the ground) to make sure the tree looked OK for the vital Christmas period. Mike Leggett and I adjusted the garlands on four occasions early in December to improve the lights, including the fitting of artificial branches at the top of the tree to improve the shape. Mike is a perfectionist! We had another first – an intermittent short-circuit at the top of the tree which put out the lights for a day on two occasions. At the time of writing we have not found the cause, but suspect it was because of the violent weather.

We must give our thanks to Arbourtech Services of Downley Road who provided the cherry picker free of charge and to Mark Blamey who drove it once more. Thanks also to Cathryn Carter who organised the collection tins in the village shops, to Claire Christian from The Wheel who provided sandwiches and soup and to Marlene Mason who provided tea, coffee and hot mince pies (with whisky this time at the special request of Ron Collins!). The equipment up the tree takes quite a battering from the elements, so a very special thank you to YOU, the public, who through your generosity in the collection tins provide the money for replacement equipment, electricity and insurance for the operation. The tree was planted in 1937, so it was 76 years old in 2013. Mike Leggett and I have been putting up the lights for 38 years – half the life of the tree!

Happy New Year!  
*Mike Mason*

## Friends of Naphill Common.

Thank you to the almost sixty people who attended our open meeting and AGM on 7th February, despite the wind and rain. I am sure everyone enjoyed the fascinating and scholarly talk by Frances Kerner on the history of common land. The ancient maps and documents were intriguing and made me realise how much we could discover if we were to undertake an historical study of our common. The committee was re-elected and consists of Kevin Bennett, Ron Collins, Peter Davis, Sheila Draper, Peggy Ewart, Philip Hussey, Trevor Hussey, Lyn McMinn, Chris Miller, Marek Pawlik and

Steve Rodrick. Neil McMinn has kindly agreed to be co-opted onto the committee and this will be confirmed at our next meeting. We will soon be preparing our programme for the year ahead.

It is going to be a crucial and busy year. The West Wycombe Estate intends to begin felling up to 20% of the trees in the autumn. We can't stop this but we can try to influence how it is carried out. We must ensure that the felling is done so as to enhance the Common by widening the rides and paths and clearing round the ponds. We have already supplied those concerned with maps and inventories showing the ancient trees, archaeological features, rare plants etc., with the aim of protecting them, and we will try to monitor the work as it proceeds. Following our recent pond survey, we also want to embark on a careful programme of work to improve their bio-diversity. We also aim to plant out the juniper cuttings taken from our existing bushes. All this, together with a series of events, working parties and walks should keep us busy.

The Friends of Naphill Common has no official status. The reason why we have been able to get involved in the felling scheme and do all the other things is because of our impressive membership. It is essential that we keep up the numbers, so please renew your membership: it is only £5 for a year. Our membership secretary Lynn McMinn (01494 564667) would like to hear from you.

We hope to offer a series of events throughout the year: some as before and some new ones – including a tour of a selection of the oldest buildings in the village, led by a building historian. Meanwhile the Walks for Health will continue. Join Ron Collins at 9.30am at Naphill Village Hall on the third monday of each month for a long walk (5-6 miles), and join Chris Miller at 10.30am at the Village Hall for a short walk (2-3 miles) on the first wednesday each month. Both are free and open to anyone. Our working parties will also continue. They are organised by Peter Davis (01494 569303). Go to our website for more information.

Cheer up despite the miserable weather: nature is already preparing for spring. Snowdrops are blooming, wild arum is pushing its spikes out of the earth, catkins are decorating the hazel bushes and birds are already preparing their songs. Let us hope they sing in sunshine.

*Trevor Hussey. Chairman.*  
[naphillcommon.org.uk](http://naphillcommon.org.uk)

*Long Walks: Ron Collins 562240*  
*Short Walks Chris Miller 563707*

## Lent Lunches



During Lent our local Methodist Churches will be hosting Saturday Lent Lunches. The first of these will be at Naphill Methodist Church on 1st March 12-2pm when a light lunch will be served. Everyone is WELCOME!

## Naphill Scouts

Currently the scouts are working towards their Astronautics badge. The first part of the badge was to be able to explain the purpose of space exploration, historical reasons, immediate goals in terms of specific knowledge and benefits related to new products and technology. We were delighted to welcome Squadron Leader Dave Davenport, OC UK Space Operations Coordination Centre at RAF High Wycombe, to help us out with this. Dave talked us through the history of man in space, explained how a multi-stage rocket works and described different satellites and their orbits.



Following that, the scouts spent a Saturday at the National Space Centre in Leicester, where they found out about the Mir and the International Space Stations and investigated life in space. There was a lot of interest in the space toilet! The scouts took a moment to pose for a photo under a Soyuz space craft. We were also interested to see a large display about the RAF in space (being pointed out by Dujon), linking back to the presentation Dave gave us.

Shortly the scouts will be building their own rockets and will be test firing them across the crick to see which design gives the furthest distance. We will bring you the winning rocket design next month!

Mark Powell  
naphillscouts@aol.com

## Naphill Men's Football Club



### 20th anniversary of Naphill Men's Football Club!

This special event of course, must be celebrated! So I have decided to do something extra to mark this great occasion. For just £10 you can purchase a limited edition, Naphill Football Club scarf from me, Phil Crawford on 07500007644. Purchase your scarf whilst the limited stocks last, and wear with pride to support your local football club.

If you are interested in joining as a player or supporter, please give me a call.

Phil Crawford  
07500007644.



## Vintage Tea Dance



Friday 21 March 2014  
1-4pm  
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Free admission

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Charlotte: 07412679139  
teadance.wycombe@hotmail.co.uk

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## Sinkhole Sunday

Being awoken by a sobbing daughter saying her car had gone down a hole is not something you expect on a Sunday morning, but nor was the tidal wave of media attention that followed it. Our initial report to the police ('we'll look into it sir') led to the appearance of a pair of police cars, the Council Building Control inspector and a fire engine. For a couple of hours, we had a crowd of rather bemused officials scratching their heads, wondering what to do next. Eventually it was decided that nothing could be done until the insurance assessors came in, so the hole was surrounded by cones and we assumed that would be that and it would all get sorted out by insurance. For us, the relief of what might have been had Zoe been in the car completely obscured any worries about the house and we enjoyed an extremely relaxed evening with our lovely neighbours, Suzanne and Mark Hobbs who instantly offered us dinner and a bed for the night as we were advised we shouldn't sleep there.



What we hadn't realised was that the Fire Brigade had put out a news item - complete with photos - on the Sunday afternoon. This was picked up by a number of Press Agencies and started to appear on websites (the Daily Mail Online's headline of 'Family flee village home' caused some amusement as we read it in our kitchen). As Monday dawned, the media poured in. For eight hours, we couldn't leave the house and therefore had no idea of the chaos that there must have been on Main Road, especially at school drop-off time. Sink holes of this size are clearly a rarity in this country, but the fact that there was a car at the bottom seemed to be the real interest. Zoe had gone off to work completely unaware of what was unfolding so they were deprived of interviews with her and the country was subjected to endless replays of BBC, ITN and Sky News interviews with Liz and me.

Quite why the BBC needed a reporter, camera crew and enormous outside broadcast lorry at the site virtually all day, we never discovered, but it was both incessant and exhausting with constant - very polite - requests for photos from the bedroom window that overlooked the hole which meant them all tramping through our immaculate (!) house.

But the event didn't just bring the media, it brought out

a constant stream of offers of help and good wishes and we have been overwhelmed by local people's kindness. Offers of beds, office space (I work from home) and any other help came from all over the village and we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone.



It also showed the good side of the insurance industry. Aviva have been brilliant and as many will have seen, the hole was filled with 350 tonnes of concrete by Thursday evening and they straight away put us up in rented accommodation. At the time of writing, they have still to do a lot of testing and further work to do to ensure that the house is completely secure, but by the time you read this we will be back in. There are others we must thank too. The Collinges next door for the delicious cake. PC Lee Turnham who has been a real gem in keeping the press in order and looking after us. Coles and Blackwell who have been fantastic and have got Zoe out of a hole by lending her a car. And amazingly, Autotrader who rang up out of the blue and have replaced her beloved VW Lupo, Bruce, who is now buried forever under the concrete.



So what caused the sinkhole (or the Lupole as it quickly became christened)? The theory is that 50 years of the gutter soakaways eroded the sandy soil under the clay, creating a cavity that chose that moment to collapse, probably because of all the recent rain. Where it all went, they are not sure although the old chalk mines may have played a part. But hopefully

borehole testing will give a clearer picture over the coming days. The engineers certainly felt it was an isolated case that just arose through a freak series of events – a perfect storm - but if we learn any more, we will let you know.

Finally, we would just like to apologise for all the disruption this event has caused to village residents, both on the Monday with the deluge of media and on the Thursday, with the constant stream of concrete lorries. Hopefully, this will be a storm in a teacup and Walter's Ash won't be forever linked to sinkholes. But for us, it was an extraordinary and surreal week with many memories – some good, some bad - that will remain with us for a very long time.

*Phil Conran*

## Naphill and Walters Ash School

### A FOREST SCHOOL



Whilst many parts of the country have been struggling to withstand the current weather conditions, here at Forest School the children have been learning to manage the conditions and to adjust to the changing habitat.

Part of our work as a Forest School is to monitor any ecological impact that we may have in the forest and to work

within a sustainable site management plan. We work closely with the National Trust in doing so. Our local ranger came and met with us this term, discussing a couple of concerns that we had regarding the impact of footfall in these conditions. After he inspected the various areas thoroughly, he assured us that all is well.

Some of you may already be aware that last term we were very excited and hugely appreciative of a generous donation from our local Parish Council. We are happy to report that this has made a great difference to our drying facilities and also to purchasing more waterproof clothing for the children; without which Forest School would be a seemingly impossible task!

So far, Spring term has been awash with fun and games! Utilizing their recently acquired skills, Year R have been busy making fishing rods to fish for sharks, stingrays, crocodiles and goldfish (to name but a few) in the deep hollows. During an earlier session, we talked about why some trees are thick and some are

thin; we decided to measure them by using pieces of string. The children then compared their various finds and ordered them by length. After discussing a multitude of factors, the children commented;

*"...a tree was planted a long time before this one; this one is a different kind of tree; that one is the Grandad and this one is the baby; maybe this one has had more water? Or more sun?"*

We then arranged our findings into circles on the ground and worked out how to tell exactly how old a tree really was using our diagram and a cross section of a log! Excellent!



One of our favourite times in the forest is when we read the children 'Silly Billy' by Anthony Browne. This is a story about a little boy who, after advice from his Grandma, makes himself some Mayan Worry Dolls. It's a very busy session for us as the children work industriously using bark peelers

(your common garden potato peeler and yes; they are fabulously good at this!) to smooth their sticks. Next, the lashing of string begins in earnest in order to fasten their doll and then the wool and leaves to adorn their wonderful creations. The children all take great pride in their work in the forest, as do we, and this task in particular is rewarding for all of us...not to mention excellent fun

*Keeley Allnutt*

**Editorial Comment:** *Another brilliant article by our talented Yr.6 pupils. Well done and thank you Keeley another great young Gazette Reporter!*

### A PLEA FROM OUR SCHOOL

We would love to have more people to help with readers. If you know of anyone in the local community who would like to help out then please put them in touch with us. Many schools have a number of 'retired' people who help with readers. This would be great for many of our pupils who, due to distance, do not see grandparents.

**Editorial Comment:** *As a retired school teacher, please can I recommend this activity! It really is a great fun, you will enjoy, and is of such benefit in encouraging and helping the children to develop their literacy skills!*

# Phyllis Southam (1913-2014)



Beehive Cottage where Phyllis was born over a 100 years ago.

Phyllis will be sadly missed but lovingly remembered by so many. The family have asked me to express our gratitude and thanks to you all for the kind sympathy expressed by friends, neighbours and fellow 'Napillites'.

*Jean Lawrence-Mann*

*I should like to offer my sincere sympathy to Jean and her Family. Sonia*

## Photo Gallery



Phyllis



Phyllis's 100th Birthday



**The Horse  
Trust  
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Now  
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and Reopened**

Waiting for visitors!



"You can tell me until the cows come home that Spring is coming! But WHEN will it stop raining ?"



Snowdrops in Naphill Sunday 16 February  
SPRING is on the way!

## From Our Jean



A service of Celebration for the life of Phyllis Southam was held at Amersham Crematorium on 12th February and was conducted by Rev. Mike Hill.

Phyllis lived in Naphill all her life and since her early twenties, in the family home, "Beehive Cottage" where she brought up her two sons Ian and Peter.

Phyllis was 100 years old and had a long and active life and although she suffered many calamities, she seldom complained.

In her early days she loved dancing and tennis and she was a member of the W.I. and Naphill Neighbours.

Phyllis was an efficient hard worker, renowned for her expertise in cooking, especially her chocolate cakes, which were greatly appreciated by her family and friends!

Unfortunately Phyllis suffered from Alzheimer's Disease in later life and eventually she had a full-time carer, Maria, to whom the family are very grateful. With Maria and the help from her family, Phyllis remained in the home she loved until her death on 20th January.

## Parking

Oh dear! This is a Nationwide problem of course, but one which definitely appears to be a daily battle in and around our area! A young relative recently posted on Facebook that there really was no reason to get soaked dropping your child off at school in the pouring rain. You simply pulled up outside the school, by the crossing-lady, kissed your child, waved them goodbye and drove home. She was less than amused when her ever loving Father pointed out that this action actually meant that she had committed several traffic offences, and if caught, would deserve any ensuing punishment.

A young couple, parked in a blue badge bay, told me that they had parked there because they had a baby. I politely thanked them for broadening my education. You see I had never considered a child as a disability nor was I aware that they "dissolved" in the rain! Well I live and learn!

Our local Police Newsletter features this subject this month and I publish their advice below.

### From P.C. Turnham

Parking within the mouth of junctions is still a problem. The Highway Code clearly states that NO vehicle shall be parked within 10m of a junction. It's been reported that this increases at school drop off and pick up times. PLEASE THINK! The safety of the children is paramount and leaving your vehicle will only increase the probability of your child and others being injured.



ASK YOURSELF ONE QUESTION BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE. WOULD I HAVE PASSED MY DRIVING TEST PARKING THIS WAY?

If the answer is 'YES', please continue with your day

HAVE YOUR SAY. 2014.



Georges Hill shops, Widmer End  
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Alternatively please use the link below:

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PC 3146 Lee TURNHAM  
Neighbourhood Officer.  
Greater Hughenden Parish.



### Police Alert

Last week, camera equipment was stolen from a car parked off Main Road Naphill. The Police have reminded us not to leave valuables in our parked cars and to make sure we lock our vehicles even when they are parked on our own driveway.

### Another comment from the editor

There is the possibility either two quarter page or one half page of coloured advertising space available in the Gazette. If you are interested in purchasing one of these spaces, please contact us as soon as possible.

What a MARATHON! My thanks to Richard and Alan for all their help and patience and to Himself for the endless cups of coffee, all the cooking, the house-keeping and keeping "The Boys", our two Chihuahuas, amused whilst I "created".

## PIN UP DIARY DATES

### March

1st March	Brownie Jumble Sale Village Hall 1.30pm
1st March	Lent Lunch - Napill Methodist Church 12-2pm
3rd-10th March	Acupuncture Awareness Week (Details in February Gazette)
7th March	HORTICO Dinner Village Hall 7.15pm Village Hall
8th March	District Consultative Planning Meeting Hughenden School 7-10pm
15th March	National Trust 'Volunteer Day' - Hughenden Manor 10am-1pm
15th March	Saint Patrick's Day - The Wheel
17th March	HORTICO AGM Village Hall Naphill 8pm
20th March	Pie Night - The Wheel
30th March	Mother's Day

### April

10th April	Italian Night - The Wheel
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## From Our Local Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

By the time you read these words, it may be that the floods will have subsided a little and some of the affected households will be in the tedious process of clearing, cleaning, disposing of ruined belongings, and chasing the insurance companies. The politicians will still be blaming each other and the media/public will be blaming the politicians. In the meantime, thousands of volunteers, soldiers, emergency services and public authority workers will have been working valiantly to make the suffering and inconvenience less unbearable.

In past times, God would have been heartily blamed for this flood and His prophets and priests would have been defending His actions by decrying all the recent wickedness of the people, and telling them "you're only getting what you deserved!"

Nowadays floods may still be called "acts of God", but floods tend to affect all low-lying property, and not just the ones with especially wicked residents. We can also see that if more money had been spent on dredging the waterways, and improving the sea-defences, then some of the consequences would have been less severe. And we can see that building houses on the nice flat land beside the river does bear some risk. And our vast areas of concrete and tarmac allow quick runoff, and our efficient agricultural methods don't soak up as much water as previously. So our whole way of life comes under scrutiny!

One of the fascinating aspects of the recent weather has been the ability to see the next big storm coming across the Atlantic, and accurately predict wind speeds, and tidal surges, and likely storm damage, and announce the monotonous "20 to 40mm of rain due in the next 24 hours". Our ability (or at least the ability of the Met Office computers!) to calculate these factors is impressive. Our ability to do much about it, is feeble in comparison!

Today (when I was not having to defend God's honour in bringing floods, like my predecessors might have had to do) I was asked: "So, Mike where do you stand on this global warming? Are you a sceptic?"

I think my friend who asked this, had been listening to the argument which says the present floods are due to climate change brought about by humanity burning too much fossil fuel and generating too much carbon dioxide. It is fair to say that our UK climate is more often more unseasonable, and more extreme, and more records are broken, than say 50 years ago, and the average temperatures have been higher in the last 10 years, even when you include some very cold winter weather (not this year of course!). And the politicians have been defending their lack of flood-preparedness by saying this is the wettest winter for 250 years, and no-one could have predicted that and made adequate defences. When it is said that average temperatures will be

half a degree warmer, and the sea level will rise another 10 cm, that doesn't sound much at all, when you consider how variable our temperatures and sea levels are from day to day, never mind century to century. Yet those tiny changes affect the weather patterns, and places like UK are on the boundary between Continental Eurasia and the Atlantic, where small global variations cause big local changes, and more unstable weather conditions.

Yes, I think the global warming/ climate change/ carbon footprint argument is probably correct, but the calculations are very difficult, even for modern computers. UK weather forecasts more than a few days ahead are necessarily uncertain, so long-term calculations have to be done a different way. No-one can predict the local weather for Bank Holiday in 2024, let alone in 2124. No-one can prove the floods of 2014 were/are due to climate change. But as far as I can see, the calculations almost all predict climate change with increasing extreme events, and this has been pretty extreme!

But I think we should be cautious how much we claim for the climate change predictions. I go back to the last couple of chapters of Job (in the Old Testament). After Job has complained at God, God humbles Job with many unanswerable questions about the mysteries of Nature, or the wonders of His Creation, including several about the causes of weather. We now know some answers to some of those questions, but by no means all.

*Mike Hill (Methodist Minister at Naphill)*

## Picture This

Ever since the invention of photography, there has been a debate: is photography art? Should photographers be allowed to wear berets and have a temperament? Or should they only be allowed Gortex waterproofs and Wellies? What do you think, is photography art? To truly immerse yourself in this philosophical question, try reading this true story and the rest of the article with a Poirot accent and an aniseed flavoured drink.

The phone rang:

"Hello" I breathed

"I would like to order a picture" purred the voice on the phone "an anniversary present for friends who were married in the church but now live in Canada."

The picture was of Hughenden Church in snow and with bright blue sky.

"How romantic" I said

"The picture is lovely and is exactly what I want. Is the original a watercolour or an etching?" she enquired.

"No, it is a photograph" I replied, carefully masking my temperament.

“Oh,” (long, long pause) “then I don’t think it is quite what I want”.

Fascinated, I tried to engage in conversation to discover why the fact that it was a photograph killed the romance, made a difference, but she couldn’t find the words. I’m guessing she didn’t want to hurt my feelings; she couldn’t say Photography isn’t ‘art’.

But it is art so this month’s tip is about art; the art of choosing what you decide to include in your picture. If you were an artist who paints, you would start with a blank canvas and then paint in whatever you wanted to include in your picture. As a photographer, you have to start with what is right there in front of you and then work to exclude what you don’t want in your picture.

This month’s cover picture by Mark Dell is a striking image and illustrates what to exclude and what to include. Woodland is very difficult to photograph; it’s messy and with all those woody trees, it’s complex. Woodland is full of dark shadows and bright patches of light which cameras find difficult to cope with.

Mark concentrated on and included just a few trees, choosing his viewpoint carefully so that the tree trunks were clearly separated from other trees. Coming straight at the camera, the dazzling light creates drama; this is called back-lighting but if you want to be very Left Bank, contre jour. But sunlight straight into the lens of your camera can be a photographic disaster and you might end up looking for - or groping for an optician - due to sun-blindness. The powerful sunlight has been partly excluded by one of the trees and, by including only a part of the sun, a starburst effect has been produced which gives a sparkle to the picture.

So my tip to all you artist photographers is to choose carefully what you want to include in your picture and what you want to exclude. Whatever the weather, enjoy your art.



*Richard Holroyd*  
*richardholroydphotography.com*



## Naphill Neighbours

At our February meeting on Monday, 10th February, we welcomed Mr Simon Issac, who gave a demonstration on Melon Carving. This craft is thought to have originated about 700 years ago in Sukothai, the capital of the Tai people, in what is now the north of central Thailand. Simon is a chef by profession and melon and fruit carving is just a hobby. He confessed to ‘not being very artistic’ but I think most people would say that you have to be a pretty artistic to carve the fruit he had on display that evening. In the space of about an hour and a quarter he carved a melon and two apples and had also instructed one of our ladies as she had an

attempt at carving an apple. As he worked he gave us a few culinary tips along the way, which was an extra bonus. It was a very enjoyable and fascinating evening and Simon had a cheerful disposition.

Peggy Ewart spoke briefly about the aerial Village Map which will show every dwelling in Naphill from Clappins Lane to the top of Coombe Lane. This map will be placed in a suitable frame and erected outside the Village Hall as soon as it is ready.

Next month we will be taking names for our first outing of the year to Canterbury, which takes place on Thursday, 1st May. We’ll transport you there and back and you may spend the day however you like. Pay a visit to the Tourism Information Centre to find out what there is to visit, plenty of shopping and lots of places to eat.

Our next meeting takes place on Monday, 10th March, when Mr Martin Lloyd gives an illustrated talk entitled “Seen from My Bicycle”. Tea hostesses for the evening will be Doreen Bellamy and Pauline Bluett. We look forward to seeing you in March when spring will be just around the corner. Take care.



*Yvonne Cook*

## Bon Ami

Despite sink holes, gale force winds and torrential rain Bon Ami has not floated away and is still here !

Despite all of these natural forces we are constantly amazed by the stoicism of our customers. They turn out in all weathers and it is always a pleasure to serve them. January was a bumper month for us! We then celebrated our third birthday at the beginning of February.

It was great that a pair of Naphillians cleared litter from the crick this week working towards our “Best Kept Village” entry. More volunteers are always welcome so do think about signing up at Bon Ami or you can just turn up. Future dates are 11th & 25th March and 8th April meeting at the village Hall at 2pm.

Fantastic news! Heather Salter has kindly offered to take on the running of the “Naphill Business Network Group” at Bon Ami. The next meeting is to be on Tuesday 25th February at 8.30am, We look forward to meeting with a variety of local business people here. If you would like to join please contact Heather on [hsalter@soaringteam.com](mailto:hsalter@soaringteam.com) or 07756994087.

See you soon,

*Amanda and Ruth*



## Pony Espresso

March brings two excuses to indulge a little more than usual at Pony Espresso. Pancake Day on the 4th means we'll be making both sweet and savoury pancakes, and Mother's Day on the 30th is a good reason to come and spoil your Mum with afternoon tea and cake. Obviously, all the days in between don't really need any reason to eat something fresh and tasty, or to come and relax with a coffee while reading the papers or to use our free Wi-Fi.

I forgot to add the "baguette" on the end of the "Hot Pork with homemade Apple Sauce and Stuffing" in the last Gazette, so apologies for that!.....the filled baguette is truly scrumptious. We also now do a Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable and Goat's Cheese with Balsamic Glaze baguette which is going down a treat. Oddly enough, we are now serving more salads than we did in Summer! Is this New Year's Resolutions being made easy to keep?

Our website is now up and running (on page 2 of a Google search but might go up the line with all the millions of hits soon to come)(!) so orders can now be taken online if you aren't able to stop for long. It also has lovely pictures of our selection of cakes and salads, plus a little on how Pony Espresso came to be.

Let's pray for a drier and less windy March...I've lost count of the times I've run after my A-board blowing away down the road. If not, a short course in Ark Building could be our next project, providing we haven't disappeared down a sinkhole.

We have two key rings recently left in the shop.



*Bon Appétit!*  
*Blaine Wilsworth*

## Hortico

If you have not yet booked to come along to our annual dinner on March 7th, pick up the phone right away- I might just be able to squeeze you in!!

After dinner we will be entertained by the Accidental Harmonies Choir, who I'm told are very good, so it should be a fabulous evening.

Full details are in last month's Gazette.

As I write, we have just completed the decking on our Ark, and will soon be taking bookings. Places are limited and are for couples only.....

Hopefully though, Spring is just round the corner, so the gardens will be waking up, and who knows what will have survived this dreadfully wet winter.

Fear not! Help is at hand in the form of our Plant Sale, which this year is on Saturday May 17th, 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 17th 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  
[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)



## Naphill Tennis Club

First of all, my apologies for not acknowledging the photographer 'Abbies Images' who kindly took the 'Festive Tennis' picture in last month's Gazette.

Subscriptions for the 2014/15 season are now due. NOTE: Reduced fee if renewing before 1st April and Special Rates for New Members! For further information, do please get in touch with us (see 'Tennis Club Contacts' at front of Gazette).

To kick off the new season, the Club will be running the following:

- \* FREE Rusty Racquets' coaching for anyone wishing to return to tennis and interested in joining Naphill Club. Starts end April, dates in next Gazette.
- \* Junior Coaching to take place on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings during the school summer term (FREE with Club membership).
- \* Easter Tennis Camp (pre-bookable with our coach on 07949 128195 or [melebbles@hotmail.com](mailto:melebbles@hotmail.com)) for Kiddies-to-Teens will be held from 9 am – 4 pm on Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th April.

What do you know about the DAVIS CUP? Perhaps, like me, very little except that Andy Murray has helped The British Team in San Diego to reach the Quarter Finals after 28 years! Here's a bit about its history from Wikipedia:

The Davis Cup is the premier international team event in men's tennis. It is run by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and is contested annually between teams from competing countries in a knock-out format. The competition began in 1900 as a challenge between Great Britain and the United States. By 2013, 130 nations entered teams into

four occasions with New Zealand and Australasia, and finishing as runners-up 19 times). The present champion is the Czech Republic, which beat Serbia to retain the title.

The women's equivalent of the Davis Cup is the Fed Cup. Australia, the Czech Republic, and the United States are the only countries to have held both Davis Cup and Fed Cup titles in the same year.

The tournament was conceived in 1899 by four members of the Harvard University tennis team who wished to challenge the British to a tennis competition. Once their respective lawn tennis associations agreed, one of the four Harvard players, Dwight F. Davis, designed a tournament format and ordered an appropriate sterling silver trophy purchasing it from his own funds for about \$1,000.

Davis went on to become a prominent politician in the United States in the 1920s, serving as US Secretary of War from 1925–29 and as Governor-General of the Philippines from 1929–32.”

(More about the tournament itself next month)



*Jenny Tench*

## **Fete Weekend Friday 13th – Sunday 15th June 2014**

Saturday 14th June.

Theme - Childrens TV Programmes

If you remember from last month's article, there was a mention of changes afoot for this year's fete, and we can now tell you what those exciting changes are, and why they're needed.

Why?

Over the last few years fete day has been plagued with the problem of rain ruining it. After much discussion and searching for the best deals available, the fete committee has been able to book a large marquee that will incorporate the majority of the stalls.

In order to cover the cost of the marquee we then turned our thoughts to how we could possibly raise more money and.....

The upshot of these deliberations began laying the foundations for the new 'Fete Weekend'.

We decided, in planning to hold a weekend event we could hire the marquee for three days rather than one, at hardly any difference in cost, enabling us to give Naphill & Walters Ash a more exciting and rejuvenated community Fete.

So, with all this in mind, the New 'Fete Weekend' will consist of:

- Friday 13th June - An evening of 'Live Music on

the Crick' until 11pm Tickets Only

- Saturday 14th June - Fete Day
- Sunday 15th June - 'Classic Cars on the Crick'

All three of these events will benefit from using the marquee to shelter in the event of rain or to escape from what we hope will be the blazing sunshine!

On the practical side of things, we will need to increase the number of volunteers to help, and would especially need to have First Aid trained people on site.

So there you have an outline of what to expect for this year's fete. We all hope you're as excited as we are, and look forward to an amazing weekend where we all get together and enjoy a social gathering full of community spirit.

Not forgetting our stalls, we will still ask you to get baking, sorting out those old Christmas presents, donating your books and giving us your unwanted crockery. Our Cake stall, Tombola, and Book Stall will appreciate your donations and the crockery smash wouldn't be there without your chipped/cracked dishes.

Our email address for correspondence is still: [nwafete@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nwafete@hotmail.co.uk)

Please Note: The Wheel PH and staff are not involved with any arrangements for the Fete, so please do not contact them. Claire Christian is the Fete Committee Chair and can be contacted on the above email address.

## **Hughenden Parish Council Newsletter**

2014 has proven to be busy time in the Council offices with us hitting the ground running after Christmas.

The Council has number of projects to undertake this year, one of which is consultation on our Parish Plan. This will be sent to all parishioners and will give you an opportunity to say what you'd like the parish to be focusing on for the benefit of the community. When this document hits your doormat (around April time), please fill it in and return it to the Council so we can register your thoughts.

### **New Position**

To help assist with the Parish Plan and the general volume of work in the office, the Council is recruiting a Clerical Assistant. This is a part time position which consists of twelve hours a week from 9-3pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. Candidates should have good administrative skills and enjoy working as part of small team. Please contact the Clerk, Peter Wetherman for further details [clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk).

**Donations**

The Council was pleased to recently donate £2984 to Naphill and Walters Ash School to help provide new waterproof clothing for their forest school and support them with their expansion to include Key Stage Two children.

**Will it ever stop raining?**

The wet weather is proving difficult when maintaining our open spaces with repairs to the cushion fall on the playgrounds and dealing with sodden ground at the Garden of Rest. After having rain coming in through our front door, the Council now has a new smart door which not only has made us water tight but more energy efficient too! The three yearly grass cutting and hedge cutting contracts were under review at the beginning of this year and the Council is in the process of looking at the submitted proposals. The decision this year was to reduce the number of grass cuts on the allotments from 16 to 11 (from April to October).

**Bus Stops**

The bus stop near Clappins Lane on Speen Road was improved in 2010 with some hard standing for school children and residents to catch their buses without being knee deep in mud. Unfortunately this area is being abused by individuals who are using

it for car parking. Please can we stress that this is NOT acceptable -this area is a bus stop only. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

**Wycombe District Council Local Plan**

Wycombe District Council has difficult decisions to make over the next few years to meet Central Government's target on the building of new housing. All residents will receive information on areas that have been possibly identified and we urge parishioners to reply to this consultation. The Planning Committee of Hughenden Parish is watching this very carefully to see how this will impact on our Parish.

Thankfully the winter is mostly behind us now, and we would like to wish all parishioners a warm and dry spring!!

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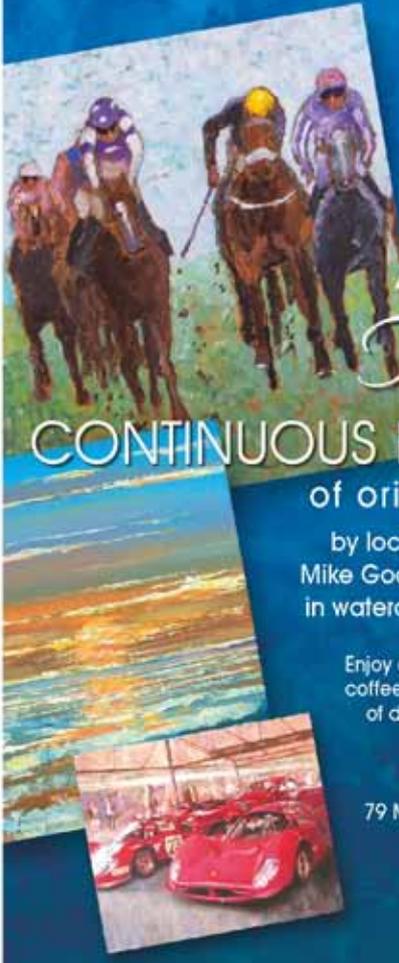


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# Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette

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Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
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 Village Hall	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
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 and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Comimitee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturculturalsociety. co.uk
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
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 9.45-10.45am	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 and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david_tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jtench@gmail.com
	Tuesday and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Fridays 5-7.30pm. Saturday 9-10am		
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	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Jujitsu Class	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Naphill Womens's Meeting	Wednesday afternoon 2pm	Methodist Church	
WI	Third Thursday in month 7.45pm	Village Hall	Jenny Price 563001

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## Editorial

Well what a difference a month makes! The sun is streaming through the windows, the only downside being that I can now clearly see that ours need cleaning, it is warm, the daffodils are in full bloom, SPRING has definitely sprung and we have Easter to look forward to.

I have long referred to our village as "Sunny Naphill". An eminent surgeon once asked me if it was always sunny in Naphill and I explained, that for me it is! Our house was literally rebuilt around us to accommodate my physical disabilities and so this is the one place where I am always happy, secure and can cope with life but when we have the sunshine as well, that truly is a bonus.

The editorial Hotmail account appears to have been "hacked" over the last few months. I have followed all the advice and changed the passwords etc but I have finally changed the email account to [gazetteeditor@btinternet.com](mailto:gazetteeditor@btinternet.com). I should be grateful if you would please use this address in future. On the subject of correspondence, please do feel free to contact me and tell me what you would like to see in the Gazette and of course, what you don't like.

I have had two comments regarding Gazette advertising this month. One from a gentleman who was disappointed because he had tried to contact a few of the advertisers, but hadn't received replies to his messages. Hopefully this was just an isolated incidence, but please advertisers, your response does encourage us to use the advertisements. On the positive side, one of our newest advertisers contacted me to say how pleased they have been with the responses to their advertisement. So subscribers, please do continue to support our local businesses!

My thanks to Richard Holroyd for this month's glorious cover photograph and as always, my thanks to all our contributors.



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## Naphill Horticultural Society

Our recent Annual Dinner marked the start of the Society's year, and, once again the evening was a huge success with 66 of us sitting down to a fabulous meal, beautifully cooked, as always, by Lucy from Main Event Cuisine, and followed by fabulous

entertainment provided by the Accidental Harmonies Choir who gave us a wonderful selection of pieces from various musicals interspersed with a bit of Boney M and Frank Sinatra. They all 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 garden is finally waking up and proving that despite the drenching of winter, plants are mostly very resilient and the lovely green shoots are a sign that things have survived (having said that I have a large Ceanothus which has drowned, so will have to come out).

However, if you are looking for a change to the garden, or have gaps that need filling, don't forget that we have our annual Plant Sale on Saturday May 17th, 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

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

## From the Chiltern Society News Letter

### Time for tea?

Following the amazing success of our Farm Shop Award last year, for 2014 we are launching another exciting new initiative, the Chiltern Tea Shop Award, with the aim of supporting local food and drink producers. The judging criteria for the finalists will include such categories as delicious home-made cakes, range of teas, tempting treats on the menu, locally-sourced produce, ambience and quality of service. Society members and the public are invited to nominate their favourite teashop for inclusion in the competition. Please email your suggestion to us with a few words about why your chosen tea shop is so special.

The 6 finalists will be those receiving the greatest number of votes, so everyone's personal recommendation is vital. Your tea shop needs your vote! Closing date for entries: 31 May, 2014.

### Editorial Comment

I see this as an opportunity for us to support our local businesses and put them 'on the map', so please vote!

## Gazette Year End Financial Statement for 2013-2014

Income	31/01/14	31/01/13	Expenditure	31/01/14	31/01/13
Adverts	£7795.00	£6674.50	Printing	£8632.59	£8536.64
Collections	£2649.84	£2728.09	Web Site		£438.80
Donations	£490.00	£475.00	Stationery	£35.52	£13.23
Interest	£1.35	£1.37	Software for New Editor	£314.60	
			Petrol	£30.00	
			Xmas Cards	£109.98	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10936.19</b>	<b>£9878.96</b>		<b>£9119.69</b>	<b>£8988.67</b>
			Surplus	£1816.50	£890.29

### Treasurer's Comments and Subscriptions for 2014.

Thanks to the efforts of Alan Lewis, the advertising manager, we have maximised our income from advertisers and so achieved a large surplus. As stated in the editorial in the March issue, an additional 4 pages have been added to the Gazette and colour is being used. Although this will result in an increase in printing costs there will be no need to increase the annual subscription to you, the readers for this year and probably next year too.

### The subscription for 2014 will remain at £3.

The volunteers who deliver the Gazette will be calling on you when they deliver the May edition of the Gazette to collect your subscription. If you are out when they call and they leave you a note about the subscription, please try to help by handing in your subscription to them.

*Ian Banks - Treasurer of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette*



### A Personal Perspective

We can all make mistakes, and unfortunately by some chance event there was a single but significant mistake in the Parish Questionnaire which your household should have received by now. It is really important to get a feel for what everyone within Hughenden Parish thinks about the provision of amenities, and issues that we can try to influence. We will be analysing your completed forms, and will then use the results to help draw up a possible Parish Plan for the future. Unfortunately, anyone living in Walter's Ash will have noticed that the name of that village was missing! We

hope that most of you will simply have ticked the spare box, and perhaps added the missing village name. We are sorry for any inconvenience this caused.

One of the amenities owned by Hughenden Parish Council (HPC) is Walter's Ash Pond. Over the years some of our money has been spent on maintenance work, to ensure that it is safe. Prompted by the school, who would like it to be an environmentally-friendly and sustainable local amenity, HPC has recently agreed to carry out a study to see what an environmental expert might recommend. Some people, for instance, believe it is a lost cause and should cease being a pond. Others believe that it can become a significant attraction for the village, with visitors including families and school children. What is your view, however? Have you ever visited it, perhaps with children or grand-children? What ideas do you have for what could be done to it? Please send us your views – we'd love to be inundated with ideas! If you use email, please address your comments to [clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk), or telephone 715296.

Continuing the themes for Walter's Ash, please try to get to the public consultation session on ideas regarding road safety in the village. This follows earlier small meetings of residents and businesses in the vicinity of the shops, and some hard work by Ward councillors. This is an opportunity to support or criticise the plans which we believe may well be practical and which would improve road safety in that area, before then concentrating on any legal or financial implications. Please pop in to the school, at any time between 5pm and 8pm on Tuesday 1st April. Just follow the signs for 'Walter's Ash road safety'. Because arrangements are still being made at the time of writing this article, please double-check the details, either by phoning the Parish office on 715296 or if you have access to the Internet by going onto the 'News' page at [www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk). We hope to get your views!



*Roger Beavill*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

**Planning for February.** No new plans.

### Planning Decisions

#### Applications withdrawn

**13/08112/FUL** Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. HP14 4RJ. Householder Application for Change of Use from agricultural barn building to B8 (Storage).

**13/08080/FUL** Blenheim Cottage, 68 Main Road, Naphill. HP14 4QA. HA for construction of single storey side/rear extension and rear roof canopy following demolition of existing detached garage.

#### Applications Permitted

**12/07953/FUL** Shana-Country Supplies, Main Road, Walter's Ash. Change of Use of land and buildings from commercial riding establishment (school/livery) to storage and distribution of landscaping and fencing materials; increase in height of rear boundary wall to 2.4m and landscaping.

**13/07748/FUL** 135 Templewood Walters Ash, HP14 4UF. HA for constructions of part two storey, part first floor side/rear extension.

**13/08029/FUL:** 279 Main Road, Walter's Ash. HA for conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation and erection of single storey side extension to provide garaging.

### Planning for March

**14/05542/LBC.** Naphill House, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill HP14 4RL. Listed Building application for re-instatement of window to first floor front & removal of internal staircase to 2nd floor in connection with conversion of bedroom to bathroom.

### Planning Decision

#### Permitted

201 Main Road, Naphill. HP14 4SE. HA for construction of single storey rear extension.

**Planning News. Redundant Farm Buildings.** The Government has changed its mind about the proposed new legislation allowing for the replacement of redundant farm buildings by up to 3 new residential properties. The National Parks and AONBs will be excluded from this new rule although it will be allowed in the Green Belt.

### Community Infrastructure Levy

Many residents may not be aware of this extra cost of development in Wycombe District.

Development may be liable for CIL in the following situations:

Any new dwellings, regardless of their gross internal floor area.

New building (such as extensions) where the gross new build floor area comes to **more than 100 square metres.**

A change of use from non-residential to residential use, when the building in question has not been occupied in its lawful use for a continuous period of six months in the previous three years.

### Relief for self-builders and domestic extensions

In February 2014 the Government introduced exemption from CIL for self-builders. Under this system, anyone who is extending their own property, or building a new property to occupy as their primary residence, can claim relief from CIL. This is not an automatic process and must be applied for.

Relief is also available when new builds are being provided for affordable housing or charitable purposes.

### Charges

CIL is charged at a flat rate per square metre:

For Residential Development which includes dwelling houses and houses in multiple occupation, including sheltered accommodation the CIL cost is £125/sqm in some urban areas such as High Wycombe, but £150/sqm in most areas outside High Wycombe including Naphill and Walter's Ash.

Full CIL information, Charging Schedule and map on [www.wycombe.gov.uk](http://www.wycombe.gov.uk).

**Date of next meeting.** 8pm Thursday 10th April 2014. Naphill Village Hall. If you have some local matter you wish to discuss do come along.



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### Lunch Club

Once again Lunch Club has had a very successful year, with many of our older residents enjoying a two course meal and tea or coffee for just £4.00, whilst enjoying a chat with old and new friends.

The volunteers who prepare, cook and clear away also have time to catch up with old and new friends, thus making a most enjoyable couple of hours for everyone.

Are you over 70? Do you join us? If not, why not?

Why not come along on the second Wednesday of the month and see what you think. You will be most welcome.

If you are interested do give Jan Gaunt a call on 562282, or me 564226.

On a sad note, our helper, Di Adsetts, sadly died recently. Di was always willing to help out with cooking, lifts for those unable to get to lunch club by themselves and generally helping. We will miss her very much and all at lunch club send sincere condolences to her husband, John, and her family.



*Pauline Pool*

## A Trip to Windsor Musical



This June will see the 15th production of the musical *Below Stairs* co-written by the Gazette's ad manager, Alan Lewis. It is being put on in Old Windsor in June by the Riverside Players who staged the show there ten years ago – the second time that a society has chosen to repeat it in this way. Back in 2009, the Lacey Green Singers presented a concert version on two evenings, at Piggotts and Naphill Village Hall. The show is royalty-free and instead raises money for Cancer Research UK (more than £7000 over the past ten productions).

Already, LGS members have expressed interest in going to the last night on Saturday 28 June so Alan is looking into the possibility of hiring a coach for the purpose. If any Gazette reader is interested, he would be grateful if you let him know as soon as possible on 01494 564512. The likely cost for the evening is £16, roughly half for the coach and half for the ticket (unknown as we go to press). In the unlikely event that demand exceeds the coach capacity, places will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Below Stairs* is a story of servants' lives in a large London home in 1914 at the start of the First World War, so this centenary year makes the setting particularly memorable. Reviews may be read on the website [www.belowstairsshow.com](http://www.belowstairsshow.com).



Alan Lewis  
Photos supplied by Riverside Players from their 2004 production

## Editorial Comment

Alan initially asked me if we could put this article in the Gazette as it was not being performed locally. I immediately responded that we celebrate our local talent and Alan is certainly a very talented gentleman. This looks like a great musical, for an excellent cause not to mention, a great night out!

## Naphill Scouts blast off!



Over the last month the scouts have continued working towards their Astronautics badge. One week was spent investigating how rockets work, including a scout powered rocket sled. A few weeks later the scouts designed and made their own pump up rockets and launched them across the crick. The winning patrol was Kestrels and the overall winner was Tyler Hallam whose rocket flew over 29 feet!

In between we have had our annual pancake decorating competition where the scouts made and cooked their own pancakes, and then decorated them with cream, chocolate, sweets and almost anything else you can think of! The scouts then ate their decorated pancakes. Messy!

Finally, this month we welcomed a number of new boys by investing six new scouts into the troop.



Mark Powell  
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photographs supplied by Mark Powell

# Naphill & Walter's Ash Fete 13th-15th June 2014

## From the Fete Secretary

Following on from our last article, the pace of our monthly meetings is really racing now, and we're all busy organising our jobs and following up contacts etc. With the new format for the fete there has come many new responsibilities too, which we've all had to pitch in and organise. For 2014 you'll be getting a new format programme and a format change with the gazette article in June too.

With the live music event we urgently need volunteers for the Friday evening to help with manning the gates and also people with First Aid training. So if you would like to be involved then please contact any one of the committee members. (Claire, Andy, Kat, Hilary, Lisa, Ian, Steve, Sara, Sam)

Unfortunately we have just heard from the Dog Show organiser that they won't be able to be at the fete this year, so if you would like to take on the barking job of organising the dog show we would love to hear from you. This is a very popular event and it would be a shame to lose it.

Some things won't change, however, and that's where you all come in. Donations are still needed - bric a brac, unwanted xmas presents, books, crockery, furniture etc.

Next month's article will tell you what's planned for the Friday evening. This will be a fantastic event for all the family. Look out for the posters and leaflets that will be on display in local shops detailing where to buy tickets. They will be sold on a first come first served basis so don't delay in getting yours.

We aim to make the weekend exciting, interesting and an all-round great social experience where we all meet together and celebrate what a great place this is to live. So spread the word, encourage your friends and neighbours to keep the weekend free and let's make this the best fete ever for Naphill and Walter's Ash.



Sam

## Second Hand Emporium - 14th 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 fete's 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 find out where they can be dropped off. If you do not have any transport, it may be possible to collect. Please do not leave items on the drive unless by prior arrangement.

Thank you.  
Ian

## Classics on the Crick

As many of you will know by now, this year the fete is changing! Claire has told you about the Friday and Saturday and I am looking after the Sunday. Unless of course it's a complete flop in which case Claire was looking after it!! Haha!

A couple of us have spoken about organising a Classic Vehicle event on the Crick for a couple of years and now we're no longer just talking but doing as well! We aim to attract as many classic, veteran and vintage vehicles as we can. That includes cars, bikes, lorries, buses and anything of special interest. We are hoping to have a farmers market using as many local traders as possible, classic car/bike dealers and restorers. There will be something for the children as well, climbing wall, bouncy castle etc. A bar run by Malt (for the big children!), the most local brewery run by Nick Watson who lives in the village, a hogroast, live music and much more!

So, if you are one of those hiding a classic car, bike, lorry or bus in your garage, please dust it off and bring it along on the day!

At 10am there will be a treasure hunt so you can give your classics a run first then the day starts at 11.00. Book early for the treasure hunt as there are limited spaces! Cars for display will be welcomed from 10.30 onwards!

We will soon have a website up and running, [www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk](http://www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk) and you can register your interest in either the treasure hunt or displaying your vehicle by sending an email to [classicsonthecrick@gmail.com](mailto:classicsonthecrick@gmail.com).



Looking forward to seeing you all there!!!  
Ian Bond

## Classics on the Crick

Sunday 15th June 2014

The Crick, Naphill, Bucks HP14 4SX

**A DAY FOR ANYONE TO BRING ALONG  
THEIR TREASURED VEHICLES; 2, 3, 4 OR  
MULTIPLE WHEELS AND FOR EVERYONE  
ELSE TO COME AND ADMIRE THEM!**

**CAR TREASURE HUNT STARTING AT 10.AM  
LOCAL BREWERY HOG ROAST  
COFFEE SHOP FARMERS MARKET & MANY  
OTHER ATTRACTIONS**

**Pre registered vehicles:  
£8 per car (£10 on the day)  
£6 scooter or motor bike (£8 on the day)  
Visitor Adult £2, Child £1**

For details of entry into the treasure hunt, please send an email to the address below To pre register your vehicle, please email [classicsonthecrick@gmail.com](mailto:classicsonthecrick@gmail.com) or visit the website [www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk](http://www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk) and follow the link.

**In support of nominated local charities.**

## News from the Local Pubs, Cafes, Tea and Coffee Shops

### The Black Lion Naphill

Firstly I would like to start by thanking everyone for their continued custom over the past two months to ensure that it wasn't a lonely venture over the winter. The continued rain over January and February could be described as rather frustrating, but we are now seeing the first glimpses of sunshine hit the Chiltern Hills, and the garden is already set up and ready to go so that we can all take advantage of what the summer atmosphere brings to our lives.

What can you look forward to this summer? The World Cup kicks off in June, and we will obviously be cheering on England all the way to the end. We will also be celebrating in some style our 3 year anniversary of the opening here at The Black Lion. As always, preparations are underway to celebrate this momentous occasion, so make sure you visit us over the bank holiday weekend of Friday 18th – Monday 21st April. Make use of our spacious garden and we will be putting more playground equipment in for the kids to enjoy. The ever popular bouncy castle will return with the warmer weather.

Talking of bank holidays, this must mean that Easter is on the horizon. We will be putting out a special, extensive menu on the Sunday 20th. Book early to avoid disappointment as always. Food will be available from 12 – 8, we have not failed to sell every seat the house in past years, so let's hope for a repeat this year.

We still have many plans for the future as we push further into 2014. We're glad to see the Crib and Dominos team continuing a relatively steady season, and ending the season consistently. It's always a pleasure to have them here, and an even bigger pleasure to invite other locals from surrounding pubs also. Our regular quiz every two weeks has seen some very good attendances, and will continue to grow in popularity as the sun shines on. We are always looking into popular deals on our bar and food, and have also introduced more to make sure we get your attention. For further information, please call 01494 563176. Don't forget to keep right up to date with our latest news, events and offers at [www.blacklionnaphill.com](http://www.blacklionnaphill.com) and even discover us on Facebook.

We all hope to see faces old and new in the very near future. Thank you for all your support.

*Cheers!*

*Everyone at the Black Lion*



### Bon Ami

Spring is here! There are flowers in the woods and gardens and the rhubarb is appearing in the allotments and vegetable patches. This can only mean one thing, (well three actually), rhubarb cake, rhubarb tart and freshly baked scones with rhubarb curd.

We are already serving hot cross buns with our delicious homemade spiced honey butter and will

continue to do so until the Easter festivities have finished. Join us for some Easter goodies but do remember that, as always, we are closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday. On 23rd April we will celebrate St George's Day with St George cupcakes. Come and be patriotic with us.

A note to all children, (regardless of your age), if you are reading this before Mothering Sunday then bring your mum along and treat her to a coffee and we will treat you to a free cookie!

Due to demand we now have a range of homemade preserves for sale including Ruth's famous Seville marmalade.

In response to several requests from customers we shall be extending our existing cream tea menu to a complete afternoon tea. Please do note that booking is required.



*Thank you and see you soon ☺  
Amanda & Ruth.*

### The Wheel

March has been a month of lots of rugby with the 6 nations really becoming interesting, and whether people have been watching here or at the actual games it has been a great few weekends. We also finally had our staff Christmas party (yes I did say Christmas) with everyone here having a few drinks and pizza on a Sunday evening. The staff had a fun quiz this year about the pub and customers, Chloe and Chef won the quiz which I did expect so the decision on who the cup went to was made by Lance and Jan (our surrogate Operations Manager and Operations Director). So this year the cup went to.....Alan and Nikki, well done guys. Thanks to all the staff for a fun night it's great when we manage to get you all together.

It finally feels like spring is on its way and the lighter nights and sunny days are defiantly putting a smile on everyone faces. With this in mind Chef and I have been working hard on the new summer menu which will be in place in April. We will be putting salads and pasta salads on along with Tony's amazing salmon and crab roulade, many of our favourites will be staying alongside our senior citizens and children's menu.

April is going to be a busy month as we have parties and events booked in every weekend. With the clocks changing and the lighter evenings, hopefully more people will want to utilise the gardens. So what's coming up:

- \* Manor Garage celebrations - Live Band 5th April
- \* Italian Night - 10th April
- \* Easter weekend - 18th April - 21st April
- \* Various Bank Holidays in May - 5th and 26th May

(open from 12pm)

\* Curry Night - 15th May

Many of you will know now that Mark has started his motorbike racing again this year, and has already received a huge amount of support from our customers. We would all like to wish him every success this year and to also remind him to stay safe. I would also on a personal note like to wish Mark a Happy 10th wedding anniversary on the 23rd April.



Thanks to everyone at The Wheel  
*Claire*  
ps. Cheers love, I'll keep it pinned!  
*Mark.*

## The Old Plow at Speen

### Winter Bubbly Draw Results

**Congratulations!** To Naphill residents Mr and Mrs Miller, winners of our recent draw to win a bottle of Champagne.

Mrs and Mrs Miller were among the many who emailed their contact details to us during January and February and their names were picked at random. We look forward to welcoming them both, along with you all, to The Old Plow.

Look out for our Spring Draw - details will be published in this magazine, on our website, Facebook and Twitter commencing April 2014.

*Olivia*



## Picture This

Well, after last month's focus on seeing photography as art, I thought that I'd continue the theme and start with a quote:-

*"Photography is not about the thing photographed, it is about how that thing looks photographed"*

*Gary Winogrand*

Now, not many people know this: several artists - including Van Gogh, Constable and Hockney - used viewfinders, sketching aids or, would you believe it, 'lenses' to help them draw and paint. So, if it's good enough for these artists, it's good enough for photographers too.

My tip for this month is to use a framing viewfinder before you grab your camera. You can easily make one. All you need is a piece of black coloured card about 100mm x 75mm (that's 4" x 3" in old money). In the centre of the card, make a rectangular cutout about 50mm x 35mm (2" x 1.5"). Take a look at your subject through the cutout and move around your subject holding the viewfinder at various distances from your eye until you create a composition you like. It will be like looking at a framed picture. Don't be embarrassed to do this even if you are out and about. I've spent many hours peering at the world through a piece of black cardboard. People stare but they never ask.

This month's cover picture was created in this way. I planned to get to Hughenden Park before the sun was fully illuminating the flowers - that would have been too bright for the camera to cope with. Arriving at 7.00am, I found them all in shade and drooping in a sort of botanical drunkenness due to a late frost. So I had to wait until the sun had risen enough to warm them up for their big day in front of the camera. I used the framing viewfinder to find a place where the flowers looked good as a picture. I chose a very low viewpoint to emphasise the flowers in the foreground and to give a 3-D feel to the composition. Choosing a higher viewpoint would have emphasised the mass of flowers and given a different feel which wasn't the picture I had in my mind. After setting up the tripod and camera, I took the light readings. Then, I wound up the clockwork shutter, slid in a graduated filter and set a polarising filter. All I now had to do was wait until the breeze dropped so that there was some, but not too much, movement of the flowers, and press the shutter.

So, grab a piece of card, cut out a hole and see the world in a different way; the way that Van Gogh, Constable and Hockney did. Your photographic art demands nothing less. And with all this early Spring weather, get out and create a masterpiece!

*Richard Holroyd*  
richardholroydphotography.com



## YOUTH EVENT

**17 APRIL, NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL, 12 AM – 4PM**

If you are from 11 to 18 year olds, Hughenden Parish Council are holding an event for you at Naphill Village Hall on 17 April, starting at 11am and finishing at 4pm.

A group of young people in the parish are helping us organise it and are setting up a Facebook page to tell you all about it. More information later through twitter.

So far, we have skateboarding, Sound Studio, food and the youth bus. But there is more to come as the organising group come up with ideas.

And it is all free.

All you have to do in return is tell us what you think about living in the parish – preferably on video because we want to make a short film of your views.

If anyone between 11 and 18 would like to join us and help run the event, then e-mail us on youth@hughendenpc.org.uk or come to the next meeting at 6.30pm on 28 March at the Parish Offices on Great Kinghill Common.



*Shade Adoh/Linda Derrick*

## Naphill Evening W.I.

We invited visitors again for our February meeting as we felt Nick Wheeler Robinson's talk on Eric Gill would be interesting to others besides ourselves, especially as Eric Gill had lived fairly locally. It was indeed an excellent and informative talk and we are hoping to visit his old home later in the year.

Our March meeting, on 20 March, will also be open to visitors when Paul Heley, talks on "We Think it Rains Here – Try New Zealand".

On 27 March, some of us will attend the Spring Group Meeting hosted by Sands Valley Evening WI, whilst others will be having an evening meal at the Red Lyon at Hurley with the Food Appreciation Group. What a pity that the dates clashed.

The eight members who contributed to the Wall Hanging have had their official photo taken. Thanks go to Richard Holroyd for taking the photographs and thanks to Bill Price for managing to get the Wall Hanging off of the wall and then on again (no easy task).

Our "Sew and Chat" group are well on the way with our patchwork bags and a group of us went over to Henley to a fabric warehouse and were all tempted and came away with some very pretty fabrics.

I keep forgetting to mention the Book Club, but I know they are meeting regularly and enjoying their discussions.

Fete preparations are well underway, costumes are being made and plans for the float are in progress.



*Carol Gilliam - written prior to 20.03.15*



(Contributors, left to right: Cynthia Rothwell, Jenny Price, Betty Leaver, Carol Gilliam, Joan Kearsley, Margaret Roberts, Marion Lawrence, Hazel Vickery)

Photograph by kind permission Richard Holroyd

## Naphill Brownies

As part of our 100 years of brownies we challenged the brownies to collect 100 pennies for charity. In all honesty, I didn't really expect the girls to manage to collect 100 penny coins in a week. How wrong can you be? Between them they collected well-over £50 (that's 5000 pennies)

We used some of the pennies to make a big penny The brownies decided to donate half their money to picture.



Save the Children and half to Cancer Research. Thank you to all friends and family who emptied out your pennies for us.

At the end of February we spent an afternoon at a Division International Arts and Crafts event with our brownie friends from about 10 other Brownie and Rainbow packs. We did lots of crafts and learned some new songs. There were well over 100 of us. It was great to get together like this.

Thanks to all who helped out, donated jumble or came along to the recent Brownies and Guides Jumble Sale. We raised well over £700. A great total and as ever, it was fun to do.

We are now looking forward to doing a big brownie Fashion Show with our brownie friends from Walter's Ash and Hughenden brownies.



Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)  
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**WANTED**  
**Weekend Cleaner for the**  
**Village Hall**

2-3 hours per week  
If interested contact  
Norma Clarke on  
01494 563116 for  
further details.

## From Our Local Methodist Minister

After the Easter Holidays, this year the children go back to school (most of them, I believe!) on Easter Tuesday ie the day after bank Holiday Monday. It doesn't make much difference to me now, but in the days when our children were at school and I was working hard up to Easter Sunday evening, the week of school holidays after Easter was quite precious. But in recent years it has been deemed more important to have school terms of standard length than to follow the seeming randomness of the church calendar!

Approximately, Easter in UK is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (21st March when day and night are both exactly 12 hours). For a more accurate definition you can spend a few happy hours on the internet! But if you really want to know the date of Easter next year or indeed in 20 years' time, just consult the tables which have been calculated for us up to the year 4099.

If you're thinking of celebrating Easter with the Eastern Orthodox churches, beware, because they calculate with the old Julian calendar, and Easter can be up to 5 weeks after us, and only in occasional years is it the same date as us.

The exact year of Christ's death and resurrection is not certain, but it must be a year when Passover was on a Thursday or Friday, and that can be calculated.

So some aspects of Easter seem rather vague, but you can be sure that Easter is celebrated on a Sunday wherever you are and in whatever church. It's the day when Christ was risen from the dead, the highlight of the Christian year. And you can be equally sure that He was crucified on the previous Friday. All the evidence is clear that it was the day before the Sabbath (Saturday), and also Passover was being celebrated either on the Thursday or the Friday that week. The date of Passover was determined by the full moon, and so it was logical that Easter also be calculated by the moon.

In the weeks before that first Easter, Jesus was making His way slowly and deliberately southwards from Galilee to Jerusalem. He told His disciples that He would die there, and three days later be raised to life, but they didn't understand and didn't believe, but they could see that this could become a very dangerous situation.

We don't know how certain Jesus was that He would die there, nor whether He knew on what date, but we can be sure that He risked death, and did not back off from it, because He knew it was the right thing to do, His purpose in life.

In our own lives there are many uncertainties, but a few things are definite! We are unlikely to know the date of our own death, but it is certain to happen. We cannot be certain of the exact dates and circumstances of Christ's death and resurrection, but all the evidence shows that it happened, even if common-sense says resurrection cannot. We may be

a bit doubtful about the theological explanations about this, but we can be certain that millions of people down the ages and across the world today, have found in their own heart that it seems to be true, and their lives have been changed by it and it has directed their motives and priorities for their remaining days on this earth.

So I wish you all a good Easter Holiday and I pray that you will find sufficient certainty to put your trust in Jesus Christ, who has died and is risen.

*Mike Hill*

*Minister of Naphill Methodist Church*



## Naphill Neighbours

At our meeting on Monday, 10th March, we welcomed back Mr Martin Lloyd, who last spoke to us about two years ago. This time his talk was entitled "Seen from My Bicycle" or, as Martin put it, 'An Antidote to Holiday Snaps'; his thoughts being that our holiday pictures may be interesting to us but not necessarily to other people. He has a dry wit and we had an amusing evening listening to his escapades cycling through France, the Pyrenees, Northern Spain and Bangladesh; not to be attempted by anyone with a faint heart. He's an intrepid photographer and seems to go to some lengths to get the shot he wants. I'm not sure any of us would step out of a hotel window to take a picture, particularly if it's a few floors up! His slides were all accompanied by a story and we laughed a lot. He didn't disappoint us.

Names were taken for our first outing of the year to Canterbury on Thursday, 1st May. This is a straight forward coach journey where you are free to enjoy the day as you like. The cost is £11.00 for Members and £13.00 for Guests and we will collect this from you at the April meeting. If you have not put your name on the list, or if you are not a member but would like to join us, please contact Hazel Vickery (01494 563977). We leave Naphill Village Hall at 9.00 am with one more pick up at Forge Road and leave Canterbury at 4.30 pm.

Sheila drew the membership's attention to our group photograph taken on the occasion of our 50th Anniversary Celebrations on 9th September, 2013. After much ado, it is finally hanging in the Village Hall.

Our next meeting takes place on Monday, 14th April, when Mrs Margaret Deakin will give an illustrated talk on "Glaciers, Bears & Totem Poles – Alaska. Tea hostesses for the evening are Nancy Hussey, Janet King and Jo Keech. We look forward to catching up with you all then. Take care.



*Yvonne Cook*

## Friends of Naphill Common

What a winter! High winds and seemingly constant rain have left the Common strewn with fallen branches and laced with muddy paths. Our working parties have systematically widened and cleared many paths with the aim of making it possible to avoid the deepest mud, but the task is enormous. If you would like to help please contact Peter Davis 01494 569303.

At last we have some dry weather and the first summer migrant birds will soon be arriving: chiffchaffs, willow warblers, blackcaps and whitethroats and, if we are very lucky, a cuckoo. There are always a few of the warblers on the Common but the relative lack of brambles and other low cover does not help. If the proposed felling leads to more open areas and less holly the bird population may increase and become more varied.

Someone recently asked about the origin of the name for the Crick, but that is a difficult question. The origin of the land is less mysterious. When the part of the Common lying in Hughenden Parish was enclosed in the mid-19th Century, a piece of land of about 2½ acres was left unenclosed for the use of the villagers. This was the section between the Glebe and the kissing gate almost opposite the Wheel. Legend has it that there were several attempts to enclose it, but gates and fences were surreptitiously dismantled. Around 1930 its size was more than doubled by the purchase of a field which had been part of Vincent's Farm (now commemorated by Vincent's Way). It cost the village £500, plus paying to take out the hedge and turf the cricket square. A slight ridge across the Crick is still visible where the hedge was removed. Those with sharp eyes will have spotted that the original Crick is covered in fescue grass which it inherited from the Common, while the newer section, from the kissing gate up to the Village Hall has meadow grass.

The name 'Crick' is another matter and speculation is as precarious and full of pitfalls as our roads. It is tempting to think that it is a shortening of 'cricket field' but, as far as I know, there never was a cricket pitch on the original land. Indeed, part of it was covered in gorse until the tennis courts were laid out. According to The Concise Oxford Dictionary of English Place-names, the origin of 'crick' in names such as Cricket St. Thomas, Crick (in Northamptonshire) Crickheath, Cricklade, etc., is from the British (Iron Age) 'crūc', via the Old English 'crȳc', meaning a round hill or hillock. If that is the origin it would beat the 15th Century 'Stokkynglane' as our oldest local name perhaps by 1500 years!

Our programme of activities is still being devised but you can join Ron Collins at 9.30am at Naphill Village Hall on the third Monday of each month for a long walk (5-6 miles), and/or join Chris Miller at 10.30am at the Village Hall for a short walk (2-3 miles) on the first Wednesday each month. Both walks are free

and open to anyone. Go to our website for more information.



*Trevor Hussey. Chairman.*

## Christians in the Community

With Easter approaching our thoughts are with the service times in both churches - hopefully you will all receive the Easter card in the coming weeks - and for all Christians the approach of Easter with Lent already happening is the most important time, even more important than Christmas.

When Jesus died, taking all our sins with him it was indeed a momentous occasion but with all that is occurring in the world today do we remember that?



I wish you all a very happy Easter  
*Norma Clarke*

## Pregnancy Yoga

Yoga has many benefits during pregnancy, perhaps the greatest is that it helps you to focus on your pregnancy in a deeper way. This creates the space & time you need to integrate the process of change which is taking place and to gradually adjust your priorities and your lifestyle.

By bringing your mind, your awareness, into your body, by becoming aware of how you are sitting, standing or lying down, your attention is drawn inwards. This inner awareness gives you a new perception of yourself which is in balance, in harmony with the rest of nature.

For many of us these days, life is complex and stressful. It's easy to be so distracted by 'being busy' that we neglect ourselves and forget that we are connected to nature and her power to nourish and heal us and restore our energy. Pregnancy is a wonderful time to learn how to turn your attention inwards and to benefit from the limitless sources of energy which are available to you, as soon as you make space to breathe and relax.

As your thoughts turn to the well being and development of your baby, you are bound to become more aware of your own state of health and to give more attention to the way you feel both physically and emotionally. Pregnancy slows you down and awakens the instinctive and intuitive side of your nature. While it's possible and even healthy to work while you are pregnant, you may also feel a need to retreat and rest more, in addition to building up your strength and vitality for the birth and beyond.

Setting aside some time for yoga will give you this space to focus more deeply on your pregnancy. This is especially important if you are working or have a busy to stressful life or a demanding family to look after. No matter how busy you are, yoga will help you to cope with your life in a more relaxed and focused way. It has a miraculous way of make more space and more

energy available.

**Yoga Classes:**

- Tuesday 9.45 - 11am Naphill Village Hall (Hatha/Flow Yoga)
- Tuesday 11- 12.15 Naphill Village Hall (Pregnancy Yoga)
- Tuesday 7.30 - 8.45pm Oakeshott Cemtre, Walters Ash (Hatha/Flow Yoga)
- Thursday 1 - 2.15pm Chapel Hall, Chapel Lane, Naphill (Hatha Yoga)
- Thursday 7- 8.15pm Hughenden Village Hall (Pregnancy Yoga)

Please contact me for more information on either Pregnancy Yoga or General Yoga classes.



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**Saint Botolph's Services**

- April 6th Eucharist 11am
- April 13th Palm Sunday Eucharist 11am
- April 18th Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am
- April 20th Easter Day Eucharist 11am
- April 27th Matins 11am



Peggy Ewart

**Best Kept Village Update**

The fortnightly Tuesday afternoon working parties have been small but active! Keeping on top of the litter along the hedges on Main Road, and particularly outside the Post Office, requires a fair bit of attention. People do not, unfortunately, always use the bins provided.

On the plus side, there are a number of individuals and groups who regularly do their best to keep places clean and tidy. The War Memorial always looks well cared for, the Village Hall is generally kept litter free but keeping on top of the rubbish left beside the bus stops remains a problem. Again the bins are not always used as they should be.

Our entry for this year's Best Kept Village Competition has to be submitted by the end of April, for judging in June. The Village Hall Noticeboard and emails will be used to advise of dates for working parties in April and May.

There is much enthusiasm for the Village Pictorial Map, the early drafts of which are stunning. The finished map will measure a little over a metre in length because of the shape of our linear village. A number of residents are keen to purchase a section of the map showing the village centre, and/or their own homes and surrounds. The practicalities of this will be explored.

Do contact one of us for information, or with offers of help.



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**Polite Reminders!**

**From Our Advertising Manager to Our Advertisers**

I have recently sent out the accounts for the current year's advertising. My thanks to those who have paid and a polite reminder that I should be grateful if the unsettled accounts could please be paid promptly.



Alan Lewis  
Advertising Manager

**From Our Distributors to Our Subscribers**

This month we will be calling to collect your £3 annual Gazette subscriptions. Please have your money ready when we call. If we miss you, please get your subscriptions to us as soon as possible



Val Gibbs  
on behalf of the Distributors

**Corrections March Gazette**

I received the following from Pam Smith whose article appeared last month. The family connections were quite difficult to unravel, and I apologise for the editorial errors.

Sonia

My grandfather Walter Newell (Watty) had a nephew Claude Newell who was a builder in High Wycombe.... After closing his butchers shop in the evening, Watty used to run around the roads of High Wycombe

Pam also sent some additional information

Watty's father was John Newell, the first school master of Prestwood Church of England School. John's father was Joseph George Newell who was baptised at Bradenham Church in 1798. A carpenter, he married Sarah, a dressmaker and milliner, in West Wycombe. At the time, Sarah was working at West Wycombe House (Dashwood's). After living at Peterley, Prestwood and Kingshill, they moved to Hunts Hill Lane. He died in 1880 and is buried with his wife in Hughenden churchyard. His daughter Ellen - who died in 1912 and is buried next to them - was for many years Sunday school teacher in the church. While in Hunts Hill, she taught piano.

I keep my great, great grand parents' grave clear in Hughenden churchyard.



Pam Smith - March 2014

## Naphill Tennis Club

For anyone thinking of returning to tennis and wanting to brush up on a few skills, we are holding FREE 'RUSTY RACQUETS' sessions (1 hour) for members and non-members as follows:

Wednesdays 30th April & 7th May – 9.30 am

Thursdays 1st & 8th May – 7 pm

Saturdays 3rd & 10th May – 9 am

No need to book, just turn up at the courts. If you enjoy it, you may wish to sign up - for a modest charge - on our Improvers' Coaching Course (5 lessons) to follow on from Rusty Racquets on Wednesday mornings.

**JUNIOR COACHING** takes place on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings during the school summer term (FREE with club membership).

**EASTER TENNIS CAMPS** (Kiddies-to-Teens) to be held 9.30-4.30 on Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th April. Must be pre-booked. Email melebbles@hotmail.com for details.

For information on club membership, please email the Membership Secretary at smcr2000@aol.com.

To wind up last month's little spiel on The Davis Cup where the British Team, helped by Andy Murray, has reached the Quarter-Finals after 28 years, for anyone interested, this match is to be played 4th-6th April 2014.

I googled The Davis Cup and learned that, every year, the 16 best national teams in the World Group compete for it, the competition is spread over four weekends during the year and teams play a four-round elimination tournament. Now for the tongue-twister! As in other cup competitions tie is used in the Davis Cup to mean an elimination (or knockout) round, rather than meaning a draw. The word rubber means an individual match. Thus, "tie" means a round, and "rubber" means a match. Each tie consists of 5 rubbers ("matches"). The winner of the tie is the nation which wins 3 or more of the 5 rubbers in the tie.

Phew ....perhaps I'll settle for a game of bridge instead!



*Jenny Tench*

## Naphill and Walter's Ash School

### Young Reporters

On Thursday 6th of March, it was World Book Day and Naphill & Walters Ash school really got involved! To start with, everybody came in dressed as a book character! We had Where's Wally, Thing 1 and Thing 2, Oompah Loompas, Little Red Riding Hood and many more weird and wonderful characters. Even the teachers were dressed up! (Some of them could hardly

be recognised!) During assembly, some of the children were brought to the front and the rest of the school had to guess what characters they were.

In keeping with the theme, every teacher chose a story to read aloud and each child had to choose which one to listen to. The children listened to stories by great authors such as Julia Donaldson and Lauren Child... everybody loves to hear a favourite fairy-tale! And who can resist the Gruffalo?

After that, each class did something special related to World Book Day. In year 2, they invented their own story characters and monsters. Meanwhile, down in Year 6, they were making their own story books based on the best selling children's books. They story boarded their ideas and then wrote them in booklets alongside pictures using ICT. Year 4 were also busy creating books, however, theirs were Pop-ups! They plan to read their stories to the younger children who will surely love the pop-ups!

As part of World Book Day, the whole school was asked to produce a piece of homework, about their favourite book, which went on display in the hall. There was some lovely artwork, great book reviews and extreme reading photos. The whole school was asked to take a picture of them self reading in an extreme place! Some of the locations were very extreme and included jumping on a trampoline, climbing on an indoor climbing wall as well as in the bath and on the toilet! Extreme reading indeed!

All of the homework, as well as the extreme reading photos, were put on display all around the hall so that parents were able to view the work when they attended parents' evening. It was a fantastic display and great fun was had by all of the children.

*By Imogen, Megan and Lucille*

**Little Ash Pre-School  
Table Top Sale - 12th May  
Naphill Village Hall from doors open at  
1100 - 1400**

The parents of the pre school are trying to raise some much needed funds to help enhance their children's education. We are organising a table top sale on Sunday 11th May at Naphill Village Hall from 1100 - 1400. Tables will be provided and will cost £6. Trying to de-clutter, children grown out of toys / clothes. Do you make a craft / jewellery / cakes and would like to sell your items to the local community, then why not book a table whilst helping your local pre school.

**If you are interested or would like further information please ring Tanya 01494 563053 or email stevens694@btinternet.com**

# EXTREME READING!

Photographs submitted by  
Imogen, Megan and Lucille



Welcome  
Lucille to  
Young  
Reporters.  
Thank  
you all for  
another  
great  
report with  
photos!  
Sonia



## The Best Kept Village!

*At the last Village Hall Committee Meeting I learned how Trish Bowen has, for some years, taken on the care of our village War Memorial. There is a pretty flower garden, trimmed hedge and a clean and tidy Memorial which we can be proud of.*

*There is a team of wonderful volunteers all striving to clean and smarten up the village not just for the competition, but for the benefit of us all. They really could do with some 'helping hands'. SO! If you have an area near you which needs a tidy, the litter picked up, could do with the grass mowed, a few flowers planted etc. please do it/ volunteer! Let's all strive to live in the BEST KEPT VILLAGE!*

Photograph courtesy of Paul Goby

Sonia

## A FEW WORDS ON POLLINATION

Pollination is of critical importance to fruit and vegetable growing. Nearly all the crops we grow need to be pollinated by insects. It should be remembered that cereal crops also require pollination. One naturally thinks of honey bees, but other insects are also very important pollinators. Bumble bees do an excellent job, as do flies and other insects even including wasps. In recent years honey bees have been having a hard time, so we are fortunate in having the other insects. In 2013 in my garden and on my allotment I saw only two or three honey bees – literally only two or three. I put down the cause as the almost-continuous rain from about 4th April until Christmas the previous year. The blossom was continuously soaked and the poor bees could not obtain pollen. I heard a story about a beekeeper who opened a hive of 12,000 honey bees and found 12,000 bodies. They had starved to death. And one reads stories in the press about new diseases coming in from other countries to decimate our honey bee population. Now, thank goodness for the other pollinating insects; without them we would be in a pretty pickle. Fruit growers in some parts of the world wipe out other insects with heavy doses of insecticide then pay beekeepers to bring in hives of honey bees at pollination time. Unfortunately there are now not enough hives so those fruit growers have been hoist by their own petard.

I was surprised to learn recently that honey bees live as worker bees for only two months. What a shame. They are born, work like stink for a couple of months, then die. They do not have an ideal work-life balance. Luckily the queen bee will produce up to 2,000 eggs per day so there are plenty of replacement bees. I have always found bees to be friendly creatures, and never aggressive. On the allotment and in the garden they buzz around me, often coming quite close. If they show great interest in a flowering plant I am just about to touch I wait a little while and the bee buzzes off. I know some people are very nervous about bees, especially people who might have an allergic reaction to bee stings, but if one keeps calm and lets the bee go about its business the bee will soon fly off in search of nectar elsewhere. I have the same attitude to wasps – they won't attack me if I don't attack them. Wasps can be a nuisance especially when one is having a meal outdoors, or by getting through my anti-bird net to feast on my cherries, but they have their part to play in totally-organic gardening since they eat prodigious quantities of the insects we don't want such as whitefly and other aphids. So from now on I am not going to eradicate any wasp nests I find on the allotment, and shall be chanting:

*Come friendly wasps and fly by me,  
And eat the aphids one, two, three".*

Pollination is essential for most of our crops but there are exceptions. Perennial vegetables such as sea kale, asparagus and Good King Henry do not need to be pollinated, nor does rhubarb. Some other crops require pollination during the same year that one takes the crops, such as beans and fruit. On the other

hand some vegetables need to be pollinated the year before, such as brassicas and root crops, where one sows the product of the previous year's pollination, ie the seeds. I sometimes let a few biennial carrots, leeks, beetroot and parsnips grow for another year so that I can collect enormous quantities of seeds for future sowing.

Sometimes one cannot use insects to pollinate. I give three examples. My espalier apricot tree flowers normally in February when there are no insects around, so I hand-pollinate using a cotton bud, making a buzz, buzz sound to fool the apricot. The second example is my greenhouse, which is an insect-free zone. I take precautions of the organic kind, since in the past I found that whitefly were irresistibly attracted to my peppers and aubergines. Just like many other gardeners I grew the usual marigolds in the greenhouse as a deterrent to whitefly, with mixed results, then discovered by accident what I call my secret weapon – oxalis triangularis. Some corms of the latter dropped accidentally a few years ago onto the soil of the deep bed where I grew tomatoes. They spread rapidly, produced beautiful flowers, and for several years I have not had whitefly in the greenhouse, nor any other kind of insect. In consequence I have to regularly hand-pollinate my peppers and aubergines. My all-female cucumber plants emphatically do not need to be pollinated since that would make the cucumbers taste bitter. As for tomatoes, they scatter their pollen liberally so there is no need to hand-pollinate, except for the first trusses of flowers low down on each plant. There does not seem to be any need to hand-pollinate the grapevine in the roof of the greenhouse so it too must scatter pollen liberally. The final example is that of strawberries on the allotment, grown under fleece to bring forward fruiting and to keep off hungry birds. Under the fleece there are no pollinating insects but the wind causes the fleece to have undulating waves and the stirring-up of the air under the fleece distributes the pollen, resulting in perfect pollination.

One does have to take measures sometimes to enhance pollination. A case in point is sweet corn. This cereal crop has pollen-producing flowers at the top of the plant and corn cobs lower down. Each cob has a stream of tassles and every single one has to receive pollen in order that every grain of corn on the cob will grow to full size and be full of sugar. To improve the chances of successful pollination one grows sweetcorn plants in a block. I usually have a block six by six in the back garden, with each plant about 18 inches from its neighbour. I grow them in the garden because badgers would take the cobs just before they were ripe if I were to grow them on the allotment. (I once lost 136 plants on the allotment in a single night; the head badger must have brought all his family for the feast and they must have had a rare old time pushing the plants over and gorging themselves on my delicious sweetcorn, which they took for maize.)

Getting runner bean flowers to set can be a problem. Some books advocate spraying with a fine water spray in the evenings. For some years in the garden I have been growing sweet peas amongst a few

“Painted Lady” runner beans, which are mainly grown for show on a Monnet Arch. I have just heard that to attract pollinating insects one can grow morning glory or sweet peas among bean plants – which I had been doing unwittingly in the garden! Both of these flowering plants are twining climbers. Henceforth I shall divert a few sweet pea plants to grow among my runner beans and climbing French beans on the allotment. On another aspect, I always let a few bean pods mature then collect the beans for sowing the following year, but this can produce unexpected problems. Getting one plant to fertilise another through the transfer of pollen results in hybridisation. If all the bean plants were of the same kind there would be no problem in using the resultant beans as seed – they should come true. However, in the past I have grown up to eight different varieties on my bean framework and suffered unintended hybridisation. This resulted in some of the following year’s pods having red beans and others black - when the expected colour was grey! That is incidentally how the amateur gardener can find his or her place in gardening history by breeding a novel variety. Perhaps one day I will breed a monster bean called “Biggous Beanus Masonia!”



Good Gardening!  
Mike Mason



## HATTIE CLIMBS THE 3 PEAKS FOR HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF

Hello everyone,

My name is Hattie and I was born and raised in Naphill. I work for Zenopa Recruitment in Penn and having only been there for 3 months was invited to take part with other staff in the 3 Peaks Challenge to raise money for a charity of our own choice. Immediately drawn to an adventure I signed up and nominated Hearing Dogs for Deaf People in Saunderton as my chosen charity.

The ‘3 Peaks’ challenges participants to climb three mountains (Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon) in 24 hours. I am taking part in this challenge commencing 6am on 24th May 2014. With ongoing training in the Chiltern Hills, I am also forging ahead to raise money for Hearing Dogs.

Did you know that one person in every six in the UK experiences some degree of hearing loss? And that over half a million are severely or profoundly deaf? Hearing Dogs for Deaf People provide specially

trained hearing dogs to alert vulnerable deaf people to everyday sounds such as doorbells and alarms. As companions they offer greater independence and confidence to people living with deafness who have lost their sense of security and who may have become isolated and lonely whilst finding it hard to communicate.

It is likely that you know someone who has suffered hearing loss. It is something that has affected my only surviving grandparent. Having also recently lost my own dog, I am more aware than ever of how life affirming a dog’s unconditional companionship can be.

Any donation big or small via the link below will be hugely appreciated. Or if you would like to find out more just email me at: [harriet@zenopa.com](mailto:harriet@zenopa.com)



<http://www.justgiving.com/Hattie-Gwilt>

Let’s make a change!  
Harriet Gwilt

### Editorial Comment:

*It is exactly 30 years ago this Easter weekend that I broke my neck in a horse riding accident., it was a very good horse and a very poor, novice rider!*

*Whilst the results of this accident were devastating and life changing, there is not a day goes past that I do not count my blessings. Things could have been so much worse and I was initially told that I would be in a wheelchair for life.*

*I spent nearly 6 months in Stoke Manderville Spinal Unit and after this, with much help I was able to return home. It was a further 6 months before I was able to return to school and continue my teaching career. At home, when everybody else was at work and school, my beloved huge, black Great Dane, Winston, fondly known as Winnie, took over. He would pick up the things I dropped, he could fetch and carry, take me to the phone or the door just leaning on his secure back. Basically if you saw me, you would be sure to see Winnie!*

*Of course nowadays we have dogs trained to do all sorts of wonderful jobs and Winnie wasn’t ‘trained’, he was a very willing volunteer and I was blessed to have him. Being physically disabled can sometimes be so lonely and frustrating, but I can tell you, first hand, just how much difference a “helping dog” makes so please support Hattie’s efforts!*



Sonia

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## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

In the absence of Sarah, I was happy to chair the March meeting.

Previous reference has been made to the young people who were captured on CCTV getting up on to the roof of the village hall. PC Lee Turnham has met them and we hope his advice will be followed in future without the need to visit their parents. The further leak in the Small Hall was due to an aging flat roof and not vandalism. The leak has now been repaired.

A host of maintenance and health & safety issues were discussed and it is clear we have a busy few months ahead of us. Reference was made to an elderly gentleman who unfortunately had a serious accident whilst attempting to open the outside door to the village hall. He was knocked to the ground by the door being caught in a strong wind. Hirers of the village hall will be reminded to ensure that the doors are hooked to the wall wherever possible to assist entry and exit.

The sink hole has still to be filled but as soon as we are sure there will no further movement, we shall arrange for the work to be done. We are also aware of the need to clear and re-seed the bonfire site and to fill the ruts running from the car park. With the weather starting to improve, we shall attend to the work involved as soon as possible.

The magic show by 'Evans plus Evans' on Saturday 15th March was a sell-out and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all. Our thanks go to Cathryn, Ron, Nina and David for preparing the cheese supper and to Clive and Tanya for running the bar. With all profit being donated to the Village Hall, our thanks indeed go to Kevin Evans for arranging the evening.

Don't forget the Naphill Festival on the weekend of 13-15 June and the Quiz Night on 27 June.



John Harris

Treasurer, Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

### From P.C. Turnham



#### Theft from Motor Vehicles

There has been a recent spike in the offences of Theft from motor vehicles in and around the parish.

Too many vehicle owners STILL leave valuables on the seats and in floor wells of their vehicles. This is the perfect incentive for any would be offender to gain entry into the vehicle. A coat laid on the back seat may be seen as covering and expensive item. A shopping bag, handbag or laptop bag are the top targets as these all have the potential of containing items of value.

Please remove any wires that charge items such as mobile phones and sat navs. Place these in the glove box out of sight, left out wire may indicate that the charged item has been hidden within the vehicle. Also remove money from any centre console or door pocket, again this is potentially a target.

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Princes Risborough Police Office or e-mail me at:

lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

PC 3146 Lee TURNHAM  
Neighbourhood Officer  
Greater Hughenden Parish



### PIN UP DIARY DATES

#### April

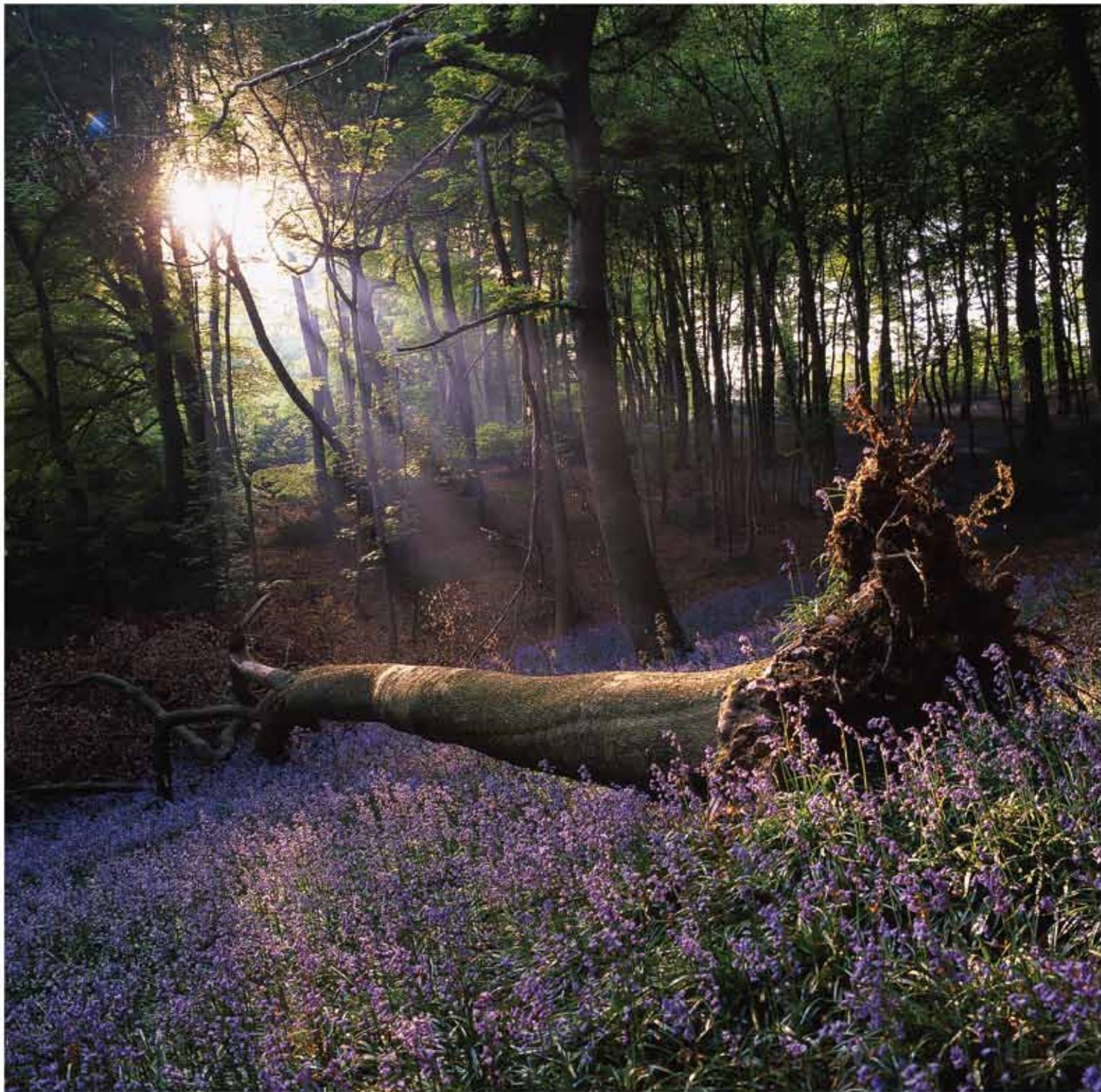
1st April	Public Consultation Meeting Hughenden School 5-8pm
5th April	Manor Garage Celebrations, The Wheel
7th April	Village Hall A.G.M. 8pm
7th/ 9th April	Young People's Tennis Camp
10th April	Italian Night, The Wheel
17th APRIL	YOUTH EVENT Naphill Village Hall
18th/20th April	Easter Weekend - See Clubs and Pubs for events and opening hours
21st April	FONC Long Walk



#### May

1st May	Naphill Neighbours' Coach Trip to Canterbury
5th May	Bank Holiday
12th May	Little Ash Table Top Sale - 11.00-14.00
17th May	Naphill Horticultural Plant Sale - Village Hall

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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 Village Hall	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
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
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7 -8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Comittee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturculturalsociety. co.uk
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
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30 am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
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Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
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	Tuesday and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Fridays 5-7.30pm. Saturday 9-10am		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8-10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
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Yoga Stretch and Tone	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Jujitsu Class	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Naphill Womens's Meeting	Wednesday afternoon 2pm	Methodist Church	
WI	Third Thursday in month 7.45pm	Village Hall	Jenny Price 563001

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## Editorial

Another glorious Spring morning and it really does make me so glad to be alive! The birds are singing, the countryside is green and the gardens are just a riot of colour. At the moment our villages are hives of activity preparing for the Fete and of course, the Best Kept Village Competition, both highlights in our village calendar and things which we can all join in with and support. We have lots to look forward to!

When Himself retired he mentioned that perhaps now was the time to take up gardening. I saw this as a wonderful opportunity and rushed out to buy him a greenhouse; somewhere handy to 'plant him' should he get underfoot in the house and of course, the idea of luscious tomatoes and other homegrown goodies, definitely appealed! He decided that a raised bed would also come in handy. The two Chihuahuas totally concurred with this idea but promptly adopted it as their personal dancing platform which was definitely not the intended purpose!

Well two new knees later the gardening hasn't really gone that well and the photography has taken precedence. In terms of the Gazette, this hobby does prove useful as he does get dispatched when necessary! Hopefully the greenhouse will get lots of use but the Chihuahuas have won out and the raised bed will be a very pretty wild flower garden where they will be able to play and hopefully we can encourage the local bee population to do their work

As we all enjoy what I hope will be, the long, hot Summer days, please do read the news about the forthcoming local events and do everything you can to support the worthy causes they are trying to help and the hard working people who organise them.

For me, the highlight of every edition of the Gazette is the front cover which I know is widely admired and appreciated. Once more my thanks to our photographic editor, Richard Holroyd.



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## Naphill Horticultural Society

### PLANT SALE 17TH MAY 9.00- 10.30

As I write, Spring has definitely 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 17th from 9.00

to 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.

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 great or small. 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  
[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)



## Thank You

Once again we say 'goodbye' to a deliverer and 'welcome' to another.

Our thanks go to Monica Bysh for the years she has delivered the Gazette for us, and our thanks also go to Veronica Wright who has taken on Monica's round.

We do appreciate the time and effort put in by deliverers and the willingness of others to take on a round when people find they can no longer help.

Michael and Pauline Pool

**Editorial Comment:** My sincere thanks to Monica, welcome to Veronica and as always, my thanks to all our deliverers and Pauline and Mike!

**Editorial Comment:** My apologies to our Treasurer and subscribers for my typing error in the Year End Financial Statement last month. I publish below the corrected version, with grateful thanks to our treasurer. Ian Banks, for all his on going hard work and support.

Sonia

## Gazette Year End Financial Statement for 2013-2014

Income	31/01/14	31/01/13	Expenditure	31/01/14	31/01/13
Adverts	£7795.00	£6674.50	Printing	£8632.59	£8536.64
Collections	£2649.84	£2728.09	Web Site		£438.80
Donations	£490.00	£475.00	Stationery	£35.52	£13.23
Interest	£1.35	£1.37	Software for New Editor	£314.60	
			Petrol	£30.00	
			Xmas Cards	£109.98	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10936.19</b>	<b>£9878.96</b>		<b>£9119.69</b>	<b>£8988.67</b>
			Surplus	£1816.50	£890.29

### A Personal Perspective

If, as I hope you will, you come to the Annual Parish Meeting on the evening of Thursday 15th May, held this time at the Primary School in Hughenden Valley, we might well have some modest refreshments, though plans for that haven't been drawn up at the time of writing. What is certain is that any refreshments will not be elaborate. As a Parish Council we are always careful to remember that any money spent ultimately comes from all residents of the Parish.

The same is true when councillors, and the current Chairman in particular, get invited to some 'outside' event, such as the AGM of a village hall or residents' association, where light refreshments are typically offered, perhaps as a 'thank you' to those who turn up.

The main advantages of such meetings lie in the chance to rub shoulders with people, some of whom we might have communicated with only via email, and to seek answers to questions which had already been raised. So it was, for instance, a short while ago when I attended a morning 'conference' by Transport for Bucks. I was able to chat with many about ongoing issues within our Parish, and they included the new Cabinet Member for Transportation, a recently-appointed person in charge of contact with 'customers' that includes parish councils, and two officials who can influence the progress of ongoing road safety issues in two separate parts of the parish. At the end, there was a light buffet.

The current Chairman of Wycombe District Council has been responsible for several events which I've attended on behalf of the Parish Council. For instance, he introduced a simple and short service for Commonwealth Day, which ended with tea or coffee, and a tempting cake. A 'Civic Service' was

recently held in Hambleden, a picturesque village between Marlow and Henley that I'd never been to before, again with light buffet afterwards.

The final example comes from the Royal Air Force, who in each of the years I've been on the Parish Council has invited Ward Councillors for Naphill & Walter's Ash, along with representative business people, members of local organisations, etc. to their 'annual reception'. As well as light refreshments there is the chance of informally chatting to others, perhaps for the first time. Subject to weather conditions, there has been both a marching band and a fly-past by one or more aircraft, at low level. We hope they will continue their tradition!



Roger Beavill

### Bon Ami

This month the reception classes from Naphill and Walters Ash school completed their annual Bon Ami pilgrimage. We had 55 extremely well behaved children visit us on Friday 4th April. The organisation of Mrs Carter and Mrs Pascoe was as great as ever. The children walked from school, had a drink and a cookie and walked back. I expect they were rather quiet in the afternoon! It was so lovely to see all of them.

During the Easter holidays our Easter cupcakes have been enjoyed by many children. We hope you that you have all had a very Happy Easter when you receive this edition.

Heather Salter has the next Naphill Business Network meeting arranged at Bon Ami. Do come along if you have a

local business and would like to meet with many others who have too. The next meeting is on 29th April at 8.30am.



*Thank you and see you soon ☺  
Amanda & Ruth.*

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

### **Planning Applications to 8th April 2014: 14/05900/FUL**

364 Main Road Walters Ash. HP14 4UU.

Householder application for creation of dropped kerb to front. **4/05779/FUL** 8 & 9 Vincents Way, Naphill.

HP14 4RA. HA for construction of two storey side/rear extension incorporating 1 x front & 1 x side dormer window in connection with creation of living accommodation to first floor to 8 Vincents Way.

Construction of single storey front extension to 8 and 9 Vincents Way. **14/05742/CLP** Knockhundred House, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. HP14 4RL. Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for rear lean-to extension to replace existing conservatory and canopy.

### **Planning Decisions Permitted**

**14/05358/FUL** Penolver 231 Main Road Walter's Ash, HP14 4TH Householder application for construction of single storey front extension, first floor front extension and associated roof alterations. **14/05080/FUL** 201 Main Road Naphill, HP144SE. HA for construction of single storey rear extension. **13/00034/ENFNOT.** Country Supplies, New Road, Walter's Ash. HP14 4UZ. Appeal against Bunds allowed.

### **Roundabout at the Coombe Lane/Valley Road Junction**

Following concerns expressed by residents about the speed at which drivers on Valley Road approach and nip across the roundabout in the direction of High Wycombe, NAWARA contacted PC Lee Turnham and Hughenden Valley RA who are fully aware of the problem.

Traffic coming down Coombe Lane has right of way over traffic coming from the left along Valley Road. However, Valley Road drivers do not get a clear view of vehicles coming down Coombe Lane from an adequate distance, as they approach the roundabout, because of a bend in Valley Road.

**NAWARA** is supporting HVRA in asking the Parish Council to press Highways to improve road signage and linage to reduce the risk of accident on this roundabout.

P C Lee Turnham has suggested the Give Way Sign and broken line markings on Valley Road are replaced with a STOP sign and a solid white line.

**Date of next meeting.** Thursday 8th May 2014.  
Naphill Village Hall.



*Gloria Leflaive 563634  
glorialeflaive@msn.com*

## **The Black Lion Naphill**

First of all a big heartfelt "thank you" to everyone for their continued custom over the past two months including our best ever Mother's Day attendance. At the time of writing this article we're just about to go into the Easter weekend when we will be celebrating our "leather anniversary" of the current owners and management taking over, so thanks in advance for your support once again and we look forward to serving you all over the coming years.

On the 10th of May we will be holding a fund-raiser event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and there's an advert in this issue which will give you a bit more detail about what we're actually doing on the day. Also two of our locals, Sue & Kelly Maguire, will be entering the "Race for Life" on the 22nd of June on The Rye, High Wycombe in support of Cancer Research, so if you feel like sponsoring them in their quest, you can do so at the pub at anytime.

With the weather taking a turn for the better and the sun putting his hat on once again, the bouncy castle is now a permanent fixture in the garden. We'll soon be adding some more play equipment to occupy your little angels while you enjoy the food, drink and relaxing atmosphere we offer.

The World Cup kicks off in June (we will obviously be cheering on England all the way to final...AGAIN!) and will be showing as many games as possible on our (reasonably large) TV in the bar area. We'll also be celebrating our "leather anniversary" of the current owners and management.

The two May Bank Holiday Mondays are on the horizon and we'll be offering the same menu as we have on a Sunday. We'll be serving food from noon until 8pm and we have not failed to sell every seat the house in past years so book early to avoid disappointment.

The Crib and Dominos team had a relatively steady season and managed to finish mid-table. Well done ladies and gents and we look forward to seeing you all back in the autumn. Our regular quiz nights, held every two weeks, have seen some very good attendances and continue to grow in popularity. As ever we'll be offering popular deals from time to time and have recently introduced our brand new menu which features our classic favourites and some new delectable delights to tickle your fancy

That's all for now, but If you need to call us about anything we may be able to help with (i.e. functions/ special occasions etc) feel free to give us a call on 01494 563176 to discuss options

Don't forget to keep right up to date with our latest news, events and offers at [www.blacklionnaphill.com](http://www.blacklionnaphill.com) and even discover us on Face Book.

We all hope to see faces old and new in the very near future and thank you all once again for your continued support.



*Cheers!  
Everyone at the Black Lion.*

## Naphill and Walter's Ash School

### Young Reporters

On the 23rd March, 47 members from Year 6 at Naphill and Walter's Ash School had a once in a lifetime opportunity to participate in a range of outdoor adventurous activities at Rhos Y Gwaliau in North Wales. They were all very excited although it meant leaving their families for five days (However, some were actually quite happy at the thought of leaving their siblings for five whole days!)

After an event free, albeit a very long, journey, they arrived with happy with enthusiastic faces ready for the challenges that awaited them. They weren't so happy having to try on all of the specialist outdoor equipment that was provided by the centre! After a hearty meal and some time to settle into their new surroundings, the pupils spent the evening on a night hike, walking up several very large hills and experiencing the peace and tranquillity of the Welsh countryside.



*The Night Hike*

The next morning at breakfast, eager faces could be seen all around the dining room. Then they found out about morning inspections and the many duties the children would have to perform throughout the week and weren't so eager! Duties included cleaning the minibuses, setting out the dining room and even presenting the weather to the rest of the group.

Throughout a fun-filled week, Year 6 managed to battle through gorges, conquer their fears on a high ropes course and rocky cliff faces, zip wire over rivers, canoe across Lake Bala as well as experiencing the dark and cramped conditions of a slate mine. The children all impressed the centre staff and the accompanying school staff with their daringness and enthusiastic approach to the week's challenges but after a long return journey, and feeling very tired, they were pleased to arrive back at school.



*Lucille swimming in the gorge*



### *Down the Mine*

The few children who did not go to Rhos had a fun-filled week at school and carried out activities such as making chocolate pizzas (!) and cookies, growing crystals and much, more. As for the rest of the school, they had an enjoyable week as normal and year 5 enjoyed the responsibility of being 'Top Year Group' for the week.

We spoke to a couple of children about the week at Rhos: "It was amazing! I'd love to do it again!" said Charlie, one of the Year 6 pupils. Kirsten, another Year 6 pupil, exclaimed, "It was an awesome opportunity." So they, as well as all the other members of Year 6, would love to do it all again.



*By Louis and Lucille  
Yr.6 Pupils at Naphill and walter's Ash School  
Photographs supplied by Lucille, Louis and G. Dark*

## FOREST SCHOOL

### Naphill and Walter's Ash School



It has been a busy few weeks in school but in Forest School we have enjoyed a wonderful balmy time under the canopy. The children have super keen eyes and all around us are signs of the changing season. At Forest School we are truly blessed to consistently witness the children's discoveries and following on from a very wet and mild winter spring is now stirring so the intrepid explorers are gathering vast amounts of proof that change is afoot...



We have enjoyed the blossom en route and are learning about the baby chipmunks that we love to tip toe past (as much as wellies allow!) so that they peek out & greet us! Awaiting the Bluebells arrival we speculate English or Spanish?.. Catkins are

decorating our path into base-camp and talk has turned to wind-pollination. Bird song is truly vibrant now and every session in the forest is accompanied by our resident Woodpecker, initial wonder at his amazing vibrational tune has now relaxed into a familiar sound-scape.

During the storms of winter large trees have fallen in and around Forest School, these are used primarily as climbing trees; pirate ships, Treasure Island and a jungle look out amongst others. Other discoveries are bug hotels, mini-

beast homes and the process of decaying wood. The large opening created in the canopy has also been a focal point of discussion.

One of my favourite memes has always been 'It takes a village to raise a child' (African proverb)...with this in mind I would like to say that here at Forest School we rely on the goodwill of parent helpers and volunteers to enable us keep the correct ratios of taking children off site and into the forest. The ethos behind every session is holistic in its approach and extremely rewarding for all involved, a love of the outdoors, a patient demeanour and an appreciation of small beings assimilating within our environment are all that's required to help at Forest school.

If you are interested in helping, as little or as much as you are able please contact me;



*Keeley Allnutt, Forest School Leader*  
Naphill and Walters Ash School office 01494 562813  
photograph supplied by Keeley Allnutt



## Friends of Naphill Common.

Our programme of events is taking shape. On Saturday 24th May we will have a Birdsong Walk. Whether you know the different songs or would like to learn some, please join us. We will start from the Village Hall at 9.30am and walk around the Common and Cookshall Farm, perhaps 2 to 3 miles in all, led by some who know the different calls and songs. Given reasonable weather we should hear some woodland birds such as chiffchaffs, willow warblers, blackcaps and nuthatches, and some farmland birds such as hedge sparrows, blackbirds, song and mistle thrushes, blue tits, greenfinches and, with luck, even a cuckoo.

On the evening of Tuesday 24th June, starting from The Wheel car park at 7 pm there will be a walk around part of the village entitled 'Naphill in 1913' led by an historian of buildings, Marian Miller. Marian, who is Honorary Librarian of the Bucks Archaeological Society and a freelance researcher, will tell us about some of the older buildings on the walk. It is free but, sorry, no dogs please.

Marian writes: "You've probably heard of Lloyd George's People's Budget of 1909 which introduced old-age pensions. But where was the money to come from? The government came up with the idea of a tax on the increase in value of land but that meant they needed to ascertain the base value of every piece of land in England and Wales. Hence the 1910 Valuation Survey - otherwise known as the 'Lloyd George Domesday' - was born and surveyors were dispatched to every part of the country. It was 1913 before they got around to Naphill. The intended tax never materialised but fortunately for us we are left with the legacy of maps and surveyors' field books which are available for all to see at the National Archives in Kew. Using those maps and information from the field books and 1911 census we will take a stroll around the east end of Naphill, beginning and ending at The Wheel, and explore Naphill as it was just before the Great War. Walking will be mainly on pavements but there will be a short stretch of rough ground between Hunts Hill Lane and Downley Road."

We will be at the Fete on Saturday 14th June and our walks

will proceed as usual. You can join Ron Collins at 9.30am at Naphill Village Hall on the third Monday of each month for a long walk (5-6 miles), and/or join Chris Miller at 10.30am at the Village Hall for a short walk (2-3 miles) on the first Wednesday each month. Both walks are free and open to anyone. Go to our website for more information. There will be another bat walk at a date to be announced and various other events later in the year.

We are still in negotiations with the Forestry Commission, West Wycombe Estate and Natural England in an attempt to ensure that the intended felling ends up benefiting the Common. To this end, we are also trying to finish our survey of the significant trees. This has been complicated by the fact that the aluminium labels are being removed. They are probably being eaten by squirrels or gliss gliss, but some may have been removed by human hands. Please don't - if you do you may even be condemning trees to death because the labelled trees are to be saved from felling

All of our activities are free but it is essential that we keep up our membership, especially as it is our main lever in negotiating with official bodies and landowners. So please ensure that you join or renew your membership. It is only £5 per year.

*Trevor Hussey, Chairman.*

## Naphill Tennis Club

Lots of youngsters enjoyed the Children's Easter Tennis Camp run by our coach Mel Burn. Now it is the adults' turn to have a go and brush up on a few skills at our FREE 'RUSTY RACQUETS' sessions for members and non-members. These will be held on the following dates and will last for 1 hour:

Wednesday 30th April & 7th May - 9.30 am  
Thursday 1st & 8th May - 7 pm  
Saturday 3rd & 10th May - 9 am

There is no need to book, just turn up at the courts. For anyone who has recently moved into Naphill / Walters Ash, the Tennis Club is situated on the far side of Naphill Recreation Ground opposite the Village Hall. If you enjoy the Rusty Racquets, you may wish to sign up - for a modest charge - on our Improvers' Coaching Course (5 lessons) to follow on from Rusty Racquets on Wednesday mornings. Further details are available in our 2014 Newsletter.

JUNIOR COACHING takes place on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings during the school summer term (FREE with club membership) starting on Friday 25th April.

For details on club membership, please email the Membership Secretary at [smcr2000@aol.com](mailto:smcr2000@aol.com) or, for other information, please contact the Secretary on 01494 565406.



*Jenny Tench*

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Gregory Hargrove. 562655.

# Naphill & Walter's Ash Festival 13th-15th June 2014

**NAPFEST** - Its official – the party's on!

Music on the Crick. Friday 13th. Local band The Daps will be opening the evening at 6.30pm, followed by the support bands Kicking Molehills, Harry Quinn and The Precious Few taking us through 'til close at 11.00pm. They will be performing brilliant cover versions of chart toppers and favourite classic anthems which will guarantee you an incredible time, with a great atmosphere, and keep you up on your feet all evening.

You can bring your own picnics or there will be food and bar refreshments on sale.

Look out for the leaflet coming through your door. Posters will be displayed in all the local shops and on notice boards, so help spread the word, tell your friends that we're about to have the best weekend ever for Naphill and Walters Ash Fete.

Tickets are available to book online at [www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk) Cash purchases can be made using the booking form, in the event leaflet, and paid at The Wheel PH.

Ticket Sales are on a first come first served basis, and will only be available until Friday 6th June. Please note the pre-bookable ticket prices will not be available on the night, and tickets will be subject to availability and weather conditions.

More information can be found at our new website [www.napfest.co.uk](http://www.napfest.co.uk) or follow us on Facebook - Napfest Naphill

And finally...Remember whatever the weather throws at us 'we've got it covered' in our huge marquee.

Volunteers are urgently needed for the Friday evening to help with manning the gates, and experienced first aiders, who hold a current certificate. So get involved and be part of the first ever NapFest music event. Contact us via the Fete email address – [nwafete@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nwafete@hotmail.co.uk) or speak to one of us.

## Fete Day Saturday 14th June

This year's theme is Childrens TV Programmes, so that should make the floats very entertaining and give our new judge a tough decision to make.

Please can last years' awards winners return the Trophies or Cups to Claire at the Wheel.

The good news is that the Dog Show has been saved, so we will look forward to all the lovely dogs parading around on the day.

Don't forget we're still collecting donations of bric a brac, unwanted xmas presents, tombola prizes, books, crockery, and furniture. Homemade cakes on the day only please. And of course, the stalls that we're collecting for are mostly going to be incorporated into the marquee, so you will get a new layout to navigate around.

You can nominate your 'Villager of the year' by dropping in at The Wheel or sending us an email.

So after reading this I hope you're feeling as excited as we are. This is going to be the 88th Village fete and

we want it to be the Best One Ever, but it'll only be that if you are there.



*Sam - Fete Secretary*

## Fete Tombola

Since last year we have moved house but we are once again ready for your donations. Please send anything you can spare for this year's tombola to our new address below. The most popular items are toys and booze but we are grateful for anything suitable as a tombola prize!

Please drop your items into us into us at: Greenways, Chapel Lane (last house on the right).



*Thank you very much!  
Andy & Judy Pope.*

## Book Stall

Once again I am asking for GOOD QUALITY paperback books, both adult and children's, for the summer fete, which I am prepared to receive from Tuesday 6 May onwards.

Please deliver to Endsleigh, Clappins Lane and if we are not in, you are welcome to leave them on the doorstep.

I am unable to accept poor quality or very old books as I no longer have a recycling source for these, which means I am then responsible for taking them to the tip.



*Many thanks.  
Pauline Pool - 564226*

## Classics on the Crick

Sunday 15th June 2014

The Crick, Naphill, Bucks HP14 4SX

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**In support of nominated local charities.**

## The Wheel

With Spring well and truly underway, it has been lovely to see everyone back out and about enjoying the sunshine and the lighter evenings. March and April have been a busy couple of months as everyone comes out of hibernation after a very long and wet winter. We had the great pleasure of hosting a celebration for Dan at Manor Garage who now owns the lease. Their band, 'The Bailiffs', played and we all had a good dance and sing along.

Now that the clocks have changed, we have redone our summer menu and are now offering many of the old traditional pub classics, and lots of other dishes including salads, pasta salads, baguettes and sandwiches, Thai green curry, sharing platters, real homemade pies and much, much more. We are also starting a new promotion which will run from Monday to Thursday every week and will be a Pie and a Pint or a Burger and a Pint! So do come down and enjoy these great offers or try something from the new menu.

As many of you know Mark has taken up racing motorbikes again (as a nice leisurely hobby). He is racing in Thundersport GB 500cc class - look out for #68! He was at Donington Circuit on Saturday 12th April. After many delays, and bikes all over the place during qualifying, Mark kept his tyres the right way up and qualified for the 'Isle of Man Race Products' Streetfighter's Race! Well done hubby! He had his first two races on the same day, with his best position being 32nd out of 36. However due to unforeseen circumstances he had to retire from Sunday's racing.

On the same day we provided the bar for the wedding of Graham and Tracy. We should like to congratulate them on this very happy occasion and wish them both luck in the future. On another note, I must express my utmost thanks to all of my staff and many of my customers who helped us out throughout that particular day - you know who you are and you know why, and I cannot thank you enough.

So here's what's coming up over the next few weeks:

15th May - Chef's Curry Night 6-9pm - Bookings Strongly Advised!

16/17th May - Nick's Beer Festival at The Whip

26th May - Bank Holiday Monday - doors open at midday, lunch served 12-3pm & 6-9pm

13/14/15th June - Napfest- Live music on The Crick, Fete Day and Classics on the Crick (and lots of birthdays!)

That's it from us this month. We hope to see some of you very soon and fingers crossed for even warmer days and plenty of relaxing in either garden, with some nice cool refreshments and some great grub!



*Cheers!  
Claire and Mark*

## Picture This

For only three weeks in late April to May, the Chiltern beech-woods will be staging a dazzling, evocative drama. Set in a theatre of epic proportion, spotlights of scintillating light will pierce a canopy of emerald green, and softly illuminate a perfumed stage filled with performers dressed in vibrant blue and pink. A performance not to be missed as this is for one season only.

And you can be the audience, the only person there, immersed in the drama, savouring the heady perfume and capturing the drama in your own unique way.

I am of course, talking about Bluebells. And I could have simply said "this month Bluebells will be out and they make a great subject for a photograph; get out there with your camera." But I didn't.

A photograph can be much more than just a record of a subject. It can have a presence and a mood that captures your attention and your imagination created through the combination of the subject's beauty and the vision of the photographer.

This month's cover has Bluebells - *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* - and lots of them. The location of the photograph is Falconer's Wood (that's the name given on my map) which is behind the RAF base at Walter's Ash. The wood is an easy 3 minutes walk from Bradenham Woods Lane.

So my photography tip for this month is to notice how you feel about the subject of your photograph. When you are out in the wilds of the Common and come across something that stops you in your visual tracks, notice how you feel. Assuming it's a pleasant feeling and you haven't just stumbled into the Blair Witch Project, find a viewpoint where you can create a composition that captures the feeling. Then hold your breath and press the button.

Later, if you choose to show your photograph to someone else, they may also get the same feeling. This is called 'Equivalence' but there is no guarantee of it as the great photographer, Ansel Adams noted:

*'When I see something, I react to it and I state it and that's the equivalent of what I felt. So I give it to you as a spectator, and you get it, or you don't get it but there is nothing on the back of the print that tells you what you should get.'*

By the way, do make sure that no performers are harmed in the making of your production.



*Richard Holroyd*

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## Naphill Line Dancers



We are a small friendly group that meet once a week at Naphill Village Hall. We dance to lots of different types of music (it's not all country music!), and dance 'golden oldies' and old favourites as well as learn new dances. Most dances are at beginner-easy, intermediate level. It's a great way to get some exercise while having a bit of fun. Line dancing doesn't just exercise the body, but exercises the mind too as you learn the different steps needed to build up a dance - every dance is called to remind us of the steps if we need it though!

New members are always welcome, from absolute beginners who have never line danced before to experienced dancers who would like to join us.

Classes are held on Tuesday evenings starting at 8pm. The main class is an hour long, and those who want to try some of the slightly harder dances can stay for an extra half hour. The hour long session costs £4.00. and the 90 minute session £5.50. There's no need to book, and you don't need to commit to a block of sessions in advance – just pay on the door. If you are interested in joining us then please call Sarah on 01494 718595 for more details.

## The Old Plow at Speen

In last month's Gazette we reported that Mr and Mrs Miller, residents of Naphill, were the winners of the champagne draw at the Old Plow. They were recently presented with their prize and the photograph below shows them enjoying their prize!



Press Release: 08.04.2014

The Old Plow is proud to have given the name to their newest ale, 'Bucks Best'. The bitter is made

in The Chiltern Brewery to celebrate Mix 96's 20th anniversary broadcasting!

Mix 96 asked the public whether they could name their anniversary ale. Out of 200 entries Olivia Cowan from The Old Plow won the competition and named the anniversary ale 'Bucks Best' as she thought the name was quick and catchy.

Bucks Best will be sold from the 1st April 2014 at The Old Plow at Speen and 5p of every pint sold will be donated to Mix 96's charity of the year, St. Tiggwinkles Wildlife Hospital. Les Stocker who runs St. Tiggwinkles, the wildlife animal hospital in Haddenham, went along to the Old Plow to congratulate Olivia and to enjoy a pint of this special ale.



*Photo Above: Max Hailey, Olivia Cowan, Les Stocker and Tom Jenkinson (photographs in this article kindly supplied by Olivia at the Old Plow)*

## Our Local Hostelries - Ready for Summer!



## From Our Local Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

We meet a wide variety of people in the course of our lives, and some make more impression than others. I'm sure you could name a few who were influential in your life, probably in your youth. Or perhaps are still influential today. And there are a lot whose influence we'd be hard-pressed to say exactly. Sometimes we remember to thank God for such folk.

Occasionally such encounters and influences are life-changing. An old preacher told me I ought to become a preacher. I was a very shy young man, not at all eloquent, having an unclear understanding of God, and a weak faith: on the face of it a poor choice for a preacher! But surprisingly it set me wondering if this could be God's calling of me. It certainly wasn't wishful thinking! And now here I am.

There is a poem\* by Andrew Pratt that begins:-

*This day so strangely changed a man,  
whose heart was warmed by what he heard,  
that from that moment all the world  
would echo to his word.*



The man was John Wesley, who had tried hard to do what he thought right before God, but knew that his life and faith were incomplete. On that day 24th May 1738 he went "very unwillingly" to a religious meeting where someone was speaking about Martin Luther's writings, and during that meeting he felt his heart "strangely warmed".

"I felt I did trust in Christ, in Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Wesley became a changed man as he shared his new faith with all who would listen, and with some who didn't want to hear! He was a strong influence on the lives of thousands of individuals, and brought about much social change in this country and across the world. The Methodist Church today was founded by him.

Keen Methodists celebrate on 24th May each year, or on the previous Sunday which they term "Aldersgate Sunday", after the place where Wesley's heart was "strangely warmed".

In most churches in May we continue to celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Christ. Here was a man who influenced many during his mortal life, as described in the bible, but on account of his risen resurrected life he has influenced more people than anyone else on earth, before or since.

Take time this May to consider who has influenced your life, and who has made you what you are today, for better or for worse. And give thanks to God for those who influenced you for better.

*Mike Hill*

*Minister of Naphill Methodist Church*

\*Poem/hymn by Andrew Pratt © 2004 Stainer & Bell Ltd, can be found on [www.stainer.co.uk/hymns/wesley.html](http://www.stainer.co.uk/hymns/wesley.html)

## Naphill Neighbours

Our meeting in April took place on Monday 14th when we welcomed Mrs Margaret Deakin to give us an illustrated talk on "Glaciers, Bears & Totem Poles – Alaska". This is the fifth visit Mrs Deakin has made to us and this subject was every bit as interesting as the others. She and her husband made a trip to Alaska lasting just under five weeks and saw a great deal of the 49th State of America using various modes of transport. First of all she filled us in with a little bit of the history as to how America took possession of it. I think we were all surprised to learn that the United States purchased it from Russia for US\$7.2 million in 1867; something Russia must have regretted later when gold and oil were struck. It is over twice the size of Texas, the next largest state, and it has a longer coastline than all the other states combined. Then we went on a holiday; visiting glaciers, lakes, watching brown bears catching salmon, strolling through an avenue of totem poles, which were never objects of worship but recorded the history of a clan; all in all a very pleasant, interesting and successful evening.

By the time you read this our first outing to Canterbury will have taken place and there'll be some feedback on that next month. This month we will be taking names for our outing to Portsmouth which takes place on Monday, 23rd June, when we will visit the Marie Rose Museum and take a Harbour Tour. The cost for Members is £25 and for Guests £27 and these prices include the journey on the coach, the entrance to the museum and the boat trip. There are plenty of places to eat and if it's an especially lovely day and you wish to take your own lunch there are picnic areas around the Harbour. We will collect payment at our June meeting.

The Naphill Fete takes place on Saturday, June 14th, and we have been asked to run our usual Cake Stall. As in previous years, we would appreciate any home baked goods you are able to provide us with, cakes and biscuits, or homemade jams and chutneys. If you're not able to bake, perhaps you would consider giving us a small donation to add to the proceeds of what we sell on the stall.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 12th May, when we have invited Mr Brian Stepney to give us a talk entitled "Life on a Market Stall" (Antique Silver). Tea hostesses for the evening will, at the moment, be Pat Stallwood and myself, but I will be 'phoning around to find another helper. We look forward to meeting up with you next month but in the meantime, take care.



*Yvonne Cook*

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## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

In April we have to cram in two meetings, our normal monthly meeting at 7.30 and then the A.G.M. at 8.00. This means that our monthly meeting gets a bit rushed with no time to discuss non urgent items at length but it always amazes me that we get it done and makes me wonder why we normally take an hour and a half to get through our business!

We have received our annual grant from Hughenden Parish Council to help us with the general running expenses of the Hall for which we thank them. We get a lot of back up support from the Parish Council and it is great to know that we can rely on them for help, advice and support.

The sink hole on the Crick seems to have stabilised and now that the weather also seems to have stabilised we will go about getting advice about the best way to deal with it. At least it hasn't got a car in it, just a few footballs.

Philip Hussey brought his pictorial map of the village to our meeting and it was received with great delight and admiration from all, which I am sure you will share when it is displayed on the front of the Hall. We are now going about finding grants, donations and sponsorship to pay for the framing. It obviously needs to be framed and hung on the wall in such a way that it is protected from the worst of the weather both the wind, rain and the sunlight, though it will face due north. This will be expensive and the latest quotes we have had are in the region of £500. If you can help with this, either by a donation or by advice then do please contact Peggy Ewart on 565969. We are also stepping up our sessions on getting the village clean, tidy and litter free. Details of our working parties are displayed on the noticeboard outside then Hall and we would very much welcome as many of you as possible. We don our marigolds and take about an hour every couple of weeks - not too arduous. Marigolds and black sacks can be provided!!

The fete or as it now is called "The Naphill Festival Weekend" on the 13th to the 15th June, is looming and plans are well underway. Following the bad and inclement weather of the last two years it has been decided to erect a large marquee on the Crick to house all the stalls and protect them from either the rain or the blazing sunshine. To make this financially viable the fete has been extended into a weekend of celebrations with a concert in the marquee on the Friday night, the fete as usual, but with the stalls under cover, on the Saturday, and then a classic car event on the Sunday. Sounds exciting doesn't it. As ever volunteers are needed to help out with the 1001 jobs that need doing. There is a special plea for marshalls on the entrances to the Crick for the event on the Friday night, so if you could help out with this or give any help over the weekend then do please contact Claire in The Wheel. She is waiting for your call. It should be a great weekend.

We also have a quiz night booked for the 27th June

in the Village Hall. It will have the traditional format of teams of 4, with a bread and cheese supper and hopefully a bar. Price yet to be decided but should be in line with previous years. If you would like to reserve a table for your team then do please get in touch with me on 563479 or John Harris on 562099.

The A.G.M. took the usual format with annual reports from both the chairman and the treasurer and the election or in this case re-election of the officers of the council. Judy was reinstated as Secretary and Tanya as lettings secretary and John as Treasurer. The Village representatives were voted in, these are now Sarah Bacon, Jenny Price, Daisy Leek, Andrew Wilmot, Peggy Ewart and Clive Lawrence. We also reviewed the constitution to make sure it was in line with our current practice and totally up to date. The next A.G.M. will be on Monday 30th March 2015 for those of you with a diary that goes that far!!

Do make a note of the fete weekend and the quiz in your current diary and I'll see you there.



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

## Naphill Scouts Shoot Ahead

This month we have only had three weeks of scouts due to the Easter Holidays. Given the history of the scout movement, training scouts to respect and understand guns has been something that scouts have always done. Scouts moving on to things like combined cadet force at school have found this a useful foundation. The scouts get a full briefing on range safety and the safety equipment they have to wear as well as instruction in how to load the weapon and make it safe after firing. In the past we have used air rifles to do this but in the last year we have moved to Airsoft weapons. These are battery powered and fire a small plastic pellet, like a small pea. The guns look and load like a real gun, but fire these safe plastic pellets. The scouts fired at targets they drew themselves and were then able to compare their marksmanship. A big thank you to Richard Adams for instructing.

We finished the term with our traditional Easter egg hunt on the crick, and everyone was a winner! We are now planning the summer schedule and will make full use of the light evenings, together with a weekend camp for which we are finalising dates. We do have a few spaces at the moment so if anyone is interested in joining scouts, even if you have not been a cub, then let us know. We would also welcome any applications from girls who would like to become a scout. It has been a while since we had any girls in Naphill scouts but scouts has been open to girls for many years and we would be happy to chat to any parents of girls who might be interested to find out a bit more.



*Mark Powell  
naphillscouts@aol.com*

## Cub Scouts

2-8 June is Community Week for Scouts across the country. I am looking for ideas from parents and locals for activities that the Cub Scouts could take part in.

Scout Community Week, supported by B&Q, is the Scouts biggest UK-wide fundraising and awareness event of the year. It brings the community and Scouts together to tackle local issues and concerns in order to make a difference across the local community. Activities should benefit the community as a whole and could include: Planting a wildlife garden; Helping to promote and collect food for a local food bank; Writing to our local MP or Councillor and working with them to solve an issue. It may even be possible to get support from B&Q through donations of gardening or painting supplies!

If you have a cause or campaign within your local community, or know someone who does let me know and I will get in touch. For more information about Scout Community Week visit: Do 1 thing Scout Website.



*Akela*  
Cub Scout Leader  
Naphill & Hughenden Group

## Editorial Comment

*One of my greatest aims in editing the Gazette is to ensure that it is a truly a community magazine which informs and reflects the interests, concerns, news and events of our great locality and community. SO! I am so very pleased that the Line Dancers and Cubs have submitted their articles this month and of course, my thanks to all our regular contributors..*

## Hughenden Parish Council – April 2014

Many of you will be wondering what has happened with the Parish Plan Questionnaire that we promised you back in February. The Council contracted with the Bucks Free Press leaflet delivery service who promised a minimum of 95% delivery on the basis that there might be some houses that could not easily be found. Delivery was allegedly carried out in early March, but it quickly transpired that large swathes of the Parish were missed. The BFP initially strenuously denied this but faced with mounting evidence, had to concede that had not met their contracted performance. Indeed, it could be said that their performance made England's recent Ashes debacle seem a resounding success. The problem is, they have not been able to tell us which houses they missed – which we believe is most of the Parish – and we therefore have no choice but to do a re-run. This is planned for May/June when delivery will be carried out by local volunteers – including Councillors – to ensure that this time, every house is included. We will also have an on-line version available and we will ask everyone to respond unless they did receive the

questionnaire the first time and responded then. We are very sorry for this shambles and hope you will understand the problems we have had. We won't be using the BFP distribution service again!

You may have seen further press coverage in the BFP about the recovery of money from our former Clerk, Lynne Turner. Just to set the record straight, the theft was of £28,200 but the judge only issued a Confiscation Order under the Proceeds of Crime Act of £12,388. However, the Council has only received £8695 of that and it transpires that due a shortfall in the pension policy cashed to pay the Confiscation, the Court has determined that she need pay no more. In the April Full Council meeting, the Council agreed to pursue Mrs Turner for the outstanding amount of £19,505 through the Civil Courts together with interest accumulating from the date of the issue of the civil proceedings and any legal costs incurred. That process has now commenced.

On a lighter note. We were delighted with the number of local residents who were able to attend the Open Evening at the school on 1st April about the parking and safety issues around the Coop. Whilst some might think the optimism misplaced, we are hopeful of progress as we have now started dialogue with the RAF to improve Community engagement and look for opportunities for local improvements. We will keep you informed.

Finally, we would urge you to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 8pm on Thursday 15th May at HUGHENDEN VILLAGE SCHOOL. There will be brief reports on our activities and finances and then a talk by Penelope Tollitt, the new Wycombe District Head of Planning. This is your chance to hear what we have been up to and to question us and Penelope on whatever you like. Wine, soft drinks and snacks will be served afterwards and we welcome the opportunity to meet as many of you as are able to make it.

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

Hughenden Parish Council  
Annual Parish Meeting  
8pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
at  
Hughenden Primary School  
Brief reports on Council activities  
followed by  
Talk by Penelope Tollitt  
New WDC Head of Planning  
Light refreshments and chat time  
afterwards  
All Parish residents welcome

## Best Kept Village Update

Several of us have spent alternate Tuesday afternoons litter picking on the Crick, along Main Road, along some of the footpaths and side roads, and along the Common. It is amazing, and saddening, to see the amount of rubbish collected. We shall be continuing with this – dates on Village Hall Noticeboard. We also need a couple of clean-up mornings in May as judging of the competition takes place in June.

A number of people continue to take care of specific parts of the village such as the surrounds of the Hall, the War Memorial, etc. Residents are continuing to cut verges and keep their own properties litter free. However, we do need to try and eliminate weeds in kerbstones, and to wash signage such as road names. This will be an easier job in 2014 as it was done thoroughly last year but, nevertheless, in the absence of any help from WDC in this regard we need to keep on top of it.

FIRST CLEAN UP MORNING – SATURDAY MAY 3RD  
-meet at Village Hall at 10am with bucket, cloths and soap!

In her Notes from the Village Hall Council, Sarah has written about the Pictorial Map created by Philip Hussey. We hope to have it on the wall by the end of May.

Many thanks for all the efforts so far. Offers of help, and any queries to :-



Sarah 563479    Peggy 565969  
Cathryn 563233    Judy 562742  
June 566129

## Bradenham Parish Council

It has been a busy time for the parish council. We were aware that the traffic calming suggestions made by Sustrans would not be easy to implement and that there would be many hurdles to overcome, but the whole process is proving far more difficult than envisaged. Money is a major issue, the fact that we are looking to implement changes in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and in a picturesque National Trust village adds more complications and then Transport for Buckinghamshire is the authority who has to approve everything, all this means everything takes a very long time. It was decided to ask Transport for Buckinghamshire to come to the parish and discuss the way forward before we spend more money on more plans, surveys and risk assessments. We are due to meet with them late in April, we have great support from our County Councillor Carl Etholen. Arabella Grandage offered to coordinate a speed watch campaign in the village, so watch out!

As you are aware one of the routes for the construction traffic for HS2 is along the A4010 through our parish. The route will be used 24/7 for 7 years, we are not

sure how many extra vans, HGV's etc. could be involved. The parish council have decided to object to the A4010 being used as a route for construction traffic. The A4010 is already heavily used, it is the main route for emergency vehicles, the railway bridge in West Wycombe is unsuitable for large HGV's and the impact on the whole community and area would be enormous. Having already made comments on the Environmental Statement that accompanied the Hybrid Bill, we will now petition Parliament.

The parish council have commented on Wycombe District Council's Local plan.

We still have planning appeals running for the site at Shana and the site at the Hedgerow, which has required additional research and comments. We have just found out that the appeal for the Shana site has been allowed, we are still waiting on the Secretary of State to decide the Hedgerow appeal.

The next meeting will be on Monday 12th May at 7.00pm at the Cricket club, all welcome. We will start with the Annual Parish meeting, followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting, when the Chairman and Vice Chairman will be elected. We will finish with an ordinary meeting.

clerk@bradenham.org.uk



*Deirdre Hansen*  
Clerk to the Council

## Saint Botolph's Services

May 4th	Eucharist 11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis
May 11th	Eucharist 11am	Rev. Nigel Lacey
May 18th	Eucharist 11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis
May 25th	Matins 11am	T.B.A.
May 29th - Ascension Day	Eucharist at St. Paul's West Wycombe, at 7pm followed by a meal.	

*Peggy Ewart*



## Grow Your Own!



The UN has said that we need to double food production by 2050 to take account of a population rise from 7.2 to 9.2 billion and a change in eating habits towards more meat-eating. The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has just reported that by 2050 there will be a reduction in crop yields of about 70% in some areas offset by an increase of about 30% in other areas, leading to a net decrease in crop yields – mainly in two of the four staple crops wheat and maize. That makes it far less likely that we will see a doubling of food production by 2050. It seems that food may be unavailable in many parts of the world and will be much, much more

expensive in the richer countries.

**Grow Your Own.** There are a few vacant plots on the Naphill allotments at Louches Lane and on the Walter's Ash allotments at Clappins Lane. For further information please ring the Hughenden Parish Clerk on 01494 715296.

*Mike Mason*



*Local allotments available! Photo courtesy of Paul Goby*

## Hughenden Parish Teen Fun Day

Just before Easter, Hughenden Parish Council organised an event for all the teenagers in the parish. The aim of the event was to give the young people an enjoyable afternoon and in exchange, to find out what they thought about living in the parish and what they thought the Parish Council should be doing.

So how did it go? Well, it was good, in fact very good! About 100 young people turned up and enjoyed skateboarding, kicking a football around, mixing music in Sound Studio, cooking, watching videos and playing computer games, pool and table football with pizza, drinks and snacks thrown in for free.

We were helped by a large number of people. First and foremost there were some brilliant young people – our youth team – who told us what young people would like, who advertised the event for us and helped us organise the day. So a great big thank you to Ellayne, Ellie, Hannah, Hollie, Luke, Natasha, Opone,

Rachel and Sam. We would also like to thank their parents, the Youth Service, the RAF, Widmer End Football Club, Thames Valley Police, and Naphill Village Hall Committee. Not to mention Naphill residents for their tolerance when we took over their car park and recreation ground.

The young people who turned up and enjoyed themselves also told us what they thought about Hughenden Parish or rather they told “the youth inspectors”. These young people have been trained by the youth service to carry out surveys. Some of our young people also agreed to go into the “Big Brother” room and tell the camera what they thought.

The results of this will be a report prepared by the youth inspectors and a short film which we will show at the Annual Parish Meeting. All the residents in the parish are invited to this meeting and we hope that young residents will come and see the film as well as the adults. The APM is on 15 May at 8pm at Hughenden Valley Primary School.

We have included a couple of photos taken at the end of the event. We know we have to be careful about showing photos of children and we have tried to include only the older children and/or those where we knew the parents. We are sorry if we have got it wrong but we wanted to show you Hughenden young people having a good time.

*Councillors Shade Adoh and Linda Derrick*



Photographs courtesy of the Youth Team

## Naphill Evening W.I.

We were all expecting lots of gardening tips at the Annual Council Meeting in Aylesbury on 2 April where there was a talk by Chris Beardshaw entitled '100 Plants that Almost Changed the World'. In fact there were several funny stories, including one about the Romans not having any socks! So not quite what we expected but very entertaining just the same.

Our speaker in March, Paul Heley, told us about his motorcycling holiday in New Zealand with his wife, when they travelled from North Island down to the South. His slides showed the beauty of the countryside and brought back memories for some members. In April we will be hearing about The New Genetics: Dream or Nightmare.

On 9 April, quite a few members went to a Charity Fashion Show at The Windmill WI, in aid of the Motor Neurone Association and the Florence Nightingale Hospice. Windmill members acted as the models but the two brave husbands who also modelled stole the show.

With the summer coming along, some of us will be going on one or two of the County Rambles where, after a walk of about two hours, there is always a delicious meal awaiting us made by the host WI.

We also have Jenny's Ploughman's Lunch to look forward to in early May.



Carol Gilliam

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## Local Road Repairs

Transport for Buckinghamshire have recently published their road repair programme for 2014/15. Main Road, Walter's Ash between Clappins Lane and Bradenham Wood Lane is due to be properly resurfaced and current indication are that this will be carried out in May.

TFB Ref	Road Number	Road Name	Town	Member	Area
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Member Name	Start Location	Finish Location	Scheme
TFB140110	C86 Main Road	Walters Ash Ridgeway	East David Carroll
	Clappins Lane	Bradenham Wood Lane	Carry oversite from 2013/14 programme

Readers may wish to note that Coombe Lane is currently NOT scheduled to be resurfaced until FY 2015/16.

Personally, I am very disappointed not to see Coombe Lane included for this year given the poor state that this road has been for a long time and despite a number of temporary patches that have been applied. In its current state it is quite dangerous with motorbikes and cars having to avoid some of the worst potholes, especially when climbing up the hill.

The full list of current planned road works for 2014/15 in the county can be found at

<http://www.transportforbucks.net/Were-working-on-it.aspx>

You can report all your Road and path issues via the online form <http://www.transportforbucks.net/BCC-report-a-problem.aspx> email [tfb@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:tfb@buckscc.gov.uk) call 0845 2302882



Regards

Peter Williams

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## Pony Espresso

It's May already - the year at Pony Espresso seems to be flying by in a haze of cakes, eggs, bacon and coffee! Sadly, we have waved goodbye to Silvia who was invaluable while she was here, and welcome Trudy who has been rather thrown in at the deep end, but seems to be taking it all in her stride.

There have been a few additions to our menu and we have some great new cakes on offer which are almost disappearing faster than we can make them! Our "Specials" board changes regularly and with the appearance of the sun, ice cream is once again in demand.

Thank you to everyone who has nominated us as their favourite tea shop in the Chiltern Society Tea Shop Award - it's a lovely boost after only 18 months of being here. Congratulations to Dan on his takeover of Manor Garage! May it continue to be a huge success!

Happy long hot summer days! (in anticipation).



Blaine

## A Little Bit of Local History

### Editorial Comment

*I was recently given an article by Jean Lawrence Mann about her school days here in Naphill. Of course, I needed a picture so I contacted Pam Smith and Trevor Hussey. Pam, as always, has come up trumps with pictures, records and an article which I am looking forward to sharing with you at a later date.*

*Trevor sent through a picture of the old brick works and an interesting piece which I just had to share with you. Thank you Trevor!*

### From Trevor

I have a photograph of some of workmen in the brickyards. I attach one which was taken circa 1905 or a little earlier, with three of my family. I know it is not what you asked for but it is of interest because it may be connected with the recent sink hole in Walters Ash.

It was taken in Moxham's brickyard (known as the 'Small Holdings') which was roughly opposite Ash Place and the present School. They dug clay pits all up that side of the Main Road, later filled in with goodness knows what - so they may have been ultimately responsible for the later

subsidence. The men are - Back row: ?; Bob Monger (foreman); ?; ?; Charlie Brown. Middle Row: Len Brown; ?; John Hussey; Will Hussey. Front: Tom Hussey. (John Hussey was my grandfather -he came to a tragic end in 1916 under a steamroller.)



Moxham's Brickyard. Kindly supplied by Trevor Hussey

## Senior Lunch Club

I wish to say thank you to the ladies who care for us by providing such a wonderful meal! Each month they cook and serve us a tasty lunch. Then the 'washer-uppers' spring into action whilst we enjoy the musical entertainment and a good old chat with friends and neighbours.

Many of us live alone and so the Senior Lunch Club is a treat which we all look forward to! SO! Thank you Ladies!



E.M. Neville  
35 Main Road

## What do you think?

It is predicted that many folk will now live to be one hundred or more! It would be comforting to know that provision could be made to ensure that one could continue to live out their days in their native village.

All too often, as I have witnessed, elderly folk needing

support and care, are being moved away from the village and friends they love or they are left living alone in family homes where they struggle to cope and can become become isolated and lonely.

I should like to see, within our village, a community scheme where there are small units with some shared facilities for those who can live independently with some help and a residential home for those who need more care, thus enabling continued contact with village folk and activities.



Jean Lawrence Mann

**The Black Lion Naphill**  
Proudly Presents a Fund Raising Event  
in aid of  
**Macmillan Cancer Support**  
**Saturday 10th May**



**Bar-B-Q from 6pm**  
**Disco from 8pm**  
**(including 50p per song requests)**

### Prize Raffle

Special thanks to  
Bob the Veg – Richard the Wine – Dave the Butcher  
And all our lovely locals  
who have donated goodies for the raffle

**Call us on 01494 563176 for further information  
or to donate a prize for the raffle**



We have had no news from the RAF for some time. Hopefully they will contribute to the Gazette soon.

# Chiltern and District Council

## Thank You!

Residents of Chiltern and Wycombe District Council are showing their commitment to recycling and are proving how simple it is to recycle!

Between October and December 2013, under the new recycling and rubbish service, residents have recycled 53% of their waste. Before the start of the new service in April 2013, the recycling rate was 44%.

Through recycling your waste this reduces the amount of rubbish going to landfill. This means that we have lower disposal costs, are reducing the environmental impact of landfilling waste and helping to preserve the natural resources that would have been used in the manufacture of those products.

Well Done. We are well on the way to reaching our target of 60% recycling by 2015. To help the council achieve the target of 60% recycling remember that you can use your blue wheelie bin or reusable bag to recycle foil, cartons, aerosols, glass bottles, glass jars, plastic bottles, food tins, drink cans, plastic pots, tubs and trays.

Residents in Chiltern District can still sign up to receive a fortnightly garden waste collection starting from just £35 for the year. There are three easy ways to pay. Either online at [www.chiltern.gov.uk/garden](http://www.chiltern.gov.uk/garden). By phone on 01494 586 550 during opening hours to pay by debit or credit card. Or in person by visiting the Council Offices in Amersham during office opening hours, and pay at reception by cash or debit / credit card

The final phase of the new service is now gradually being introduced to flats and communal developments and this will be completed by the summer.



Nasreen Ullah

Waste Management

**Little Ash Pre-School  
Table Top Sale - 12th May  
Naphill Village Hall from doors open at  
1100 - 1400  
If you would like further information  
please ring Tanya 01494 563053 or email  
stevens694@btinternet.com**

# Good Companions Club

Some years ago there was an over 60's club in Naphill. Unfortunately the numbers dwindled and the club closed. A similar club still survives in Hughenden Valley and in fact, nine of our members live in Naphill.

We have a varied programme which our Secretary, Pam Herman, organises. Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00pm. Our next meeting is entitled "Out of Africa". We enjoy tea and homemade cakes. There is a raffle to which all members contribute.

If you would like to join us, male or female, you will be most welcome! I hope we can look forward to seeing you at our meetings.



Sheila Veysey

## A Coach Trip to a Windsor Musical

28 June

### Below Stairs



Co-written by Alan Lewis



Tickets including coach £16

Last few tickets remaining for this great night out!

To book call Alan Lewis on 01494 564512

## Young, hard-working handyman.

Available for doing odd jobs including gardening and allotments, painting, cleaning and washing cars, heavy lifting and moving and disposing of rubbish. Call Chris on 07540088573.

Has anyone got a hat pin or lace handkerchief that they no longer need, please? Sally 562281.

**Editorial Comment:** *Easter Saturday afternoon and the May Gazette is finally DONE! I never was good at jigsaw puzzles and this has certainly been a puzzle, just how do you fit a quart into a pint pot? But you know, I really wouldn't have it any other way. My sincere thanks to all our contributors and I hope that you all enjoy reading the Gazette as much as I have enjoyed creating it. Sonia*

## PIN UP DIARY DATES

### May

1st May	Naphill Neighbours' Coach Trip to Canterbury
5th May	Bank Holiday
12th May	Little Ash Table Top Sale - 11.00-14.00
15th May	Annual Parish Meeting Hughenden School 8pm
17th May	Naphill Horticultural Plant Sale - Village Hall

### June

2nd-8th June	Scout Community Week
27th June	Quiz Night Village Hall

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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 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	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
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 and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Comittee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturculturalsociety. co.uk
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
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 9.45-10.45am	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 and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesday and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Fridays 5-7.30pm. Saturday 9-10am		
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	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Jujitsu Class	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Naphill Womens's Meeting	Wednesday afternoon 2pm	Methodist Church	
WI	Third Thursday in month 7.45pm	Village Hall	Jenny Price 563001

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## Editorial

What a WONDERFUL WORLD we are privileged to live in! Here in Sunny Naphill and Walter's Ash we are surrounded by so much natural beauty, much of which we take totally for granted, but we do all have a responsibility to look after our beautiful environment as a heritage to pass on to our children and grandchildren. We have a team of great volunteers, and I trust we are all doing what we can to help and support them, who are working tirelessly to get our village ready for the Best Kept Village Competition this month, and our thanks of course to them.

Just this morning I have read about a marvelous possible medical breakthrough which hopefully is going to help spinal injury sufferers to walk again. Now this is something I did not expect to see in my lifetime, but "wouldn't it just be wonderful?" I do have to say how cross I get when I read that this or that person, having suffered a spinal injury, walked again by sheer determination. This implies that a person confined to a wheelchair didn't try hard enough. WRONG! If you are lucky, as I was, to have an incomplete spinal injury, some recovery may be possible, you have a duty to do the work and make the best of this possibility. If that spinal injury is 'complete', if your spine is broken beyond repair, at the moment, no amount of exercise or trying hard will change this and you are confined to a wheelchair. Like so many others, I hope that this latest technology will be the longed for breakthrough!

Also in this week's press, there was the very sad news that a brave young man, having raised so much cash for cancer charities, had died at just 19 years old. There have been many great medical advances to conquer this disease and many of us owe our lives to these, but this battle continues. Last weekend the Black Lion held a very special event to raise money for cancer research and for the care of cancer sufferers. As of last evening, the total raised was over £2,700 and rising! My congratulations to the organisers and to all those who supported this event, a fabulous achievement.

Next, the NAPFEST! The Gazette is proud to publish the centre supplement for this great, new, extended village event. Thanks go to the organisers for all their hard work! The success of the NapFest requires us, the Naphill villagers, to support them by attending and enjoying what surely will be, a super 3 day village Festival. I look forward to publishing a report and photographs in next month's Gazette.

Finally, oh you thought I would never get there! My thanks to Paul Goby for this month's cover photograph and to Richard Holroyd for creating the cover. . It is amazing what you will find perched in next door's fir tree when you just happen to have your camera handy. Thanks too to all our contributors, there would be no Gazette without you. I am pleased to include a new section this month, 'letters and comments to the editor.' To me it is important that the Gazette should be a truly 'community magazine', where everybody can and does contribute. As the editor, I do have the right to publish or not. Hopefully my editorial disclaimer makes it clear that I will not get involved in local politics or arguments, but having said this, I very much value your input and where possible, I am delighted to publish your contributions.

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## Comments to the Editor



In a telephone conversation, I apologise for not catching the caller's name, I was asked to publish the opening times for the local Post Office now located at the Spar shop in 19 Main Road. Please see below.

The opening hours are: Monday to Friday: 9am – 5.30pm; Saturday: 9am – 12.30pm. The Post Office will not be shut on a Thursday afternoon and there is no lunchtime closing.

## A Letter to the Editor.



Dear Editor,

Further to your comments about the round-a-bout at Coombe Lane, have you wondered why we do not have one at the top of Bradenham Wood's Lane? This would save us the nightmare of turning right into Main Road. All it needs is a white painted circle and three arrows, the whole job would take about an hour.

I asked an official about this and she said, 'we haven't had a fatality yet'. I thought perhaps that she was looking for a volunteer!

Come on local drivers, let's insist on our white painted circle. Perhaps P.C. Lee Turnham could twist someone's arm?

ALSO! Why do some drivers park their cars the wrong way round at night on an unlit road? The nearside should be to the curb so that oncoming headlights pick up the reflectors on the parked cars.

Thank you all for our wonderful Gazettes.

*I. Perry,*

## Bon Ami

With summer imminent we have decided to extend our menu to include freshly cut sandwiches. These may be enjoyed on their own or as part of a full afternoon tea.

The next "Naphill Business Network" meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 27th May at 8.30am in Bon Ami. If you are a local business owner and would like to promote your business and meet with other business owners then it is well worth coming along. Hot coffee and pastries straight from the oven will be available.

We are looking forward to the Fete weekend, "Napfest", and we hope to see many of you on Sunday 15th June at "Classics on the Crick" We will be open for business while you enjoy the array of classic and modern cars.

We are delighted that, once again, John Easterling, Mike Goodwin and Malcolm Glenn have decided to display their brand new portfolios at Bon Ami during "Bucks Open Studios" fortnight; 7th – 22nd June 2014. Do come and browse the artwork while enjoying a cup of freshly brewed coffee and possibly a homemade cake or lunch?

It is a packed and exciting summer ahead for Naphill and Walter's Ash. See you soon.



*Many thanks again !  
Amanda & Ruth.*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

### Planning: Decision Pending

**14/06077/TPO.** Land to rear of 132 to 135 Templewood Walter's Ash. Crown lift Ash ref AC003399 and Wild Cherry ref. AC003409 by 3-6 metres including lifting from over play area by up to 2 metres. **14/05928/FUL.** 32 Main Road, Naphill. Householder Application for construction of part single, part two storey front, side and rear extensions and loft conversion with associated external alterations (alternative scheme to 13/06881/FUL). **14/05920/FUL.** 246A Main Road, Naphill. HA for erection of wooden summer house in rear garden.

### Planning Decisions.Permitted

**14/05542/LBC.** Naphill House, Hunts Hill Lane. Listed Building appn. for re-instatement of window to first floor flank & removal of internal staircase to 2nd floor in connection with conversion of bedroom to bathroom.

**14/05440/FUL.** Tilbury House, Louches Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of part two storey front/ side, part single storey side (porch) and single storey rear extensions. Construction of part single storey, part two storey side extension incorporating

new garage.

### Withdrawn

**14/05742/CLP .** Knockhundred House, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Certificate of Lawfulness for rear lean to extension to replace existing conservatory and canopy.

**News** Chiltern Hotel (formerly The Rose & Crown) in Saunderton. Planning consent has been given to convert the property to residential use as a house with 4 reception rooms and 13 bedrooms!. Two of the conditions stipulated by Environmental Services are (a) installation of electrically powered ventilation (b) adequate landscaping and fencing to protect residents from road noise. Negotiations over car parking will be necessary as Highways owns a lot of the area permitted for parking by former hotel visitors.

### Road Resurfacing.

#### Bradenham Woods Lane

Road closure starting 13 May without sufficient warning. The BCC Project Manager of the Capital Maintenance Project explained that immediately following a survey of Bradenham Woods Lane, when it was decided resurfacing was essential, the contractors found a short gap in their work schedule, so Highways booked them without further delay, but this left no time for early warning to road users. We are told the top surface will be laid in June. This will probably take no more than a day and is unlikely to require road closure.

In relation to our complaint about the increasing potholes in Main Road, we were told these were scheduled to be filled following resurfacing of Bradenham Woods Lane.

**Coombe Lane.** A serious case for structural repair. Cllr David Carrol has chosen Coombe Lane as a priority. A senior Highways official informed us that Coombe Lane was highlighted at a meeting on 12th May 2014. The conclusion was that plane and patch would now not be adequate, and that resurfacing was necessary. An inspection will take place shortly with resurfacing works to follow in the next few months. Date still to be confirmed.

Date of next meeting. 8pm Naphill Village Hall. 12th June 2014. As usual the meeting is open to any residents who wish to attend.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## The Black Lion Naphill

April and May have been extremely busy here. On the 10th of May, we held our first fund-raiser event in aid of Macmillan Cancer. With £2500 raised and rising, it's fair to call that a huge success. This will be now a regular annual event due to its success. Also remember, two of our locals, Sue & Kelly Maguire, will be entering the "Race for Life" on the 22nd of June on The Rye, High Wycombe in support

of Cancer Research, so if you feel like sponsoring them in their quest you can do so at the pub at anytime.

The World Cup kicks off in June and we will obviously be cheering on England all the way to the final...AGAIN! We will be showing as many games as possible on our (reasonably large) TV in the bar area. The first game is on the evening of the 14th June against Italy. Promotions are also available on the night.

With the weather taking a turn for the better and the sun putting his hat on once again, the bouncy castle is now a permanent fixture in the garden. We have also added some more play equipment to occupy your little angels while you enjoy the food, drink and relaxing atmosphere on offer.

The Crib and Dominoes team have ended the season on a high by winning The Rosebowl. A triumphant victory over The Whip secured some silverware for the seasons efforts. Well done! We look forward to seeing you and all supporters after the summer.

Some important dates to put in the diary. Bank Holiday Monday 26th May, yet another busy day here, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Also, Fathers Day is on Sunday 15th June, and will be putting on a paternally favoured menu to celebrate all Dads out there.

'Napfest' and Naphill Fete are currently being held between Friday 13th and Sunday 15th June. We will be offering some money saving special offers to make sure you are fed and watered before you head down and celebrate the weekend.

If you need to call us about anything we may be able to help with (i.e. functions/special occasions etc) feel free to give us a call on 01494 563176 to discuss options, catered for your own needs. We have a large area perfect for get-togethers, birthday parties and everything else.

Don't forget to keep right up to date with our latest news, events and offers at [www.blacklionnaphill.com](http://www.blacklionnaphill.com) and even discover us on Facebook.



*Cheers! And all the best from everyone at The Black Lion.*

## From Our Local Methodist Minister

The real thing or a signet ring?

My father wore a signet ring as his wedding ring, and when he passed away I inherited it and I am proud to wear it on my little finger. It has his initials rather than mine, but they are so worn as to be practically illegible. But on the inside there are clear hallmarks, and an inscription including a date about 6 months before their wedding. I guess this was an

engagement present, but the inscribed lady's name is an odd spelling of my mother's name which I've never seen elsewhere!

My parents were educated, well-organised people, so these discrepancies are something of a mystery, but I can guarantee that this really was the ring that Father wore for as long as I knew him.

Recently we were looking at the Old Testament book of Haggai, and particularly the very last verse: "I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you," declares the Lord Almighty." Zerubbabel was the leader at Jerusalem, and although he could not be made king, the prophet Haggai declares him to be like God's signet ring, which sounds a bit strange to us.

But a signet ring in those days was used to authenticate documents, in the same way that we have used signatures and pin-codes and computer passwords. The signet ring was pressed into hot wax or soft clay to leave an impression which was difficult to replicate except with the same ring. Kings and emperors had their own signet ring (or sometimes some other seal), and the prophet indicates that "Almighty" God surely has such a signet ring, and that ring is Zerubbabel. Such a ring was very powerful: it enabled the wearer to act in the name of the owner, whether king or God. It had authority.

We were looking at the authority of biblical people chosen by God as His servant, and how that relates to people today who feel called by God. And are they the real thing? Do they have God's authority? Or are they deluded fakes?!

I looked again at Father's signet ring and his initials SH. If pressed into hot wax, the symmetric letter H would look ok but the asymmetric S would be back to front. This sort of signet ring is purely decorative! It's the real thing in that it is my Father's ring that he wore for 5 decades, but as a proper signet, it is not!

I turn then to the people around me, both those who feel called by God and those who don't. Are they the real thing? Or are they decorative, or fake?

Proper signet rings and seals make an impression when pressed in hot wax. Do we make an impression? And do we make a correct impression, or back to front, corrupted? History is full of the people who made an impression, for good or for ill. Those who made little impression, were just not recorded. What about us? Shall we leave a good impression for later generations to admire, or a bad impression for them to deride?

All of us are given responsibilities in life, and perhaps given authority: are we fit to be described like Zerubbabel as the signet ring?

*Mike Hill  
Minister of Naphill Methodist Church*

SHH2

*A proper signet ring would have to be a mirror image!*

## Naphill Scouts Reaching new heights



Photograph courtesy of Adrian Curtis

This has been a quiet month for the scouts, with only two meetings in April.

The most exciting meeting was a trip to the Bucks Scouts climbing facility at Green Park in Aston Clinton.

This facility is operated by the Scouts' County Climbing Team, and is led by fully qualified climbing instructors.

Luckily the weather was fine. Each scout had a full safety briefing before climbing, and had opportunities to climb at least four pitches. All enjoyed an exciting evening.

Looking forward to the next half term, we will be looking at various techniques for shelter building, will undertake a navigation exercise, and will have a cookout in the woods.

All of this will be in preparation for a potential hike camp later on in the term.



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## Best Kept Village Competition

June is almost here and our village is looking well cared for thanks to the efforts of residents in attending to the areas around their homes, and to a number of individuals who have given their attention to the Village Hall and Playing Field. Trish Bowen continues to look after the War Memorial, Bill Price sees to the stubborn weeds and leaves around the Hall, and Amanda and Ruth from Bon Ami try to deal with litter around the Hall. They also care for the flower baskets Judy is planting up. Litter picking remains necessary around the village and a few of us have been doing this regularly. There are some other unsung heroes quietly doing their bit!!

The Naphill Cub Scouts have offered to help during half term at the beginning of June. This is very good news because it is so important to involve the young

in caring for their community.

By the time you read this it is hoped we will have had a BIG CLEAN on May 24th and spruced up the whole village in time for the Best Kept Village judges' visit during June.

Many thanks for all the help so far. Please contact one of us for further information.

Sarah 563479, Peggy 565969  
Cathryn 563233, Judy 562742, June 566129

**Editorial Comment:** Firstly to thank the ladies and volunteers for all the work they are putting in and of course hope that the judges make the correct decision, "Naphill to win"!

I wanted a photo to support this article so Himself got dispatched yet again, but to where should I dispatch him? Judy suggested Vincent's Pond. I didn't know this pond existed but it is clearly beautiful and well worth a visit.

Sonia



Photograph courtesy of Paul Goby

## The Wheel



Photograph courtesy of Paul Goby

So June is finally here, can you believe we are now half way through the year, so not long to Christmas (only joking). Well the only thing I really want to talk

about is Napfest, not just because it's been the bane of my life and has been extremely hard work for the committee but also because the team and I are really excited about this new three-day event;

- On Friday 13th June we are having Live music on the crick, please get your tickets here at The Wheel or you can book them on line at [www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk). GET TICKETS NOW SO YOU ARE NOT DISAPPOINTED. (We will also have collection buckets here if you were thinking about listening from our garden)!
- Saturday 14th June will be the normal Fete Day so come and join the fun. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the Grand Draw at The Wheel and The Black Lion.
- Sunday 15th June is Classics on The Crick

Right then, I'll stop promoting the fete and let you know what's been happening here. It has been a very odd few weeks as I have hardly been here what with our wedding anniversary and other situations out of my control. I personally would like to thank all my staff for their amazing support and basically running the pub without me over the last few weeks. Cheers guys.

From what they've told me the new summer menu has been going really well, and the chef is struggling to keep up with his amazing homemade pies.

We also had the privilege of hosting Lee Coles's surprise birthday party, which was a brilliant night as it was actually a surprise for a start and all the Coles family seemed to have a great evening, Lee even made a speech!

Our recent curry night was also another great success and yet again we were fully booked.

I would like to thank Dawn and Howard Tucker who have designed and made our new gift cards for us. These amazing little cards can be bought as presents for people to spend here to the value of £5, £10, £20 or multiples thereof. These are a great idea and are also brilliantly done, so thanks again.

We also have a new edition which is 'The Little Wheel' for those of you not following The Wheel's Face book page, this is a new kids play area for under 12's. Mark and Ross built it in roughly eight hours and amazingly there was very little swearing while they were watched by all the other customers (no pressure)! Anyway we have had great feedback and loads of kids have enjoyed it especially over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Once again thanks to everyone for their custom and to our hardworking staff. Hope to see you all at Napfest. Just a quick note Mark and I will have been here a whole 8 years on the 19th June.



*Cheers!  
Claire and Mark*

## Fete Tombola

Fete Tombola – we are desperately in need of prizes for this year so do please take a moment to search out something; your support is very important and much appreciated! The most popular items are toys and booze but we are grateful for anything suitable as a tombola prize! Please drop them into us at: Greenways, Chapel Lane (last house on the right).



*Thank you very much!  
Andy & Judy Pope.*

## Book Stall

We are happy to receive your good quality paperback adult and children's books. Please deliver to Endsleigh Clappins Lane and if we are not in leave on the porch. Should you wish to contact us call 564226.

Please try and avoid bringing books to the Crick on the day of the Fete as we are usually so busy we are unable to check them and put them out for selling.

We must emphasise we are not able to accept poor quality and very old books as our recycling source is no longer available.



*Many thanks.  
Pauline Pool - 564226*

## Friends of Naphill Common

On the evening of Tuesday 24th June we will have a guided walk through a slice of the history of Naphill, led by the historian Marian Miller. Starting at 7pm from The Wheel we will visit several of the older buildings in the south eastern end of the village. It was all once part of Naphill Common but, after the mid-19th Century enclosures, the Common was pushed back to its present boundaries. Marian will be using a survey of 1913 to work out how the village changed. Join us on what I hope will be a fine evening. It is free but, sorry, no dogs! Before that, we hope to see you at the Fete on Saturday 14th June. This year much of it will be inside a marquee so a sunny day is almost certain. We will have a quiz for children to puzzle over.

At the time of writing I don't know how our 'Birdsong Walk' went. I am aware of the diminishing number of birds that I hear around the village – and I don't think it is my ageing ears at fault. Cuckoos once called until they became monotonous; lately we are lucky to hear one. Skylarks soared above many of the fields and the village supported a fine collection of martins, swallows and swifts. Perhaps the lack of insects and weeds in the surrounding fields is

the reason. I have heard blackcaps and chiffchaffs on the Common and there are plenty of blackbirds, finches, wrens, robins and dunnocks singing with gusto.

You can join Ron Collins at 9.30am at Naphill Village Hall on the third Monday of each month for a long walk (5-6 miles), and/or join Chris Miller at 10.30am at the Village Hall for a short walk (2-3 miles) on the first Wednesday each month. Both walks are free and open to anyone. Go to our website or our posters for more information. There will be another bat walk on Friday September 12th starting from the Village hall at 7.30pm. It will be led by the bat expert Bridget Parslow. The date of the fungus foray is yet to be settled. There is likely there will be regular moth trapping sessions on warm evenings but it is not possible to predict when these will be. In the past we saw some rarities. All moths are released unharmed.

There are at least seven ponds on Naphill Common, plus one or two possible sites. Most provided water for livestock on our dry hilltop when the Common was regularly grazed. One, Willow Pond, began life as a pit for clay and sarsen stones, another, Shipwash Pond, has a characteristic promontory used for washing sheep, and another, Dew Pond, may have been the water supply for the (possible) Romano-British farmstead. As the tree cover has spread all of them have deteriorated and lost much of their once rich pond life. We are trying to get Natural England to accept a long-term management plan by which we can reverse the decline. We may even be able to coax the internationally rare starfruit back into flower – last seen in Daisy Pond the 1990s. The proposed felling would give us a chance to open up a small area around some of the ponds to let in more light. Negotiations are staggering along. If we get permission we will need someone with a licence to handle Great Crested Newts and two of us are undertaking the training required.

If you are interested in the Common, enjoy walking there and care about it, please consider joining the Friends of Naphill Common. It is only £5 a year and our large membership is the only lever we have in trying to preserve this treasure. Where change is inevitable, as with the proposed felling, we can at least try to ensure that there are benefits for the Common. Our membership secretary is Lynn McMinn 01494 564667.



*Trevor Hussey Chairman of FONC*

## Picture This

In April's Gazette, I said that if you were caught in the open, peering through a hole in a piece of black card, people may stare but will not ask. Well, I've discovered that's not true.

Last week, there I was on my hands and knees eyeing up the crop behind Great Moseley Farm. With contra-jour lighting (see the March Gazette) the graceful curves of the leaves reminded me of ballet dancers' limbs; (I hadn't been drinking - the morning was still young). Suddenly, the sharp bark of a Weisler interrupted my reverie. Standing as tall as any Weisler can but keeping its distance, the dog was warning its human companion that something weird was afoot.

The human half of the duo approached. "What are you photographing?" "The wheat" I replied, "I like the way the sunlight illuminates the leaves and the resultant patterns of light and shade". (I didn't mention the ballet dancers). "Oh I see" she said, "I think I should bring my camera out when I'm walking. Sometimes I see something and I think 'that would make a good photograph'".

She's right. We all see pictures, and we need a camera to capture them, to freeze the ballet dancers in time. And, as I wrote last month, it doesn't matter if no one 'gets' your picture. So my main tip this month is pretty straightforward. Always carry your camera - and it really doesn't matter what sort. A renowned photographer was once asked 'Which is your best camera?' 'The one I have with me', he replied.

I have a few more tips this week about what makes a good cover photograph. The beautiful cover picture of the Red Kite by Paul Goby is a great example of what I think makes a really good one. The picture is a vertical format so it fits the shape of the Gazette; horizontal pictures don't fit and can't be used. There is space at the top so the Gazette title doesn't cut through an important element of the photograph. The subject is eye-catching and in sharp focus; blurred pictures don't look good as covers. The light is good; dull light makes dull pictures. And the final test: would you hang your picture on your hall wall?

So, carry your camera. With the forthcoming fete, you'll have lots of opportunity for creating great pictures.



*Richard Holroyd  
Richard@richardholroydphotography.com*

## Bradenham Parish Council

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting Teif Jones was elected Chairman and Jan Pearce was elected Vice Chairman. Jan had been Chairman for three years and he thanked the councillors and the clerk for their support during this time. At the Annual Parish Meeting the Chairman reported that we had had a busy year and gave the financial report.

(copies available from the Clerk)

The Parish Council is petitioning parliament on the

High Speed 2 Railway Bill, with its objection to the construction route for the High Speed 2 Railway running through the parish on the A4010 from J4 M40 to Princes Risborough.

We have again entered the "Best Kept Village" competition, judging will be in June.

We have been busy with our traffic calming plans and had a very encouraging meeting with Transport for Buckinghamshire to look at the way forward. You will have noticed that Bradenham Woods Lane has been closed for the filling of many of the major potholes, which is preparation work for the full resurfacing of the road from the top of the hill (main Road/New Road- Walter's Ash) down to the A4010. This is due to take place in June/July or at the latest in August. It is the intention that the centre white line will not be replaced to encourage users to reduce speed. An assessment of this plan is due to be carried out before it can be agreed. It is part of our speed reduction proposals. We are also looking at changing the colour of the road surface through Bradenham Village and introducing 30mph roundels on the road. We are due to carry out "Community Speed Watch" in Bradenham village in June.

The next meeting will be Monday 21st July at Bradenham Cricket Club 7pm. The meeting is open to the public and the press.



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

## News from 'Christians in the Community'

I am writing this on a beautiful early summer's day and if the weather could be as perfect as today the Napfest will be great. Saint Michael's Hughenden, together with Christians in the Community will be there in the marquee on the Saturday. We will have something for the children, something for teenagers and something for the adults – the theme is 'Taste and see that the Lord is good' – come and see us!



*Norma Clarke*

## Naphill Neighbours

We welcomed Mr Brian Stepney to our meeting on Monday, 12th May, when he spoke on "Life on a Market Stall" and, in particular, Antique Silver. The last time we asked him to come it snowed so we were happy to invite him again in the better weather. Mr Stepney trades at Gloucester Green Market in the centre of Oxford twice a month and he obviously loves what he does. He had some beautiful items, some of which he handed around so that we could all have a closer look at them. Jackson's Silver Bible is what he uses mostly as it contains reference to all the silver made in this country from 1600 and he also has a book of West Country Silver Spoons

and their makers. He attends auctions regularly but is not always successful in getting what he would like; some of it goes for a very high price. There were a few tips for those owning silver on how to clean it but one thing he definitely did not advocate was the use of silver polish. A thoroughly interesting and enjoyable evening.

Our first outing of the year took place on Thursday, 1st May, when a substantial number of our members boarded a coach for Canterbury. It was a very wet day and the M25 lived up to its reputation for hold-ups, resulting in a later arrival at our destination than originally planned. We had a very good driver with us and at his suggestion our return journey commenced a little later to make up some of the time lost on the outward journey. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves; plenty of shopping and those who visited the Cathedral were able to hear a little organ practice as well as soaking up the atmosphere of the cathedral's history. Not the best weather to take a sightseeing boat trip or walking tour of the city though. We hope the weather will be a little more favourable on our next outing to Portsmouth to see the Marie Rose Museum and take a boat trip around the harbour on Monday, 23rd June. If you are coming with us to Portsmouth, payment is due at our June meeting; Members £25 and Guests £27. There are still seats available for this trip so if you are interested in joining us please give Hazel Vickery a call on 563977 so that she can add you to the list.

The Naphill Fete is almost upon us, Saturday 14th June, and we will be running our usual Cake Stall. As in previous years we would appreciate any home baked goods or preserves you are able to donate. If you are going to be away over that weekend and can make a cake that can be frozen, Hazel Vickery has the space in her freezer to keep it until the day of the fete, and if you are not into cake making etc, perhaps you would consider making a small donation that we can add to our proceeds on the day. Please could we ask you to make a list of ingredients to attach to any baked goods or preserves you donate to the stall. Times are changing and this is all to do with Environmental Health and if they should visit on fete day we want to be sure we have everything as it should be. Also if your cake is to be frozen please pop a label on it stating "Previously Frozen".

Our next meeting takes place on Monday, 9th June, when Mr John Negus will give a talk on "Amazon Quest". Our tea hostesses for the evening will be Judy Blofeld, Eileen O'Neill and myself. See you all soon, take care.

*Yvonne Cook*



## Young, hard-working handyman

Available for doing odd jobs including gardening and allotments, painting, cleaning and washing cars, heavy lifting and moving and disposing of rubbish. Call Chris on 07540088573.

## Naphill Tennis Club

Come and visit us at the Naphill Fete on Saturday 14th June!

Last year, lots of you enjoyed our Ball-machine game until rain stopped play. It is great fun for young and old alike. If you wish to try your hand at tennis, the courts are open to all on Fete Day and racquets can be provided.

In addition, we shall have our popular Strawberries & Cream Stall next to the courts so come and treat yourself!

For details on club membership, please email the Membership Secretary at [smcr2000@aol.com](mailto:smcr2000@aol.com) or contact the Club Secretary on 01494 565406. Alternatively, come along on Fete Day and pick up a Newsletter/Application Form.



*Jenny Tench*

## Naphill Evening W.I.

After some indecision, Jenny put the tables and chairs out in her garden for the Ploughman's' Lunch on 6th May, and luckily some of us were able to sit in the sunshine and enjoy an hour or so in pleasant company and tuck into an excellent lunch. Your garden looked lovely Jenny and thank you for hosting this event.

Some of us also enjoyed lunch at The Peacock in Henton at the end of April, one of the Food Appreciation Group's outings. The next one will be tea at the Old Thatch in Bourne End on 21 May.

Our May meeting on 15th was our Resolutions Meeting, where we discussed this year's NFWI resolution, which calls on members of the WI to make their wishes regarding organ donation known and to encourage their families and friends to do likewise. Our vote will then be taken to the Annual Meeting in Leeds in early June.

We then have our Birthday Party to look forward to on 19 June when Mr J Dunsterville will talk to us on 'Rock'n'roll A Rocking Chair.'

The craft and chat group will meet up again on 22 May – some of us are making little owls at the moment whilst others are finishing their sewing bags with some rather fine quilting.

Before we know it, it will be Fete time, but preparations for the float are well in hand thanks to Juliet.



*Carol Gilliam*

## Naphill Methodist Church Services

June 1st	11am	Rev Mike Hill	Holy Communion
June 8th	11am		Songs of Praise
June 15th	11am	Rev Greg Hargrove	
June 22nd	11am	Rev Mike Hill	
June 29th	11am	Ruth Richey	



On the 1st Thursday of each month, 10.30 - 12 noon we run our Cameo Club: "Come and meet each other". Play board games, quizzes, hold a raffle or simply chat. Come and make some new friends. Enjoy homemade cake and tea or coffee.

Each Wednesday evening we have an Art Group (7.30pm - 9.30pm). We use water colours and pastel. Some artistic help available in this small friendly group.



*Moira Lewis*

## Adult Ballet class at Naphill Village Hall

My name is Pamela Sheen. I have been teaching ballet for many years and was an examiner for fifteen years until I retired three years ago. I have enjoyed teaching Adult Ballet for more than 25 years.

We have a wide range of ages and abilities, everyone who comes enjoys the social side as well as the health benefits of physical activity along with the pleasure of the music.

They use muscles that in everyday life they do not use, like core muscles that help to improve posture and secure balance. Ballet improves mobility in a gentler way than other forms of exercise. One of my ladies has high blood pressure, she says it is lower after class. There is no doubt that all of them say it is good for both the body and the brain as they have to remember new arrangements each week.

The ladies are enthusiastic and are very welcoming in all the classes.

It helps if new members have had some experience of ballet training.

Classes are held at Naphill Village Hall on Wednesday 6.15-7.15pm and also at Hazlemere Community Centre on Mondays 9.45 -10.45am & Thursday 10.00 -11.00am.



Contact me on 01494 716384

*Pamela Sheen*

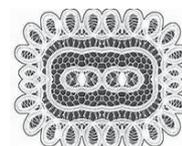
## Calling all Lace Makers

Would you be interested in joining other lace-makers for a sociable lace-making session? There are several lace-making groups in the local area, who would be happy to welcome new faces.

There are local groups at Downley library on Thursday lunchtimes and Princes Risborough on the 4th Wednesday evening each month.

If you think you might be interested, do call Elsie Hussey on 563558, who would be delighted to give you a bit more information

*Elsie Hussey*



# NAPFEST 2014



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**Family (2+2)**

£25.00

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£10.00

**Child (5-12yo)**

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## Music on the Crick

Friday 13th June

Headline Act:

**The Deps**

Support Acts:

**Kicking Molehills, Harry Quinn, The Precious Few**

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## N&WA Fete

Saturday 14th June

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## Classics on the Crick

Sunday 15th June

A day for anyone to bring along their  
treasured vehicles; 2, 3, 4 or multiple wheels and  
for everyone else to come and admire them!

The Crick and Village Hall, Main Road, Naphill, Bucks, HP14 4SX

**[www.napfest.co.uk](http://www.napfest.co.uk) Facebook: Napfest Naphill**

# WELCOME TO NAPFEST

## Fete Weekend 13th – 15th June 2014

Welcome to the first ever Naphill Festival Weekend 'Napfest', incorporating Naphill and Walter's Ash Fete Day into a weekend of 'live music on the Crick' entertainment on the Friday evening, and 'Classics on the Crick' Vehicle show on the Sunday.

The theme for fete day is 'Childrens' TV programmes" so make sure you are at the crick in time to see the procession arrive and about 11.55 am the judging will take place. The dog show has been saved by a new organiser, so you may see some changes there....Don't forget to bring your pooches.

As previously mentioned we have hired a huge marquee, to ensure that whatever the weather brings fete day will not be spoilt by unwanted downpours, and we will be able to enjoy the afternoon together, visiting the stalls, watching the arena shows and taking part in the races.

If you are at all peckish over the weekend there will be hot food available throughout, from the village hall kitchen on Friday evening, the BBQ on Saturday, and a Hog Roast on Sunday. Of course refreshments will be available for the thirsty, from the beer tent – all weekend, the village hall tea room on Saturday, and Bon Ami on Sunday.

We have altered the fete programme, and it is now the centre section of this Gazette as a pull-out so bring this leaflet, which includes the fete layout plan, with you.

We hope you and your family will join us and be part of making this a hugely successful, fantastically fun weekend that we will be talking about for a long time after. The Committee, volunteers and sponsors are all motivated by community spirit and high regard for our two villages, and we sincerely wish you all a great weekend.

### 2014 Fete Princes and Princesses



Hannah

Hannah is 11 years old and enjoys having lots of fun with her many friends. Together, they like to play outside and they also enjoy playing beauticians where they style each other's hair and apply make-up. Hannah enjoys keeping fit and participates in yoga at home. She has a brother and sister and also a pet dog. She loves children and thoroughly enjoys entertaining them. Maybe Hannah is a teacher in the making?

Alasdair



Alasdair is 11 years old and describes himself as thoughtful and caring. He has a love of history and art, and enjoys using ICT to research and develop his interests. Alasdair is fascinated by archaeology and geology, and often brings items of interest in to show his teacher and classmates. Alasdair mentioned that he likes bodybuilding - maybe we have a future Arnold Swarzenegger at our school.



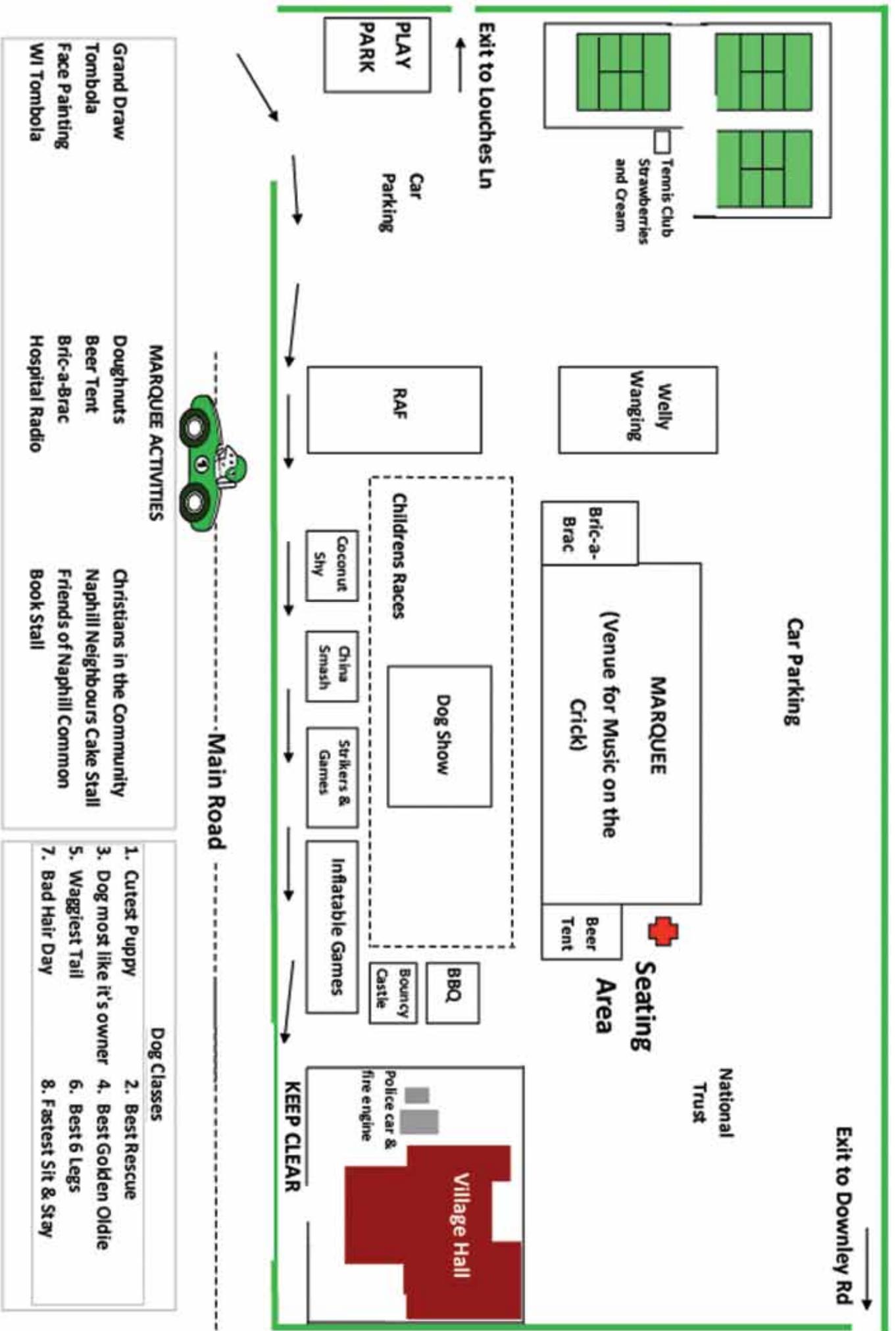
Grace

Grace is 11 years old and has lots of hobbies. These include swimming and reading as well as playing out on her scooter and bike. Grace is very artistic and likes to write poetry as well as draw and paint at home. She has lots of friends, playing out with them often, and enjoys attending the cinema and listening to music.

Tom



Tom is 11 years old and a Chelsea supporter. He enjoys playing football for a local team and admits that football is one of his favourite hobbies. Aside from football, he enjoys playing with his friends and also playing on his Xbox. Tom loves spending time with his family and gets a lot of pleasure from walking his dog in the woods. His love of nature, aside from his dog, includes snakes, crocodiles and other such reptiles are included in his list of favourite animals.



## Our Thanks

Our princes and princesses for opening the fete.

## The Judges

Group Captain Frank Clifford and Representatives from our Sponsors

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2 Course Meal for 2 people at the Black Lion Pub  
Pony Espresso Voucher  
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Ladies Sun Glasses - Leigh Lewis Optometrists  
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Hughenden Motors Voucher  
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Roald Dahl Museum Ticket  
Meal Voucher at The Harrow Pub  
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Six 3 Day Memberships passes - Risborough  
Springs  
Ladies Sun Glasses - Leigh Lewis Optometrists

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## Naphill Horticultural Society

After a disgustingly wet 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 July 5th

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 that couldn't be further from the truth! Just enthusiastic about what we grow (or try to..).

This year, we are also incorporating a display of 100 photographs, taken by and chosen by the Brownies. This is part of their challenge to celebrate 100 years of Brownies, so do try to support this venture by coming along and taking a look.

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 those young fingers busy? There are two classes to try:

1. A Garden on a plate
2. A Lego Model (base max 30cm x 30cm)

Should you need a schedule, they are available from Peter Davis (569303), Bon Ami, 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, and very entertaining, auction of donated exhibits will take place at around 4.15pm. Refreshments are available throughout the afternoon and there is also a sales table (if you have any contributions to this, please let Peter know).

Lastly, I have received a letter from Accidental Harmonies (the choir who sang after our Dinner) to say that they have donated their fee for the evening to Chiltern Music Therapy, a group which helps a wide range of people to develop skills and improve their health and well-being.



Cathryn Carter  
563233

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

## Naphill Horticultural Society

### Is this the end?

Naphill Horticultural Society Shows have been part of village life since 1945, and would be celebrating their 70th anniversary next year, BUT, we don't have anyone to organise them.

We tried advertising late last year, but have not been able to get anyone to take on this role. It is not very demanding, and certainly no knowledge of horticulture is needed, just an ability to organise, and there will be lots of help from the committee.

Without the shows, we would be purely a social society, and are not prepared to continue in that vein.

Therefore, if no-one comes forward very soon, then sadly, our Cheese & Wine Evening in October will mark the closure of the Society.

If you think you could be the person to keep our shows running, please, please speak to either Peter Davis (569303) or Cathryn Carter (563233)

**Editorial Comment:** *Oh come on folk! We don't want to lose our great Horticultural Society! We need a VOLUNTEER. Now, I can personally recommend volunteering. You might get the odd stress when you ask yourself why on earth you are doing this, but overall there are so many pluses!*



*It keeps the brain active, you possibly learn new skills, you get to know so many lovely people and often get the satisfaction of a job well done. Please VOLUNTEER!*

## Summer Term at Naphill and Walter's Ash School

### Young Reporters

After a relaxing Easter break, the pupils of Naphill & Walter's Ash School were ready for the busy summer term ahead.

Since then, Year 2 have created animations using plasticine models that they made. The animations were then shown to the rest of the school during assembly. Everyone was very impressed with their artwork and the effort they put into producing the characters as well as the colourful scenery.

Now revived from their performance at The Wycombe Swan, which was called Energise and was set in Ancient Egypt, Year 5 are now preparing for their upcoming overnight trip to Longridge. Here, they will do adventurous activities such as Jacob's Ladder, Kayaking and Dragon Boat racing.

Year 6 are extremely busy this term; SATS are approaching and they have started to rehearse

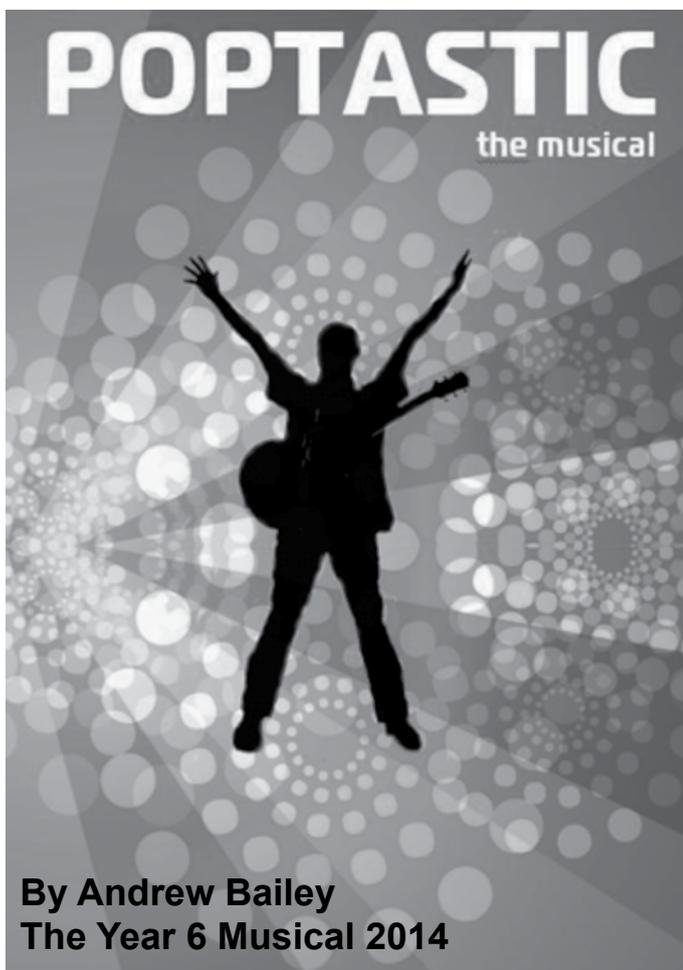
songs for the Year 6 end-of-year production – Poptastic. Everyone is really looking forward to the auditions which will be taking place in a couple of weeks.

Down in Year 1, the topic is 'How the tortoise got its shell'. They have been researching tortoises and the Year 1 teachers have plans for a tortoise to come in to visit the children.

As well as Year 5, Year 4 are also going on a residential trip but they are going to Woodrow High House to do outdoor activities for a few nights. Their topic this term is 'The Tudors' and their teachers have arranged for "A Yeoman Of The Guard" -who works in The Tower Of London - to come in to speak to Year 4.

Year 3's topic is Rainforests. As well as studying the creatures and their habitats that live in these vast locations, they're hoping to go to The Living Rainforest in Newbury later this term so they can get a better understanding of what life is really like in a rainforest.

*Imogen, Lucille and Megan*



**Editorial Comment:** *This is a very important term for you ladies and I very much appreciate you taking time out to write for us. Good Luck with the SATs and enjoy your last term at Naphill and Walter's Ash School. We will look forward to hearing about the various activities in our July magazine and very much hope you will write a 'leavers' report' for inclusion in our August/September edition. Sonia*



## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

We held our meeting in the small hall this month. The Residents Association had told us that they had had problems with the acoustics in the small hall, making it hard to conduct their meetings so we moved in to see for ourselves, or rather to hear for ourselves.

The room has nothing to soften the sound so there are a lot of echoes making it hard when more than one person is talking at a time. Representatives of the residents association came to the meeting and we assured them that we would look into doing something to the ceiling that should help the acoustics. Let's just hope that it is not too costly! The elections for the chairman and the vice chairmen took place. No change in the chairman unfortunately, but we would like to thank Cathryn Carter for agreeing to have her arm twisted to take over as Vice Chairman, following the retirement of Don Turner who had held the position for many years. We thank Don for all his work over the years and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Our co-opted members, Dave Evans, Pam Smith and Carole O'Neill were also re-elected onto the committee.

We made a decision on a new carpet for the entrance hall. Once it had been decorated last year the old carpet really did look past its best. Hopefully that should be fitted soon.

We would like to remind hirers of the Hall and the Crick that all vehicles are parked in the car park at the owners risk and the Village Hall cannot accept responsibility for any damage that might occur there. The notice to that effect will be reinstated .

Preparations for the judging of the Best Kept Village are well underway and there will be a "Big Clean" on Saturday May 24th. Please do come along and help us to make your village as pleasant as possible. Details will be put up on the Hall's noticeboard.

The Festival is soon approaching and we look forward to quite a special weekend of the 13th – 15th June.

The quiz is on the 27th June. Book your table of four through me on 563479 or John Harris on 562099. Make sure your diary is up to date!!



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

## Naphill Brownies

In the past couple of months the brownies have had a brilliant Fashion Show with their brownie friends from Hughenden and Walter's Ash. The evening was stage-managed by Kidsonthecatwalk who bring

the clothes and organise the modelling. The girls were nervous but excited before the show. But once we got started they pulled out all the stops and did a fantastic job.

Just before Easter we went on a Spring walk through the woods. We followed a trail laid by our older brownies ending up at the Dells. Along the way the girls took photos to put towards our summer photo display. The Horticultural Society have kindly agreed to let us display 100 photos at the Summer Show as part of our 100th birthday celebrations. We do hope you will come along and see them.

Since Easter we have tried to get outside whenever possible, but the weather has not been ideal. We did manage parachute games and a Scavenger Hunt, but rounders and other games have had to be done inside

Both the Brownies and the Beaver scouts have recently planted Sunflowers and so we have a little inter-pack challenge going on to grow the 'Tallest Sunflower'. Good luck Brownies!

In the next few weeks we are looking forward to 'slacklining' (more about that next time), a visit to 'Pets at Home' and, of course, the village fete.



*Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)*

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**Editorial Comment:** *Oh there is nothing our two naughty Chihuahua boys enjoy more than a visit to Pets at Home! They see this as another golden opportunity to be badly behaved. We promise not to visit whilst you are there girls. ENJOY! Sonia*

## A Personal Perspective

I In the last edition of the Gazette I mentioned that everyone was invited to the Annual Parish Meeting (APM), which met a few days ago. I have some different overall observations of that meeting.

First of all, I commend all those who came to Hughenden Valley school. You probably know that we have no fixed venue for holding the APM, and it is shared around different parts of the Parish, so for some the two or three miles might have been too far, or perhaps other meetings occurred on that night. However, I must admit to being a little disappointed with numbers when we recall that there are nearly 9000 residents across all parts of Hughenden Parish, from Naphill & Walter's Ash to the other six villages.

What we lost in terms of numbers was, I believe, more than amply compensated for by what took place. The APM is an opportunity to outline some of the aspirations of the Council for the next 12 months, and to comment on what's been happening in the previous 12 months. Unlike some past

meetings, there was a general goodwill and a hope that we can concentrate on positive projects within the Parish. We had, for instance, a number of youngsters who presented a video of views by youngsters at a recent Parish 'Youth Fun Day', which was held at Naphill Village Hall and the Crick. I think those teenagers who presented and subsequently faced a number of questions from the audience are to be commended. They carried it off with true professionalism.

It is worth noting that we are actively on the lookout for schemes which we could help organise, that might benefit groups of parishioners. Youngsters and the elderly are two such groups, for instance.

We should also thank our keynote speaker, Penelope Tollitt, who is head of Planning at Wycombe District Council, who outlined some dilemmas she continues to face with regard to the district's 'Local Plan', where the decisions that are taken are likely to affect each of us for many years, particularly with regard to the quantity and quality of homes in our locality.

I'll finish this article with a success story. Minor, perhaps, but success it was! Regular readers will know that from time to time I've encouraged everyone to contact Transport for Bucks, whenever you've seen potholes, and thought 'someone should do something about it'. You might remember that you can contact that organisation by internet, email, phone, or letter. In my success story, I'd let them know about a single pothole on our small cul-de-sac, not as a Councillor but as an individual resident. Within a week I saw white lines around the rectangle to be repaired. One day later, the repair itself had been made. So in the modern jargon, if each of us 'owns' the responsibility to report potholes where we live or where we regularly drive, our collective small efforts might just add up to a locality which has far fewer potholes!



Enjoy the summer  
*Roger Beavill.*

## Hughenden Parish Council

We have had two notable events since our last contribution. On 17th April, you may have seen a hive of activity at the Crick as the Parish Council Youth Event took place. Organised by two of our Councillors (Linda Derrick and Sade Adoh) as a Parish event, we were fortunate that Naphill Village Hall had the best suited facilities and was therefore chosen as the venue. Upwards of 150 youths aged 10–18 attended the event that had activities such as a mobile skate park, the Bucks CC IT bus, cooking and pool had been set up and there was universal approval for a really popular afternoon. Aside from providing entertainment, the purpose of the event was to get the views of the younger generation in

the Parish across a wide range of topics – what they want in the Parish (a skate park being by far the most popular answer), what they can do to help others, what they enjoy about where they live etc. A ‘talking heads’ video has been produced which is available to view through the Parish website and we would urge people to watch it as it gives a great insight into youth hopes and expectations in the Parish.

The other notable event has been the start of an



RAF Liaison Group. We are extremely grateful to Wing Commander Alan Jones who is working with the Parish Council to look at improving ties between the camp and the Parish in general. We had our first meeting at the beginning of May and will continue quarterly meetings to identify opportunities for shared resources to help improve the lot of all age groups within the Parish.

Finally, you may be interested in a report we have now produced into the fraud perpetrated by the Clerk back in 2010/11. This gives the background to the fraud – how the Council’s finances are run, what went wrong, how the fraud was carried out and what has been done to make sure it can’t happen again. We have tried to be completely open and balanced

and we hope this will now draw a line under the event although of course we are still pursuing the outstanding amount through Civil Proceedings.

Phil Conran, Roger Beavil, Dennis Hackling and Peter Williams

**Editorial Comment:** *June is certainly going to be a very busy and exciting month here in our lovely villages! Please support the events and send me your photos, comments, emails and letters by June 15, for inclusion in the July Gazette. Sonia*

### Classics on the Crick

Sunday 15th June 2014

The Crick, Naphill, Bucks HP14 4SX

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## PIN UP DIARY DATES

### June

2nd-8th June	Scout Community Week
7th-22nd	‘Bucks Open Studios “ - art fortnight Various local locations
9th June	Naphill Neighbours’ Meeting “Amazon Quest” by John Negus
13th June	Live Music on the Crick
14th June	Village Fete Day
15th June	Classics on the Crick
19th June	W.I. Birthday Party - J. Dunsterville talk on “Rock ‘n Roll” A Rocking Chair
21st June	Bradenham Council Open Meeting 7pm at the Cricket Club
23rd June	Naphill Neighbours Trip to Plymouth - Marie Rose
24th June	F.O.N.C. Guided Walk led by historian, Marian Miller
27th June	Quiz Night Village Hall

### July

5th July	Naphill Horticultural Society Summer Show
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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 Village Hall	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
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	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
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 and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Comittee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturculturalsociety. co.uk
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
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 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
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Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
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	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Fridays 5-7.30pm. Saturday 9-10am		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8-10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
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Yoga Stretch and Tone	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Jujitsu Class	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Naphill Womens's Meeting	Wednesday afternoon 2pm	Methodist Church	
WI	Third Thursday in month 7.45pm	Village Hall	Jenny Price 563001

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## Editorial

I always look forward to the hardcopy of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette arriving. Childish it might be, I have seen it on screen many times, I've added, subtracted, corrected, fussed and finally sent it to our printers, but still that printed copy is always so welcome. This month Himself joined the waiting game big time! The cover photograph was his very first published cover and he was so eager to see the finished product. He sends his thanks for all the positive feedback which has encouraged him to continue developing his skills and knowledge and hopefully contribute again in the future.

My thanks to my great Assistant Editor, Richard Holroyd, for this month's special Fete cover collage. If you have a photograph which you think would make a good cover, please contact Richard.

This weekend we had the fabulous and highly successful NapFest, just what a great achievement for the hard working organisers and what a wonderful way to bring the community together. Congratulations to all concerned!



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## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

### Planning to 11th June 2014.

**New Applications. 14/06346/FUL** Hog Trough Farm, Louches Lane, Naphill. Householder Application for construction of part two storey, part single storey extensions to form new front elevation, first floor side extension over existing garage, new dormer window in existing roof slope, new tiled open canopy over utility door, new roof lights, detached double garage with log store and relocation of drive and new fencing with gates (alternative scheme to previous approval ref. 11/06974/FUL & 11/07868/FUL).

**14/06298/OUT** Heatherlands, Naphill Common, Naphill. Outline application (including details of layout and access) for the demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 3 x two storey dwellings and 1 x single storey dwelling. (Objection: Site borders Naphill Common, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC), an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and GB. 4 dwellings in place of one will create access/exit problems for both vehicles and pedestrians along the narrow 88m lane. Refuse lorries can't enter and turn

round so on refuse collection days 16 bins would be moved on to Downley Road, which has no pavements. Inadequate parking provision on the site. Several neighbours would be adversely affected, and traffic hazard on Downley Road increased.) BCC Highways and Parish Council have also objected.

**14/06285/FUL.** 132 Templewood, Walter's Ash. HA for erection of 1.05m high fence to front boundary of the North Entrance to private driveway.

**14/06245/FUL** Land Adjacent to Hillbrow, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Erection of 1 x 3 bed dwelling and change of use of land from agricultural to residential. (Objection. Change of use from agricultural to residential. Contrary to AONB and GB policies, Out of keeping with surrounding area. Hazards associated with access.)

**14/06238/FUL** 41 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey side extension.

**14/06239/FUL** Knockhundred House, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of rear conservatory to replace existing rear conservatory and canopy.

**14/06505/FUL.** 232 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey side extension.

**14/06415/FUL.** Unit 3 Hopkins Yard, Valley Road, Hughenden Valley (adjoining Builderbase). Change of use of existing light industrial unit to car sales showroom and storage.

### Application Withdrawn.

**14/05742/CIP.** Knockhundred House, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill.

### Applications Permitted.

**14/05542/LBC.** Naphill House, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill.

**14/05928/FUL** 32 Main Road, Naphill..

**14/05920/FUL.** 246A Main Road, Naphill. **14/05779/ FUL** 8 & 9 Vincents Way, Naphill.

**Appeal. The Hedgerows, Travellers' site, New Road, Walter's Ash.**

The Secretary of State agrees with the Inspectors recommendations to:

*Grant temporary planning permission for a period of 4 months for Hedgerows, to give them time to prepare the Nursery site in Flackwell Heath.*

Mr Murphy and Mr O'Connor have an excellent site in Flackwell Heath, owned by Mr O'Connor, similar in size to Hedgerows and bordering open Green Belt. They should be moving out of Walter's Ash by the end of October. We hope they will return the GB/AONB Hedgerows field to the natural state they found it in before they took up residence in 2010.

**Dilute Sewage.** The diversion of some effluent into Hughenden Stream, by Thames Water, should cease by August.

**Aircraft Noise.** Due to runway resurfacing, late night flights are being diverted. We are suffering some of the noise but Windsor and Datchet are far worse off. The resurfacing is due to finish by 31 October this year.

**News:** Uplands Hotel, Four Ashes Road, has been listed Grade II. The listing expressly excludes the old stables and what's left of the walled garden.

**Date of next meeting.** Thursday 10/07/14

Gloria Leflaive 563634

## Bradenham Parish Council

### HS2 Construction Route

As was reported in the June edition of the Gazette Bradenham Parish Council discussed the planned HS2 construction route and decided to petition Parliament.

One of the routes for construction traffic – uses the A4010, M40 J4 to Princes Risborough and comes through Bradenham Parish. We all use the A4010 to go to work, to shop, to take our children to school, to go to the hospital etc. We have also suffered the long delays that build up on this road in the mornings, evenings or when there is any obstruction. The A4010 is heavily used by emergency vehicles especially after the closure of A&E in High Wycombe and its transfer to Stoke Mandeville. Use of this road for construction traffic will make delays much worse.

Consequently Bradenham Parish Council has petitioned Parliament. It's too late to object to the HS2 project but we can object to aspects of it which affect us personally. Petitioning Parliament is a complicated process which includes traditions and language which dates back centuries and which requires the personal delivery of the petition to Parliament. Even after this Petitioners can be called to explain their grievance to a Parliamentary Select Committee.

Bradenham Parish Council's objections are based on:

- \* the unsuitability of the road
- \* the danger to residents because of the potential delay to emergency vehicles
- \* the low bridge that carries the Chiltern Line and the danger of collision with the bridge and with oncoming traffic.

One further twist to the procedure is that the Petitioner has to suggest alternatives and/or other remedies. In agreement with other neighbouring Councils our proposal is that construction traffic use Junction 2 of the M40 and proceeds along a specially constructed Beaconsfield bypass to join the A413 at Amersham.

Bradenham Parish Council's Petition was delivered to Parliament on the 14th May. We await developments.



*Teif Jones,*  
Chairman Bradenham Parish Council

### From Our Local Methodist Minister

As I write to you, Honduras and France are battling it out in World Cup Football in Brazil. I watched the opening minutes on tv, but then the pressure of our editor Sonia's deadline got the better of me, and I'll have to discover the match result later!

As the players prepared to kick off, one of the Honduran team was busy saying his prayers in the middle of the pitch. The cynics among you would

say he needed to say his prayers and probably that would still not be sufficient for the underdog team! Others might say it was not appropriate in such a public place: he could have said his prayers privately in the dressing room, or indeed quietly under his breath. But the tv cameras zoomed in, and if you were any good at lip-reading his language, you were close enough to do so. Apparently the player praying was more interesting than the other players warming-up!

It's only a game, of course: 22 men chasing a bag of wind around a field! Yet it's a measure of humanity's peculiar priorities, that this tournament is worth many billions of dollars/euros/pounds, and clearly there is temptation for financial irregularities, such as are being claimed against Qatar for 2022. And the career prospects for players and managers are made or destroyed in 90 minutes on such a stage. It's all desperately important to the fans.

As I write to you, others are battling it out in less civilised manner in Syria, Ukraine, Iraq, and a host of other places. The cost again is billions of dollars/euros/pounds, and there is much to be gained or lost by arms manufacturers and by governments, and by terror groups.

But whereas the prima donnas of the turf are stretchered off with a twisted ankle and brought back to match fitness by a host of medics and high-tech treatments, the poor of the earth suffer indefinitely: families killed, loved ones raped, belongings stolen or destroyed, and little prospect of a return to normality.

In such scenario, there is no zoom-lens camera to beam the images of their desperate praying to adoring fans around the world. Such are humanity's peculiar priorities.

In mid-July when the World Cup is settled, we can get back to normal, and for many of us that means a holiday abroad, somewhere sunny and safe. Few of us have been to Brazil, and even fewer will go to Syria, Iraq, Ukraine. It's not that we don't care about the people there, but we don't feel we can do much about their situation, and anyway we need a holiday. Such are humanity's peculiar priorities.

Some of us pray often: maybe in thankfulness for our own situation, maybe for help in our next tricky situation, maybe for something that is desperately important to us: or for someone we know and love: probably quietly and privately, but sometimes it's helpful for that someone to know you're praying for them.

Others pray less often, but when life gets very difficult, it's no surprise if people pray more!

I hope you all have a great summer, and can relax after the stresses of Brazil. Now I wonder how Honduras are doing.....



*Mike Hill*  
Minister of Naphill Methodist Church

## Christians in the Community

What a great weekend the NapFest was!!

Even though we (St. Michael and All Angels together with Christians in the Community) were only in the marquee on the Saturday the atmosphere was great.

Just after the procession came onto the field, the heavens opened and the marquee filled up with people. At this point we were very, very busy with adults and children tasting jelly babies, chocolate and beer and wine tasting (not all together!) – ALL FOR FREE! Taste and see that the Lord is good!

We have a coffee morning at the Naphill Methodist church on Saturday 2nd August – see you there?

*Norma Clarke*



## Saint Botolph's Services

July 6th	Eucharist	11am	August 3rd	Eucharist	11am
July 13th	Eucharist	11am	August 10th	Eucharist	11am
July 20th	Eucharist	11am	August 17th	Eucharist	11am
July 27th	Matins	11am	August 23rd	Matins	11am

*Peggy Ewart*

## Naphill Brownies

In recent weeks the brownies have had a go at Slacklining. This is a bit like tight rope walking, but the line is a bit wider (about 2 inches wide) and is fastened between 2 trees. It was great to see most of the brownies starting to get the hang of it in such a short time.

We have also made and decorated air-powered rockets which we tested on the Crick with impressive results.

Since half-term, we have enjoyed a visit to the Pets at Home store in Loudwater, where we learned about the care of small pets such as hamsters and rabbits. I think many of the brownie parents did well to leave the store without being talked into getting a new pet.

Our sewing skills were tested this week as we made our Smurf hats for the village Fete. The brownies did a great job and it was brilliant to see so many taking part in the procession. We nearly outsung the Beavers as we made our way along the village.

The rest of term holds some cooking, games in the woods, an evening to welcome our new brownies and a picnic.

In the summer holidays some of our older girls are heading off on a brownie holiday with their friends at Walters Ash Brownies. Should be great fun.



*Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)*  
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## Letters to the Editor.

**Dear Sonia Goby,**

I notice in June's Gazette that Deirdre Hanson commented that in order to encourage users to reduce speed the centre white line on the carriageway to Bradenham Woods Lane will not be replaced when the road is resurfaced.

I do not believe that removing the centre white line will in any way reduce speeding: in fact it will make the road more dangerous as motorists rely on this visible aid to assess the width of the lane available to them, particularly at night, bearing in mind that there are no kerbs delineating the edge of the road.

I consider that not only is the centre white line essential but in addition we need cats eyes provided on all the bends. If speeding is a problem, perhaps it would make more sense if that part of the road presently restricted to 60 mph were reduced to 40mph as this speed, in my opinion, is quite fast enough on this road.



Yours sincerely,

*James D. Chamberlen*  
Tel: 01494 563000

**Editorial Comment:** This letter, with Mr Chamberlen's consent has been passed to Deirdre Hanson.

**Dear Editor,**

My husband and I have been very puzzled on our walks this year to find a great number of walnut shell halves on various footpaths in the open fields throughout the area. In particular we have seen these shells on many paths in the Bradenham and Small Dean fields. The shells are in pristine condition, cleanly broken into completely intact halves, often with the two halves near to each other, and with no remains of any nut inside.

Although we have failed to see any walnut trees nearby, we did think this must be a local phenomenon, or maybe a local rambler with a voracious appetite for walnuts and very strong teeth! However, on a short stay in the Cotswolds in March we came across a considerable number of similar shells while walking across an open field near our camp site.

So, has anyone else noticed these shells here or elsewhere, and has anyone any ideas about where they may have come from and how they come to be strewn along the footpaths? Please let us know.



The mystery is driving us nuts!

*Jill Shiu*  
01494 563837

**Editorial Comment:** *Many years ago, as a very young child, I was taught a poem about a little girl throwing a walnut shell away. The poem said that an elf picked up the shell and made it into a boat. Could we possibly have elves in Naphill?*

**Dear Editor,**

I was very fortunate to spend a four day break over the recent May bank holiday staying with a friend in Naphill. During my stay I was shown round your lovely village and given a tour of Naphill Common, the various local scenic landmarks and visited both The Black Lion and The Wheel.

However my outstanding memory of Naphill has to be the magnificent Red Kites and their aerial displays which were truly outstanding.

I was pleasantly surprised to receive a copy of the June edition of the Gazette through the post with the fantastic picture of a Red Kite on the front cover. On reading the Gazette I was very impressed with all the obvious hard work that has gone into producing it and also the support from all parts of the local community. It is a very professional and an excellent community magazine, keep up all your good work.



Photograph courtesy of Jim Cosgrove

Jim Cosgrove  
Motherwell

**Editorial Comment:** *Jim was delighted to spot a Red Kite in the tree at the bottom of his garden and has kindly shared this with us. Good news Jim, our Kites are spreading fast! Be sure to let us know when they reach Motherwell!*

## Naphill Scouts

Naphill scouts seek shelter



When the weather is good we try and spend as much time as we can outside, and over the last few weeks we have certainly achieved that. We started the month with a cook out in the woods. It had been raining heavily leading up to the cook out evening so although we did not get wet it was hard to find dry wood and so was a struggle for some patrols to get their cooking fires lit. In the end by sharing and working together everyone was able to cook their food.



Photograph courtesy of Adrian Curtis

We then spent an evening learning about different types of shelters. The scouts built a number of shelters on the crick and then assessed each type to decide which they would sleep in. Being scouts they pretty much decided that they would have slept in any of them. You can see in the photos one built on a wooden tripod and another simple tarpaulin shelter which was big enough to get the entire troop inside.

Finally we spent some time on navigation and map reading followed by a hike. We used the Woodland (red) walk around Hughenden Manor which is around 4 miles. I am pleased to report that all scouts arrived safely back and no one got lost, although strangely the patrols did not arrive back in the order they departed!

Adrian Curtis  
naphillscouts@aol.com



## Little Ash Pre-School



**We have a purpose built building within the grounds of Naphill and Walter's Ash School and since April 2012 have been managed by the school.**

**We are now open;**  
mornings 8.45 to 11.45 for rising 4's  
afternoons 12.30 to 3.30 for rising 3's.

**We are now accepting enquiries for children to start in September 2014**



If you would like to come and visit with a view to starting your child's education with us please call Judy Pope our office administrator on 01494 562813



Ofsted Sept 2012 states that 'this is a good setting', 'Children have great fun and participate in a wide range of activities that cover all areas of learning, help them to make progress and reach the expected levels of development...Children are happy settled and full of self motivation and assurance...They benefit from a strong staff team who work well together.'

Grand  
Raffle

### Charity Tea Party

#### Naphill Village Hall

**Friday 25th July**  
**2.00-4.00pm**  
**Cost £3.50**

Proceeds to Stroke Club and Spinal Rehab Centre  
Eat as much home made cake as you like!

Gift  
Stall

## Best Kept Village Competition

The sun is shining and our village looks splendid, with the exception of the long grass on the verges to our roads. It is good to see the colourful baskets prepared by Judy Whitehouse, installed by Dave Evans et al, and watered daily by 'Bon Ami'; they really are an attractive addition to the Hall. The Village Hall sign is also looking good, having been refurbished. The War Memorial has never looked better. It is a great credit to Trish Bowen and the village.

Many residents continue to do their bit by cutting the swathes of grass that Bucks County Council should be dealing with. Several stalwart gentlemen are also doing the wide corners of some roads. This is very good of everyone and shows pride in where we live but it should not all be necessary. Also, not all residents are young enough or fit enough to do this job. The County has decided to reduce the number of cuts it does annually (from 8 to 5 cuts?). Naphill and Walter's Ash had one cut at the end of April and nothing since. (written on 16/6) As a result the grass everywhere looks like a hay field and will look even worse once it is cut and not cleared. Villages are judged on their overall appearance although judges will take in to account the fact that residents are being let down by large Councils. This matter needs dealing with for the future, possibly by the parish/ town councils taking it on. Some already do so.

The Naphill Cub Scouts, leaders of tomorrow, have been showing the way! On June 3rd, some 24 cubs, plus parents and leaders, did lots of jobs around the Crick. The weeds by the headquarters were strimmed, dug, and replanted by Cubs. They collected litter, pulled up weeds, washed seats, raked the chippings in the play area, etc. Their efforts were much appreciated and could be the beginning of a commitment to community service. Having cleaned up after thoughtless people who leave crisp packets and cans around, it is to be hoped our cubs will be setting everyone an example of cleanliness in the future. WELL DONE AND 'THANK YOU'!

When the BKV results come in July, a notice will be placed on the Village Hall noticeboard. The village deserves to do well. Thanks to everyone who has played a part.

*Sarah 563479, Peggy 565969  
Cathryn 563233, Judy 562742, June 566129*

## The Wheel

Firstly I should like to thank all my staff and customers for all their help in creating 'The Magic Roundabout' for the fete. Everybody has put so much effort into the fabulous creation with many evenings painting. As I am writing this before the event, I will update you all in the Septembers edition, although there will be some articles and photos in this month's edition.

Mark and I can't believe we have been part of this

village now for over eight years. It has been a brilliant eight years and it is amazing where the time goes. Thanks to all our amazing staff over the years who have helped move our business on and also to all our customers who have supported us during this time, may it continue!

Over the last month we have received two new awards. Firstly Tony the chef has helped to achieve the 'Eat Out, Eat Well' Bronze award from Bucks County Council. This award is given to outlets that promoted healthy eating options on their menus, by using fresh produce and home cooked healthy food, using less salt, sugar and saturated fats. So that means there is something for everyone including gluten free options. We also started our Pie and a Pint offer last month which is going very well and the chef is just about keeping up with the homemade pies. Our second award was for our Guinness, a rep has been out and completed the quality assured tests and I'm very pleased to say that we scored maximum points and now have the Quality Assured Accreditation from Guinness.

On a completely different note The Wheel is about to go through some major staff changes. We will be saying good bye to three members of staff over the next two months, Annabel Wilmot is off travelling (hopefully seeing The Chambers family), Shaun Keeble is having to change universities and is off down to Bournemouth, and Nikki Philips has qualified as a paediatric nurse and will be moving to Oxford as she will be nursing at the John Radcliff. They are all going to miss so much as they have worked for us for a very long time and have been crucial members of our team. I'm sure we will be holding a very big leaving do for them all soon. I will also need to introduce everyone to our new team in September.

As ever thanks to everyone for their help and support leading up to The Fete, and we will see you all soon.

*Claire and Mark*

## Sheila's Annual Charity Tea Party

**WOW!** It is "TEA PARTY" time again!

WHEN = Friday 25th July

WHERE = Naphill Village Hall

TIME = 2.00-4.00pm

COST = £3.50

Eat as many home baked cakes and drink as many cups of tea, coffee or squash as you can.

There will be a super raffle and a gift stall. All items for the raffle and the stall will be most welcome please!

Half of the proceeds will go to the Stroke Club and the other half will go to the Spinal Rehabilitation Centre.

We do hope that you will come along and support this event.



*Sheila Veysey*  
156 Main Road,  
562332

## Friends of Naphill Common

I know that the impending felling on the Common is causing concern and it will certainly make a huge difference. The friends of Naphill Common cannot stop the felling but we have been trying to influence what form it takes and ensure that it gives the maximum benefit and does the minimum harm. At last the plans are becoming clearer. The felling will be done in phases. Phase 1 will start in September and end at Christmas, when the results will be assessed and the next phase planned.

Phase 1 will be restricted to a strip along the edge of the Common where it abuts The Coppice (i.e. Bradenham Woods owned by the National Trust). It will extend from (but not include) The Clumps to the boundary with The Piggery and the allotment gardens. Its width will taper from the corner of the field at Bradenham Farm (where the little shop used to be) and widen out to include Heyshams and over to the end of Forge Road. In addition Phase 1 will include working along three major paths. One is the path H12/BW84 that runs parallel with the village edge of the Common about 100 yards in from the boundary, from the end of Forge Road to The Plain. The second is the Broad Path H21 running from The Plain to Dew Pond. The third is the section of H2/BW85 which runs from Dew Pond towards The Clumps. The area and paths include six of our seven ponds and one of our four remaining juniper bushes.

FONC has been asked to mark both the significant trees that we want to save (with a green band) and any that we would like removed (with a red cross). As you may have noticed, we have already put red crosses and numbers on several trees around the ponds. These will be felled to let in more light and so allow the ponds to recover. Over the coming months we will put green bands on significant trees throughout the Phase 1 area. The result will be a bit of an eyesore but we are using special paint which, we are assured, washes off eventually. If anyone has a favourite tree please tell one of the FONC committee members.

We are told that the felling will remove about 20% of the trees and the work along the paths will clear back the holly and scrub. The result will be more open woodland, wider paths and less smothered ponds, so there should be definite benefits. We may even have an open area in which to reintroduce our juniper cuttings. We are negotiating with Natural England about a long-term management plan including a detailed programme for the ponds.

Our Bird-song Walk went ahead despite the rain and we managed to hear and identify 21 species. It would be well worth repeating the event or perhaps a dawn chorus walk, preferably on a dry day. At the time of writing our 'Naphill in 1913' walk has not taken place but I would like to thank Marian Miller for leading it and the property owners for their cooperation. Similarly, I don't know how the Fete Day went, but suspect that it will have been glorious sunshine, given that we have the shelter of a marquee. Please join Ron Collins at 9.30am at Naphill Village Hall on the third

Monday of each month for a long walk (5-6 miles), and/or join Chris Miller at 10.30am at the Village Hall for a short walk (2-3 miles) on the first Wednesday each month – but please note that the walk on 2nd July is CANCELLED. Both walks are free and open to anyone. Go to our website or our posters for more information. There will be another bat walk on Friday September 12th starting from the Village hall at 7.30pm. It will be led by the bat expert Bridget Parslow. The Fungus Foray will be on Sunday 26th October starting from Forge Road at 10am and will also be led by experts.



*Trevor Hussey Chairman of FONC*

## Thoughts from the past and hopes for the future

It is some little time since I last wrote for the Gazette in fact about a year to be exact.

Many people have asked me if I am enjoying retirement from Council work and I have to reply that I have not noticed too much difference so far with the many voluntary organisations with which I am associated, some as the continuing county council representative for example, on the South East Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, The Chiltern Woodland Project and the County Heritage Champion, to name but a few.

I thought that from time to time, and with the Editor's permission, I might make readers aware of those charities peculiar to Buckinghamshire.

One Charity, of which I was originally a Trustee but now a Vice President, is the Buckinghamshire Community Foundation. At the Community Foundation we have invested £5 million in 1,600 local community projects in the last 15 years through grants and loans. This money has been given to us by private individuals, businesses, trusts, schools and other bodies and, amongst many other projects, we have used it to help set up or sustain credit unions, day centres, Dial-A-Ride car schemes, foodbanks, sports clubs and youth centres. Donors can use us to give to whatever is their particular area of interest, which can save them the hassle of setting up and maintaining their own charity or trust.

Fortunately, one of the things that make Buckinghamshire such a special place for us to live and work is that our local communities are thriving. We have twice as many charities per head of population than the national average. Buckinghamshire is a wealthy county in terms of average household income, it is the third wealthiest county in the country. But the wealth in Buckinghamshire also camouflages the poverty and deprivation that exists on our doorstep. Did you know that 35% of children in Micklefield in High Wycombe

live in poverty whereas, just 10 minutes up the road in Penn the child poverty rate is as low as 5%? And on the Elmhurst estate in Aylesbury life expectancy at birth is 13 years lower than in Gerrards Cross South!

One of the reasons why people choose to give through the Foundation is because we have unique access to the government's Community First Endowment Match Scheme which can increase the value of donations by an extra 50%. What's more, the ratio of our total costs to total income is less than 20%. So if you would like to find out more about how you can give through the Community Foundation to support your local community or how to receive a grant or loan from us, please call Richard Dickson on 01296 330134 or email [rdickson@bucksfc.org.uk](mailto:rdickson@bucksfc.org.uk). Or give me a call on 01494 564152 or email to [richard.pushman@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.pushman@btinternet.com)



## Naphill Horticultural Society

I don't think I have ever seen such lush growth in the garden- clearly those plants which survived the wet winter rather liked having so much to drink. Unfortunately, the weeds liked it too!!

We are hoping that lots of you have had great successes in your garden or on your allotment, and will come and show off your favourites at our Summer Show which takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th 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 & veg. 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!

As I mentioned last month we are also incorporating a display of photographs taken by Naphill Brownies to celebrate 100 years of Brownies.

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 6th 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 have a great Summer.



Cathryn Carter  
563233.

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

## Bon Ami

Firstly I hope everyone enjoyed "Napfest". What a wonderful weekend! We had a very busy day during "Classics on the Crick" and it was so good to see so many local people throughout the day.

This month we are calling ALL knitters. Mary from "Clicketty Clack" is coming to Bon Ami on Wednesday 9th July from 2-4pm. Mary will be bringing needles and yarns so that you can get started knitting. If you prefer then please bring your own and knit while you enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

With the warm weather now here we are pleased to be able to offer you a refreshing iced tea or iced coffee. It is so lovely to have the terrace so often full of customers relaxing in the sunshine with summers cakes; such as our coconut and fresh lime cake.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Judy Whitehouse. Judy has planted out the gorgeous hanging baskets that are brightening up our terrace so well. We are very grateful.

Naphill Business Network meetings have been suspended during the holiday months of July and August. They will resume in September on Tuesday 30th September at 08.30am.

Have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you.



Amanda & Ruth.

## A Visit to Forest School

**Editorial Comment:** *Molly and Mia are two year 8 pupils at Naphill and Walter's Ash School, they are 9 years old and below is a lovely piece which they have written themselves, about their visit to the Forest School on the Common.*

*Well done girls and welcome to Young Reporters!*

### From the Girls

We get changed into waterproof suits and our wellies. Then we get into partners and walk to the forest. When we get to the end of the road we hold hands and get into a big line and the teacher goes in the middle.

We cross the road and after that we silently go and watch the chipmunks at Pete's house.

We get into a circle under the oak tree at the entrance to the woods and do the safety rules. We have eight safety rules like 'Twigs bounce back' and 'hands out of pockets'.

We practise the dog rule just before we go into the woods. We stand still, look at an adult, cross our arms and stay quiet so that dogs think we are trees and don't get annoyed.

On the way to forest school, we sometimes look under logs for insects and newly grown shoots.

We go past the name tree and whisper our names. Then once we get to the log circle we go round and say forest school names. After that we play '1,2,3, Where Are You?' This is a bit like a game of hide and seek but our teachers use it to make sure that we are all there.



Photograph courtesy of Keeley Key

Our activities include lots of fun things like looking for insects, mushrooms and listening quietly for different kinds birds. We study the trees and everything around us.

We go and play whatever we like and there are objects like spades and rope to use. Some people even make rope swings! Free-time over we go back to the log circle and say what our favourite part of forest school was. We get back into partners and we walk back to school. If we're muddy, we get hosed down! We go inside and get our wellies off on the carpet, hang our suits up on hangers and put our shoes on. Lastly we walk back to class sensibly.

We love Forest School!

*Molly 8yrs and Mia 8yrs*

## A HERO IN NAPHILL

At 10.00 on 6th June 1944 Ron Crutchfield of Naphill stepped from a landing craft into the sea off Sword beach in Normandy. He was in the second wave of British soldiers on D-Day. He carried a 0.303 rifle, 50 rounds of ammunition, two Bren gun magazines and a few grenades. He was an infantryman of the Shropshire Regiment. He went on to participate in the attack on Caen, which took six weeks (it was defended by a Panzer division). His regiment then fought the German army through northern France, Belgium and Holland then



into Germany. He finished up at the end of the war in Bremen in north Germany. He was aged 19 years 7 months when he stepped ashore. He will be 90 on 4th November.

There may be others in Naphill and Walter's Ash who landed in Normandy 70 years ago on D-Day, but I am unaware of them. All I can say is "Well done Ron, you are a hero"

*Mlike Mason*

## Hattie Climbed the 3 Peaks



Photograph courtesy of Hattie Gwilt

Thank you to everyone who has taken an interest in my charity fund raising venture .

The "Three Peaks" was the toughest physical challenge I have ever undertaken and I am thrilled to have achieved it along with team members from Zenopa Recruitment. You might like to know I climbed for 15 of the 24 hours; my climbing times were:

- \* Ben Nevis: 6 hours,
- \* Scafell Pike: 4 hours (in the middle of the night!),
- \* Snowden: 5 hours

In total I walked 24 miles, climbed 3,407 metres (11,178ft) and was driven 450 miles.

I have raised £700 for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, a very motivational and humbling influence throughout this amazing experience.

The money donated will be put to good use! As an example, £100 will train one puppy for 18 months. If you wish you can still donate as my 'justgiving' page will remain open till August.

<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/>

*Hattie Gwilt*

# THE BRILLIANT NAPFEST 2014



Photographs courtesy of Richard Holroyd

## Claire, Chairman of the NapFest Committee

I am so very proud of my committee who have worked so hard to put this amazing weekend on for our community, you should all be very pleased with yourselves. The idea of putting on a 3 day weekend seemed like a great idea back in October, which I am now happy to say proved to be an amazing idea and made all the work and hours we put in very worthwhile. The weekend was a brilliant success and I would like to take this opportunity to thank every single volunteer over the weekend, I would love to mention you all, but it would take up a huge amount of space and honestly, I still don't know some of your names! However we did discover that we still needed more volunteers especially for the actual fete on the set up and close down in the evening, please help us do this again next year and put your names forward to help. Thank you to everyone for coming out over the 3 days, it made the atmosphere so special.

I will be updating you all again in the next edition of the gazette once we have finalised everything. I am so proud of us all and here's to next year!

## Friday - Music on The Crick

Wow! Wow! Wow! What a fantastic evening! It was great to see so many people on The Crick, the range of people out enjoying their picnics was amazing and the music made the atmosphere electric, especially when The Deps were playing. The early evening started slowly as you made it home from work, and we watched you all get yourselves settled on the field with chairs, blankets and picnics and as the weather

was being kind no-one was in the marquee, yet you managed to fit yourselves in the flagged area (so very British). I have to say this really made me smile as you all crammed in to one area!

As the evening went on and people relaxed more, there was a mass move towards the marquee, the volume of the music went up as did the singing (which we could hear from the pub)! All the musicians were fantastic and brilliantly organised by James Henton from The Deps, and I have had great feedback about the stage that they loved playing on and being able to see everyone (thank you to Country Supplies for supplying it). From what I could see it was a fabulous night which was supported so well. Thank you to everyone who was there enjoying the night and who volunteered, especially those who helped close down during the thunder and lightning!

## Saturday - Naphill and Walters Ash Fete

Our traditional Fete which this was all about started a little soggy, but the marquee proved its worth when everyone squeezed in during the downpour after the procession made it onto the field. This could have been disastrous, but once it stopped the sun came out and stayed with us all day. Thank you to everyone who ran the stalls, it looks like you had a bumper year. I can honestly say I can't remember seeing so many people on the field all day, which also made it such a fun family day.

The procession was amazing as normal with all the usual crowd making an effort, unfortunately the pre-school could not be on a float this year due to red

tape but we managed to get them doing a walking tableaux from Mosley Road. Thank you to the RAF for giving out all the prizes and congratulations to everyone who won, at this point I would normally list everyone but as we have so many people to mention with the Dog Show and Grand Draw I am going to leave this till the next edition to try and save space for photos. Unfortunately we never did the Villager of The Year or the Best Walking Tableaux due to the rain scattering everyone before the presentation. So please watch this space in the next edition.

Well done Bill and Ben (alias Joan and Margaret) for winning the best adult costume prize at the fete, although I think Noddy and Big Ears were pretty good too. We also won the best float thanks to Juliet's meticulous planning and her ability to organise us! We must thank Dick too for all his hard work in making the props, which this year included a Noddy car and a huge television! He also looked after us on the day by driving his truck so carefully. We were a bit worried that Teddy might pass out from the heat at one stage but other than that we all had a great time. Also WI members supplied plenty of prizes for the tombola and a delicious array of sandwiches and cakes to go with the teas.

*Carol Gillam*



*Photograph courtesy of Dave Talbot*

Again thank you to everyone for supporting this special day, it looked amazing and I'm hoping all the photos will show how great you all are.



*Photographs courtesy of Naphill Evening W.I.*



*photograph courtesy of Dave Talbot*

*Claire and All the Fete Committee  
(Kat Dunlap, Ian Bond, Andy Pope, Sarah Creaser, Sam Keen,  
Steve Wicks, Lisa Williams and Hillary Spain*

**Naphill Evening W.I. at the Fete**



*A day to remember!*



**Naphill Tennis Club**

Here are the Tennis Club's pictures taken at the Naphill Fete. A very successful weekend all round and lovely to see so many people out enjoying themselves! Our strawberries & cream proved to be very popular and lots of young people played tennis whilst others 'pitted their wits' against the ball-machine.

The Fete Committee deserves a big round of applause for organising such an excellent event.





Photographs courtesy of the Tennis Club

Regarding tennis activities, our coach, Mel Burn, is holding a **CHILDREN'S SUMMER TENNIS CAMP** during the week commencing Monday 18 August at Naphill Tennis Club. For further details, please contact Mel on 07949 128195 or email melebbles@hotmail.

*Jenny Tench*

## Classics on the Crick

Wow!!!! What a fantastic weekend!! It was a lot of hard work by a small team of people but I can honestly say I think we did it! Friday was excellent, Saturday was great and the marquee certainly paid for itself!! I'm very proud to have been a part of the team that organised it so massive thank you and well done to my colleagues!!!

As for Sunday, it's the first time a classic car event has been held on the Crick and I admit I was a little nervous about how it would go. We put a lot of effort into publicising it and trying to attract as many cars as we could, I think it worked! There was a small team of us organising it, a huge thank you to Mark Webster who built our website and did a huge amount towards the running. Sam Bayly who tried to make some sort of sense out of our meetings and did a fabulous job of sorting the minutes and also publicising Classics

on the Crick! Also to Jan Pearce and Bill Price who organised the treasure hunt which went incredibly well!

My congratulations to the winner and also the winner of the peoples choice!! I won't go on with the thanks as I don't want it to sound like a speech from the Oscars but without a great bunch of guys who helped on the day it would have been impossible to run, thank you!! I must also mention Paddy Hopkirk, it was a great privilege to have him along presenting the prizes especially as it was our first event! A great coup!



Photograph courtesy of Dave Talbot

I think it turned out to be a very successful day and certainly the feedback I got indicated that! We had a bit of a glitch with the number of stalls that showed up on the day but those that did, certainly had a great day! I can't really say anything else except thank you to our local community who turned out in their masses to support us! Here's to Napfest 2015!!

*Ian Bond*

## Book Stall



As always everyone came up trumps! Boxes of wonderful books to sell, many people keen to buy and our very willing band of helpers working hard to set up, sell and take down our stall. A very big 'thank you', to everyone. You will be pleased to know we raised almost £440.00.

An enormous 'thank you' must also go to Claire and the Fete team for being brave enough to suggest, and put together, the first Napfest. A tremendous gamble that paid off three fold.

If you weren't there over the weekend, make sure you are next year as it proved to be a most exciting and entertaining three days. Well done everyone.

*Mike & Pauline Pool*

Photograph courtesy of Dave Talbot





*Photograph courtesy of Richard Holroyd*

## Classics on the Crick Extra

Photograph below courtesy of Dave Talbot



Photograph courtesy of Pauline Pool

## Local Wild Flowers

Last month I included a photograph of Vincent's Pond and I was ashamed to say that I really didn't know that this beauty spot existed. He also shot this iris growing at the water's edge. Of course, following Richard Holdroyd's advice, Himself takes his camera EVERYWHERE he goes!



Photograph courtesy of Paul Goby

Pauline Pool, our Distribution Manager, is also following the 'good advice', and has kindly sent this lovely picture of a Bee Orchids which she found growing locally.

## Hughenden Parish Council Report

First of all, huge congratulations to the Napfest organising committee for the extremely successful three day event this year. The marquee concept certainly proved itself and as always, it is the tireless efforts of so many volunteers that allow the rest of us to have such a good time, so thank you to all those that made it possible.

We would also like to congratulate Ben Pease, a pupil at Naphill and Walters Ash School who featured in the BFP recently. As you will see from the photo, he has achieved the amazing distinction of being the first Cub in recent District history to have been awarded every badge – a future Chief Scout in the making!

We have previously mentioned that we have set up a liaison group with the RAF. This led to a tour of their site facilities at the beginning of June, some of which are open to the wider community such as their coffee shop and children's soft play area, the outside play area and the sports fields. Although some of these are not accessible by car, they are by foot and the RAF is keen to ensure that villagers are aware of them. They are also seeking funding to create more parking opposite the school entrance which will have a huge benefit for parents. In the meantime, we would ask that parents respect the parking restrictions both by the school



Photograph courtesy of Phil Conran

and by the sports fields as there have been completely unwarranted cases of RAF staff being abused when trying to point out some of the very poor parking instances.

Finally, at our last Council meeting it was agreed that the Council should increase grants for local community organisations such as the Village Hall Committee and the Gazette. It was decided that this year the rise should be substantial as it was a fair way of evenly distributing some of the Council reserves around the Parish and so consequently, a 30% increase was approved. Although still not vast sums, hopefully this will help local organisations to continue the fantastic work they do for the community.

With sunshine and blue skies virtually guaranteed (!) for the next few weeks, we hope everybody is able to take full advantage and has a lovely summer.



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

## Naphill Men's Football Club

On 24 May 2014, Naphill FC senior team's presentation at the Black Lion was the first for proud manager Phil Crawford, who felt his team has come a long way in a short time, hinting there is more to come from this great bunch of lads. The evening, scheduled for 6.30pm, started quietly as the team's watches seemed in need of adjustment with excuses such as "I need to get to money from the cash machine".

Once the team, together with families, girlfriends – and of course the sponsors of Naphill FC, Active Pest Control's Cath and Colin (who shared his birthday with us) – had assembled, Black Lion manager Jack descended with a much appreciated gold chest of Beck's lager for the team! (It may be worth noting that, after all Sunday home games, Naphill Men's FC descend on the village pub to savour and sup the weekend's delights, so please think about joining us!). We are on the way up and would welcome you on the journey.

The presentations began with John Burnard handing over the award for top goal scorer to David Stothard (11 goals). As manager, I had said that I would give a bottle of champagne to any player getting three goals in a game. Well, the season passed without my letting go of the bottle. That is until the last game against Downley when David scored three and I had to part with it. I trust it was enjoyed.

The next presentation – this time by landlord Jack – was for the Players' Player of the year, which was a very closely contested trophy with Phil Wingfield edging it. Phil has started to excel this year, having matured considerably and now much more confident in going forward.

Next came the award for Manager's Player of the year which went to Dan Finch who gave of his very best in every game and was a top-quality defender in every respect. The presentation was done by the sponsor of Naphill Men's FC, Colin Beverley of Active Pest

Control. They have done a lot for this club and we wish more companies would follow suit. For example, we would love to have club tracksuits and some training kit, which I am sure would particularly encourage the younger age groups within the club and help us to move forward.

The final shield – to be awarded to the person who has developed, learned, and injected all to his game – was an idea of our sponsor who, in giving a shield that will last 17 years, showed their commitment to the club. The winner was Phil Wingfield. Finally, I would like to thank Colin and Cath for their outstanding and continuing support. We are also indebted to and proud to be associated with the Black Lion.

I still have scarves for sale. At £10 each, they are a good way of showing your support. And remember that new players are always wanted.



*Phil Crawford*  
07500 007644

## Picture This

Last month I recommended that you 'carry your camera. With the forthcoming fete, you'll have lots of opportunity for creating great pictures.' Did you???? If not you missed a unique opportunity to record a fun event and make some great pictures.

It's amazing what a Children's Television theme can do to a village and how normally sensible grown-ups get all nostalgic and wet-eyed over a Morris 1300! All the fun of the Fete.

I decided to be a bit of an Henri Cartier-Bresson - with a name like that you might think it should have been on sale at the Fete Bar - but he's really a photographer, famous for capturing 'the decisive moment'. I combined my Cartier-Bresson with a bit of Martin Parr, a photographer famous for very colourful photographs of 'the English'. Have a look on the web to see some of their work - inspirational stuff.

The cover pictures were all made at the Fete. Once-loved toys from the bric-a-brac stall are the background. I did get a few funny looks as I arranged Looby Lou and Tigger but I thought to myself, 'who cares, live on the edge, this is fete day!' The other pictures were taken by permission; in other words, I asked if I could take the pictures. People's enthusiasm to join in allowed us to create some great pictures together. At first, the Green 2CV was a bit aloof, but it is French - I mean, look at those eyelashes.

Rather than 'Hints and Tips', I thought I'd give you my approach to this sort of photography. If it's people you're photographing, you need to talk to them, get them to join in and guide them to 'squeeze in closer'; and you need to get in close. On your camera, you need to be able to choose a large lens aperture - it's those 'f-stops' again - so that backgrounds go fuzzy. For cars, look out for details such as shiny headlights with droopy eyelids, or badges and engine bits. Get in close and look for strong compositions. I asked a Jaguar owner if I could photograph his wheel-nuts and he was tickled that I wanted to. Asking if I could

photograph his set of shiny spanners finished him off! They made great pictures.

Well, there's no Gazette in August so I'm planning for the September's edition. If you make any Naphill pictures that you think will be good to show in the Gazette, do send them. Enjoy your photography :-)



*Richard Holroyd*  
Richard@richardholroydphotography.co!

## Black Lion



The time of the year we have all been waiting for. The sun is out and ready to play. We here at The Black Lion revel in the summer, taking full advantage. Our redesigned menu is out, a different range of beers and ales are available to compliment the heat, and we have extended the children's play area to make sure they are occupied while you put your feet up and enjoy yourself.

A big part of this month focuses on The World Cup, and although England may not have had the best of beginnings, there is still a long way to go. We have shown a large majority of the fixtures so far, but rest assured the 2am KO's may not be the ones we're open for! There is plenty of space at the bar to watch the games so crowds more than welcome.

It's good to see Naphill Fete back in its pomp. It is so rare nowadays to see these occasions happen every year without fail, and we're glad we have the opportunity to take part, help out and see the festivities continue through the weekend.

Father's Day was a huge success, better than we hoped or planned, and as the summer heat rolls on, hopefully for the next few months, we cannot stress enough how important it is to make your bookings in advance, as tables will be quickly snapped up.

For something a little different, beginning weekly from Saturday 6th July, we will be accommodating a Fitness Boot Camp in the garden, 11am – 12 noon, for all of those who want to get that holiday figure in shape. Pete Taylor, head of 'Karma Health and Fitness', is only charging £5 per session. Places are limited to 20, so book quick at [karmahealthandfitness@outlook.com](mailto:karmahealthandfitness@outlook.com).

If you need to call us about anything we may be able to help with (i.e. functions/special occasions etc) fell free to give us a call on 01494 563176 to discuss options, catered for your own needs. We have a large area perfect for get-togethers, birthday parties and everything else.

Don't forget to keep right up to date with our latest news, events and offers at [www.blacklionnaphill.com](http://www.blacklionnaphill.com) and even discover us on Facebook.

*Cheers! All the best from everyone at The Black Lion*

## Naphill Evening W.I. Continued from Fete Report p.20

On to other WI matters, our Resolutions Meeting on 15th May, provoked a lengthy discussion regarding our views on organ donation and we all learnt how complex the procedure can be. One thing we talked about was the fact that even if we have completed a Donor Card our relatives make the final decision. So all of us should ensure that our nearest and dearest know our wishes on this matter.

On a lighter note, by the time you read this we will have had our Birthday Party and enjoyed the variety of dishes brought along by members and a talk on 'Rock'n'Roll, A Rocking Chair.

In July Valerie will again be hosting a games evening in her garden, which is always fun.

The Food Appreciation Group will be having Afternoon Tea at the Monkey Island Hotel in July and lunch at the Red Lion in August.

Other things to look forward to are a trip to the Law Courts and an outing to our twinned WI, Napton.



*Carol Gilliam*

## Pony Espresso

I'm writing this as I fly over the Atlantic. This is the only place I've been able to sit down for the last two months! Well that is apart from on the back of a horse where balancing a laptop does get a bit tricky. Drastic measures I realize, but I am off to visit my sister and check out potential new coffee shops in sunnier climes. Only joking! Pony Espresso is thriving I'm pleased to report, and I thank all our customers for their loyal support. I'm sure Donna, Trudy and Liz will do a fine job while I'm away.

The tulip tree outside the shops must have been listening to it's potential fate of being given the chop, as this year it's produced beautiful (tulip) flowers. Hope everyone noticed! We had an unexpected near customer and I thought a bomb had gone off at the base but fortunately it was only a red kite hitting the window as someone inside tucked into breakfast. The Red Kite was shaken but survived! Thankfully, the diner was not faint hearted, and after wiping his brow, continued eating. Breakfasts are popular and shared only very reluctantly. Perhaps if the window had shattered it may have been a less happy ending to the story

We also have, apart from delicious food, coffee and cakes, a selection of beautifully made greeting cards hand crafted by a local schoolgirl, so if you're looking for something special, they're right here.

I hope to have some jars of my own j honey available in the shop for sale soon. This year my colony have

turned ferocious and my bee suit that's been bee proof for years, is suddenly not and so after one too many stings, I've got a new one. I have yet to extract the honey, and it's on my list upon my return.

Here's to summer! From all at Pony Espresso



Blaine

## Announcements:

### Gazette

Ian Banks has resigned as Gazette Treasurer. The Committee join me in thanking him for his hard work and support during his time in office and wish him well for the future.

### Bradenham District Council

We have been advised that Bradenham Woods Lane will be closed for resurfacing work scheduled to commence on 4th July. At present we do not have information regarding the time scales involved.

### MacMillan Cancer Support

Are holding a Candlelight Ball at Stoke Place, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire on Saturday September 20th 2014. Tickets for this unique evening cost £50.00, which includes fizz on arrival, a three-course meal with wine, coffee and petit fours. There will be live entertainment and a disco. Along with a gift tree and live auction it promises to be an evening to remember which will raise much needed funds and all profits will go to Macmillan. For more information, or to buy tickets to help raise the next half a million pounds: -

Call Tracy on 01753 892 303 or email [macmillancandlelightball@hotmail.com](mailto:macmillancandlelightball@hotmail.com)

### Editorial Comment

*This month I have had the privilege of producing the Gazette's first NapFest supplement which I hope you will enjoy.*

*As always, I am greatly indebted to all of our contributors for their articles and photographs and to my ever patient Assistant Editor, Richard Holroyd not only for this month's front cover but also the inner*

*supplement collage and the biker picture on the last page of our supplement. My special thanks to my gallant Gusetteers for their support this month too.*

*Congratulations and thanks to Claire and her stalwart team who worked so hard to give Naphill and Walter's Ash their very first NapFest! and what a GREAT event it was!*

*Best Wishes to the Best Kept Village Team, Good Luck Ladies! You certainly deserve to win, you have all worked so hard! I look forward to your report next month.*

*Don't miss the Naphill Horticultural Show on the 7th July. Let's hope a secretary comes forward and that this is not the last one of this event*

*There is no August Gazette, so I wish you all a long, hot, happy Summer and I look forward to receiving all your news, letters, articles and photographs for the September edition.*

Sonia

The 154th

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## PIN UP DIARY DATES

### July

2nd July	FONC Short walk 10.30am Village Hall
5th July	Naphill Horticultural Summer Show Village Hall 2.00-4.00pm
7th July	Village Hall Committee Meeting 8pm
11th July	Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Meeting Village Hall
21st July	FONC Longer Walk 10.00am Village Hall
25th July	Charity Tea Party Village Hall 2.00-4.00.

**If you have an event which you wish to be included in the diary please let me know!**



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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 Village Hall	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
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	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
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 and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Comittee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturculturalsociety. co.uk
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
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 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
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Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesday and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Fridays 5-7.30pm. Saturday 9-10am		
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	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Jujitsu Class	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Naphill Womens's Meeting	Wednesday afternoon 2pm	Methodist Church	
WI	Third Thursday in month 7.45pm	Village Hall	Jenny Price 563001

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## Editorial

It hardly seems a year ago that I was sat next to Clare learning how to assemble the Gazette. After my July/August effort, it appeared that I had learnt very little! A definite case of sack cloth and ashes down Main Road or stocks on the Crick, I fear. My sincere apologies to the Village Hall Committee and Naphill Neighbour's for the omission of their reports. I am instigating procedures to avoid these mistakes and I have written "must try harder", in large letters above the computer. As an amateur, with no professional editorial training, I will continue to do my best as laid out in the editorial disclaimer above.

What a glorious Summer we are enjoying! It has of course provided some excellent opportunities to go out and about and of course, take those cameras with you. Himself has been dispatched! I have to admit that he has never been a football fan so I was a wee bit dubious when he was invited to photograph our Naphill Men's Football Team's pre season match. He returned some hours later having enjoyed the experience and he is looking forward to attending more of their matches during the new season. We are just waiting for the sun to return and he has kindly agreed to take some photographs to celebrate our Best Kept Village results! Well as a feeling, caring wife, I do take encouraging his photography seriously, whilst of course, getting photographs for the Gazette, hardly any ulterior motive involved here!

We do have some new advertisers and some updated advertisements. Please do take a look and support our advertisers. We were approached recently by a lady who had received less than good service from an advertiser. We of course cannot vouch for each and every one of our advertisers. We trust that this was a one off unfortunate incident but we would always advise that you get quotations from more than one supplier before accepting a price and even perhaps ask the opinion of friends and family who may have had similar work carried out.

My thanks to Richard Holroyd for another superb cover photograph. A timely reminder that whilst Summer is fading, we hopefully have lots more sunny days to enjoy before Autumn sets in and we have different colours and events to look forward to. My thanks as always to all our contributors. Some regular contributors are on holiday so we are missing some reports, but hopefully, this time, none due to editorial omission!



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## Naphill Brownies

Towards the end of the Summer term we invited our 7 new brownies to join us for a taster session at Brownies to see what we do, and to get to know us. The new girls all slotted in as if they'd been brownies for ages. We are now really looking forward to getting to know them all better in September.

We finished the summer with an evening walk to Hughenden for an end of term picnic, where sadly we had to say farewell to 4 of our girls who are ready to move on to Guides. We will miss them and hope they continue to enjoy Guiding.

At the beginning of August nine of our brownies took part in a Brownie Stay-away with our friends from Walter's Ash Brownies. The older girls stayed away for 2 nights doing swimming, crafts, games, songs and a Treasure Trail. The younger girls joined us for the day to get a 'feel' for being away with the Brownies. We had a really great weekend away and we would like to thank Caroline from Walter's Ash Brownies for running the event. Hopefully we will be able to do the same sort of thing again next summer.

Lots of exciting things are planned for the autumn term with visits out, community events and joint ventures with our Guiding friends. All this will be in addition to our regular crafts, games, songs and challenges. I, for one, am looking forward to it already.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer.



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## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

By the time you get to read this it will be very old news, - but I need to get this written while the contents of our meeting are still fresh in my memory. Memory isn't what it was unfortunately. Some of you can empathize.

Claire and Ian from the fete committee came over to report back to us about Napfest. What a wonderful weekend, and what a great addition the concert and classic car event were. As with any new venture lessons have been learnt, but the decision to have the marquee really came into its own as soon as the procession arrived and the heavens opened. Our thanks do go to all the committee for all their hard work and I know that plans are underway for next year. Can't wait. It is sad that the procession is now only composed of two floats with the rest being walking tableaux. The procession and the involvement of all the organisations and youth groups is very important to the fete but policing the procession is becoming very expensive so we are thinking of a plan B that bypasses the need for stewarding the procession.

We have upped the number of CCTV cameras around the Hall to 8 to give us a better chance of noting car registration numbers when we get reports of antisocial use of the car park. We can then pass the information onto the police who are able to contact the drivers concerned.

We are trying to improve the acoustics in the small hall. We have been advised that placing special panels on the walls should help so if you see these new additions then please don't stick anything onto them - they are there to improve the sound quality and to reduce the echo effect in the small hall not notice boards.

We have reinstated the sign that reminds users of the car park that they do so at their own risk and the Village Hall does not accept responsibility for any damage to vehicles parked there. You have been warned.

The pictorial map on the outside wall of the Hall will hopefully be in place by September, maybe by the time you are reading this. It is real work of art and we are very proud of it.

We do have a need for a large fridge for our fund raising events. If you have or know of a larder fridge that is surplus to requirements but still in good working order then please could you give Clive Lawrence a ring on 563120. Thank you.

As I write this the sun is shining and it is a real summer day so it seems hard to think of the winter events coming up, but in case you haven't got the dates down then they are:

\* **Fireworks on November 8th**

\* **Christmas Fayre on December 6th**

Thanks to you all for your continued support.



*Sarah Bacon,  
Chairman, Naphill Village Hall  
and Playing Fields Counc*

## Friends of Naphill Common

Following a meeting with those involved, things are now much clearer about the impending felling on the Common. Because the Common is an SSSI Grade 1, the landowner, Sir Edward Dashwood (West Wycombe Estate) has had to gain permission from English Nature to fell up to 30% of the trees. The work will be carried out by Wessex Woodland Management (WWM) in a series of phases and the first phase is intended to begin in early September of this year and be completed by Christmas.

As the map on the opposite page shows, phase 1 will include an area along the boundary with Bradenham Woods (The Coppice), extending out as far as Heyshams, together with work on some of the main paths and bridleways: a triangle formed by H12/BW84, H21, part of H2/BW85 and H18/BW. On these paths

or rides they will widen and clear them by cutting back the small trees, scrub and especially the invasive holly. They intend to do the work on the rides first before starting on the main area of felling. The timber will be piled up beside the track near the end of Forge Road and will remain there for up to a year before being removed. Most of the work will be done by a two-man team with experience of the kind of sensitive approach required on Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

We were asked to mark with (temporary) green paint those trees that we wanted to preserve and WWM have accepted our choices. We also marked a few trees around some of the ponds with red paint and WWM will remove those. Of course, they will not cut down all of the unmarked trees but will select up to 30%; choosing those that are saleable and which give the remaining trees the best chance to grow. They have agreed to consult us and keep us informed during the felling, and the Forestry Commission representative will also keep an eye on what is going on.

There will be a meeting at the end of phase 1, at which we have been invited, to discuss how the project has gone and resolve any problems. It is intended to start phase 2 after a year-long gap, in September 2016. It is likely to cover a similar area of the Common and we will be asked to mark the trees to be preserved as before. This will be followed by other phases at similar intervals, until the whole Common has been covered. As you can see, the felling is going to take many years to complete.

Obviously, there are mixed opinions about all this. Some will not want the Common touched but, given that permission has been granted by Natural England, it is important that we get the best possible outcome for the Common and for those who enjoy it. There are several positive aspects: we will have wider, more open rides; the fine trees will be saved and relieved of competition from the smaller specimens; the ponds will be opened up and should prosper with more light, and the few remaining junipers will be given a chance to survive. We should achieve a healthier, more bio-diverse common with an open area for the return of the juniper cuttings taken from the surviving old bushes. There are worries: we want to ensure that there is an enduring management plan that stops the rides reverting to scrub once more and which keeps the holly in check, and we want permission from Natural England to allow us to return the ponds to health.

Over all, it is a positive picture. If all goes well Naphill Common will emerge from years of neglect and will be cared for in a way that preserves its ecology and ensures that we can enjoy it into the future.

If there are any questions or problems please contact a FONC committee member, especially Trevor Hussey 563767 and Philip Hussey 562023. For serious problems or emergencies contact the Wessex Woodland Management office on 01488 685007 or email to [info@wessexwoodland.com](mailto:info@wessexwoodland.com)

Jill Evers will hold a 'Hunt the Gruffalo' activity on Naphill Common on Saturday 20th September starting

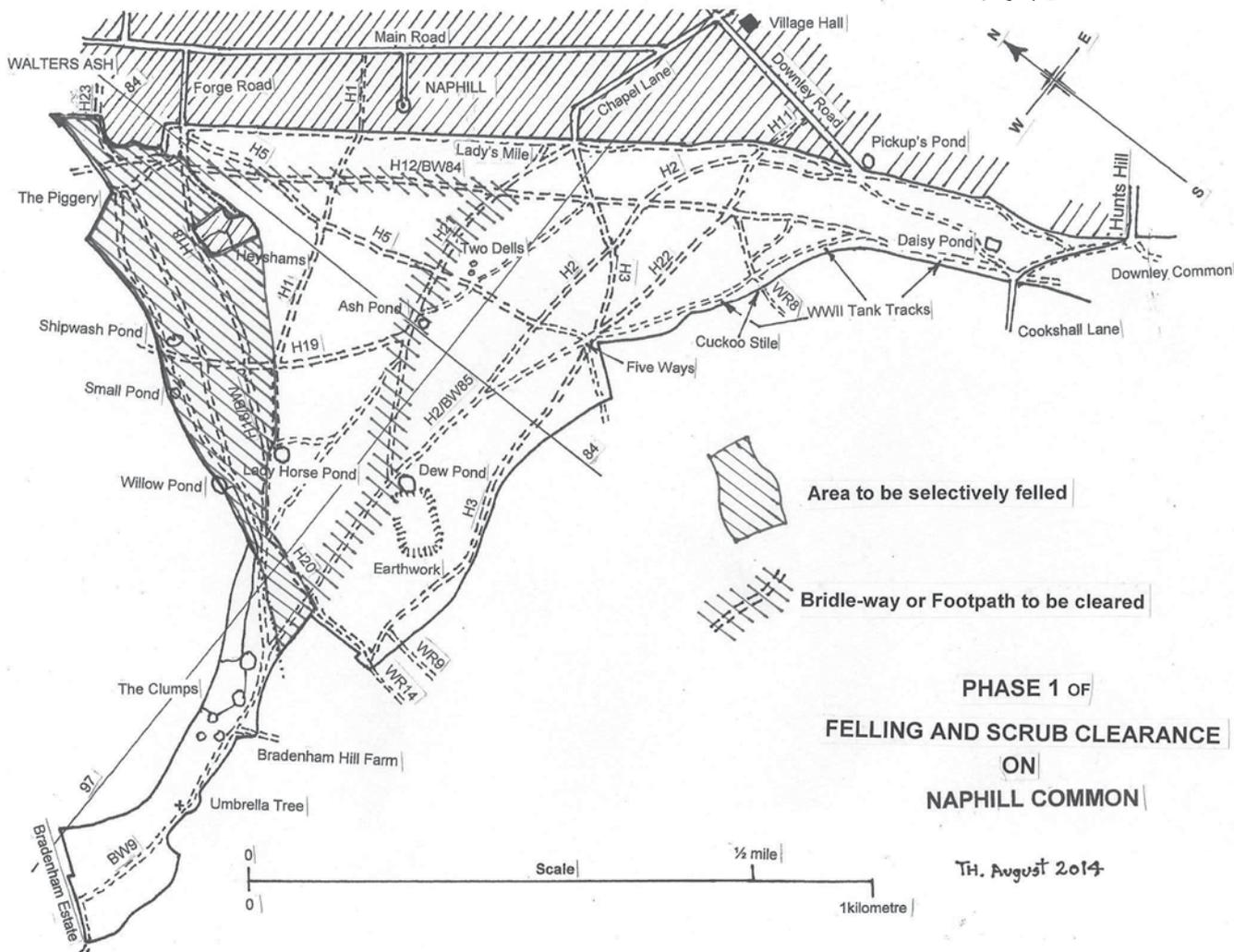
at 2pm, ending at 4.15pm. Meet at the Village Hall car park. It will be a free treat for children. Places will be limited so book a place with Jill: Tel. 01494 881325, or email: j.eyers@btopenworld.com

Bridget Parslow will lead a bat walk on Naphill Common on Friday 12th September, starting from the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There will be a Fungus Foray on Sunday 26th October starting from the Village Hall at 10am, led by experts. Both are free. Our walks

will continue as usual. Chris Miller will lead the short walks on the first Wednesday of each month, starting from the Village Hall at 10.30am. Ron Collins will lead the long walks on the third Monday of each month at 9.30am from the Village Hall.



Trevor Hussey.  
Chairman.



## From Our Methodist Minister

“What if God had not been on our side?” begins Psalm 124. And reminds the reader of the narrow escape of their ancestors across the miraculously dried-up Red Sea, when being pursued by Pharaoh’s mighty army. If God had not been on our side, we would have been cut to pieces by the enemy, or drowned in the returning seawaters.

Life is full of “what ifs”. If our past circumstances had been only slightly different, we might not have been in anything like our present situation. “Luck of the draw!”, say some. “Kismet, Hardy” said the dying Nelson (but probably mis-quoted). “Tough!” we might say today, or “You lucky so-and-so!”

If we’ve had a lucky escape, or maybe a near miss, or we’ve been let off from the expected consequences of our actions, naturally we’re relieved and thankful. It’s easy to empathise with the sentiments in Psalm

124 “We’ve escaped like a bird from the hunter’s trap! Thank God!”

We’ve heard a lot this year about World War 1, and although some good came out of it, the cost in terms of human suffering was utterly dreadful. No doubt there were some who thought God was on their side, others who hoped so, and others who prayed so. And that would include combatants and civilians in every country involved. In the hell of battle, many would wonder that God could allow such carnage, let alone be on anybody’s side. And afterwards there would be much pontificating by pundits and people as to whether it had been a “just war”, and who had been “right”, and whether that was proven by the outcome. One could speak similarly of every war ever since, and never has there been total agreement.

The ancient Israelites of bible times were people who in principle wanted to do what was right before God, but like most people before and since, they sometimes got things badly wrong. They’d then see the disasters

of life (and wars) as God's punishment, designed to steer them back to right ways, but any unexpected or undeserved good fortune, they saw as God affirming His love for them, in spite of their ungodly actions.

In our increasingly litigious society, we are keen to apportion blame, and declare one person (usually oneself!) as right and another as in the wrong, whereas any neutral observer would see a complicated mixture of motives: lots of shades grey, and any verdict less clear-cut.

In the current horrors in Gaza, the descendants of the Psalm-writers, are no doubt hoping that God is still on their side, but onlooking nations are less convinced. Certainly as with WW1 and every conflict, there will be immense relief when it is over, but then the pontificating will take its place.

The bible gives much valuable advice and commandment about rights and wrongs, but perhaps more valuable still is the perception that God loves and cares, in spite of our shortcomings, and demonstrates restraint rather than immediate reaction. And that is valid for the individual as well as for tribes and nations.

✝ Rev Mike Hill

## Obituary - Dennis Edward Brown

10 January 1920 – 25 June 2014



Dennis was born in Naphill in 1920 and continued to live in the village all his life. During the last 90 of his 94 years he lived in Downley Road in four different houses. His life in Naphill was interrupted by six years in the armed services during the Second World War when he worked in radar. He spent three years in Italy and was demobbed in 1946.

In 1947 Dennis joined Hamnett Raffety in High Wycombe which in later years was known as Raffety Buckland. He enjoyed 43 years of his working life at this successful estate agency and was a commercial surveyor responsible for planning applications.

He married Celia Smith from High Wycombe in 1949 and they celebrated 60 years of marriage in 2009, the year before Celia passed away. They had two children, Roger and Sue.

He was an active sportsman and played cricket and football for Naphill. He enjoyed meeting people and was very social.

He was an active freemason and was a member of Shelburne Lodge which he joined in 1963 and held the office of Worshipful Master in 1975.

Dennis lived in his own home until the end of May when he went into hospital and passed away after a

short illness. He was very lucky to have enjoyed such a long and healthy life and he remained interested in everything that happened in the world. He always had an opinion and liked to tell a story.

He is survived by his brother John, son Roger, daughter-in-law Sue, granddaughter Mel, daughter Sue and son-in-law Roger.

✝ *Photograph and article from the Brown Family to whom I extend my sympathy and condolences.*

## Naphill Scouts

Naphill Scouts are currently on summer vacation and will start back in September. The very last evening of the summer term the scouts put on a short show for the parents, covering activities they had undertaken previously in the year, followed by a barbecue. One of the recurring themes was how well the hikes have gone and in the picture you can see the Tigers patrol demonstrating this for the parents. All those that took part received their Entertainers badge.



*photograph courtesy of Mark Powell*

We are working on the schedule for the coming term and will email details out to all scout parents early in September. We do have some new starters this term; some moving up from cubs and others new into the area. We do have some spaces still so if scouts is something your son or daughter might be interested in, please drop us an email.



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## ALLOTMENT AVAILABILITY



Allotment rents are due on the September Quarter Day, the 29th September. That is the time when some plots become available. The rent for a half-plot (about 38' x 38') is only

£10.50 per annum. There are a few plots vacant as I write, for the Naphill allotments at Louches Lane and for the Walter's Ash allotments at Clappins Lane. If you would like to put your name down please phone the parish clerk on 01494 715296. Taking on a plot now would enable you to prepare the ground in the autumn and winter for the next growing season – and to plant out overwintering onions, garlic and shallots on 1st October.

Happy gardening!



Mike Mason

## Naphill Neighbours

We welcome you all back after the summer break and hope you have all enjoyed the beautiful weather we have been experiencing. First things first, just to recap on the Naphill Fete and our Cake Stall at that event. A huge thank you to all who donated baked goods and preserves, or donated something to add to our takings on Fete day. We are well aware that some of you who brought a cake along do not belong to our club and we very much appreciate your support. We had a lovely day, the marquee was a great success and we didn't have to go to the trouble of erecting our gazebo as in previous years. We made a grand total of just over £411 to hand over to the Village Hall Council, which we are sure they will be delighted with.

On Monday, 23rd June, about 32 of us boarded the coach at the Village Hall on that warm sunny morning and made the journey to Portsmouth to see the Mary Rose Museum and take a boat trip around the Harbour. Even though many of us had seen the original wreck of the Mary Rose on earlier trips, the new boat-shaped Museum enhanced all that we have been able to see before and the boat trip gave us all the opportunity to see many of the naval vessels docked in Portsmouth Harbour and soak up the very interesting commentary.

At our meeting on Monday, 14th July, we welcomed Mr Rodney Sims to give an illustrated talk entitled "A Hole in the Ground", which was the story of the transformation of a chalk quarry into College Lake Wildlife Centre near Tring. Viewing some of the slides of that transformation, it's hard to believe that something so unpleasing to the eye could eventually turn into a flagship nature reserve. Thanks to the hard work of BBOWT staff and volunteers, this nature reserve supports more than 1,000 different wildlife species, sports a brand new visitor centre with a large hide overlooking the marsh area and inside the centre a cafe offers refreshments at weekends and bank holidays. If you haven't visited yet, those who have say it is well worth it.

Regrettably, we have had to cancel our August trip "Essex Highlands" due to lack of numbers. It is planned to reintroduce it as one of our outings next year but earlier than August; it will be something to look forward to after the winter months.

Our next outing is a trip to Designer Outlet at Swindon.

This will take place on Thursday, 6th November, and full details will be given at our next meeting. If you would like to join us make sure you give Hazel your name at that meeting; payment should be made at our October meeting. Quite close is the Museum of The Great Western Railway so if you bring your husband along and he gets bored with shopping, he can always shoot off and have a look at the Museum.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 8th September, when Mrs May Parker will give an illustrated talk on "Monet's House, Garden & the Carmargue". We look forward to welcoming you all back and hope you will enjoy the evening. Until then, take care.



Yvonne Cook

## The Wheel

Well it's definitely been a fabulous summer so far (I don't want to tempt fate as I'm writing this in July)! In the eight years we've been here this has to be the best summer we've had and it's been great to see everyone out enjoying the gardens. So what's been the news at The Wheel?

Well the biggest thing is that my fantastic hubby has been doing a huge amount of painting and the pub has a great new look, with new signage and paint which I hope everyone likes. Mark has had to do all the painting in July, which of course meant that he did it all at the hottest time and due to being up the ladder, on those scorching days, his legs have finally changed colour too! We have also given the back garden a revamp with some new comfortable tables and chairs, which means you don't have to sit on benches out the back now.

We have had a number of parties over the last few months, whether they have been leaving do's for some of the staff or birthday celebrations, there has always been something going on. In August we had a great 70th Birthday celebration for Jan Pearce, who is an amazing man as he helps so many people in this village and the local community. It was a great honour to be asked by Jenny to host his surprise birthday party here and the theme was 'Hello Sailor'. So under the pretence he was coming here for a meal, everyone was gathered to help celebrate his 3 score and 10. It was a great night with so many making the effort with their fancy dress. Even Mark Chambers came back 2 years after they left, which always makes it an interesting weekend.

Scarily by the time you are reading this the children will be going back to school and the summer holidays will be over. This means that the nights will be drawing in and Christmas will be on its way! (I don't know where the year goes anymore). We will be changing the menu again for the Winter, but don't worry, the Pie and a Pint offer will still be on. This also means that we start doing our food theme nights again, below are the dates so far;

- \* 11th September - Burger Night
- \* 2nd October - Curry Night

- \* 23rd October - Curry or Burger Night
- \* 5th November - Bangers and Mash Night

Game nights will be returning once the season starts again.

Well hopefully that will keep you all busy over the next few months, and there should be something for everyone.

In August we had a week's holiday with all my family. It was a unique holiday as it was the seven of us away together which was a first. It gave us a chance to reflect on the sad passing of my dad, but it was also a great way to remember him, while relaxing in the sun and having lots of fun with my niece and nephew. Mark and I would like to thank all the staff especially Chloe for looking after the pub while we were away, and all the customers who helped support the team and look after the dogs.

Once again thanks to everyone for their support and we'll see you soon.



*Claire and Mark*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash School - End of Year Report

What has everyone's been up to?

The busy Summer Term is coming to an end at Naphill and Walter's Ash School, however the pupils are still working hard and preparing for the year ahead.

In their math lessons, Year 4 made non-alcoholic cocktails to practise their measuring skills. In pairs, they could use a combination of drinks (Diet Coke,

Tango, Lemonade, Orange Juice and Apple Juice) to make their own flavour of drink. They then came up with their own brand names for their imaginative and interesting concoctions. Next they were judged by their teachers who awarded 'Fizz Banger' first place!

Year 2 have been studying France. They looked at and tasted French food; most people liked it! Also, they learnt about the French Revolution and made booklets containing a map of France and bordering countries as well as French vocabulary; animals; colours and numbers.

As their topic is Africa, Year 5 have made documentaries about African animals, working in pairs. They went onto the field and, while one person filmed, the other played the part of the anthropologist (someone who knows a lot about animals). Different parts of the field were used for different settings. E.g. a rainforest setting was filmed in the woods.



We went down to Year R, who haven't featured highly in this year's articles, and interviewed them to see what they've been up to this year! They recently had great fun hatching chicks! There

were 18 eggs although only 6 hatched! In 21 days, the chicks had grown and were given back to the farm at which they were laid. Year R's topic was Spring and Changes, and they thoroughly enjoyed looking after the chicks. In addition they took a trip to the Zoo



**Our Year 6 Sports were highly successful and great fun!**

*Photographs in this article courtesy of the school*

where they saw giraffes, visited the reptile house and watched the sea lion show. They are now preparing to move up to Year 1.

Year 3's topic is Rainforests so they went on a trip to Butterfly World. There were lots of insects including ants, cockroaches, massive snails, stick insects, beetles and of course, butterflies! They went into a tropical butterfly house which was humid like a rainforest. When interviewed, two Year 3 pupils gave us lots of facts – they obviously learnt loads!

POPTASTIC (the Year 6 production) has been Year 6's main focus recently and when it was performed to the school, they were impressed. Mrs Hawes, a former Year 6 teacher, quoted that "It was a great story with fantastic props...and costumes to match. Great acting; a visual feast."

Year 1 did an assembly about their exciting and busy year. In art, they learnt how to draw tortoises whilst in maths they learnt about number lines. They were also looking at monkeys and in groups, made up little plays where they played monkeys which they subsequently performed to the class.

General news from around the school

Key Stage 2 Forest School and the Forest School helpers had a bonfire on the field to thank everyone who came and helped this year. They had a feast with marsh mallows, toast and tomato soup - all cooked over a roaring fire.

The school has participated in a lot of sporting events recently (most of which we've won!) At the Year 6 games this year we thrashed the other schools, coming first! Also, our cheerleading squad (both the Key stage 1 and 2) went and performed at Cineworld. Their performances were incredible and therefore our KS 1 team came second and our KS 2 team came first!

Yet another event we took part in was the Princes Risborough Dance and Gym Show. Our Year 1s did a fantastic country dance to 'One-eyed Joe' which the audience loved. Then some of Dance Club's dancers did two amazing dances; one a Bollywood style to a song called 'Work' and the other a classy one with sparkly top hats to 'Puttin' on the Ritz'. Although it wasn't a competition, we're confident that we would have won if it was! Thank you to all the teachers and parents who have helped organise these events and who have provided transportation to them.

This is our last article and we're sad not be writing anymore. Thank you for reading, from the team:

*Imogen Thompson, Lucille Tardif, Megan Owens and  
Louis Gosling – Year 6.*

**Editorial Comment** *Many thanks to my very special young reporters for their wonderful reports and photographs which I know have been so very much enjoyed by us all. I am certain that our readers will join me in wishing them well as they move on to their senior schools. Wishing you much success and happiness girls!*

Sonia

## Bon Ami Coffee Shop

As I write this article, the sun is shining, the sky is blue, the Playground is full of children and our Terrace is full of customers making the most of the lovely weather. By the time you read this, the mornings may be getting a little chilly – a sure sign that autumn is just around the corner. Autumn brings with it lots of seasonal fruit and vegetables which, at Bon Ami, means scrummy things like homemade blackberry velvet cupcakes, plum and almond cake, French apple tarts and a warming favourite -squash and sherry soup – do come along and enjoy.

September is of course Macmillan Coffee Morning month and we will be holding ours on FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER. As usual, we will donate 50pence from each hot drink sold throughout the day to Macmillan, so do try to pop in and support this extremely worthy cause. There will also be a raffle and a couple of sweepstake games running throughout the day so we look forward to seeing you then.

The Naphill Business Network monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 30th September. The NBN is a group of (very friendly) local business people who meet on a monthly basis to get to know each other and promote their businesses within the community.

If you would like to join, just come along on 30th, 8.00am until around 10.00am – new members are always welcome.

As always, we thank you all for your continued support.

 Amanda and Ruth

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BIGGEST COFFEE  
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## Naphill Evening W.I.

A good evening was had at Valerie's home for the Games evening on 22 July and a couple of days later the Food Appreciation Group had a delicious afternoon tea at the Monkey Island Hotel. The setting was beautiful and the peacocks strutted up for the fruit from our Pims.

In August we will have had a visit to the Law Courts in High Wycombe on the 14th, which should be interesting, and a walk to Eric Gill's old home at Pigotts in Speen on 21st. This follows on from our talk in February.

At our meeting on 18 September, which is an Open Meeting, we will hear about the highs and lows of a stunt woman's life, in a talk entitled From Titanic to Harry Potter.

A group of us are going to visit Napton, our twinned WI, on 16 September and some of us are going on a trip to Leeds Castle on 23 September.

The Food Appreciation Group will be enjoying themselves again with an evening meal at the George and Dragon on 25 September, when partners/friends are invited.

So, lots to look forward to as autumn approaches.



Carol Gilliam

## Sheila's Charity Tea Party

Thank you to all the people who came to our "Tea Party" on 25th July in the Village Hall. The support from friends in Naphill and the surrounding district was very much appreciated.

Norma kept the tea on the boil and there were lots of delicious cakes to be enjoyed. Laura and Elsie provided another super raffle absolutely loaded with prizes. Some guests were able to catch up with friends who they hadn't seen for many years.

All in all it was a highly successful afternoon which raised over £830! The money raised has been donated to Rockwell Spinal Unit Rehabilitation Unit and our local Stroke Club.



Sheila and Evelyn

## A Notice of Thanks

### Bill Ginger 27.02.1923 - 21.06.2014

The family of the late Bill Ginger wish to thank neighbours and friends for their overwhelming kindness. Thank you also for the generous donations given for the Gurkhas Welfare Trust.



Sincere thanks  
Joy Ginger

## Death Announcement - Vera Goodchild

My very special friend Vera died peacefully, at her home in Naphill, on Thursday 17 July, aged 94 years old.

Vera and I were very special, lifelong friends having both lived in Naphill all our lives. We both attended Naphill School and we both were active members of Naphill Methodist Church.

In the late 1940's we started the Naphill Girl Guide Company and we shared so many happy memories. On one occasion we took the girls camping. A cow raided our store tent and went off with our precious bacon ration! Our wonderful Naphill Common was a favourite place for tracking and of course for camp fires. Our camp fires were so good that we actually won a competition for the best camp fire in the district!

In our youth, we regularly attended the Wednesday "Hops" in the Village Hall where we enjoyed the music of a 3-piece band, all for the princely sum of 3 pence!

Vera loved her home and garden and she had a great appreciation of music. Vera was also a keen tennis player when she was younger..

Vera was a true friend, trustworthy, honest and blessed with a somewhat dry sense of humour. Vera will be sadly missed by so many!



Jean Lawrence Mann

**Editorial Comment:** *I should like to extend my personal condolences to the Ginger Family and to Vera's friends and family.*

## Naphill Tennis Club

It has been a great summer for tennis and our American Tournament in July was much enjoyed by all who took part – including the tea afterwards! Now as we roll on to Autumn, we hope the weather will continue to be kind to us.

Our club sessions continue as usual throughout the year and further Improvers' Coaching is planned for those who wish to build up their skills.

Whilst writing this, our coach, Mel Burn, is about to start her Annual Tennis Camp at Naphill for youngsters which takes place each August and is repeated at other times during the year.

For details on club membership, please email the Membership Secretary at [smcr2000@aol.com](mailto:smcr2000@aol.com) or, for other information, please contact the Secretary on 01494 565406.



Jenny Tench

## Naphill Horticultural Society

Wow, what a fantastic Summer we have had, and we certainly deserved it after such a miserable winter! So, 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, 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 you are proud of, and if so, why not come along 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. It is also our chance to introduce you to Lin Williams, who has kindly come forward to be our Show Secretary from next year.

It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible at this village event, and always, we 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 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 & Wine evening will be on Friday October 24th, but more about that next month.



Cathryn Carter  
563233

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

## Naphill Horticultural Society Autumn Show

Saturday 6th September  
Naphill Village Hall  
2pm



## Naphill Horticultural Society Cheese and Wine 24th October

Diary Date  
More Details  
Next  
Month



## Naphill Horticultural Show Secretary

Did you know, at the end of the Shows, put on by the Naphill Horticultural Society, they auction off the flowers and produce to the public? I was able to buy some fabulous delphiniums and roses, delicious cheese scones and straight from the allotment vegetables all for a few pounds.

The Autumn Show is on Saturday 6th September 2014 at Naphill village hall at 2pm and is free. Auction is at 4.15pm. Anyone can enter their produce. Just pick up a schedule from Bon Ami.

*Lin Williams*



*Photograph courtesy of Lin Williams*

# NAPHILL MEN'S F.C.

## MEET YOUR LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAM



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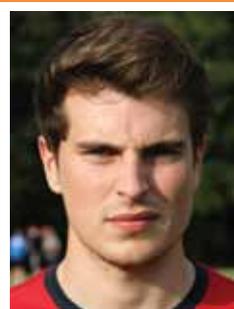
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9. Striker



Joe Drummond  
10. Midfield



Myles Dell  
11. Midfield



Richard Medlicott  
12. Midfield



Paul Parry  
13. Midfield



Jack Dell  
14. Midfield



Rory Lonsdale  
15. Striker



Brad Finch  
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# OUR TEAM IN ACTION!



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## RAF High Wycombe News

RAF High Wycombe in partnership with Bucks CC celebrated National Play Day, there was storytelling from the libraries services, messy play from Barnardo's Children's Centre, eat a rainbow from Health Promotion, information from BFIS, arts & crafts from AIRPLAY and Reading Force providing a scheme to help service families connect through shared reading. The RAF Benevolent Fund mascot Ben Elephant put in a surprise appearance and the Fire Section popped along with the fire tender and filled up the paddling pools. PCSOs came along and offered crime prevention advice and Tyre Team provided tyres for children to play with. There was face painting and children yarn bombed a couple of trees in the AIRPLAY Park. This an annual event and a warm invitation is extended to all local families for next year.

There is some sad news from the base, Wing Commander Al Jones is moving to pastures new. Al will be missed as he has made a tremendous impact to life at RAF High Wycombe, not least the installation of an indoor soft play area and many other improvements to community facilities. We welcome Wing Commander John Riddell in his stead. RAF High Wycombe is currently busy planning Battle of Britain and Remembrance commemorations. Watch this space for more information next month"

Danielle Bowman



Photograph courtesy RAF

**Editorial Comment:** I am sure we all thank Wing Commander Al Jones for his work within our community and wish him well whilst extending a warm welcome to Wing Commander John Riddell.

## Best Kept Village Competition 2014

The winners of the various cups in the competition have recently been notified. Naphill came 4th in the De Fraine Cup for villages with a population between 1500 and 3000. There were eleven entries in this category which was won by Cheddinton.

Well, we didn't come top but the village can be very pleased with the way it looks. The judges wrote that:

'The overall appearance of the village is pleasing. Naphill is well looked after and reflects great credit on the villagers.'

The Village Hall and playing field were considered to be in very good condition. The Hall looks particularly attractive this year because there are more hanging baskets than ever before. Judy Whitehouse selected and planted a very colourful selection of plants which were fed and watered regularly by Ruth and Amanda. The Cub Scouts made a start at improving the strip of garden by their 'quarters'. Both our pubs look very attractive and the War Memorial continues to be beautifully cared for by Trish Bowen. Various residents did their bit by cutting the verges and collecting litter. A good effort all round.



It is such a pity that BCC and WDC can no longer be relied upon to care for the verges as they once did. This neglect obviously has an adverse impact on the general appearance of the village. Judges take this in to account but it does make judging difficult; the way this is dealt with needs further consideration for 2015.

*Peggy Ewart*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

**QUIZ NIGHT. Friday 17th October, Naphill Village Hall. 7pm doors open. 7.30pm Quiz starts. Teams of 4.** Book early for an entertaining evening with popular **Quiz Master Peter Oxbrow** and his team. There will be Prizes, Raffle, Full Bar, and a delicious meal. An idea of the number of veggie meals required would be helpful. Tickets at £10 per head from Gloria 563634 and Liz 562697.

**Planning: 14/06929/FUL.** 169 Main Road, Naphill. Householder application for erection of 0.7m-2.7m

boundary walls, gates and piers to front with creation of new access drive, dropped kerb and associated landscaping alterations. **14/06917/FUL.** 41 Ash Close, Walter's Ash. HA for construction of single storey side extension. **14/06895/FUL** 70 Main Road, Naphill. HA for ground floor front infill extension to entrance covered area. Erection of single storey rear extension. **14/06864/FUL** Nesta, Stocking Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear extension. **14/06824/FUL** 153 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of two storey side extension and fenestration alterations. **14/06765/FUL.** 176 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear extension incorporating dormer window to provide additional living accommodation to first floor.

**Decisions. Permitted 14/06505/FUL** 232 Main Road, Naphill. Householder application for construction of single storey side extension. **14/06346/FUL.**

Hog Trough Farm, Louches Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of part two storey, part single storey extensions to form new front elevation, first floor side extension over existing garage, new dormer window in existing roof slope, new tiled open canopy over utility door, new roof lights, detached double garage with log store and relocation of drive and new fencing with gates (alternative scheme to previous approvals ref. **11/06974/FUL & 11/07868/FUL**) **Application Refused. 14/06245/FUL.** Land adjacent to Hillbrow, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Erection of 1 x 3 bed dwelling and change of use of land from agricultural to residential. New Enforcement Enquiries. 12/00523/CU and 13/00032/CU. Shana/Country Supplies, New Road, Walter's Ash

Date of next meeting. Thursday, 11th September, 2014. 8pm Naphill Village Hall.



*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## Residents Association Quiz Night

**17 October 7.30pm**

Naphill Village Hall

Quiz Master Peter Oxbrow

Delicious Meal  
(with veggie option)

Bar  
Raffle

Tickets £10 per head  
from

Gloria 563634  
Liz 562697

# CHILDCARE AND PRE-SCHOOL IN NAPHILL & WALTER'S ASH



## Little Ash Pre-School

We have a purpose built building within the grounds of Naphill and Walter's Ash School and since April 2012 have been managed by the school.

We are now open;  
mornings 8.45 to 11.45 for rising 4's  
afternoons 12.30 to 3.30 for rising 3's.

We are now accepting enquiries for children to start in September 2014



If you would like to come and visit with a view to starting your child's education with us please call Judy Pope our office administrator on 01494 562813

Ofsted Sept 2012 states that 'this is a good setting,' 'Children have great fun and participate in a wide range of activities that cover all areas of learning, help them to make progress and reach the expected levels of development... Children are happy settled and full of self motivation and assurance... They benefit from a strong staff team who work well together'

## The House at Pooh Corner

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**Afternoon Session: 1230-1500**  
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## SAPLING CHILDCARE

### About Sapling Childcare

Although the business (Sapling Childcare) has been operating in Walter's Ash for a couple of years now, the before and after school club has recently been bought by a new owner as the old owner was posted out of area. The new owner is revamping the whole business and together we are working on getting ready to open up a Pre School during school hours too.

We are working closely with Little Ash, who as you already know are also undergoing major changes and we will be picking up and dropping off some of their children too, in order to offer children currently attending Little Ash, a whole day of childcare and they will spend either the morning or afternoon session with us.

We have already begun planning a very exciting programme of learning and activities for them and we want parents in the locality to know that we are providing this service. We have even negotiated hot lunchtime meals for the children, which will be served at the Junior Ranks Mess, along with some time in the gym on the base and we have the Airplay park right outside our front door, so it will be a service which we anticipate will become very popular once the word is out!

I am very much inspired by a Scandinavian approach to learning, which involves the majority of learning being done out of doors and we hope to facilitate this where possible, although we will have some indoor time too. Lorna and I, along with the rest of the team, are committed to providing excellent quality child care

For further details please contact me at the Oakeshott Centre, 3 Site, RAF High Wycombe, Walter's Ash, Bucks HP14 4UE or telephone me on 07803 415695.

Kind regards

Karen Tate

Manager Sapling Childcare

**Editorial Comment:** *Oh how well I remember the long School, Summer Holidays! As a teacher the time flew past, with planning and schemes of work and timetables to be sorted for the new school year! Sometimes, as a Mum, they went less quickly! I should like to wish all those starting school, moving schools and returning to school, a very happy and successful Autumn Term. Sonia*

## A Personal Perspective

This has been a strange summer. For each of the last two years I've been especially busy throughout August, and particularly so just 12 months ago when we were selecting our new Clerk to Hughenden Parish Council (HPC) and trying to fairly respond to requests for information on a number of matters, which involved many additional meetings, and scrutiny of a mountain of email messages. This year, however, at least at the time of writing this article, circumstances are allowing most of us to enjoy the weather, and have a mental break from Parish affairs. The exception is that of HPC's Planning Committee, which continues to keep an eye on proposed business or residential developments in the area on a regular basis, whatever the time of year.

The next Full Council meeting is on 9th September, and it's worth mentioning that any Parishioner can attend that, or indeed any of our various Committee meetings. If you haven't previously come to see what goes on then please think about coming!

In the autumn a number of important topics will be further discussed, which might have long-term implications for the local community. In particular, you may have seen comments relating to the initiative by Bucks County Council (BCC) to transfer the provision of various services from them to Parish and Town Councils. We are still waiting for detailed information from BCC before coming to any conclusion. The services being discussed include cutting back grass verges, keeping road signs visible, and so on. The longer we wait for the additional details the more likely it is that the decision about whether HPC should take on the responsibility for such services will not occur until after the elections in May 2015.

If you might want to put your name forward to be a Parish Councillor, I'd suggest that you contact one or more existing HPC Councillors, to get a realistic view of what it entails. There is no doubt that for some the energy and time involvement can conflict with business, social or domestic commitments. The driving force, however, is almost always that we can do things 'for the benefit of the community', but it's still been nice to have that break over the last few weeks!



*Roger Beavil*

## Black Lion

This is the time of the year we have all been waiting for, the sun is out and ready to play. Here at The Black Lion we revel in the summer!

Our summer menu will soon be coming to an end, but there will be many new and exciting ingredients to harvest and include come the autumn months. A different range of beers and ales are available to compliment the cooler climate, and have extended the children's play area along with the bouncy castle to

make sure they are occupied while you put your feet up and enjoy yourself.

We celebrated the 20th anniversary of Naphill Junior's Football Club in July, with great attendance at the surprise BBQ held in honour of the hard work done by Bob and the management team. We will continue to sponsor the boys and are looking forward to seeing the seniors join us on Sundays as the football league kicks off. We shall also continue to show live football matches in the bar to enable you to cheer on your respective clubs and teams.

Our congratulations to Scott and Crystal Danbury who celebrated their wedding here at The Black Lion. Although the weather was turbulent, over 100 guests enjoyed what we have to say was an incredible night! Our staff worked extra hard to provide their usual excellent standard of service. We look forward to holding more functions in the future. We have an extensive garden and open plan conservatory which makes us an ideal venue for events,

Our Quiz Nights commence at 8.30pm on Sunday 31 August. These are always a roaring success, but we will always provide a table for you however busy the evening may be. Don't forget that food is served until 8pm on Sundays so please do take advantage and pop in for a meal with friends and family. We want you to have a really enjoyable evening! Current Quiz Night dates are 31 Aug, 14 and 28 September.

Finally we are pleased to announce that we will be holding Live Music with Rumbold on Saturday 27th September. Blues? Rock? Funk? You'll have to come and find out. Whatever genre, you will be guaranteed a fun filled night. So come along, let your hair down and dance!

For something a little different, beginning weekly from Saturday 6th July, we will be accommodating a Fitness Boot Camp in the garden, 11am-12 noon. So for all you who want to get that holiday figure in shape, this is for you! Pete Taylor, head of 'Karma Health and Fitness', is only charging £5 per session. Places are limited to 20, so book quickly at [karmahealthandfitness@outlook.com](mailto:karmahealthandfitness@outlook.com).

Please call us if we can help you with functions or special occasions. Contact us on 01494 563176 to discuss our facilities and catering options. We are able to accommodate large or small groups and so are able to offer a perfect venue for all your get-togethers, birthday parties and celebrations.

Always keep right up to date with our latest news and events at [www.blacklionnaphill.com](http://www.blacklionnaphill.com)

Cheers and all the best,  
*Everyone at The Black Lion.*

### Home-help

Local, efficient, hardworking five star home-help, has a limited number of vacancies.

Reasonable rates.

References available

Call Siobhan on 07849 142549

This notice board at the end of Downley Road provides useful information about FONC and our Common



## FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON



### Bat Walk

12th September  
Meet Village Hall 7.30pm

### Fungus Foray

26th October  
Meet Village Hall 10am



## Gruffaloes in the Wood at Naphill Common!

**Saturday 20th September 2014**

**Led by Jill Eyers**

**2 pm to 4.15 pm**

**Meet in the Village Hall car park to walk to the deep, dark wood 2 pm**

This fun family activity will start with the story being read – hopefully with audience participation! We will then go on a trail, led by the mouse (and Jill), to find all the characters in the story. Will we find them all? Will we find the Gruffalo? ‘Don’t be silly, don’t you know – there’s no such thing as a Gruffalo’ Or is there?



Reserve your place with Jill. Places strictly limited. So book early.

e-mail: [j.eyers@btopenworld.com](mailto:j.eyers@btopenworld.com)  
tel;01494 881325

Free event for all, any age. Adults with their children please

## PIN UP DIARY DATES

### September

3rd September	FONC Short Walk - Naphill Village Hall 10.30am
6th September	Naphill Horticultural Society Autumn Show - Village Hall 2pm
7th September	Naphill Men's Football Match - Home (Crick) against Booker
12th September	FONC Bat Walk - Meet Naphill Village Hall 7.30pm
15th September	FONC Long Walk - Naphill Village Hall 9.30am
16th September	W.I. Visit to Napton
20th September	Gruffaloe Hunt - meet Naphill Village Hall 2pm (FONC)
23rd September	Trip to Leeds Castle
25th September	W.I. Food Appreciation Group - George and Dragon, Marlow
29th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning - Bon Ami

### October

17th October	Residents Association Quiz/ Meal Night - Naphill Village Hall 7.30pm
24th October	Naphill Horticultural Society Cheese and Wine - Naphill Village Hall
26th October	FONC Fungus Foray Meet Naphill Village Hall 10am

## Good News for Broadband Users

Just to tell you ALL that BT Fibre is now available on the Naphill Exchange. BT has 6 months to get the whole country wired up to Fibre. There are speeds at 38mb download for BT Infinity 1 or 76mb download for BT Infinity 2. I have order the BT Infinity 2 and it will be here on the 4th September 2014. Suggest that all folks in the village hook up.. Whippee... Check bt.com and also check <http://www.samknows.com/broadband/exchange/SMNPL> ..

Regards  
Gene Da Rocha

## Lost Property on the Crick

A very kind lady phoned to say that she had found an item of jewelry on the Crick in mid July. If you have lost this item or any other on the Crick, please pop into Bon Ami and enquire as to whether it has been to them handed for safe keeping.

Many thanks of course to Amanda and Ruth for offering this service along with their great selection of refreshments!

Sonia

## Picture This

A few years ago, driving down Coombe Lane, I saw across the valley the most stunning fields of poppies. An explosion of rich red poppy fields stretched the full length of Valley Road. More beautiful than being simply awesome, this was autious\*. I knew that within a few days, the poppies would be gone. Seeing something so dramatic, it's easy to grab the camera and start shooting. Sometimes that urgency works; sometimes it's essential. But mostly, thinking and responding to what's in front of you works best of all.

I needed a plan. For landscapes, soft light works best; so for me, that means early morning or evening. These fields face west so mornings wouldn't work as the hill behind the poppies would block the rising sun. So, I judged that 19.00 would be the best time. As the sun was setting, I wanted to watch the shadow of Naphill creep up the poppy-field so that I could judge when to press the shutter. I also needed insect repellent and bite-proof clothing. Horseflies as big as bats need industrial strength repellent. Small dogs and children bounce off the stuff I use and I covered up well. I went to the field for 5 evenings and on one, a breathtaking sky appeared. I had to work fast; the sky was constantly changing and the hill's shadow was bolting up the hill. Changing films every 12 pictures - yes films still - meant keeping Horseflies posing for 'selfies' out of the camera. Over the 5 evenings I probably made just 100 pictures. This month's cover is one of them.

So my first tip this month is use DEET. Without it, I

couldn't have made those 100 pictures. I apologise to the residents of Cryers Hill for any influx of Horseflies which were driven out of the fields.

My second tip is go to exhibitions. In August I went to a London exhibition - Silent Exchange - by Charlie Waite, one of the great landscape photographers. His words accompanied the exhibition.

Some days ago, the hazy pre-dawn found me on the edge of a field waiting for the strengthening light to develop and provide contrast; it was one of the loveliest waiting periods I have known. During the hour or so, and remaining in the same position, I entered into what felt like a heightened world of closeness to everything. Observing the sky and its capricious nature is par for the course for me but, on that morning, my sky was full of misty continents and beautiful drifting cloud. Below, hares, pheasants, foxes and a thousand conversations from birds filled me to the brim with silent joy in which all the questioning disappeared. I remained there, smiling, transported away from my concerns and myself. I knew in my core that the need to no longer be so dislocated from the natural world is of paramount importance for all of us." Enjoy your photography.



Richard Holroyd  
Richard@richardholroydphotography.com

\* Autious. something that is both 'Awesome' and 'Gorgeous'

**Editorial Comment:** *I feel rather as if I have run a marathon this month. If I actually had, it would truly have been a miracle! Many people have been on or are on holiday and so getting the articles and photographs in on time has caused some problems! We are sadly missing some of our regular reports. Hopefully, on this occasion, this is not due to editorial error. I hope to be able to bring you any missing news in our October Gazette.*

**OCTOBER!** *That really does herald the end of Summer and the arrival of Autumn but happily this has lots of advantages too. We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful environment, surrounded, as we are, by the most glorious countryside so we will have the autumnal colours and no doubt there will be many events to look forward to! As this is the centenary year of World War 1, I expect that our Remembrance Service will be especially significant. I am sure that next month will also bring news of our Firework Celebrations.*

*Well never one to wish my life away, I should just like to wish you all an enjoyable ending to our great British Summer and I shall look forward to receiving all your news and articles for the October Gazette on or before the 15 September please.,*

Sonia



# Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette

October 2014

## Editorial Disclaimer

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## Editorial

Well now it is October and so it is officially Autumn. The children are back at school, the holidays are over for most people and life returns to normal. I do sometimes wonder just what normal is! Probably we all just have our own version of this.

Once again the National Curriculum for our children has been updated. Many years ago, when my son was born, most of what I thought of as the *elderly relatives*, seemed to constantly hark back to the good old days and this often heralded what they deemed to be good advice or a helpful hint or two. I vowed that when I got old I wouldn't do this but of course, I have failed miserably. When the new orders stated that children should learn multiplication tables it was obvious! In my day, by the time we were 7, we expected to know all these tables up to and including 12x12. However, having secured this knowledge at an early age, it has certainly stood me in good stead ever since.

Also amongst the new orders is computer programming for 5 year olds. Now I do enjoy using modern technology but programming? This is something I haven't done since I was at college studying advanced mathematics and computers were very different back in those days. On these occasions I definitely answer to 'Confused of Naphill'. I decided my best course of action was to ask my neighbour Gene whom I knew would be able to help me. Not only was Gene very helpful but he has written an article for us on this subject which I hope will help make the idea seem less challenging for those of you, who like me, are less computer literate. Gene has kindly agreed to write for us on a regular basis so if you have an information technology subject which you would like him to cover, please do contact him. His contact details will be at the end of his article.

Sadly two of my gallant Gussetteers are relinquishing their posts at the end of this year. My personal thanks to both of them for their help and support. They have both written descriptions of the work which they do for the Gazette. If you are interested in becoming the Gazette Advertising Manager or our Webmaster, please do get in touch.

My thanks to Richard Holroyd for another beautiful cover photograph. I do try not to take his patience, talent and work for granted but, having said this, I do so look forward to seeing which photograph he has selected each month and I would be so disappointed if there wasn't one!

My thanks as always to all our contributors. It is

another very busy month and I welcome my new 'Junior Reporters' and our MP, David Liddington, who has also kindly agreed to contribute to our magazine.



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## We Need An Advertisement Manager!

The job has a very busy period in January/February each year – when every display advertiser is asked whether they wish to continue for another 12 months – and the rest of the year is relatively steady. The busy time can be protracted by the need to chase advertisers for payment but a new system has been proposed which should prevent that.

During the year, enquiries for display space are noted and any space that becomes available is offered chronologically.

Throughout the year, small ads are accepted, edited and checked and passed to the editor. Currently all advertisers are invoiced by the advertising manager but again that is open to discussion with the treasurer.

If you are interested or would like to discuss it further please email [alanlewis69@btinternet.com](mailto:alanlewis69@btinternet.com).

## We Need A Web Master!

### The purpose of our website

The website runs hand in hand with the Gazette. Its purpose is:

- To inform the local community
- To promote community spirit
- To give Naphill & Walter's Ash an "official" and controlled web presence
- To market the villages to people outside the local community
- To promote local organisations and community groups
- To promote local events
- To promote local businesses
- To provide a means of contact for the outside world
- To generate enough in advertising revenue to cover maintenance costs

### Web Master Duties

- Keep Google calendar updated
- Tweet out items of news regularly to encourage followers and re-Tweets
- Keep abreast of village affairs and make sure these are reflected in the site content
- Make sure all the links are still current. Pass any changes or additions to Squidge Inc.
- Write the user requirements specification for any enhancements and liaise with Squidge Inc over the development and testing.

- Respond quickly to any web enquiries that come in. If you are interested or would like to discuss it further please email Judy Whitehouse [judy@judyq.demon.co.uk](mailto:judy@judyq.demon.co.uk)

### Editorial Comment|

Judy has written an informative document about our website. Because there is a high demand for space in the Gazette, I am unable to publish this in full but it is available upon request.

The Gazette is run by a team of volunteers, all of whom have well defined roles but all of whom cooperate and work happily alongside one another. If you are a team player and would like to join us, we should be delighted to hear from you!

## A Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Having moved to Naphill from an area of London where dog fouling in public areas was an all-too-common occurrence, I have been disappointed to find lazy and selfish dog owners at large in this community, too.

I live alongside the common and had envisaged that the woods would be a wonderful playground for my young son and his friends. In fact, they are a minefield of dog excrement with a significant number of dog walkers routinely failing to pick up after their animals.

Several owners have volunteered to me that they 'allow' their dogs to foul in the 'undergrowth' and evidently don't even come prepared with bags should their animals be caught short on the paths or tracks. I can literally count on the fingers of one hand the number of times I have seen a dog walker carrying a poo bag over the past two years. Conversely, just about every single walk or cycle ride I have been on in the woods has been marred by dog excrement on the path.

I have seen innumerable instances of dog walkers busily chatting to companions or on their mobile phone, mindless of what their charge is doing. A teenager walking a dog put herself at such a distance from her pet's evidently deeply embarrassing toilet in the long grass that she couldn't have a hope of finding the results. I've seen a woman pick up in the lane only to later fling the poop into the bushes. People walking several dogs at once merrily let them off the lead as soon as they are safe from traffic and can't possibly keep an eye on them all at once – they don't even try, in my experience.

I cannot understand why people seek out a beauty spot (an AONB and an SSSI, to boot) only to spoil it for themselves as well as everybody else.

The presence of a dog waste bin doesn't seem to make any difference with the track to the woods from the allotments regularly despoiled even though there is a bin for dog waste right next to the gate.

A number of times our garden has even been fouled

by other people's dogs. Recently, we were there to witness a particularly unpleasant instance and when the negligent owner was asked to pick up after his pet, he couldn't, as he didn't carry a bag – "not in the woods". We provided him with one and found it later thrown into the trees by the edge of the track alongside our house – the contents spilling out – a stone's throw from the homes of four young children.

Apart from being harmful to the ecology, and downright unpleasant to anyone with the misfortune to come into contact with it, dog excrement is, of course, a serious health hazard. My husband works with someone who lost the sight in one eye as a child as a result of toxocariasis.

I am sure the vast majority of these dog owners would never consider allowing their animals to foul The Crick (or the pavement or verge outside theirs or their neighbours' houses) yet evidently don't consider the woods (and the fields and lanes beyond) to be our children's rightful playground. Shame on them.



Yours truly,

Ali Watkinson

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## Naphill Brownies

It's great to be back at Brownies. We are looking forward to an action-packed, fun-filled term at Brownies. We started back by welcoming our new brownies and holding our own tribute to the 'Invictus Games'. It made us appreciate just how amazing these athletes are. In the next few weeks we will be having a Scottish night in recognition of the imminent referendum (by the time you read this we will know the outcome). We are also planning a 'Jelly Baby night' (You can use your imagination as to what that will involve!) and an evening out at Hobbycraft.

All this is due to happen before our Autumn Jumble Sale on the 4th October. I hope you have been saving your jumble for us. We will be collecting from around the village on the morning of the sale. Please try to pop your bags out by 9am. Alternatively feel free to drop items off at the Village Hall before 11am on the day. The Sale starts at 1:30pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all there



*Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)*

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## Friends of Scouting and Guiding

The village Scout and Guide HQ building is managed by a committee of parents & friends alongside the Scout and Guide leaders. Their role is to ensure that the hut is maintained, insured, cleaned etc and is fit for use by the young people involved in Scouting and Guiding.

We are currently in need of some new parents and

friends to get involved.

There are no special requirements, just an interest in keeping the facility running smoothly for all concerned. The leaders will give volunteers full support.

If you think you could help or know someone who would be willing to get involved, please email Andy (Group Scout leader) andy13957@live.com or speak to one of the group leaders.



**Guides &  
Brownies  
Jumble Sale  
Saturday  
4th October**  
Naphill Village Hall  
**1.30pm**

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

*No furniture or electrical goods please.*

## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

The Village Hall Council resumed after the summer break apparently sooner than many of our members. We had several apologies with folks still enjoying the holiday period so were not able to cover as much as usual but it did mean that we got home a bit earlier.

The fete committee have managed to finalise their accounts and so were able to present us with a very welcome cheque from the proceeds of Napfest. We are reliant on the fete and the fireworks as the two main fund-raisers during the year to boost our funds and so were very grateful to them for all their hard work. The Hall is in constant need of repair and improvements which are costly so we do rely on these sources for income. We do thank everyone who was involved in the weekend either as part of the organisation or who came along to enjoy the fun. A

great weekend in so many ways.

The question of the procession was again discussed. It costs £560 to close the road for the duration of the procession which seems a lot as the procession is now down to only two floats plus the walking groups. Health and safety has a lot to answer for! We are seeing how other local villages organise theirs to see if we can come up with an acceptable cheaper alternative.

We have not been idle during the summer. The water supply to the showers and the outside tap have been fixed and the drains in the car park have been improved. We have also put up panels on the walls of the small hall to improve the acoustics. If you go in there please do not think that the pale blue panels are notice boards and fix things to them. They are there to deaden the echo that spoils the acoustics in the room.

New notices will go up in the car park reminding everyone that the hall and playing fields are private property, the gates may be locked at any time, you park there at your own risk and the property is covered by CCTV. Hopefully we can put all this on one big notice and not have several around the place.

We read out the comments we had received from the judges of the Best Kept Village competition which were very complimentary, but not reflected in the marking, which seemed very harsh. We came 4th in our category, but even the winning village this year did not score enough points to have come highly commended last year! A letter has been sent asking for some clarification!

We are in need of a new secretary for the Village Hall Council. Judy Whitehouse, who has undertaken this role for the last few years, is standing down and we urgently need a replacement. If you could give up some of your time to fill this role, it would be greatly appreciated and not too onerous as we only meet once a month. If you are interested then do speak to Judy 562742 or Peggy Ewart 565969 who will be able to tell you exactly what is involved.

The next event will be the fireworks on November 8th. Let's all pray for a fine night.



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

## Secretary Wanted!

We are looking for a volunteer who can spare three or four hours a month to take over as Secretary of Naphill Village Hall Playing Fields Council, registered charity number 300309.

This is a great opportunity to get involved with the running of your local village hall, working alongside a large group of dedicated and knowledgeable Trustees.

Meetings are held monthly, on the first Monday of the month, at 8-10pm in the Village Hall.

Main duties are:

- Issue the meeting agenda
- Produce a Chairman's update for the meeting
- Attend the meeting and produce the minutes
- Maintain the Council's policy documents
- Ensure that the List of Members is kept up to date
- Maintain the Charity Commission information online
- Ensure that the Constitution is reviewed annually

No experience is necessary but access to email and the internet is essential. Full training will be given.

If you are interested or would like to discuss it further please email Judy Whitehouse [judy@judyq.demon.co.uk](mailto:judy@judyq.demon.co.uk)

## Naphill Evening W.I.

What could be better than a picnic with friends, which is what we had when some of us visited Eric Gill's old home at Pigotts. Eric Gill was a wood engraver, stonemason, and typeface designer of the early 19th century and the inventor of the typeface Gill Sans. It was a really interesting and lovely day and our host, Nick Wheeler Robinson, showed us round the many buildings. He even gave us a drink of home brew to go with our lunch. (Please see the photograph below.)

These days music camps are held there, which gives budding musicians the opportunity to mix with fellow musicians of all levels.

There is not much else to report at the moment but when you read this we will have had our Open Meeting on 18 September and our trips to Napton on 16 September



Photograph courtesy of Naphill Evening W.I.

and Leeds Castle on the 23rd. There will, therefore, be lots to tell you next time.

Carol Gilliam

## Naphill Horticultural Society

What a truly amazing Autumn Show we had - the third highest number of entries in the last 20 years! Quite incredible considering the hot, dry summer we have

had. We clearly have some very diligent waterers.

Once again we had some new exhibitors, who all won prizes, and the trophies were more evenly spread for once. 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 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!

<b>Cheese &amp; Wine Evening</b>	<b>Friday October 24th</b>
<b>Naphill Village Hall</b>	<b>7.00 for 7.30pm</b>
<b>Tickets £10.00</b>	<b>Wine &amp; Soft Drinks Bar</b>

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 24th in the Village Hall. As I write almost half the tickets have been sold, so do call early if you want to join us.

The evening will start with an illustrated talk by Brian Fisher on "The Sussex Gardens of Great Dixter, Nyman's, Wakehurst Place & Sheffield Park" some, or all, of which I'm sure many of you will have visited.

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.

Cathryn Carter - 563233  
[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

**Residents Association  
Quiz Night**

**17 October 7.30pm**

Naphill Village Hall

Quiz Master Peter Oxbrow

Doors Open 7.00pm

Tables of 4 to 6

Delicious Meal  
(with veggie option)

Bar

Raffle

Tickets £10 per head

from  
Gloria 563634  
Liz 562697

## Napfest / Fete Day 5th, 6th and 7th June 2015

I should like to apologise for the absence of an article in the September edition. I am sorry but I simply ran out of time. I am so proud of the teams' efforts this year, they all did a great job! Now we are looking forward to next year's Napfest and we will be needing your help!

We are constantly being asked for the results of this year's Napfest so here is a breakdown of the figures.

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Income - £4900.00	Income - £12433.76*	Charity donations to Air Ambulance
Costs - £4752.88	Costs - £6160.35*	SKIDZ
Surplus - £147.12	Surplus - £6273.41	

- Please note that the Saturday figures include both Friday and Saturday Bar takings/costs

I haven't broken these figures down any further as I do feel it can get a bit much. We are very pleased that Friday night broke even which is what we expected this year and Saturday did make a fantastic amount of money for the Village Hall. I have put the costs down this year so that you can see just how much it costs to stage these events. Even the fete alone does involve a lot of expense. Sadly there is so much red tape and extra costs compared to 10 years ago, it does have a big effect on the final figures now. What we need to remember is that everyone had a great weekend but that an immense amount of hard work goes into these things.

So now that we are in September it is time to restart our meetings and look towards next year's Napfest. The dates have already been decided and the weekend event will be held on 5th, 6th and 7th June.

The team are really excited about next year but, as we learnt this year, we really do need extra help! Please contact me at The Wheel if you can help as a general volunteer or if you or your business can offer specialist help in any area where this is needed. And there are a lot of areas where we need help!

- **Friday 'Music on the Crick'**
- **Saturday Naphill and Walter's Ash Fete**
- **Sunday 'Classic on the Crick'**

The only way these great days will continue is if we get extra volunteers. We're not asking for the whole weekend just one of the days would be fantastic or join us on the committee.

*Here's to next year*

*Claire and The Fete Committee.*

## The Wheel

September is always a strange month as everyone seems to be desperately trying to get back to a normal routine. For some, of course, this is a new routine as they have little ones starting school. The Wheel is no different as we start planning the next four or five

months. We have also been doing a huge amount of staff training and I look forward to introducing our new staff to you in the next edition of the Gazette.

We celebrated Chloe's 25th Birthday in September, which is scary as she has now been with us since she was 17 years old! Time flies by! It was a great night with various artists playing acoustic music. She received some lovely presents and cards, and Granny B made her a great pair of cakes!!

Sadly, in the middle of September, Nikki finally left us to go to work as a paediatric staff nurse in Oxford. Her leaving party was held on Saturday 13th and this was an extremely emotional night! In fact it has been an emotional few weeks as we both were tearful whilst I was training the new staff. Nikki has been with us for over five and a half years and it has definitely been an eventful time. We have seen her mature into a beautiful young woman and then regress to a teenager after a beer or two! We wish her every success in the future and she will be massively missed by us all. She has been pencilled in to return for Fete Days and Beer Festivals. Thank you very much, my lovely girl, we hope you liked your presents.

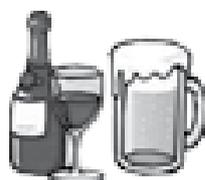
We should like to remind our many sports fans that we still have BT sports and we will be showing all the rugby games and Moto GP. If there is anything that you particularly want to watch, please ask and we will be more than happy to help you if we can.

There are lots of exciting events over the next few months! You can keep up to date with what is happening at the pub by following us on Facebook. Our page is regularly updated so that we can keep you informed about all our events.

By the time you read this the new winter menu will be up and running. Alongside some new additions, many of your favourites are back including Liver and Bacon and our great Sausage and Mash. Whilst on the subject of menus, the Christmas menu is all done and we hope that you will drop in and pick this up from the pub. We are already taking bookings for Christmas! The chef's speciality food evenings are also back! Please remember to book in advance for these special evening.

- **2nd October - Curry Night**
- **23rd October - Curry / Burger Night**
- **5th November - Bangers and Mash Night**
- **8th November - Bonfire Night**
- **20th November - Game Night**

As ever, we hope to see you all soon. For those of you who have been curious as to why my Daisy dog has been wearing a very fetching Superman t-shirt, she has had an operation to remove a lump which I'm pleased to say was successful.



*Thanks  
Claire, Mark and The Wheel Family*

## Naphill and Walter's Ash School

### Parents' Open Meeting Beginning Primary School

At Naphill and Walter's Ash School  
Monday 6th October 1.15pm to 2.15pm  
Tuesday 11th November 9.15am to 10.15am



A 9.15am or 1.30pm meeting with the headteacher then an opportunity to meet the staff and children and see the classes in action.



### A New Term and New Responsibilities

With a new term comes new responsibilities as most of us at Naphill and Walter's Ash School are finding out, especially the new Year 6s.

The JLT (junior leadership team) have been given their new leadership roles as House Captains, Vice Captains, Shop Managers and Buddy Captain. The Buddy Captain manages a whole team of buddies who are trained to organise games for the younger children. As Head Girl and Head Boy, we head the School Council; the school councillors have been given roles to improve the school and so make it a better place.

We talked to two Year 4 students to see what they thought about their new term in Year Four. They are really enjoying their time with their new teachers and are looking forward to learning all about the Wild West. One of them told us "I am really looking forward to Wild West dancing and my teachers are great!" This week they will be doing the Mist Challenge which requires them to complete puzzles and save the day.

For Key Stage One comes a whole new term of fun ranging from finding minibeasts and playing games at Forest School, to learning about the story of the Little Red Hen. Key Stage One have been spotted on the school field, revising their Forest School rules and getting ready for a whole new term of outdoor adventure and exploration in Bradenham Woods.

We Need Adult Helpers, Please!

Forest School desperately needs some adult helpers, so please pick up your wellies and come along and join us at Forest School!

Forest School will be taking place from Monday to Friday at 1:00pm–3:00pm and on Wednesdays it is 9:00am–12:00pm. Our school relies on adult helpers to give the children the opportunity to get outdoors and into the woods. Here they enjoy a variety of new experiences including using tools, climbing trees and exploring nature. These things are only available with adult help so we need you to volunteer! If you are able to spare a morning or afternoon once a fortnight

to come and join us we would be so grateful! Please call 01494 562 813.

Alice Rock and Alex Middleton-Hill  
Head Girl and Head Boy  
Naphill and Walter's Ash School

### Meet our Young Reporters



Alice Rock



Alex Middleton-Hill

Photographs courtesy of the school

**Fashion Show & Clothes Sale**  
21<sup>st</sup> October  
Doors open 7pm  
Show starts 7.30pm  
at Naphill & Walters Ash School Hall  
Buy clothes on the night with credit/debit card or cash  
Raffle Bar  
£6 a ticket includes a glass of fizz  
Tickets only available in advance!  
Buy from: School Thrift Shop Bon Ami  
Fundraising by WANSAs for Naphill & Walters Ash School

### For Sale Keter Store-It-Out Max Unit for two wheelie bins: unassembled kit



I bought two of these but have decided one will suffice. Argos price £90 plus delivery (was £149). As shown, lifting the store lid opens both wheelie bins ready for loading. **Bargain £75 delivered** Phone Alan 564512

## Black Lion

Well, just when we all thought the summer was over with a rather dismal August, along comes September and the sun is out again to put a smile on our faces. Our pub and garden has been very busy so our thanks to you all! The bouncy castle is still up and we are still selling lots of lollies and ice creams alongside many other delights

As previously mentioned, live music comes to the Black Lion on the last Saturday of each month starting on September the 27th with MOUTH ON A STICK. On 25 October the band is still to be arranged and on 29 November the boys from THE WEDGE are on our stage. We will still be serving food until 8 o'clock on these evenings so you can book tables or just come and enjoy the evening with us.

We have installed BT Sport recently and the Saturday lunchtime KOs are proving extremely popular before everyone clears off to cheer on WWFC. What a start they've had to the season! We are also showing all the motorsport, rugby and anything else interesting that BT chooses to entertain us with.

Our quiz nights are running fortnightly in October on the 12th and 26th starting at 8pm. The quiz on the 12th is the annual event hosted by Wycombe Lions. The Lions host a series of quizzes at other local pubs with the winning team from each venue progressing to the Grand Final (also held locally) where there is a prize of £500 for the victors. These events are used as a way to raise money for local charities and have raised thousands of pounds over the years. For further details or to enter your team, please give us a call.

There are lots of exciting new things happening here at the Black Lion. By the time you read this our new menu will be in place and this will include all the old favourites plus some tasty new dishes to tickle your palate! Don't forget, it is only about 90 days until Christmas and we have already taken a number of bookings for our Christmas Menu. If you are interested in having your festive function at The Black Lion you will need to book quickly to avoid disappointment. As always, we are delighted to cater for parties and groups of all sizes. Please call us for help with all your functions and special occasions. Please contact us on 01494 563176 to discuss our facilities and catering options. We are able to accommodate large or small groups and offer the perfect venue for all your get-togethers, birthday parties and celebrations of all kinds.

A little footnote to wish Ben Foster, one of our very talented chefs, all the best as he embarks on a new adventure. Ben has been with us for 18 months and has contributed much to every aspect of our business. He has been a staunch supporter of local football for many years. If you find yourselves in deepest North Devon then pay a visit to The Torrridge Inn at Black Torrington where Ben and his partner Tara will be taking the reins in the very near future. Best wishes, good luck and farewell to you both!



*Jack and everybody at the Black Lion*

## Naphill Neighbours

At our meeting on Monday, September 8th, we were fortunate to have Rosalind Wates to give us an

illustrated talk on 'Mosaics'. Rosalind very kindly stepped in at the eleventh hour when our scheduled speaker cancelled. She explained a little about the history of mosaic and ran through some slides of Greek and Roman examples of mosaic, the art of creating images with small pieces of coloured glass, stone and other materials. Most mosaics are created by using small, flat, roughly square, pieces of stone or glass of different colours, known as 'tesserae'. Rosalind herself has accomplished a substantial amount of commissioned work but now mainly works with children at schools and offers mosaic courses engaging with both beginners and experienced mosaicists. Slides of examples of her work were beautiful and she also brought along some smaller pieces so that we could see first-hand how they were all put together. Resident in Buckinghamshire, she has a few courses planned near Thame, Great Missenden and Didcot, which may give those artistic types among us food for thought. An interesting and talented lady.

We have started to take names for our next outing to the Designer Outlet at Swindon, which will take place on Thursday, November 6th. We will leave the Village Hall at 9am, making one extra stop at Forge Road, and will leave the Outlet at 4.30pm for our journey home. The cost of this outing is £12 for members and £14 for guests; this amount covers the cost of the journey alone. Places to eat when you're feeling peckish are Starbucks, Costa Coffee, Ed's Easy Diner and KFC. If you would like to join us but don't come to the meetings, just contact Hazel Vickery on 563977 so that she can add you to the list; payment is required by October. Just opposite the Designer Outlet is The Great Western Railway Museum so if your husband/partner happens to accompany you on this trip and gets tired of shopping they may be interested in making a visit to this venue and soaking up the atmosphere of steam travel. There are a couple of exhibitions running through November, namely A Railway at War and Meet the Railway Workers, and to give you a rough guide as to the entrance fee, the cost for a Senior Citizen is £6.50.

I hardly dare mention Christmas but we do have to make some headway with organizing our Club Christmas Dinner which takes place on Monday, December 15th, and this will be our last gathering of the year. The cost is £20 for members and £25 for guests and we will be taking names at this month's meeting and payment at our November meeting.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 13th October, when we hold our AGM. After that business is completed, Diane & Geoff Hayes will give a talk on "The Story of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal". Tea hostesses for the evening will be Juliet Shortall, Anne Thomas and Jean Fortescue. We look forward to seeing you all on that evening in spite of it being the AGM. Until then, take care.



*Yvonne Cook*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

**QUIZ NIGHT. Friday 17th October**, Naphill Village Hall. 7pm doors open. 7.30pm Quiz starts. Teams of 4 to 6. Do join us for another entertaining evening with popular **Quiz Master Peter Oxbrow** and his team. Book now to be sure of a place. There will be Prizes, Raffle, Full Bar, and a Hot Meal. Let us know if you would like a vegetarian option. The proceeds will go towards RA running costs (hire of hall, etc.), reserves, and donations to charities, to include the Open Spaces Society and a charity to be agreed with Peter Oxbrow. Last time it was BBC Children in Need and this year it may be a local charity. **Tickets at £10 per head from Gloria 563634 and Liz 562697.**

**Planning: 14/07335/FUL.** Burnhams, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Householder application for raising of roof, roof extensions and alterations, construction of part two storey part single storey side and rear extensions, insertion of new bay window to first floor and associated external alterations (Objection: two first floor windows overlooking adjacent property, are below the required 1.7m above floor level and there is lack of annotation to indicate the windows will be secured closed and of obscure glazing in accordance with policy. **14/07178/FUL** Woodlyn, Downley Road, Naphill. HA for construction of bay window and porch canopy to front, first floor front extension and construction of 2 x front and 3 x rear dormer windows and insertion of rooflight to front and rear roofslope. (Objection: A first floor side window adjacent to neighbouring property is less than 1.7m above floor level. The plan is not annotated to confirm it will be secured closed and of obscure glazing as policy requires. 14/07080/FUL Rondene, Christopher Close, Naphill. HA for raising of roof, roof extensions and alterations incorporating 5 dormer windows to side roofslopes and fenestration alterations in connection with creation of living accommodation at first floor. Construction of single storey front extension including porch canopy, orangery to side, single storey rear extension and extend existing attached shed to side. (Unable to make a reasonable comment as unable to open up all the plans. However, there may be a problem in relation to some windows as in the above two applications). **14/06245/FUL** Land adjacent to Hillbrow, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Erection of 1 x 3 bed dwelling and change of use of land from agricultural to residential. (Enforcement investigation in progress following unauthorised erection of a summer house and creation of a children's play area on agricultural/ AONB/GB land). **Permitted. 14/06765/FUL.** 176 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear extension incorporating dormer window to provide additional living accommodation to first floor. **Community Speedwatch.** Can you spend an

hour a month at selected times helping PC Lee Turnham with this highly effective road safety initiative to reduce traffic speed in our villages. We are short of 5 volunteers for the rota. Details from Gloria 563634.

**Date of next meeting.** Naphill Village Hall. 8pm Thursday, 9th October, 2014.



*Gloria  
Leflaive 563634*

## Pony Espresso

Into Autumn we go! It is good to see everyone back from their holidays and settled into the swing of normal life.

This gives us the good reason to bring back some very popular hot fillings for our baguettes..... roast vegetables, goat's cheese with balsamic glaze is already back on the menu, and hot roast pork, stuffing and apple sauce will soon be joining these great favourites.

We have expanded our cake selection which are all proving irresistible! If you need a cake for a special occasion we are able to provide one, with or without a personalised message topper. As usual, we are serving lovely soups and salads, alongside our usual freshly made baguettes with delicious fillings.

If it is just a moment of peace and quiet that you are after, we have the daily papers to read over a coffee, and free Wi-Fi to catch up online.

We hope to see more new faces coming through the door of Pony Espresso as we head towards our second anniversary.



*Bon Appetit!  
Blaine*

## Friends of Naphill Common

We have been alerted to a patch of Japanese Knotweed on the South West end of the Common, about 35 yards out from Bee Hive Cottage. On inspection it proved to be a larger patch than we thought – about half a tennis court in size. This alien weed is a serious pest and needs to be eliminated wherever it appears. We have contacted the landowner, Sir Edward Dashwood, and he has agreed to spray it next year, as he thinks it is too late this season. In the meantime we have cleared around the patch and are treating some by injecting a weed-killer into the stems. Many thanks to those who have helped.

By the time this appears, Wessex Woodland management will probably have started their programme of felling and clearing scrub along some of the paths. In the initial area to be felled we have marked those trees that we want to preserve and a few around the ponds that we would like to see felled. For more information, see our website and village notice boards. They will eventually fell up to 30% of the trees over the next decade and, as each new area is identified, we (or the youngsters amongst us) will again mark the trees to be saved.

Our short walks (2 to 3 miles) led by Chris Miller continue as usual. Meet at the Village Hall at 10.30am on the first

Wednesday of the month. For a longer walk (4 to 6 miles) led by Ron Collins, meet at the Village Hall at 9.30am on the third Monday of the month. They are advertised on our notice boards.

Ron reports that an addition to our normal schedule was made on 12 August. John Adsetts escorted a group of FONC members around the City of London to see some of the 52 churches designed by Sir Christopher Wren. John gave a very informative and interesting talk on each of the churches visited. As we were in the area we also visited The Postman's Park which was not scheduled to be part of the itinerary. The park contains plaques dedicated to those who have heroically lost their lives trying to save others. It was a moving experience to read the plaques detailing the lengths individuals went to, including children, in order to try and save others. Our day finished with a fish and chip supper at The Seashell in Lison Grove. A perfect end to a marvellous day.

With the bat walk and Jill Eyers' 'Hunt the Gruffalo' event behind us, we next have a Fungus Foray on Sunday 26th October starting from the Village Hall at 10am. Please join us to hunt for fungi on the Common, led by experts. There is a lot to learn and sometimes even something to eat by the end of the morning.

Our open meeting (with a speaker) and AGM will be in early February next year. We hope to see a full village hall as usual. If anyone has ideas about what we should be doing or criticisms of what we have done, please come along and speak up, and if you would like to join the working parties or the committee, please don't be shy.

*Trevor Hussey Chairman*



Photographs courtesy of Peter Davis - Japanese Knotweed



### **Editorial Comment**

*Himself recently enjoyed a walk with Trevor on our beautiful Naphill Common. He came home impressed by the work which the Friends of the Common are undertaking to clear this menace and keep our Common clean and tidy. Thank you Trevor and your team!*

*Sonia*

## **Shear Madness**

September starts, new haircuts, new shoes, new schools, back from holidays, weather changes, Life rushes past as always,

I'm sitting on my bed on a Sunday morning, just a little sun coming through. I can feel the warmth of it on my face, just giving me a second of content, peace, enough strength to say what I have to say.....

Two weeks ago I was diagnosed with a large tumour on my chest, three more in the liver and others spreading. Stage 4 cancer cannot be treated and can only shrink, if you're lucky, to give you extra time. So as you can understand, things will be changing somewhat at Shear Madness: my family and boys must come first, I'm so proud of them all.

Mandy will continue to work and eventually we will be getting some help in. Please be patient with us as we try to do our best by you all. Opening hours have already changed from 7.30 to 8.30am start on a Saturday morning, and the shop was closed for a few days in September to give Mandy a well deserved break,

We will try to make things as smooth as possible, in spite of these hard times. Many of you have shown us fantastic support already and this is very much appreciated .

Nearly four years ago we came to the village, we lived our dream, had a fantastic time, met some brilliant people, in a way I feel I've let you all down,

Our customers (many of whom have become good friends) mean the world to us! Please continue to support Mandy and I will get up as much as I can.

*Photograph courtesy of Shear Madness*

*Thank you all  
Lynn, Mandy*



**Editorial Comment** *It is with great sadness but with sincere admiration for the author, that I publish this article. Lynn has written from her heart, not because she wants sympathy or fuss, but because she needs our understanding without questions about her health or rumours that the business is being sold - which are untrue and hurtful.*

*Lynn is getting married in two weeks time. Mandy has put a collection box in the shop. If you wish to make a contribution to a wedding present for Lynn, please drop in at Shear Madness.*

*Sonia*

## 22nd Annual Naphill Fireworks & Bonfire

The fireworks display will be held on Saturday 8 November this year.

As last year we will be fencing off the bonfire area from 25 October. The site will be open for you to bring your own wood for the bonfire on the two Saturdays and Sundays before the event but closed on weekdays to control the amount and type of wood and where it is put. This worked well last year so I expect it will be good this year as well.

All large amounts of wood including branches of trees will be accepted by appointment. If you have a large quantity please phone 562770 to make an appointment which could be on a weekday.

We would encourage people and companies that have pallets they want to get rid of to bring them on 25 or 26 October so that they can form the base of the bonfire

Tickets for the event will be available from 25 October at reduced prices up to close of business at the usual shops and pubs on Friday 7 November. All tickets purchased on Saturday 8 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.

As ever we need a large number of volunteers to help us run the event so if you can help please let me know. We have been offered help from the Young Farmers Association so we look forward to meeting up with them.

We hope you come and join this highly enjoyable event and have a good time.

*Andrew Wilmot*  
Chairman – Fireworks committee

## Bon Ami Coffee Shop

As we write this article, our Macmillan Coffee Morning (whole day in our case) is eagerly anticipated so we will let you know how much we raised in next month's issue.

We are again acting as a collection point for the Family Shoebox Appeal for Eastern Europe. We realise that family budgets are stretched, but if you are able to put together a shoebox do drop in and pick up a leaflet. The deadline for us to receive the shoeboxes here is 31st October.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Katy, Ben, Bea and Lillie to our small team. They have all worked with us during the long summer holidays, together with our own children, Isabel, Grace and William, who have also done their stints.

It's that time of year again when we have bowls of dried fruit in various stages of soaking, ready to keep the cabinet stocked with Fruit and Ale cake, which is always popular.

Finally, this month, we would like to thank all of our loyal customers who were happy to bear with us for the few days when we became a tea shop while our coffee machine was being repaired.



See you soon  
*Amanda and Ruth*

## Saint Botolph's Services

4 October Service St. Pauls Bledlow Ridge

11 October Eucharist 11am

18 October Eucharist 11am

25 October Matins 11am



*Peggy Ewart*

**GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

**NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL**  
**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**  
**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)

**BAR, BARBECUE & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**  
PLEASE DO NOT BRING SPARKLERS ETC, TO THE EVENT

## Food for Thought

Many years ago when I was struggling to grasp slightly more advanced physics than I'd been used to at school, they introduced me to quantum physics, and then all those ideas that seemed normal and obvious suddenly became rather elusive when working at a very small scale.

A favourite example is Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle. Now this is nothing to do with exams and not being sure how to answer the question. This Uncertainty Principle says that if you know exactly where the thing is, you cannot know how fast it is travelling, and if you know how fast it's going you can't know exactly where it is.

For those of you think you might now get let off your speeding offence, because if they know how fast you were going they can't know where you were at the time: Hard luck! It only works at very small scale (smaller than an atom, say).



Schrödinger imagined a cat locked in a sealed room with a canister of cyanide which would be triggered to burst open by a single click from a Geiger counter, and the clicks come randomly from a radioactive source, on average about once an hour, but could be shorter or longer times, completely randomly. After an hour, is the cat alive or dead?

Clearly the cat cannot be both dead and alive! The experimenter can hold both possibilities in mind until the room is opened, but the poor cat can be in only one state or the other!

But it seems the equivalent tiny particle at the quantum scale can be in two different states at the same time, except if you so much as look at it, it can flip to the other state, so you can't actually tell! Crazy! Counter-intuitive! But such uncertainty is a fundamental feature of the universe.

I'm writing this to you before the Scottish independence referendum. The outcome will be historic and important (though maybe not so world-shattering as some pundits would have it!). At the moment it is difficult to predict, and the outcome uncertain, but in a few days' time and before you get to read this, the votes will have been counted, and some people will be delighted and others disappointed. And some might say Crazy!

At the moment I could take a guess and write as though the vote will go one way, and risk looking silly if it goes the other way. Or else I must live with that uncertainty, and not be too specific! No doubt the politicians will have two speeches prepared: one for victory and one for defeat, though they might not admit to having the latter, and will keep it well tucked up their sleeve.

The bible says a lot about faith, for example: "Faith is being sure of the things we hope for, and certain of things we cannot see". (Hebrews 11 verse 1). Some of us are very sure about matters where others are doubtful or totally disbelieving. If you believe something, then you will live as though it is true. If it actually is not true, all the believing in the world will not make it true, but those who believe it (mistakenly) may well continue to believe until they see (and accept) evidence to the contrary. On the other hand, if you believe something and live life to the full believing it, and it turns out to be true, then you have had the very best in life.

This is how it is with faith in Christ (or I suppose some believe with other faiths too): certainty is not provable during this lifetime, and afterwards is too late! One can live in faith and hope, in the face of some uncertainty, but one can certainly live!



Mike Hill  
Minister at Naphill Methodist Church

## Picture This

Smalldean in late summer with autumn just around the corner is the cover picture this month. A tranquil, restful and very English scene. You can sense the warmth of the sun and hear the delicate hum of bees foraging in the purple knapweed. But don't get too comfortable because we are going to get technical.

Last month's cover attracted lots of comment and an email requesting information about the technicalities involved in making the picture. It said:

*'I have just bought a new camera with a few extra lenses. I'm playing around with it as a basic amateur. I want to ask you what settings you took the picture on, what aperture and did you have to adjust the ISO or anything else as I was seriously impressed with the picture. If it's a trade secret, don't worry, just curious.'*

There is no trade secret - just a blend of art and science and so this month I thought I'd let those two very English characters, Holmes and Watson, sleuth their way through the technicalities of this month's cover.

What have we here, Holmes? A very normal scene I think.'

Watson peered through his magnifying glass.

"See here, Holmes. Everything is in focus from the grass in the foreground to the cows in the distance. A small aperture must have been used. Yet some of the flower heads are blurred suggesting they moved. That means a long shutter speed and that means.... a tripod was at work!"

All of Watson's deductions were correct; f16.3 for 1 second and a tripod.

Watson continued. "And Holmes, if a long shutter speed was needed on such a sunny day, the ISO of the film must have been very low".

"Brilliant, Watson. In fact, I suspect an effective ISO of 11. But there's more tricky stuff here. Look how balanced the brightness of the late summer sky and the shaded grasses and flowers appear. This is the work of an artist, Watson, and one who has managed to dim down the brightest parts."

"I don't understand Holmes, first you say the work of an artist and then say 'dumb down'"

"Dim down, Watson"

"Sorry, Holmes. So our photographer has dimmed down the brightest parts using something like sunglasses for a camera."

"Correct, Watson. He or she used a Neutral Density filter on the sky and, I have my suspicions, another on the crop field."

"You mean 2 ND filters were used, Holmes? Surely this alchemy is the devil's work"

"No Watson, science. He or she must have measured the brightness carefully with a light measuring device and chosen the strength of the 2 ND filters"

Holmes was right. A light meter was used and a 0.6 ND chosen for the sky and a 0.45 ND for the crop field.

"Look at the sky, Holmes, the clouds stand out and the sky is so blue. What does that suggest?"

"Are you clueless, Watson?"

"No dear boy, I'm Doctor Watson. You're confusing me with my cousin from Norfolk!"

"Mmmmh. Yes, it's a clue. It looks like a sky seen through polarising sunglasses. Which means he used a polariser Watson. And don't mention your cousin from Alaska!"

"You're a genius, Holmes"

"Elementary art and science, my dear Watson. Pass my pipe, I want to die early"

So, my first tip for this month is look carefully for technical clues. But remember: the light will never be the same twice nor will the strength of the breeze nor the many other aspects of the natural scene. Don't let your search for technical information blind you to the beauty of the picture nor your artistic interpretation of what you see before you.

My second tip is to visit a once in a lifetime exhibition of photographs by Horst P Horst showing at the Victoria & Albert Museum until February 2015. If you don't know who Horst P Horst is, get your magnifying glass. An amazing photographer.



*Richard Holroyd*  
[Richard@richardholroydphotography.com](mailto:Richard@richardholroydphotography.com)

## Naphill Scouts

Our first night back after our Summer break was a lively affair with over 20 extremely excited Scouts!

We played the geography game, which involved where you were on holiday and how far away was it? Rhys was deemed most accurate with Cornwall at 275 miles away. There followed a game of dodge ball.



*Photograph courtesy of Adrian Curtis*

During November we are hoping to go to a special Halloween 'Scarefest' camp which will be based at Gilwell Park, the worldwide HQ of Scouting. Alongside lots of seasonal fun, we will be doing our usual scouting activities, including cooking outdoors over fires, navigation and hiking. The boys are also looking forward to our annual Halloween pumpkin carving extravaganza.

You will also have seen, elsewhere in the Gazette, a plea for help in the management of the Scout/ Guide HQ in Naphill. I would ask you to give this your attention as without adequate management of the HQ, Scouts and Guides will struggle to continue in the village.



*Adrian Curtis*  
[Naphillscouts@aol.com](mailto:Naphillscouts@aol.com)

 **FRIENDS OF NAPHILL COMMON** 

**Fungus Foray**

 **26th October** 

**Meet Village Hall 10am**



## Naphill Tennis Club

The excellent extended summer weather in September meant that tennis has been in full swing. Our Bucks Shield (Ladies) Team won 3 out of 4 of their matches and the Men's teams have also done well though they could do with a few more players. Anyone interested please get in touch.

Our forthcoming events are:

AGM on Monday 24 November, 8pm, at The Wheel, Naphill

Tennis Club Barn Dance on Friday 28 November in the Village Hall

Festive Tennis on Sunday 7 December with mulled wine & mince pies

We continue to play tennis all the year round, weather permitting. For details on club membership, please email the Membership Secretary at [smcr2000@aol.com](mailto:smcr2000@aol.com) or, for other information, please contact the Secretary on 01494 565406.



*Jenny Tench*

## Hughenden Parish Council

Where does the time go? The summer break now seems long behind us and with the evenings drawing in and the leaves beginning to fall, autumn seems to be here already.

We have some key issues for the Council to resolve over the next couple of months. The first is the completion of the transfer of most of our allotments to the Allotments for the Labouring Poor (AfLP) charity. Some of you may have seen a notice posted onto the Council website: if you have not, we would urge you to read it if you have access to the internet as it fully explains the situation. The allotments run by the Council have, it appears, been in the wrong hands for many years as they were originally set up under a charity – the AfLP. Despite the fact that the Council has maintained these since time immemorial, the Charities Commission has insisted they must be handed back to the AfLP for management by the Trustees, a position supported by legal advice we have obtained from a leading barrister. We have therefore been going through a torturous negotiation process for the last couple of years to enable this to happen whilst ensuring that allotment holders see no change in their provision. At times acrimonious, the negotiations seem to be reaching a conclusion and all further debate between the AfLP Trustees and the Council will now be held on an open and transparent basis rather than in the confidential manner in which they have been held until now. The Council's primary aim is to ensure that the provision of allotments is not in any way affected by this transition to AfLP ownership and we believe that we are on course to achieve this.

The second issue is the re-distribution of the Parish

Plan questionnaire. As we have previously mentioned, the large proportion of non-deliveries earlier this year by the Bucks Free Press has led to a need to try again. We felt it was best to wait until after the summer break so you can expect a new questionnaire to be delivered sometime soon – this time by hand under Council control! The questions will be the same, albeit laid out a more clearly, and we would urge you to complete and return in the envelope provided UNLESS you completed and returned the previous version.

Our work continues to try and resolve the parking issues around the Coop. This is a slow process but has seen some recent success due to the efforts of Peter Williams who has now managed to at least get the Coop delivery lorries to avoid parking across the pavement under threat from PC Lee Turnham of the consequences if they continued. However, safety continues to be a problem not helped by some appalling parking by Coop shoppers who feel they have a right to park any way they wish despite the dangers and obstructions they cause. PLEASE park with consideration and think in particular about pedestrians with pushchairs and other motorists trying to reverse out or drive past.

Finally, we are sad to announce the resignation of Emma Marsden, our long standing Deputy Clerk who has secured the position of Clerk with Little Marlow Parish Council and will therefore be leaving us in October. Emma has a wealth of experience and knowledge of the Parish and will be greatly missed and I am sure you will join us in thanking her for her contribution to the Parish over the years and wish her well for the future.



*Phil Conran, Roger Beavil,  
Dennis Hackling, Peter William*

## Bradenham Parish Council

Buckinghamshire County Council is devolving certain powers next year to Town and Parish Councils, in particular, grass cutting and hedge cutting (in the 30mph zones) and Rights of Way maintenance. The parish council decided to enter into a cluster led by Princes Risborough Town Council who will take on these services and carry them out for us at a reasonable cost.

Traffic calming in Bradenham village was discussed again following a meeting with Transport for Buckinghamshire. The additional work to encourage speed reduction is costly and it will require deep pockets to pay for this. Some work has been carried out, but TfB are being chased to replace the centre white line on the 60 mph zone of Bradenham Woods Lane. The council is very grateful to Country Supplies who have started fining lorry drivers who arrive at Shana outside the agreed opening times and are passing the fines on to the Parish Council, which will

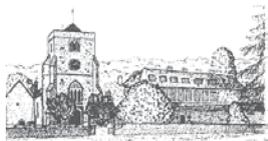
help with the funding of our traffic calming scheme and hopefully stop lorries turning up at unscheduled times!

It was noted that the Travellers in Walter's Ash appeal to the Secretary of State was dismissed in connection with Walter's Ash. They were given four months leave to stay and then they have to move to Flackwell Heath.

We have not yet been notified when the Parish Council may have to appear before the House of Commons Select Committee in connection with the construction route for HS2.

We achieved a certificate of merit in the Best Kept Village competition: the pond area let us down.

The next meeting of the parish council will be Monday 17th November at 7pm at Bradenham Cricket Club. Members of the public are welcome to attend.



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## A Personal Perspective

The Parish Council didn't grind to a halt during the summer, but many Councillors, myself included, took the opportunity for a few weeks to mentally switch off from various Parish affairs. Our Clerk, however, spear-headed the ongoing action that is always required: cheques have to be sent to suppliers, requests for information or action (as with overhanging branches or with grass cutting, or checking on playground equipment, for instance) have to be handled, and our thanks go to Peter, Emma and Jill for their contribution throughout the summer.

For most of us, though, it's the start of normal working! Full Council has already had its September meeting, and the various Committee meetings start up again. It's worth noting that while these are listed on our website ([www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk)), we also recognise a shortage of noticeboards throughout Naphill or Walter's Ash, which I personally would like to see remedied in the next few months. Not everyone has internet facilities, or checks our website on a regular basis. Please do consider observing some of the meetings, which is your democratic right. You might just want to know how well we are spending or saving approximately £190,000 of your money! It was pleasing to see one or two new faces as 'members of the public' at the Full Council meeting, and I trust we will see them, and others, at future meetings.

As Councillors, our diaries are quickly filling up. Apart from the regular meetings, various 'Working Groups' are starting up after the break, which do much of the hard work of discussing things prior to presenting a view to one or other of the committees, or directly to Full Council. Among the various working groups are those handling discussions with the Allotments for the Labouring Poor trustees (AflP); looking at our overall

strategy, especially what broad approach on things might be implemented after the elections in May; how communications across the Parish might be enhanced; and what road safety improvements are feasible in various parts of the Parish.



*Roger Beavil*



## The Thursday Club and RAF High Wycombe

Invite you to the annual  
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On Thursday 13th November  
From 10am – 2pm  
In the Officers' Mess

Admission £2

Open to all personnel, their families and the  
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invitation  
which can be collected from the cafes and  
shops  
in Naphill from mid-October onwards



## Notice of Thanks

### Rosemary Montague 27.09.1917 to 09.09.2014

Rosemary lived in the village for six decades and will be remembered by many as a cheerful dinner lady at Naphill Primary School. She had many friends and not just the human variety! In almost every photo we have of her she is pictured with the person's pet and many dragged their owners to her door whether they intended visiting or not. Some older residents will picture her on a bicycle, her preferred means of getting about the village, a legacy from her time as a post lady during World War II. Working out of West Wycombe and Bledlow Ridge, her extensive rounds included Bradenham and her furthestmost call was the cottage by the Umbrella tree on Naphill common. She epitomised a "staunch Methodist" and will be much

missed by her friends at chapel.

As a family we appreciate the many condolences expressed. We would like to thank especially Mum's wonderful neighbours Sarah and Danny, the District Nurses and Carers, Julie at the Post Office, Betty and John Jones and the wider network of the Methodist Church together with many other village folk whose support enabled Mum to remain living at home, independently, to almost 97 years of age.

Cynthia and all the Montague family

## Autumn Colour



**Editorial Comment** *My sincere thanks to Phillip Hussey for this glorious Autumnal photograph. It is a timely reminder that our local Common and woodland will soon be a blaze of marvellous colour. Because of my physical disabilities it is often difficult for me to get out and about and so I particularly appreciate your photographs.*

Sonia

## Computer Programming for the Young and Young at Heart - Part 1

Finally after 34 years in the IT Industry, it is great to see products like the Raspberry PI encouraging the young to get into software programming and not just

using the available programs. When the invasion of Microsoft technology came about originally in the 80s, more emphasis was given to using the Office products in education, which were easier to master than some of their other products. What a pity, I wished Microsoft had pushed the learning of their Visual Studio product line and programming as the first piece of the software development jigsaw. Sadly, multimedia and creativity belonged to the Apple camp.

A whole generation grew up using applications like Office, but not really understanding or appreciating how software was built. The Americans, Indians and Chinese understood this clearly and spent vast amounts of resources training their young people to develop these new skills. We need a bigger push in the UK to ensure that all people benefit from this concept. Other countries have made great strides and have had much success in pushing the technological frontiers to the masses. Although, to be fair, Dundee was recently the biggest hub for modern IT and startup culture in the UK. This has now changed and Shoreditch in London has now become the hub to have an IT startup or new business.

With the advent of the Raspberry PI, smartphones and tablets such as iPhone and Android, more children have access to great technology in a simple way and so begin to learn the fundamentals of programming. There is so much FREE resource and advice on forums and internet sites like Youtube to enable youngsters to self motivate and make the best of these opportunities.

I made the best of what the Conservative Government offered on a Youth Opportunities Programme in 1980 and managed to do 6 months at The Economist and a further 6 months at Wang UK, just to get my foot in the door. No one will do it for you, it is up to oneself to pull his or her socks up and learn.

Programming will use all the skills from your other subjects at school. Mathematics, to calculate formulas. Screen size for look and feel. Design skills for apps on mobiles for example. Physics and physics engines for games playing. English language skills are essential to communicate your ideas to your peers and the people who can test what you produce. Some form of project management skills are required to ensure what you build has a structure and timeline.

Youngsters have a great imagination in which design, programming and creativity can fuel their desire to build or make technology. It is also fun. It is sad to say that girls often drop out of this subject as they get older. It would be good to see this trend reversed. In Eastern countries like China and India, there is a fair mix.

Apart from pure programming, there is work based around dealing with the person who wants the app. What are their requirements and services for this new application? Which person will project manage or test the application before showing it to the person who requested it?

The programming side of things must be the focus. How does software work? What problems can it

solve? Has anyone attempted to build a solution, but then stopped because of an issue? Can I get around this issue or change the program to work differently? Can I start programming from scratch or use existing repositories where I am free to edit and create new versions, which have excellent functionality? Yes, you can, Github is a good source, and many other open source areas on the web are also available.

Programming can be done during lunchtimes, after work and after your homework is completed. On this link for example in Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGfZeJR0Apl> you will see Robert Nay, aged 14 at the time, who built 'Bubble Ball'. He would come home, finish his homework, have his dinner and then work on his app. What a success it was at such a young age. So imagine what any child at a young age is capable of doing? Fibre broadband has arrived and coverage is promised in the whole of the UK soon, so tap in and enjoy!

Programming is the building blocks of a piece of software, which can drive applications to perform a variety of tasks in a company or specific functionality in an app. Today, mobile apps and technology are spreading rapidly. Smartphones like iPhone or Android, are enabling normal functionality to be channeled through one device. For example using a camera, torch, banking, games, utilities, Facebook or Twitter can be nicely delivered and interacted by people very quickly.

The children of today are often the drivers of technology amongst households (unless their parent(s) are computer techies). Youngsters are the technology natives and parents are the technology immigrants as written by Marc Prensky (<http://www.marcprensky.com/writing/Prensky%20-%20Digital%20Natives,%20Digital%20Immigrants%20-%20Part1.pdf>). Paper usage is out of fashion for most youngsters: it is all digital. Spend a little time playing games and lots of time programming. Imagine, if you started at the

age of 10 by the time you were 20 you would have gained 10 years of computing skills and experience in building software.

There are so many languages children can learn, Python, Lua, PHP, C, C++, Java, C# (pronounced C sharp). There are tools that don't require programming, but work in a different way to produce an app or game. Even though these languages maybe difficult for older folk to learn, to children, these are much easier as they love learning. Anyone, if they choose, can learn to program, design and produce a product either as a hobby or for commercial purposes. Go on have a go.



Gene Da Rocha  
(voxstar.com) using Scrivener

**Editorial Comment** *This is a "hands up" to my ignorance! I still have so much to learn about modern technology and I am rather relieved that I am no longer a teacher. I didn't know what a Raspberry Pi was so I Googled it and found the following:*

The Raspberry Pi is a credit card-sized single-board computer developed in the UK by the Raspberry Pi Foundation with the intention of promoting the teaching of basic computer science in schools.

*I am not too sure that I am very much the wiser so I shall stick with the computers, iPad and phone which I can use but I am looking forward to learning more about programming. It is very handy having such talented neighbours!*

*My thanks to all of this month's contributors. There would be no Gazette without you all. I shall very much look forward to receiving your latest news, articles and photographs on or before 15 October for inclusion in the November edition of the Gazette.*

Best wishes to you all,  
Sonia

## PIN UP DIARY DATES

### October

1st October	FONC Short Walk - Naphill Village Hall 10.30am
4th October	Brownies Jumble Sale - Naphill Village Hall 1.30pm
6th October	Parents' Open Meeting - Naphill and Walter's Ash School 2.15pm
12th October	Lions Charity Quiz Night - Black Lion
13th October	FONC Long Walk - Naphill Village Hall 9.30am
17th October	Residents' Quiz Night - Naphill Village Hall 7.30pm
21st October	Fashion Show and Clothes Sale - Naphill and Walter's Ash School 7.30pm
24th October	Horticultural Society Cheese and Wine - Naphill Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm
26th October	FONC Fungus Foray - Meet Naphill Village Hall 10.00am

### November

6th November	Naphill Neighbours Swindon Designer Outlet - leaving Village Hall 9.00am
8th November	Fireworks on the Crick - details on page 20
24th November	Tennis Club AGM - The Wheel 8.00pm
28th November	Tennis Club Barn Dance - Naphill Village Hall



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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 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
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	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
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	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
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Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
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Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
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Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
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Naphill Women's Meeting	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
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	Thursdays 5.45pm		
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Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david_tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jtench@gmail.com
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	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
	Fridays 5-7.30pm Saturday 9-10am		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only			
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	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	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
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## Editorial

As always, this has been another busy few weeks with lots of news and views to share with you all.

This month we have our annual firework display and then the Remembrance Service at our War Memorial. Two very different events but both important parts of our community life and most worthy of our support. My thanks to the people who work so hard to organise these events!

As you all know, I leave the organisation of our stunning Gazette covers to my very talented assistant editor, Richard Holroyd. I always have the final say as to what goes on our cover but I have never had cause to reject any of Richard's suggestions. This month's cover photograph is one taken by Richard on our beautiful Common and featuring his 'favourite tree'. My thanks as always to Richard!

Now for yet another of my editorial pleas! This month I desperately wanted a photograph of our War Memorial with the poppy wreaths adorning it. Luckily Mark Dell was able to help me! Had this not been the case, this picture would clearly have been available AFTER publication although not necessarily before! Likewise, next month, I would love to include a photograph of the children's nativity play but the same problem exists. If you have a suitable photograph, I should be grateful to receive it. We actually need your seasonal photographs almost a year ahead so that we CAN have the appropriate seasonal photographs in our publication. So come on folk, please help me out, and think ahead, send us your photographs for future use! This does not mean that I don't require your photographs to go with your articles, I certainly do! So please keep them coming!

Sadly our Community Police Officer, P.C. Turnham, sustained a severe hand injury whilst making an arrest earlier in the year. He has since undergone four operations but the injury remains such that he has been moved to another police department and is no longer assigned to us. I know you will all join me in thanking him for his unstinting work for us over so many years and of course wish him well. We now welcome a new Community Police Officer, P.C. Caroline Merriman and her contact details are published in our magazine. I hope that she will be very happy in our midst and that we will soon resume police news via the regular newsletter.

Happily, we do have a gentleman interested in joining

us as our new Webmaster and I am very much looking forward to meeting him in the near future. It sounds as if he has some very exciting ideas for developing our website and for carrying on the great work of our retiring Webmaster, Mrs Judy Whitehouse.

We still have no formal applications for the post of Advertising Manager. This really is a vital Gazette role and I would sincerely request, that if you are interested in joining us, you please contact our current manager, Alan Lewis who I know will be delighted to give you all the information on this role.

Last month I published a letter from Mrs Ali Watkinson regarding dog fouling on and around the Common. This has evoked a lot of comment within the community! This month I publish a letter in reply, from a Mr Lee Davies which is supported by many of those with a different view on this matter. Whilst I very much appreciate your letters and comments and I do try to include these within the publication, having published both viewpoints I will now be closing further discussion on this matter within the Gazette and I will therefore not be accepting any further correspondence on this subject at this time.

FINALLY! Next month is the Christmas edition of the Gazette. As I did last year, I would like to make this edition as colourful and joyous as possible and so once again, I will be needing your help! I will again be inviting our advertisers to help us by buying coloured Christmas Greeting advertising space which this year will be charged at £25 for a quarter page and £45 for a half page. As with last year, I am willing to help with the designs if you wish. Alongside this, I am inviting our local clubs and organisations to submit their coloured Christmas Greetings which as these are non commercial organisations, will not be charged. I would ask that these should not be bigger than a sixth of an A4 page and should be in portrait format please and space will be allocated on a first come first served basis as space could be an issue! I will welcome all your usual reports and articles to reach me by 15 November please.



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## Letters

Dear Mrs Watkinson,

How lovely it is to see that you are integrating into our community so well, it is a joy to behold when a city dweller tries so hard to be at one with her new found sanctuary at the edge of the woods!

Indeed, living at the edge of the woods you should be prepared to accept that 'edge of the woods' things happen, including dogs accidentally fouling your property from time to time. The Naphill dog fraternity is quite big, and when we happen to meet in the woods, the Crick or on the street, we socialise and

exchange pleasantries. However, since your article was published, all the conversation seems to be about you and your new found gripe. Sadly this sometimes ends with people inviting you and yours to go back to London and continue your crusade with people who actually don't care about how and where they live.

I am the chap who starred in your 'particularly unpleasant incident' and as you probably noted, the deposit left by my dog was rather fluid and difficult to remove. The reason it was found alongside of the track was because I had some of the bags contents on my hands and was only at the start of our walk. As you know I apologised immediately, and would have returned to clear up the rest if you had given me a chance to do so. Instead, I found comments and attitude of you and your husband, compelled me not to apologise any further, and not to finish the job. However, being a responsible person I would like to apologise once again!

We are a small community and it is not often that we have a problem with people complaining about our dog walking habits in the woods, in fact in the many years I have lived here, I have not heard of such an instance. On the street, yes, in public places, yes, but not the woods! With this in mind, my fellow dog walkers and I will contact the estate and ask them to provide bags and bins for all the badger, fox, horse and deer droppings throughout the woods that are so bad for the ecology, I hope this is acceptable with you!

Other potential areas for you to consider which spoil these natural beauty spots are cyclists who use the tracks in the woods, horses who leave deposits anywhere they like, people who walk alone in the woods, get lost and ask the dog walkers for a way out (very unpleasant) and finally, the wildlife that exists in the trees and the ponds, all very nasty and could enter your property at a moments notice without a thought for the owners!

Having raised two children of my own in Naphill over the years and never having any problems with them being in the woods all year round I feel compelled to say that I find the use of children and one eyed friends as a foil in your complaint, is somewhat misguided and irresponsible! You have the complaint, so don't use other people as your excuse!

The previous owners of your property never had a problem with any of the walkers, in fact they would often welcome us, and sometimes leave water out for the dogs by the edge of the property. My, how things have changed!

So in conclusion, I do hope that you get to live out your dream at the edge of our woods, poop free and in perfect isolation from all the decent, respectable and nice people who pass by your property on a daily basis.



Happy Crusading!

Lee Davies

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## Friends of Naphill Common

The Gazette often goes out by the last weekend of the previous month. In this case, if you would like a walk on the Common alongside some experts, please join our Fungus Foray on Sunday 26th October, starting from the Village Hall at 10am. The Common is rich in fungi, some of which are quite rare. Children are welcome to help us in the hunt. Let's hope it is a dry day this time.

Our short walks (2 to 3 miles) led by Chris Miller continue as usual. Meet at the Village Hall at 10.30am on the first Wednesday of the month. For a longer walk (4 to 6 miles) led by Ron Collins, meet at the Village Hall at 9.30am on the third Monday of the month. They are advertised on our notice boards.

West Wycombe estate has agreed to treat the Japanese Knotweed on the Common next year. However, a group of us worked around the boundary of the clump, meticulously injecting a weed-killer into the larger stems. This is a lengthy procedure which makes it less practical with large areas of the weed, but we understand that this is the most effective way of killing this deep-rooted plant. Recent inspection shows that those plants we treated are dying, so we may have prevented the clump from growing any larger.

The felling by Wessex Woodland Management (WWM) is well underway and they assure us that they will soon start clearing the rides. Several people have contacted FONC asking whether we can get the company to fell particular trees. Of course, FONC has no authority to ensure that the problem is attended to, but in each case we have passed on the request to WWM. As you will have seen from the maps on our noticeboards and in the Gazette, this year the felling is restricted to an area along the boundary with Bradenham Woods (The Coppice) so it is unlikely that WWM will agree to felling elsewhere unless the trees are considered dangerous.

The summer is over and autumn is upon us, but one consolation is the brilliant colours before the trees shed their leaves. The oaks cannot compete with the beech and birch trees for brilliance but they have a subtle beauty of their own. Being a self-generated wood there is great genetic variety, and one oak keeps its leaves until after Christmas, many remaining green. See if you can spot it. Our fine common is there for all to enjoy.

Our open meeting (with a speaker) and AGM will be on Friday 13th February 2015 at 7.30pm. Please come along: we hope to see a full village hall as usual. If anyone has ideas about what we should be doing or criticisms of what we have done, please come along and speak up, and if you would like to join the working parties or the committee, please put your name forward.



Trevor Hussey.

Chairman of FONC

## 22nd Annual Naphill Fireworks & Bonfire



The fireworks display will be held on Saturday 8 November this year.

As last year we will be fencing off the bonfire area from 25 October. The site will be open for you to bring your own wood for the bonfire on the 2 Saturdays and Sundays before the event but closed on week days to control the amount and type of wood and where it is put. This worked well last year so I expect it will be good this year as well.

All large amounts of wood including branches of trees will be accepted by appointment. If you have a large amount please phone 562770 to make an appointment which could be made on a week day.

We would encourage people and companies that have pallets they want to get rid of to bring them on 25 or 26 October so that they can form the base of the bonfire

Tickets for the event will be available at reduced prices from 25 October up to close of business Friday 7 November, at the usual shops and pubs. 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.

As ever we need a large number of volunteers to help us run the event so if you can help please let me know. We have been offered help from the Young Farmers Association so we look forward to meeting up with them.

Please remember not to bring sparklers or other fireworks to the event as we will not let you in. Also please do NOT bring dogs or other pets to the event. I would also ask Vincents Way residents not to access the Crick by their back gates.

We hope you come and join this highly enjoyable event and have a good time.

*Andrew Wilmot*

Chairman – Fireworks Committee



## Bon Ami Coffee Shop

Well, Autumn has well and truly arrived! But that's not necessarily a bad thing. Here at Bon Ami it means lots of lovely winter vegetable homemade soups and the cake cabinet groaning under the weight (literally!!) of Fruit and Ale cake, Yorkshire Parkin, Bara Brith and a customer favourite, Sticky Toffee Loaf with Fudge Icing – yum.

Our Macmillan Coffee Day in September was an overwhelming success! We raised £636.86 – our highest total to date. Our thanks go to Huddledays of Henley for the loan of a second coffee machine and some very nice 'borrowed' crockery. We are grateful too to Lindt Chocolates UK for donating our raffle prizes and a local Phoenix Card trader for the donation of some beautiful cards. However, our biggest thanks are to all of you who supported us and made it such a wonderful day – THANK YOU!

One last Thank You (this is turning into something resembling an Oscar acceptance speech) and that is to Judy Whitehouse who has done a splendid job of replanting our summer hanging baskets for the winter – they really do look fabulous.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



*Ruth and Amanda*

## Saint Botolph's Church Services



2 November	All Saints' Sunday	Eucharist 11am
9 November	Remembrance Day	Lychgate 11am
16 November		Eucharist 11am
23 November	Christ the King	Matins 11am
30 November	Advent Sunday	Eucharist 11am

*Peggy Ewart*

## Naphill Evening W.I.

On 16 September quite a few of us set off to meet members of Napton WI in Warwickshire. We had a lovely buffet lunch at a hotel overlooking the site of the Battle of Edgehill in 1642, before moving on for a look around Upton House and its beautiful terraced garden. Our visit finished with a cream tea in the old kitchen of the house.

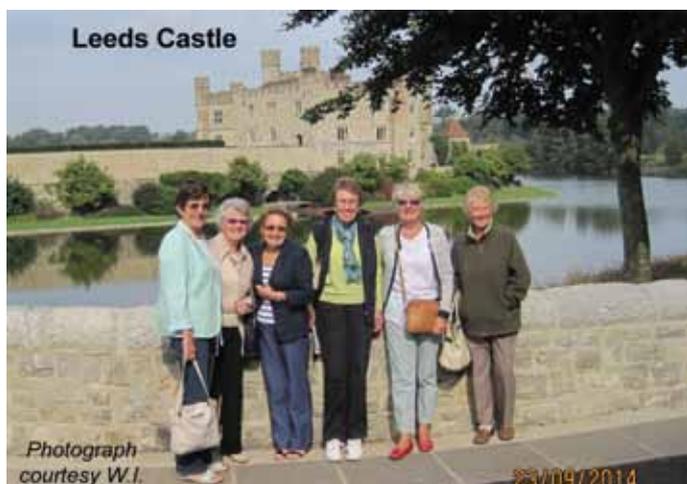
Then on 23 September we were off to Leeds Castle in Kent, where a flower festival was being held. Every room had attractive displays of colourful flowers. On both of these visits we had lovely weather, which was a bonus.

I must not forget our meeting on 18 September, when Lucy Allen told us how she became a stunt woman and shared some of the tricks of the trade with us. Lucy had appeared in films from Titanic to Harry Potter. She told us how she had jumped off of a cliff onto piles of cardboard boxes, ridden motor bikes, etc, and confessed to being an adrenalin junky.

The Book Club have been reading a book entitled *The Fishing Fleet: Husband-hunting in the Raj* and the Craft Group are reconvening on 15 October after a summer break. The Food Appreciation Group will be dining at the White Hart in Beaconsfield on 30 October and are also planning their Christmas outing to The Peacock on 2 December.

16 October will be our Annual Meeting, when we will elect a new committee, so, as you can see, we have a busy Autumn.

*Carol Gilliam*



### Come and join us for a coffee and chat!



Naphill Evening WI is hosting an awareness morning at Bon Ami

on Monday 10th November between 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

We would love to see you there.

If you aren't able to make it and would like to know more about our WI please call



*Jenny Price 01494 563001  
Joan Kearsey 01494 563035*



## Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2014

This year 2014 marks the centenary of the commencement of the First World War.

On 4th August this year, Poppy Wreaths were laid at many War Memorials throughout the County to mark the Declaration of War against Germany, Britain's involvement being hastened by the invasion of Belgium on that fateful day. Many young men from this and neighbouring villages signed up with the armed forces, ten of them from Naphill failed to return and we are reminded of their sacrifice every year at the War Memorial on the corner of Downley Road. They are still in the memory of older residents who would have been familiar with the veterans of that war, indeed there were few families who did not have a close relative who had been on active service. Naphill's unusual war memorial was constructed from Denner Hill stone and built in the form of a cairn. It was largely the idea of Sydney Piercy who favoured a secular monument; its present well kept appearance is a tribute, not only to those whom it commemorates but also to the village itself.

Unfortunately, the 'war to end wars' did not stop with the Armistice in 1918, and 21 years later we were at war again with Germany, where Naphill & Waters Ash lost another two of its sons. We still have several local veterans of the 39-45 War amongst us and we owe them all a great debt of gratitude for keeping this country free from servitude. Even today, we have local RAF men and women who have served, and still serve, in Iraq and Afghanistan and who put their lives at risk in the service of their country.

On 9th November we will remember the 1.7 million Commonwealth Service men and women who died in both world wars, at 23,000 locations in 153 countries (figures supplied by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission).

The first Two Minute Silence took place in London and was reported in the Manchester Guardian with the following statement:

"The first stroke of eleven produced a magical effect. The tram cars glided into stillness, motors ceased to cough and fume, and stopped dead, and the mighty-limbed dray horses hunched back upon their loads and stopped also, seeming to do it of their own volition. Someone took off his hat, and with a nervous hesitancy the rest of the men bowed their heads also. Here and there an old soldier could be detected slipping unconsciously into the posture of 'attention'. An elderly woman, not far away, wiped her eyes, and the man beside her looked white and stern. Everyone stood very still ... The hush deepened. It had spread over the whole city and become so pronounced as to impress one with a sense of audibility. It was a silence which was almost pain ... And the spirit of memory brooded over it all."

When we stand at our Memorial Stone on the 9th November we should think of those who so selflessly gave their lives so that we can live in freedom.



### "We will remember them"

The Remembrance Service will be held in the Village Hall Sunday 9th November Commencing at 2.45pm.

The Service will be conducted by the RAF Padre, Revd Ruth Hake.

*Richard Pushman*

## Naphill Neighbours

On a wet and windy evening last month we held our well-attended AGM which was, as always, brief and businesslike! Reports of our successful year were followed by the re-election of the officers and committee, (Sheila Rolfe, Joy Stroud, Hazel Vickery, Janet Judge, Valerie Whale, Betty Jones and Yvonne Cook), to which we welcomed two new members, Shirley Clark and Trish Foster. Appropriately for the time of year, the subject of our speakers after the AGM was THE STORY OF THE BRITISH LEGIONS' POPPY APPEAL. It was an excellent talk, both informative and very moving.

Our next meeting is on Monday 10 November, when flower arranger Mrs Marion Hebbourne will be making a return visit, this time with a Christmas theme in mind. Also, just a reminder that money will be taken for the Christmas dinner – so please bring along your cheque book! We will be running our usual Tombola at the Village Hall Christmas Fayre on 6 December, so please remember to bring your ever generous donations of bottles and cans – any contents from baked beans to wine, sardines to body lotion!

By the time you read this we will have had a dose of retail therapy from our visit to the Swindon Retail Park on Thursday 6 November.

If you would like to join our “one-off” village club you will be very welcome. We are a ladies club, (probably not considered very PC these days), though husbands, partners and friends are always most welcome at our meetings and on our outings. We were formed in 1963 by a group of young wives but as the membership got older over the years we became Naphill Neighbours which was a more appropriate title. We meet at 8pm on the second Monday of the month and our annual subscription is a very reasonable £14.



*Hazel Vickery*  
563977

## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council.

I do hope that by the time that you read this the pictorial map will be in place outside the hall. Phillip Hussey, who has produced the map brought the finished and framed article to our meeting ready for us to get it attached to the outside wall. It really is a work of art and I am sure that you will agree that it will certainly enhance the building, being very decorative as well as informative for visitors to our village. We are looking into the possibility of getting sections of the map for sale. It could make an attractive gift for residents.

We are due to have a new webmaster and so the village web site is to be updated with the lettings diary now being included, and the lettings form due to be available on line. This should make things easier for both hirers and the lettings secretary.

A new sign will be placed near the car park entrance reiterating that the hall and playing fields are private property, parking is at the owners risk, the area is covered by CCTV, and car park gates may be locked overnight at any time. They will certainly be locked overnight leading up to the fireworks to deter fly tippers. If you are attending an evening function or meeting at the Hall then do not worry, you will not be locked in provided you leave promptly.

The hanging baskets that have been such a delight during the summer have been replanted for the winter and we thank Judy for doing this and Ruth and Amanda at Bon Ami for keeping them watered. As I write I don't think they needed any more water today - it has poured all day!

We are looking for a new secretary for the Village Hall Council. There is an advert in the Gazette, do please look at it and consider it. We are a friendly bunch and the job is not too onerous, honestly. Judy, our current secretary, has done a great job getting our documentation in order and is very happy to discuss it with you and let you know just what is involved. She is looking forward to hearing from you.

Our next fund raiser is the annual firework display on Saturday November 8th. Let's pray for a fine night so we can enjoy the fantastic display.

We then have the Christmas Fayre on the 6th December. A good selection of stalls has been booked, and the raffle tickets for the Grand Draw will be available soon.

Get the dates in your diary and make sure you are there.



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

## Secretary Still Wanted! Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

So far no one has come forward to take over as Secretary of Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council. We are looking for someone who can spare 3-4 hours a month to prepare the agenda, attend the meeting and produce and circulate the minutes. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 8pm in the Village Hall. No experience is necessary but access to email and the internet is essential. Full training will be given. If you are interested or would like to discuss it further please email Judy Whitehouse at [judy@judyq.demon.co.uk](mailto:judy@judyq.demon.co.uk)

## Advertising Manager Still Wanted! Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette

If you are a team player, reasonably computer literate and would like to join our great Gazette team as our Advertising Manager, please contact Alan Lewis by email, [alanlewis69@btinternet.com](mailto:alanlewis69@btinternet.com), to discuss or for further details.

## Naphill Mens Football Club

The season has started well for Naphill Men's Football Club!

On 28 September they played their first round match in the Grant and Stone Challenge Cup. This was an away game versus Chinnor Athletic Reserves and Naphill were determined to launch their cup challenge in style. Unfortunately their opponents took a less sporting approach and 10 minutes into the game, one of the Chinnor players was given a red card.

At this point, encouraged by their manager Phil Crawford, the Naphill team went into attacking mode and ended the game with a 10-1 win! Taylor Hart was definitely our man of the match having scored a hat trick. Phil Crawford had promised that he would reward any player achieving this feat with a bottle of champagne, and always one to keep his word, we have the photograph to prove it!

The Football Club would like to thank the Red Lion at Bradenham for making them so welcome!



badge, which started with a session in the hut to design and make a catapult. This was constructed in a small scale and tested. The following week, full size versions were constructed on the Crick and their range tested. Pioneering badges were awarded all round for that.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist in looking



after the scout hut itself so if you could give a few hours every now and then, please contact us on the email address below.



Mark Powell  
Naphillscouts@aol.com

## Naphill Scouts

Well, this term is now in full swing. Five new scouts joined this term and already the badge count is piling up. We have had our winter term cook out with the scouts cooking in patrols out in the woods. Given the dry weather we had up to that point, we had to be extra vigilant clearing and preparing the area for each cooking fire. I am pleased to report that with a good supply of dry wood to be found, each patrol got their cooking fire lit and cooked some tasty scout grub! It all went so well we were actually back at the scout hut on time, something never known before. The following week a session on food preparation and hygiene was held in the hut and after some testing all those who did not already have one were awarded their camp cook badge.

We have also been working towards our pioneering

## Memories of Naphill C of E School

### From Jean Lawrence-Mann

I was born in a cottage very near to the school, which was on the corner of Louches Lane, and started there just before my fourth birthday. The school bell rang loud and clear and we assembled on the front path, boys on one side and girls opposite. We were greeted by the head and marched into school. The three classrooms were divided by partitions, with a separate room for the infants, and the place was heated by 'Tortoise' stoves fed by wood and coke. One hour every morning was devoted to scripture, with an annual prize for the best scholar awarded by the Bishop of Oxford. Also each year Mrs Coningsby Disraeli came to judge the needlework and award prizes.

A lovely sketch of the Old School kindly submitted by Pam Smith from her great archived materials.



Once a year the girls went to the Village Hall for domestic science. That was great fun, especially the toffee-making. The boys had gardening: the plots were part of the school grounds, now The Glebe. My favourite lesson was sports. Every Friday afternoon there was netball, cricket, 'stall ball', hockey and football. The local farmer's wife sometimes supplied homemade ginger beer for the netball team. Quite a treat! Mid-morning we had a short break when we ran wild in the playground. Games included chasing, skipping, marbles, tops, leapfrog and sevens, which was a ball game against the wall.

Toilets were somewhat primitive! Each week a man called Happy West collected the buckets of excreta in a large barrel which he took away on a handcart. I'm not sure where he took it, possibly the local allotments.

I remember a new head being appointed, presumably to improve the discipline, and to our surprise it was a female. One boy exclaimed "It's a bloomin' woman!" which the new head overheard and replied "Yes, and I'll show you I'm in charge" and promptly marched him into the school and administered the cane along with a lecture on manners. Most of us were scared of her and I remember having a good shaking when I refused to divulge the names of some ex-pupils who had borrowed the cricket gear one evening without permission. (One of them was my brother!)

I shall never forget my years at the school and regret that such a lovely old building has been lost for future generations. I think Naphill has lost something of its character with the demolition.

### From Pam Smith

In my old school album, I have a list of school attendances for 1905, during which year the school was open on 207 days [compared to today's 195 – ed]. Awards were given not only for the best attendances but also for good behaviour and diligence. The list is headed by Edgar Grimsdell who didn't miss a single day and the worst was Thomas West who was absent on 12 days. The records show that in 1911 the children collected money to buy a large Union flag to send to the state school in Hughenden, Queensland, Australia in exchange for a commonwealth flag.

## NAPHILL GAZETTE

A gathering of former pupils outside the old school in Naphill just prior to the building being demolished.  
picture courtesy of Pam Smith

MARCH 1976



**Editorial Comment:** My thanks also to Alan Lewis for collating, editing and typing this article for me. My thanks to Pam for the pictures. She did kindly give me others but I was unable to reproduce them at a quality suitable for printing.

### Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

**Planning: 14/07468/FUL** 364 Main Road, Walter's Ash, Householder application for construction of two storey rear extension. **14/07459/TPO** Lacey Drive, Naphill. Reduce height of row of protected Beech, Scots Pine and Cypress by approximately 3 metres and reduce width by approx. 2 metres to reduce overhang and provide clearance from front boundary of 6 and 7 Lacey Drive, and garage of 7 Lacey Drive. **14/07410/FUL** 3 Bayley Gardens, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey front extension and single storey side/rear extension. **14/07353/FUL** 24 Ash Close, Walter's Ash. HA for construction of detached summerhouse/shed in rear garden (Comment. Appears large for a garden summerhouse/shed). **14/07335/FUL** Burnhams, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. HA for raising of roof, roof extensions and alterations, construction of part two storey, part single storey side and rear extensions, insertion of new bay window to first floor and associated external alterations. (No objection provided adherence to planning restrictions that side facing windows overlooking neighbours are obscured glass and non-opening).

**Decisions: Permitted. 14/07080/FUL** Rondene, Christopher Close, Naphill. HA for raising of roof, roof extensions and alterations incorporating 5 dormer windows to side roofslopes and fenestration alterations in connection with creation of living accommodation at first floor. Construction of single storey front extension including porch canopy, orangery to side, single storey rear extension and extend existing attached shed to side. **14/06929/FUL**. 169 Main Road, Naphill.

Householder application for erection of 0.7m-2.7m boundary walls, gates and piers to front with creation of new access drive, dropped kerb and associated landscaping alterations. **14/06895/FUL** 70 Main Road, Naphill. HA for ground floor front infill extension to entrance covered area. Erection of single storey rear extension. **14/06864/FUL** Nesta, Stocking Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear extension. **14/06824/FUL** 153 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of two storey side extension and fenestration alterations. **14/06866/FUL** Sandalwood Stocking Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear extension and fenestration alterations.

### **Proposal for change of use of agricultural land to garden behind properties in Stocking Lane.**

(Objection: Conditions imposed by WDC on the use of the Green Belt/AONB agricultural land will be extremely difficult to apply.)

**Hedgerows, Walter's Ash:** The Appeal Inspector dictated that the Travellers should move out by 6th October 2014. WDC is not enforcing that date and is allowing them further time to prepare their Flackwell Heath site. At this stage there is no deadline for the Travellers to vacate Hedgerows.

### **Tarmaced Driveway created on Naphill Common at Braeside**

Great concern has been expressed that no approach to Wycombe District Council nor Natural England was made before this development was undertaken. Naphill Common is an SSSI and SAC. The surface used is oil bound and there are strict rules against soil pollution. The land was purchased by a Braeside householder from the Dashwood Estate, but the Estate does not have the authority to allow a designated site to be damaged. WDC Enforcement Department, the AONB Office, the Parish Council and Friends of Naphill Common have all been notified and are investigating the matter. The precedent set could be very damaging.

**Date of next meeting.** 8pm Thursday 13th November, 2014. Naphill Village Hall. The RA meetings are open to all residents.



*Gloria Leflaive*  
563634

## **Hughenden Parish Council**

You will hopefully all have now had a Parish Plan Questionnaire through your letter box by the time you receive this Gazette. This time, we have relied on shank's pony and have hand delivered to every household. If, for some reason, you have not received one, then please do contact one of the Councillors or the Council office using the numbers at the front of the magazine. If you have received one, then the more responses we get, the more robust the conclusions will be, so please do complete and return it UNLESS you previously received and returned one the first time. You will also see that the questionnaire can be completed online, but again, please only do one or the other if you have not previously completed one.

This last couple of weeks has not been easy for N&WA residents as Coombe Lane re-surfacing has led to severe restrictions on buses and general road movement. I think everyone will agree that these were desperately needed, but it is a shame that Transport for Bucks communication process has been so poor at keeping us all informed. This has been noted by the Council who have written to TfB requesting an urgent review of their procedures to ensure we are not left in a similar state again.

Although not in our Parish, we have been monitoring progress – or lack of it – on the vacation of the Hedgerows site. This was supposed to have taken place by 6th October under an Inspectorate decision, but at the time of writing, there is no sign of any movement. WDC Planning Department have said that they are giving the gypsy family more time to prepare the Flackwell Heath site but have applied no deadline, a state of affairs we do not believe is acceptable. If you have concerns about this, please do make sure you contact the Planning Department and let them know your views.

After an exceptionally balmy Autumn, winter now seems to be looming fast and we would therefore just remind people to be aware of anyone who might need extra support as the nights close in.



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

## **Naphill Brownies**

October has been busy already for the Brownies.

We would like to thank the staff at Hobbycraft, High Wycombe for welcoming us for an evening of Halloween crafts. The store set up sewing and painting activities for us on a Halloween theme. All the girls were delighted with their bag of crafts to take home.

Our biannual Jumble Sale was well supported by helpers and shoppers alike. I am always so grateful to all the wonderful people who give us their time to collect, sort and sell jumble. We really appreciate it. Thank you. We made about £600 towards Brownies and Guides funds which will allow us to get out and do all sorts of fun things with no extra charge

With Diwali at the end of October, we spent a fab evening, led by one of our brownie Mums, finding out about Diwali, learning to 'do' a sari, making diva lamps and trying Indian snacks. We were astonished by how much the girls knew already and we all had a great time learning some new things too.

The coming weeks will see us having an evening with an Autumn theme, and then out for a visit to High Wycombe Library.



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

# Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre



**Saturday 6th December  
In the Village Hall**

**Doors open 1.00 p.m**



The revamped Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre is rapidly taking shape so put this date in your diary now to ensure you don't miss out on a fun and festive afternoon.

**Gift stalls** will include unique handmade jewellery from Beads & Bracelets, Usborne Books, Fresh and artificial floral arrangements and door wreaths by Karen Elliott, Forever Living Aloe Vera products, Tamsen Ora jewellery, Handmade cards, plus much much more.....

**Grand Raffle**

**Tombolas**



**Refreshments**

**Cake Raffle**

**Mulled Wine & Mince Pies**

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Entrance to the site with a station pass  
or an invitation

which can be collected from the cafes  
and shops in  
Naphill



## A Personal Perspective

Since the elections of May 2011 I've regularly tried to give a 'feel' for what it's like to be a Parish Councillor. Now we are about six months away from the 2015 elections I hope that extracts from earlier articles in the Gazette will be of interest, particularly to those who might like to consider standing for election.

**June 2011 – work to be done by a prospective Councillor** When confronted with the question 'why don't you stand for the Parish Council', and after looking into it and giving the matter due thought, I couldn't think of any really good reason to avoid putting myself forward! I was encouraged to find that locally there were three others in the same boat. The initial phase was straightforward – find a proposer and seconder, and get the paperwork to Wycombe District Council.

We shared the effort of distributing election leaflets (though we still had to pay for printing costs), and my thanks go to the 10 or so friends, family members and locals who gave their time freely. It was so much easier for one person to leave leaflets at 100 or so homes rather than at 1300 homes! If you haven't 'dropped leaflets' before, the main dangers are vicious metal letterboxes and jumping dogs, either of which can snap at the tips of your fingers as you push a leaflet through the letterbox!

I was also encouraged to knock on doors, and have met many of you who are reading this letter. Apologies to the greater number that were either not in when I happened to go to a particular road, or to those who live on the roads I didn't trudge. What was uplifting was the reception I got when I introduced myself. No-one was abusive, many were supportive, and nearly all had remembered the leaflets that had already been 'dropped'. Many intended voting, some using a 'postal vote'.

**July 2011 - plenty of information to sift through** It is extremely useful to have access to the Internet, especially for checking on the large number of email messages that appear most days, and so far at least it has been the main way to communicate with others.

Each new Councillor receives a file of paperwork from our Clerk to the Council, which contained helpful advice about how to behave in meetings (!), policies on using email and on other useful topics. We are all given a 'Register of Interests' form which we have to complete, to ensure that we declare in advance, any potential conflict between our Parish Council activities and any of our outside interests.

**September 2011 – taking part in meetings** Most Council meetings take place in the Parish Office, though we are looking at the possibility of holding one per year in each of the Wards, hopefully with a room large enough for both Councillors and anyone else to more conveniently see and hear what is going on. It is good to see 'the public' at council meetings, and around 15 minutes is given over for them to comment on issues they would like the Council to subsequently consider. To try to keep some kind of order, anyone

wanting to speak should catch the Chairman's eye and wait to be asked to speak! That process has similarities with school or college debates more than bidding at an auction, and usually starts by silently raising a hand and literally making eye to eye contact with the Chairman. The meetings typically last 2 hours or so, followed by a further 30 minutes or so of informal chatting.

All the new Councillors for our Ward were pleasantly surprised to be invited to the RAF's Annual Reception. Although we live only a short distance away I for one had not realised that it happens, or what takes place. It is the RAF's opportunity to say 'thank you' to people from the broad locality (people running a business, those involved in charities, or representing local 'services', like the fire service, together with some from various levels of local government, etc), and especially because we help them to feel part of the community.



*Roger Beavil*

## The Black Lion

September certainly didn't let us down and it truly was a glorious month weather-wise! It was great month for the pub too and we were kept very busy both inside and outside. It is certainly "all change now". It is time to light the fires and enjoy our great autumn menu which is going down very well! We are also introducing some regular, very tasty 'weekend specials' and we look forward to welcoming you to try these.

The Black Lion has been as busy as ever with lots of autumnal events. Last month's music night with **Mouth On A Stick** was enjoyed by everybody and it was great to see such talented musicians having a ball. On 25 October, starting at 8.30, we have another live music evening when we will be entertained by **Splash The Cash**. On this occasion our kitchen will close at 8pm so come along and have a meal before strutting your stuff....or just come along and strut your stuff!

We were delighted to once again host the Wycombe Lions Charity Quiz Night. This evening was a huge success and a lot of money was raised for the Air Ambulance charity. Our winning team will go forward to the final rounds and of course we hope that they will go on to win the £500 prize money. Our next in-house quiz will be held on 9 November starting at 8pm.

The crib & dominos season has just started. As the defending champions of The Knockout and the Rose Bowl, all the other teams will be looking to beat THE LIONS, SO, no pressure guys!

We are again selling tickets for the Naphill Bonfire & Fireworks Night on 8 November. This is the 22nd time this event has been held and we are all looking forward to this annual, spectacular village event. We'd like to thank the organisers for their unstinting work over the years and of course, we will be here to welcome you all on your way to the fireworks and again on your way home.

The Junior Football Club are hosting an 80's disco with the fantastic DJ Salter spinning the tunes. This event will be held in the Village Hall on 21 November from 8pm until around 12pm. We will be running the bar and we have got tickets for sale at a mere £5 a head

There is lots of Festive Fun being organised and we are gearing up for party season. We are happy to host your party and can seat small and larger numbers, our restaurant area seats up to 60. We have already taken a number of bookings for our Xmas Menu which we will be serving during December. We will of course, continue with our usual daily menu during this period. Please call us on 01494 563176 or go online at [www.manageratblacklionnaphill.com](http://www.manageratblacklionnaphill.com) to have the best chance of getting the day of your choice confirmed.

Last but not least, we hope that Lynn from Shear Madness and her partner, Paul, had a very special wedding day! An enormous "thank you" to all of our very generous customers who filled our donation bottle for Lynn. Our thoughts are with you Lynn!



Keep smiling Naphill  
All the best from  
*Everybody at The Black Lion.*

## Bradenham Parish Council

At the parish council's last meeting it was decided that it would join a cluster organised by Princes Risborough Town Council who would cut the grass verges and hedges which are Buckinghamshire County Council's responsibility in the 30mph zones, not much of that in Bradenham Parish! We will join for a year and see how it works out. BCC will give a small budget to do so. We have gained a Certificate of Merit in the Best Kept Village Competition.

We have placed an order for a traffic survey to be carried out in Bradenham. The centre white lines in the 60mph zone of Bradenham Woods lane should be re-instated soon, so Transport for Buckinghamshire tells us. The meeting discussed speed cushions in Bradenham village and decided to get some costing for this work.

The Annual Return had been signed off.

The next meeting is Monday 17 November at Bradenham Cricket Club, when we will start talking about the budget 2015/16. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting.

In May 2015 there will be Parish Council elections. If you are considering standing for the parish council please contact existing councillors or the clerk for more information.



*Deirdre Hansen,*  
Clerk to the Council  
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## Naphill Tennis Club

We play tennis at Naphill all the year round – weather permitting. Club sessions are held on several mornings during the week and on Sunday afternoons at 1.30 pm. If you fancy some exercise in the fresh air, you are welcome to come along to one of our club sessions (see times/days at front of Gazette) before deciding whether to join as a member.

In addition to our AGM on Monday 24 November, 8pm, at The Wheel Pub, we have a Tennis Club Barn Dance planned for Friday 28 November in the Village Hall and Festive Tennis on Sunday 7 December from 1.30pm followed by mince pies, tea and cakes.

*Jenny Tench*

## Christians in the Community

Christmas is creeping up on us. Soon we will be deciding the dates for carol singing in the pubs (look out for the posters). We have set the dates for Carols by Candlelight in the Naphill Village Hall. It is to be Sunday 14th December at 4pm - everyone is welcome. It is to be followed by the usual mulled wine and mince pies!!

If there is anyone whom you would like us to send a Christmas card to just let me know. We will be delivering cards to every house in the parish with a little seasonal gift for some people.

*Norma Clarke - 563116*

## Naphill and Walter's Ash School Report

This autumn the children from Naphill and Walter's Ash School have been busy planning outdoor learning areas for the year groups. WANSAs are sponsoring each year group to create an outdoor activity to enjoy in lessons and playtimes. These are the ideas we came up with:

**Year 6** have decided to construct an open air stage. The stage is planned to be made of wood but they will have to put a plastic cover over it for wet days. Then they are going to write plays and design the scenery for their performances.

**Year 5** are organising a story chair with surrounding seats. They are pondering over how to make this waterproof and are looking forward to reading outside when it is warm and for using this area during lunchtimes.

**Year 4** are going to make an obstacle course made out of tyres and bits of scrap. Their idea was that there would be a row of tyres at the beginning followed by a tyre wall to climb over and land on mats, have another row of tyres but faced upwards to hop from one to another. Finally they would be able to do tumbling on mats at the end. They are putting it on the field where it can be used during break and lunchtimes.

**Year 3** are constructing permanent dens out on the field for a class at a time to play in. The school already have dens but Year 3 want to make a creative den to play in. The whole school can't wait to see the result and how it compares to the ones we already have.

**Year 2, 1 and reception** are all preparing smaller projects. However, we are sure they will still be amazing and make a big impact on the school area. They are all really looking forward to doing something for the school to enjoy!

**Sporting Success**



The year 6 netball and football team went to an inter school tournament at Princes Risborough Upper School on Tuesday 7th October. Each team played four extremely important matches against other local schools and did very well in them. The football team drew their first match and won the other three. They were delighted when they found out the outcome; they were first! The netball team also played well and only lost one match! Heather McIntock, Netball Captain commented, "I thought that it was great to win three of our matches and the team we were opposing in the match we lost, were amazing and deserved to win!" They too came 1st and the entire school are very proud of them! In addition, Naphill pupil Ben Putman was voted player of the football tournament and Alice Rock, netball player, got voted player of the netball tournament!



*Cordelia Thompson and Daniel Hooper,  
Year 6 Editorial Team.*

**Shear Madness**



Firstly I would like to thank you all for your kind gifts and donations. We have been completely overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and generosity .

I am writing this from my hospital bed, The nurse has just been round sticking yet more needles in me, I don't mind this it's much better than having the chemotherapy sessions!

5 days to go until my next round of chemotherapy. I hope it is not as bad as the last lot which did make me very sick. I've had a few bad days this month and also developed a DVT but hopefully these things will improve.

By the time you read this, unless something goes wrong, I will be Mrs Marshall. There are 3 days to go until the wedding and there is still a lot to do which is not easy as I am in hospital! I do however have many kind friends to help me out. I will try to add some pictures as so many of you have requested,

May I all remind you that Mandy is at the moment working alone in the men's section of the shop, so please be patient with her, it is hard work standing on your feet for a long time and she does need to take a little break occasionally. Mandy is doing a brilliant job and we are so grateful for your continued support.



All our love and thanks  
Lynn, Mandy and Dawn

**Picture This**

For one more month, I thought that I would use Sherlock Holmes & Dr. Watson to offer clues and tips for photography. This month it's the 'Mystery of the Dancing Tree'.

Holmes and Watson settled down in the wingchairs by the log fire. Bright flickering flames of yellow and orange illuminated their faces making them appear to glow against the increasing darkness of their study. Rivulets of rain trickled erratically down the window; first golden from the light of the log fire, suddenly, silvery grey as they reflected the soft fading daylight. Holmes was examining the latest copy of the Gazette.

"November" said Holmes slowly "November is a very special time of year" He paused, and blew a smoke-ring which he observed as it rose, soft as a morning mist, slowly evaporating. "Quite unique".

"Unique Holmes? Surely all the months of the year are unique?"

"Mmmh. You are of course right Watson. But November is a time of wetness...."

"A bit like June then Holmes!" Watson chuckled but then caught Holmes' steely gaze "Sorry Holmes, I interrupted you."

"Quite. Wetness, mists, nature's last flashes of colour and soft light. After my – I mean our triumph last month exposing the secrets of the photographer, I was musing on what sort of trickery might be brewing here on this cover."

Watson squirmed in his wingchair "Did we expose him Holmes? I can't remember having to close my eyes".

Holmes slumped in his chair, breathed in slowly and chose to move on. Watson hadn't finished.

"He does seem to use some devilish devices Holmes. Like two ND Grads: two Holmes"

"Mmmh. Well remembered Watson; and he may use those ND's again. But he also seems to have a sense of what nature might do next"

"You mean he's a fortune teller Holmes? I haven't had my stars done for a while....."

"No Watson, he's not an astrologer. He simply notices how November is different, how things change – or appear to change - and uses that to create images like the cover of the Gazette"

"Ah yes, I see what you mean. The mist has softened some of the background trees making the main subject stand out"

"Yes Watson and there's more. He knows that tree"

"You mean he's barking Holmes!" Watson giggled, then coughed. "Sorry Holmes"

"I mean he sees the character of the tree, and captures that energy. It appears to be dancing"

Watson grinned and was about to joke 'if the tree was on 'Strictly' would its partner be Major Oak'. Luckily he didn't. Holmes had just picked up the fire-poker.

"Look how the shape of the golden bracken mirrors and balances the shape of the tree."

"Very lucky, Holmes"

"Not luck Watson, he chose that composition by choosing where to stand his camera. Notice that the bracken is in focus too. He used a small aperture again"

Watson decided not to chance his luck; Holmes was still gripping the poker.

"And" Holmes continued, "he must have used a wide-angle lens to create the apparent depth in the picture."

Holmes is right and I confess, I do know a few trees on the common. But I'm definitely not barking! My tips for this month are all in the story.

I discovered that tree several years ago and have made photographs of it many times. I am still trying to

create the definitive image of the dance.

Enjoy your photography and do take care if you're photographing bonfires and fireworks.



*Richard Holroyd*  
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## Naphill Methodist Church Minister

In the days when we engineers all wore ties at work, my colleague would occasionally find the thin dangly end and tie a simple knot in it. When he got home and took his tie off, this extra knot would get jammed in the main knot, and remind him that he had something important he must remember. Of course, sometimes he couldn't remember what it was he was supposed to remember! And sometimes it was only when he went to bed that he took his tie off, and then it was too late at night to deal with it!

I expect most of us have devised clever ways to remember, with greater or lesser success! Certainly remembering is a vital part of life, and our hearts go out to those whose memory is failing. I do applaud all who work with Alzheimer's patients, trying to stir memories of long ago, even if what they had for lunch is completely forgotten.

A few days ago Prof John O'Keefe was awarded a Nobel Prize for his discovery of cells in the hippocampus of the brain which sense our exact location. These are crucial to remembering where we were a few seconds ago, and what we were doing there. Prof O'Keefe is one of many scientists researching the complexities of the human mind, in which conscious or sub-conscious remembering is a key feature.

This month is very much the month for remembering: Remembrance Day; Remember, Remember the Fifth of November; All Saints Day. Remembering people that we have known personally who have completed their time on this earth, and for whom we give thanks, but always tinged with sadness that they are no longer here with us. Remembering people perhaps not known to us personally, who made personal sacrifice, on behalf of their nation and for the benefit of us who followed. Remembering those who were unhappy with the politics of that time and attempted to blow up parliament.

"Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth" it says in Ecclesiastes, and perhaps that advice is to do so before our minds are cluttered with all the complications of life, and we start to dwell on those complications rather than on the one who has given us this life.

One of the most important Jewish prayers is the Shema, written in Deuteronomy 6 verse 4 onwards "Hear O Israel...." Or equally translated "Listen!" or "Remember this!" and it goes on to describe the oneness of God, who should be loved with heart and soul and strength. So there are truths to be

remembered, as well as people and past situations. The Shema is a call to the whole people to remember collectively, and not just to individuals. So this month's remembering are rightly for the whole community.

So don't forget to remember during this month especially, and remember to share those memories and half-forgotten truths with one another.



## The Wheel

Walking the dogs this morning was definitely cold and damp which means Autumn has arrived. Bizarrely, I kind of like this time of year with all the fantastic colours in the trees and the knowledge that the open fires are lit, which always gives the pub a fantastic atmosphere. I also start getting excited because Bonfire Night is fast approaching and this makes me feel like an excited child! I'm not quite sure why this is as I very rarely actually see a firework go off! We are such a lucky village as the fireworks team do a brilliant job! Always organising the best display in the area! . Please make sure that you all have your fingers and toes crossed for a dry evening this year. As usual we will start serving food from 5pm on this evening.

October has been a very busy month as we have been joined by our new staff Jack Tebb, Jessie Ellert and Simon Da Silva. Happily, they are all fitting in brilliantly as part of The Wheel family. The road closure has also caused us a few problems during the day as everyone passes us by to follow the diversions, or they use our car park as a turning circle. On the up side the road looks lovely!

Mark, as I am sure you all know, broke his arm whilst motorbike racing. I am told that one should not go into a 35mph corner at 70mph, I think this has been proved right! At least it is now the end of the season and I now get a few months of relative normality, excluding Christmas of course.

Talking of Christmas we have been taking bookings since July! The menus are out and you can collect one from the pub. I do suggest that you check available dates to avoid disappointment. Just so that you are all aware, we do not serve food on Christmas Day, but you are more than welcome to join us for a drink between 12noon and 2pm. If you are struggling for present ideas don't forget we have our vouchers, £20, £10 or £5 that can be purchased at the bar.

### Forthcoming Events

**Bangers and Mash Night** - 5th Nov - a selection of homemade sausages with different types of mashed potato.

**Bonfire Night** - 8th Nov - mulled wine & food 5pm

**Game Food Night** - 20th Nov and 4th Dec.

My thanks to everyone as always for supporting us and the other local businesses. Our village will always amaze me. This has again been highlighted by all

the support for the girls at Shear Madness and our thoughts and hugs are with them.



Thanks again  
Claire and Mark

## RAF High Wycombe - Guardians of the Gate

Recently RAF High Wycombe received a brand new Hawker Hurricane Gate Guardian to replace the 30-year-old weathered damaged one that has stood proudly at the entrance of Air Command for the past 8 years.

The new aircraft was installed, assembled and commissioned by Gateguards UK Ltd. The same company who built the Mark 11A Spitfire, Gateguards UK Ltd are manufacturers and suppliers of high-quality, full size replica aircraft for museums, collectors and film industries around the world. They are based at RAF St Mawgan and can only be commended on a fantastic job.

The new state of the art model is constructed from Glass Reinforced Plastic around a galvanized steel internal structure and will easily outlive the 30 year life of the previous airframe. The sheer distance from RAF St Mawgan to RAF High Wycombe made it a logistical nightmare; a 600 mile round trip for the team of engineers towing a 16ft fuselage and two 8-foot wings. As well as the distance, the fuselage is classed as a wide load and had to be brought up separately to the wings, with half of the team bringing the wings the day before and taking the opportunity to clean and repaint parts of the Spitfire.

As the Airframe came up in separate parts it needed to be constructed in situ which was no easy feat. After construction the Hurricane was lifted by a specialist team from M and M crane hire and GateGuards UK, and lowered onto the steel pins to hold it in place. All in all it was in a process that took 10 hours from start to finish, and that doesn't even include the travelling time!

### The Hurricane

The Hurricane gate guardian is actually a full size model and not as previously recorded a two thirds scale model. It is painted in the colours of No. 242 Squadron which was famously flown by Douglas Bader. The Hurricane aircraft that the model is based upon entered service in 1940, and completed fighter air operations in Northern France.

### Douglas Bader's Hurricane

During the Battle of Britain, Bader used three Hawker Hurricanes. The first was P3061, in which he scored six air victories. The second aircraft was unknown, but Bader did score one victory and two damages in it on 9th September 1940. The third was V7467, in which he destroyed four more and added one probable and two damaged by the end of September. The machine was lost on 1st September 1941 while on a training exercise.

On 12th December 1940, Bader was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his services during the Battle of Britain. His unit No. 242 Squadron had claimed 62 aerial victories. Bader was gazetted on 7th January 1941. By this time, he was an acting Squadron Leader.

## Journey of the Old Hurricane

The previous Hurricane started its life at RAF Coltishall and represented the base's vital role in the Battle of Britain. The fibreglass model, which was on display since 1989,



Photograph courtesy of RAF High Wycombe

was positioned just behind the gatehouse to the base as a reminder of its glorious second world war past.

When Coltishall closed in 2006 the replica Hawker Hurricane was transferred to RAF High Wycombe to do 'gate duties' at the then Strike Command headquarters.

However this isn't the end for the 30-year-old Hurricane as it will be given a new lease of life! Post restoration it will stand proudly once more as RAF Cosford's new Gate Guardian.

## The Spitfire

The restored and repainted replica Supermarine Spitfire Mk IIA, built by Gateguards UK is painted in the markings of No. 41(F) Squadron RAF. It is painted in the colours of the Observer Corps and bears the insignia of the aircraft flown by Squadron Leader Donald Osborne Finlay (later Group Captain, DFC AFC) when he commanded No 41(F) Squadron at RAF Hornchurch during the Battle of Britain.

The Spitfire cost the Royal Air Force the princely sum of £1 as its purchase was sponsored by British Aerospace.

## Donald Finlay

During World War II Donald Osborne Finlay initially flew Spitfires with No. 54 Squadron during the Battle of Britain before being wounded and later commanding No. 41 Squadron. He was promoted to the rank of Wing Commander in August 1941, becoming 11 Group Engineering Officer. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross in June 1942. His victory tally flying fighters was 4 shared and 2 individually destroyed, 3 shared and 1 individually damaged. He then commanded 608 Squadron flying Lockheed Hudsons in the Middle East in 1943. In 1945 he commanded 906 Wing in Burma, being awarded an Air Force Cross. He became a Group Captain in 1950.



Photograph courtesy of RAF High Wycombe

Before and during his career he ran for Great Britain in three Olympics, both pre and post-World War II. He first competed in the 1932 Summer Olympics held in Los Angeles in the 110 metre hurdles where he won the bronze medal. Four years later he returned as British Team Captain at the 1936 Summer Olympics held in Berlin, improving to win the silver medal. In 1948, aged 39, he was selected to take the oath at the London Olympics, but missed out on the final, catching a hurdle in an earlier round.

## Donald Finlay's Spitfire (P7666)

The commandant of the Observer Corps Air Commodore Warrington Morris announced that the Corps would Purchase a Spitfire to be piloted by Squadron Leader Finlay. Built by Vickers-Armstrong (Castle Bromwich) Ltd, she was donated to the RAF and then passed to 8 Maintenance Unit on 15th November 1940.

She immediately entered active service with 41(F) Sqn with the code of EB-Z as "the legend of the Observer Corps". The aircraft was flown by Squadron Leader Finlay and on the first sortie shot down an ME 109 but suffered considerable damage.

## So Why Have Gate Guardians?

Gate guardians are a reminder of the RAF's heritage and a symbol of the corporate image of the Royal Air Force. I would urge you all to visit the aircraft next time you pass by RAF High Wycombe and spend a few moments to remember 'the Few'



Photograph courtesy of RAF High Wycombe

*Flying Officer Kyle Evans,  
Station Adjutant RAF High Wycombe*

## Pony Espresso

Pony Espresso is 2 years old! Happy Birthday to us and thanks for all your support. With the sad news from our neighbour, Lynn of Shear Madness, I don't feel very inspired to write witty or amusing stories this time.

So just to say that our menu continues to expand - our homemade sausage rolls are flying off the shelf - and our all day breakfast is very popular. And the cakes! We can hardly keep up with the demand. My demon-possessed bees haven't been very co-operative this year and produced a load of solid honey, so I was unable to put any in jars and ended up with a little pile of chewy comb instead, and an afternoon wasted cleaning the extractor. Maybe next year.

Don't forget if you're looking for greeting cards, we have a beautifully made selection in the cafe. Also, from a couple of months ago, we have a girl's M&S raincoat that was left behind.



Looking forward to seeing you!

*Blaine*

## Naphill Horticultural Society

This time last year, we were desperately trying to find a new Show Secretary. It has been a long journey, but I am delighted to tell you that the post has now been filled by a wonderful lady, Hannah Fradley. Some of you may have met her at the Autumn Show back in September. We are thrilled to have Hannah on the team, and look forward to next year's shows.

With the great autumn clear up well under way and the garden being put to bed for winter, we gardeners will soon be able to put our feet up when we have tidied the shed, cleaned the greenhouse, dug over the vegetable patch, turned the compost heap and protected tender plants from frost.....There is no such thing as down time in the garden!

So this month I give you something to hum along to whilst doing all these essential, but rather dull jobs:-

### The Gardener's Hymn

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

But what we never mention, thought gardeners know it's true,

Is when He made the goodies, he made the baddies too.

All things spray and swatable, Disasters great and small,  
All things paraquatable, the Lord God made them all.

The greenfly on the roses, the maggots in the peas,  
Manure that fills our noses, He also gave us these.

The fungus on the goose-gogs, the club root on the greens,  
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines.

The draught that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds,

The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds.

The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds,  
The pigeons in the greenstuff, the sparrows in the seeds.

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plum,  
How black the gardener's outlook, though green may be his thumb.

But still we gardeners labour, midst vegetables and flowers,  
And pray what hits our neighbours, will somehow bypass ours!

All things bright and beautiful.....



*Cathryn Carter - 563233*

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**Editorial Comment** This months, as always, I have been grateful to receive the plethora of great articles, photographs and announcements for your forth coming events. As so often happens, I once again ran short of space and therefore had to omit some items, make some of the announcements smaller than the organisers would have liked and resort to narrower text in places. I have attempted to make these editorial decisions as fairly and as objectively as possible and I trust that you will bear with me.

Our local primary school have appointed a year 6 editorial team to collate and submit the school copy. I extend a warm editorial greeting to my new young reporters!

I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating Lynn and Paul on their wedding. All weddings are special but for reasons we all understand, this one is particularly poignant.

I have written about the special December edition of the Gazette and I look forward to receiving your copy please on or before 15 November.

*Sonia*

## PIN UP DIARY DATES

### November

6th November	Naphill Neighbours Swindon Designer Outlet - leaving Village Hall 9.00am
8th November	Fireworks on the Crick - details on page 13
10th November	W.I. Coffee Morning Bon Ami 10.30am - detail page 14
21st November	Boy's Football Club 80's Disco Village Hall 8pm details page 19
24th November	Tennis Club AGM - The Wheel 8.00pm
28th November	Tennis Club Barn Dance - Naphill Village Hall

### December

6th December	Naphill Gift Fayre Naphill Village Hall 1pm details page 19
14th December	Carols by Candlelight Naphill Village Hall 4pm details page 21

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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 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
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	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
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
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	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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Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
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Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
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	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
	Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only		
	Fridays 5-7.30pm Saturday 9-10am		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	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	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
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### Editorial

Recently, somebody said "A week is a very long time" and of course the passing of time is subjective. To a small child a week, especially in the build up to Christmas, can seem like a lifetime. As the Editor of the Gazette it really does not seem possible that it was a year ago that I sat here, as a very new editor, writing my first Christmas Editorial. It is a huge privilege to still be your editor and I thank you all for your ongoing support, encouragement, help and kindness.

Christmas is a time of celebration when we often look back over the past year and we look forward to the New Year. One of the highlights of our village life has to be the highly successful first Napfest. Our traditional Village Fete, with much hard work by the Napfest Committee led by Claire, evolved from that traditional Fete and became a fabulous three day event, the Napfest, and I know, as I write, that this great band of volunteers are busily planning next year's Napfest! Of course we are so lucky to have many other village events. We did well in the Best Kept Village Competition. Last week it was our Annual Firework Display and by the time you read this the huge tree outside the Village Hall will be adorned with Christmas lights, just in time for the Christmas Fayre. None of these events 'just happen' and I am sure you

join me in thanking all the hardworking volunteers who make these events possible.

Of course some things never change but how they are executed might be all but unrecognisable. As a child I well remember having a sneaky peep inside my Mother's wardrobe on the off-chance that I might get a little preview of my Christmas present. Recently I caught my nine-year-old grandson on a similar mission but this involved trawling through his Mother's iPad.

Many Christmas traditions and customs remain as they have been for many years. We decorate our homes, probably now with lights and shop bought decorations, rather than the candles, holly and mistletoe of yesteryear, but decorate we do. We exchange Christmas Greetings, often still with brightly coloured cards. Many of us enjoy the carol singing and the church services as we celebrate this traditional Christian Festival. Of course we like to exchange presents and spend time with our friends and family but sadly not everybody has this opportunity. Recently I popped into Bon Ami and couldn't miss the stack of beautifully wrapped shoe boxes containing presents for children who otherwise might not receive a Christmas parcel. A heartening reminder of the generosity and the kindness within our community.

My heartfelt thanks to our subscribers and readers, our loyal contributors, our distributors who turn out in all weathers, our ever patient printer, my stalwart Gusetteers and everybody who makes it possible for me to be the very proud editor of this great magazine. MERRY CHRISTMAS and Every Blessing for 2015!

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## Fireworks Display & Bonfire 2014

Initially this year's event was in jeopardy due to high winds, but the wind speed subsided over the course of the day so we were able to go ahead. The wind direction meant there were restrictions imposed and some areas has to be cordoned off. The rain was unfortunate but did not spoil the event.

The evening started slowly but as everybody arrived the stewards were kept busy! The addition of the children's swords this year was very popular.

Fewer people attended this year's event but the sales did not suffer and we hope to have raised £5,000 for the village hall.

Much work goes on prior to the day and then on the day there is a lot of set-up and clearing away to be managed. I would like to thank all of those who contributed in any way towards the fireworks display. Thanks, in no particular order to:

- The Wheel, Black Lion and The Gate for their generous donations of barrels of beer.
- Wycombe Trade Waste for the bins and considerable numbers of pallets.
- The RAF Station Commander, Group Captain Frank Clifford O.B.E., who enthusiastically lit the bonfire.
- RAF for their fire tender and other contributions of supplies.
- The shops, pubs and estate agent in the village which sell the tickets at no profit to themselves.
- Mark Blamey for his outstanding work with the digger getting the bonfire as high as possible without making the Crick too muddy.
- Darren Lomas and his BBQ team – particularly as he was working on his 40th birthday – that is true commitment.
- Adam Pool, John Harris and the firing team (the Pool family). Adam and John go on training courses every year to allow them to continue their firing licence, as well as updating the risk assessment and taking the final decision of whether we go ahead with the display.
- Ron Carter and his army of stewards on the numerous gates and entrances.
- My slightly smaller army of marshals to guard the bonfire and fireworks fall-out areas.
- Clive Lawrence and his bar staff who run the Men's Club bar.
- Mike and Cherry Grout at the first aid post – nothing major this year to report thankfully.
- Kieren Moore for his radios and his Bucket Collection Team who collect money from those who look over the hedge along Main Road.
- Steve Curtis who handles all the electrics.
- Miora Harris' team who run the soup, mulled wine and hot chocolate stall.
- Monika Maculewicz helped by Ruth Bond on the glowing necklaces and swords for the children.
- Dave Webb for driving the National Trust Land Rover by kind permission of those at Hughenden Manor. It is the ultimate off road vehicle and comes into its own in the evening.
- Mike Robinson who has designed the posters and tickets over many years, sadly this is his last year as he is retiring. Thanks for your work over 22 years.

Final thanks to Country Supplies for sponsoring the eco pint cups. Many people took these home as souvenirs. Using these saves on landfill and is an opportunity for

some advertising for the village events. These are re-usable and you will see them at the Napfest in June 2015 as well as any other outside village event.

There are lots of things to organise in the run up to the event and anyone who would like to help with next year's display would be appreciated. Give me a call or drop me an e-mail.

I hope you enjoyed it and look forward to next year's display on 7 November 2015.

*Andrew Wilmot*

Chairman 2014 Fireworks Committee  
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## Seven-a-Day

Happy with "five-a-day"? Well, the nutrition and health experts now say "seven-a-day". Based upon the eating habits of 65,000 people in England from 2001 to 2013 the researchers found there was a reduction in risk of dying of cancer of 25% and of heart disease of 31% for seven-a-day. For the overall risk, eating 1 to 3 portions a day of fruit and vegetables a day reduced the risk by 14%, 5 to 7 portions a day reduced the risk by 36% and 7 or more reduced the risk by 42%.

The 7 portions are each of 80 grams, so that amounts to a lot of fruit and vegetables every day – 560 grams or one pound four ounces in real money. The 7 portions should be mainly vegetables, but fruit juice is no good and canned and frozen fruit have a negative effect. Potatoes don't count for the seven-a-day.

That's quite a lot of fruit and vegetables every day. If you would like an allotment please call the parish clerk on 01494 715296.

Happy gardening!  
*Mike Mason*

## Best Kept Village Competition 2014 Update

The result of this year's competition was announced in the September Gazette. It is very pleasing to be able to inform everyone that, following queries about the level of marks for the villages in the De Fraine Cup this year, a review has taken place. As a result, an additional ten marks has been awarded to every village in this cup.

This means that Naphill has been awarded a well deserved Certificate of Merit for achieving a Highly Commended grade. Villages have to be awarded over 80 marks out of 100 to qualify for a certificate; Naphill's revised mark was 82.

The village is already looking attractive in anticipation of the 2015 competition. The Village Hall Council has decided to enter the competition again next year and will be seeking volunteers to help with the village clean up. Judy's hanging baskets have been replanted for the winter and look great outside Bon Ami. The excellent pictorial map of the village, created by Philip Hussey, enhances the front elevation of the Hall as well as being very informative.

Well done to the 'Fireworks Team' and local residents who ensured that the Crick was cleared of litter, etc. after the event on November 8th. The care that is taken of our green space is very commendable and shows how much the Crick is valued.

*Peggy Ewart*

## Neighbourhood Action Matters

### Parking on Pavements

To allow emergency vehicles to get through narrow streets it was agreed that cars could park partly on the pavement. However, this has to be done without "obstructing" the pavement which is an offence.

The law insists that at least 1m of pavement is left accessible for pedestrians, particularly wheelchairs & double buggies. Walking round the parish has made it clear to me that drivers are not always compliant with this rule.

When you are parking please will you ensure that all fellow residents can use the pavements and they are not forced into the road, possibly with young children.

Offenders might well have photos taken of their vehicle that can be passed on to our neighbourhood police officer for possible action.



*Stan Jones*  
Chairman - Neighbourhood Action Group

### Picture This

December, the last month of the year, the first day of winter, the winter solstice and the month with the shortest hours of daylight. With that amount of gloom around, it's little wonder that we feel like hibernating until spring. But December and winter is rather special – yes, there's Christmas, but more of that later.

In December, the sun rises at a civilised hour for photography and it also rises South of East; that means that some parts of the landscape are illuminated only by the rising sun of winter. With the sun low in the sky for most of the winter days, sunlight is usually warm (more orange/red) and this winter light can help you to create beautiful pictures. And there's more. The sky can be very clear and blue and there's photography magic in this too. Away from the light of the sun, shadows pick up the blue light from the sky.

The cover picture was made in January. I'd arrived at Hughenden well before the sun had risen and recall that the thermometer showed that it was minus10; luckily there was no biting wind. The sky was almost clear blue and almost clear blue skies are a bit boring for photographs. So I searched out a composition where tree branches filled in the blanks and stuck the tripod into the snow.

First, the rising winter sun lit up the trees surrounding the manor. Next, fingers of soft red sunlight wrapped around the old vicarage at the top of the hill; it looked stunning. Then sunlight began to creep down the field towards the church. Inwardly I told myself 'Wait for the light to hit the church', 'take a lightmeter reading', 'set the shutter speed and aperture', 'recheck the lightmeter' and 'press the shutter'.

The picture shows all that I described earlier; the warmth of the winter sun making the church glow against the cold blue sky while the snow in the

shadows picks up the blue light from the sky. I hope you enjoy the picture.

Christmas. Looking at pictures is a great way to learn what works and what doesn't. So I'm recommending 3 books for Santa's sack.

- 'First Light, a landscape photographer's art' by Joe Cornish
- 'Scotland's Mountains' again by Joe Cornish
- 'Images of the Seventh Day' by Michael Kenna

'First Light' is now out of print but there are slightly use copies available on Amazon. Michael Kenner's book will probably become a sought-after collectors book. I wish you a very happy Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year



*Richard Holroyd*  
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### Editorial Comment

As the Editor of our magazine, I am especially proud of our magazine covers and I have to admit, I take no credit for them! I rely totally on my talented Assistant Editor, Richard Holroyd, to source the photographs and design our covers. This month we have one of Richard's photographs of Hughenden Church as our special Christmas cover. I thank Richard and hope you all enjoy it as much as I do!



*Sonia*

### Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

At our last meeting we were delighted to welcome Ruth Daly and Toni Green from the Scout & Guide HQ.

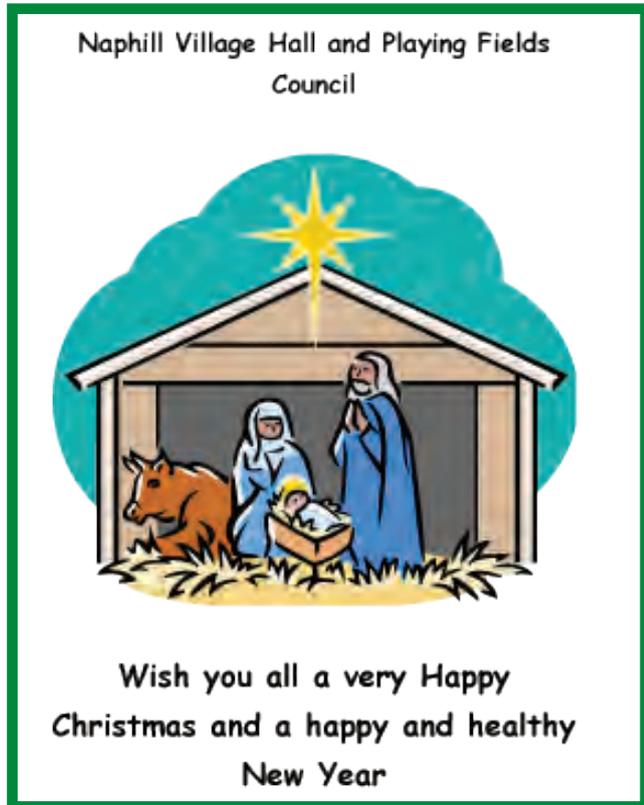
We are in the process of compiling a list of jobs that need doing around the Village Hall, and are also seeking suggestions for improvements to the facilities and amenities. We have received quite a few ideas already, but if you have anything you would like considered, please let either Sarah or myself know. We cannot promise that everything will get done immediately, but neither will we dismiss any suggestions - it would be nice to know what everyone wants from the hall. One thing that is to get attention fairly quickly is the car park lighting as people struggle in the dark with the current illuminations.

The fireworks display on November 8th was truly spectacular (even if the weather wasn't), I think I am safe in saying that it was the best display we have ever had, and we are extremely grateful to Andrew and his team for organising such a wonderful village event for us. Our next fundraising event is the Christmas Gift Fayre on Saturday 6th December. This is the perfect opportunity to buy some Christmas presents, enjoy a glass of mulled wine and try your luck on one of the tombolas or in the Grand Draw.

By the time you read this, our tree should be lit telling us all that Christmas is almost here. On behalf of all

the Village Hall Council I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and every good wish for 2015.

Cathryn Carter  
Vice Chairman  
Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council



### 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 winter 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, even though the bulbs are LED and use less energy, the lights still use a lot of electricity, so we are asking you to dig deep to help cover the running costs and the all-important insurance for the brave team, 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

# Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre



Saturday 6th December  
In the Village Hall



Doors open 1.00 p.m

The revamped Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre is rapidly taking shape so put this date in your diary now to ensure you don't miss out on a fun and festive afternoon.

**Gift stalls** will include unique handmade jewellery from Beads & Bracelets, Usborne Books, Fresh and artificial floral arrangements and door wreaths by Karen Elliott, Forever Living Aloe Vera products, Tamsen Ora jewellery, Handmade cards, plus much much more.....

**Grand Raffle**

**Tombolas**



**Refreshments**

**Cake Raffle**

**Mulled Wine & Mince Pies**

## Hughenden Parish Council Report

The last month has been dominated by the debate over the transfer of certain allotments to the Allotments for Labouring Poor charity (AfLP). Both the Walter's Ash and Louches Lane allotments are legally required by the Charities Commission to be transferred out of HPC ownership to the AfLP. This is a saga that has been running for the last decade and as we have previously reported, is summarised in a comprehensive document available on the HPC website. What has brought it to a head this month, however, is the publication of the proposed constitution for the AfLP which states as its objective 'the relief of poverty in the parish of Hughenden' with no requirement for the maintenance of allotments. Unfortunately, none of us has had much time to comment on this but hopefully the Charities Commission will have received enough responses to understand the strength of feeling and concern that is felt in the Parish over the potential risk that comes from this constitution. The Parish Council has been working tirelessly through its AfLP Working Group to ensure that the status quo is maintained and is moving towards agreement on a long lease – possibly 99 years – to ensure that all of the sites handed over to AfLP continue in their current form and hopefully by the time this is published, this will have happened. But please be assured, OUR objective is a transfer that will ensure that the best interests of both the allotment holders and the community as a whole are maintained.

Of course, whilst all this is happening, normal Council business must continue. We are still struggling with safety measures that will improve traffic and parking at both the Post Office and the Coop area. This is taking a frustratingly long time, but we are still trying to achieve solutions that are acceptable to all. We have agreed to support the Hughenden Valley Community Shop with a grant towards the installation of a temporary cabin-type building in the car park. This will give them meeting space and will greatly enhance the social aspects of the shop. We have also agreed to the replacement of 60+ streetlight bulbs with LEDs at a cost of £17k. Mainly in Widmer End, these are street lights that HPC has always had responsibility for and this investment will lead to significant savings in both energy use and maintenance.

The deadline for returns of the Parish Plan Questionnaire has now passed and we are pleased to say that we have had an excellent response. So thank you to all those who participated and we hope to have the results collated soon after Christmas.

Following the recent departure of our Assistant Clerk Emma, we have now appointed Jill Armshaw to the position. Jill was the Clerical Assistant and has risen to the challenge admirably and we are very grateful for her commitment.

Finally, once again, we would like to congratulate the Village Hall for the magnificent fireworks and bonfire event. As always, the success of these sort of events is all down to lots of volunteers, both with the excellent organisation and help on the night and we would like to thank all who participated to give us a great evening.

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

## Personal Perspective

Since the elections of May 2011 I've regularly tried to give a 'feel' for what it's like to be a Parish Councillor. Now we are about six months away from the 2015 elections I hope that further extracts from earlier articles in the Gazette will continue to be of interest, particularly to those who might in the end decide to stand for election.

**October 2011 – working within and outside our Parish** Sometimes we have to recognise that while we can suggest and even fund things (for instance, various initiatives to try to reduce the speed at which many cars career through our parish), other levels of government (like Bucks County Council) can block our path. We will keep persisting with initiatives we believe to be right, however.

We are all slowly getting used to the interplay of different levels of local government. Hugh McCarthy, for instance, is both an elected Parish Councillor for Widmer End Ward, and faced a contested election to become a Wycombe District Councillor for its ward of Hazlemere North. Three other district councillors, for Greater Hughenden Ward, however, did not have to face a contest in May, and were returned 'unopposed'. For the sake of democracy I hope that in the future, and at whatever level, there are always enough people prepared to stand for election. Perhaps it could be *you* the next time!

**November 2011 – the Parish Council quietly gets on with lots of things.** We were all very disappointed to be informed at our last Council meeting that there had been a large quantity of tyres fly-tipped at the Garden of Rest. Apart from the sad reflection on society that someone could do such a thing in a beautiful and dignified spot, the Council also had to pick up the cost of clearing this blight; and by 'Council money' remember that it comes from everyone in the Parish!

For nearly 30 years we lived in the Parish and I had no concept of how important the Parish Council is to all of us. So I hope you might also consider coming to one or more council or committee meetings, to see how we come to decisions or recommendations. Just contact the Parish Office for details of what's happening soon!

**December 2011 – starting to make progress.** Particularly for new Councillors such as myself we have spent much of the time since May getting used to what we can and cannot do, learning how we can improve the effectiveness of our various committees while encouraging discussion, selecting a new Clerk to the Council, and so on. All these have been essential, but don't expect all the ideas to be dealt with instantly!

One of several 'Working Parties' is being set up so that we can properly consider what to do to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year. We've already started to canvass ideas about where one or more trees might be planted in each Ward. If you have views, please let us know!

By the time you read this our Finance & Administration Committee will have held our 'Precept' meeting, roughly equivalent to other organisations working on their 'budgets' for the year to come, but there will not have been time for approval by our Full Council nor acceptance by Wycombe District Council, the next tier up in local government. This is a very important

meeting, since it will set the financial framework we have to bear in mind for the year that starts in April. By then we might be seeing 'green shoots' from a number of our committees, to supplement those that nature provides.



Roger Beavil

## NAPHILL AND WALTER'S ASH SCHOOL

Over this half term every child in the school was set a task of creating something to commemorate 100 years since the First World War. The results were amazing and the school decided to hold an exhibition of the artwork creating a sea of crimson poppies in the school hall.

Some people took it step further and produced mind blowing projects using paint, bubble wrap, tissue paper and buttons. Some sewed cushions and there is one made out of loom bands!

In addition to the artwork produced at home, every class made their own tribute. Year R made a wreath of poppies and did the leaves as hand prints. Year 1 made a poppy field with their fingers covered in paint! Year 2 used cupcake cases to make poppies and stuck them on cardboard medals. Year 3 decided to make lots of poppies on one piece of paper using hand prints. Half of Year 4 made a finger painted poppy field as a collage and the other half drew poppies and stuck them on a wooden cross. Year 5 painted giant poppies using purple, orange, red and black based on work by an artist called Georgia O'Keefe. Year 6 have written poems and displayed them on poppy shaped paper creating a wreath of poems. This is an example of one of the poems:

### The Poppy

My petals form a blood red symbol,  
Watching the loved ones fall.  
I dance in the wind  
I sit watching  
In the battle field,  
Sights of horror!  
I know,  
I have watched.  
I am the symbol of sacrifice.



**The Poppy.**

by Molly Banford - Year 6



Photographs courtesy of Naphill and Walter's Ash School

This tremendous artwork is displayed in the school hall with parents and local people being invited to see it. One local resident said, "It's fantastic to see what the children have achieved and how much this centenary means to them."



Cordelia Thompson and Daniel Hooper,  
Year 6 Editorial team.

## Ron Crutchfield's 90th Birthday



In the July edition of the Gazette I published an article "A Hero in our Midst". about Ron Crutchfield which was sent in by Mike Mason. A young lady admirer, who wishes to remain anonymous, sent in this photograph. Our Hero celebrates his 90th BIRTHDAY. Happy Birthday Ron! Of course, as a responsible editor, I cannot publish anything completely anonymously, so my thanks to the kind lady and her name and email address can be supplied upon request,

Sonia

## Friends of Naphill Common

Greetings to everyone. May you have a happy Christmas and enjoy the year ahead. To enhance that enjoyment why not come to our open meeting and AGM on Friday 13th February at the Village Hall? Doors open at 7.30pm. There will be a minimum of business but it will enable you to ask questions, make criticisms, offer advice, vote in a new committee and even offer your services on it if you would like to. We are delighted that this will be followed by a talk by local farmers, Jim and Gill Kent. What they do and the decisions they take are vital for our rural economy and for our local landscape.

At the time of writing the session of felling on the Common has finished. All that remains to do is finish working on the major rides, H12 (BW84), H2 (BW85) and H18 (BW) and to clear round some of the ponds. The rides are being widened and cleared of scrub. I am sure there is mixed feeling about the work, the churned up earth, the lost trees and the large piles of logs but, given that the felling was permitted, I suggest that the result is as good as it could be. The whole area is more open and the rides, once healed, will be wider and more sunlit. I am grateful to Wessex Woodland Management and the Forestry Commission for taking such care and being so willing to consult and cooperate. One man was injured during the tree felling and I am sure everyone will join in sending him our best wishes for a speedy healing of the wound. As I understand it, felling will start again in the autumn of 2016.

Talking of gratitude, I think those who walk on the Common will agree that we owe some to our working parties, led by Peter Davis. Each month they have worked to open up paths that were seriously restricted, mainly by holly. By widening them, walkers are able to avoid the mud and enjoy longer vistas. This work, together with the felling, should eventually lead to a great enrichment of the flora and fauna on the Common. We would especially like to see an increase in the number and variety of birds, but this will depend to some extent on the quality of the flora, especially the undergrowth. Of course, much depends on what long term management follows the felling.

Our walks will continue next year. Ron Collins leads the longer walks of about five miles (2½ to 3 hours) on the third Monday of each month, and has given the following list of dates: 19/1, 16/2, 16/3, 20/4, 18/5, 15/6, 20/7, 17/8, 21/9, 19/10, 16/11, 21/12. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9.30am sharp. Chris Miller leads our short walks (2 to 3 miles) starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month.

The fungus foray was a great success and over forty people joined the hunt, including some keen children. Thank you to those from the Bucks Fungus group who led the walk, to Peter Davis who organised it, and to all those who came along. In what, apparently, has not been a good year for fungi, we found 92 species – the most that the BFG has found on any site this season. Of these, 27 had not been found on Naphill Common

before and another 7 had not been seen there for thirteen years. Visit our website for details.

We hope you can come to our open meeting and the many walks, working parties and events that we organise next year.



*Trevor Hussey*  
Chairman.

## Naphill Horticultural Society

Our recent Cheese & Wine evening was another great success, so thank you to all of you who came along. The evening started with a very informative talk by Brian Fisher who told us more about the great gardens of Sussex and also tested our knowledge of Latin plant names (I failed miserably!).

Once again, the cheese & pate buffet was demolished in record time- what more can I say?

If any of our members are interested in visiting the RHS Gardens at Wisley, the Society has a Garden Entry card, which allows entry at a reduced rate for two people and is valid any day except Sunday. If you wish to borrow the card, please give me a call.

Our next event is the Annual Dinner on Friday 6th March 2015. Details later, but make a note in your diaries.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, thank you to everyone for their support over the past year, and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



*Cathryn Carter*  
563233

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

## Naphill Neighbours

Last month our end of year outing took us to SWINDON DESIGNER OUTLET. We came home with lighter purses but laden with bargain goodies, having enjoyed the retail experience and survived the long 'detour' back to Naphill.

At our November club meeting we were given a demonstration of wreath making and flower arranging to get us in the mood for Christmas.

Next on the agenda will be the Village Hall Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6 December, when we will be running our usual TOMBOLA. If you haven't already done so, please let Sheila have your donations of bottles and cans as soon as possible. We hope to see you all on the day.

Christmas preparations will be in full swing when we meet on Monday 15 December for our club's annual festive dinner party. At the risk of being accused of nagging – just a gentle reminder not to arrive before 6.30pm but no later than 6.45pm, as we hope to sit

down to our Christmas meal at 7pm. The meal will be followed by entertainment.

Another year will have gone by when we meet again on Monday 12 January for our first get together of 2015. We will be entertained and enlightened by Heather Baxter when she tells us about A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE ROYAL BALLET.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Hazel Vickery  
563977

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



from

*The Committee & Members*  
NAPHILL NEIGHBOURS

## Bon Ami

Advent 2014 is now here which is such an enjoyable time of year. Everyone is hopefully gearing up for Christmas; spending time with friends and family and sharing gifts.

Here at Bon Ami we are now serving our gorgeous "Winter Magic" coffees. Delicious coffee with honey, nuts and chocolate. We have some beautiful Phoenix Christmas cards and wrappings available to buy and additional orders may be taken.

There is a basket of goodies on our bar filled with homemade preserves, bags of biscotti and hot chocolate sets. These are ideal stocking fillers. The cake cabinet has a Christmas cake and Amanda's mum, Erika's, mince pies in it. (Orange pastry mince pies filled with brandy and mascarpone cream).

We have a selection of stunning fabric and fresh Christmas wreaths to buy which are being made by Emily Campanini, a local schoolgirl. The fresh wreaths are available to order for delivery at the beginning of December.

As in previous years Bon Ami will be closed from 3pm on Saturday 20th December and will reopen on Monday 5th January. We hope you understand that we would both like to spend time with our families over the festive period. Happy Christmas to all of our customers, current and future. We look forward to a great 2015 ☺.



Best wishes,  
*Amanda & Ruth.*



**Leigh Lewis**  
optometrist

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***Best Wishes for Christmas  
and the New Year!***



## The Wheel



### Is it December already?

I shall keep this brief as we have a lot to do!

Bonfire Night on the 8th November was another cracking display boys and girls! Well done to all the helpers, volunteers and organizers! I even managed to see a firework this year! I am so pleased the weather just about held off for all those who attended!

### 'What's coming up?' I hear you ask, well:

5th December - Another chance to taste Chef's culinary delights with a Game Food themed menu.

From reading this until 22nd December our Christmas Menu is available and we still have a few spaces left for bookings.

31st December - New Year's Party - please note, smart dress and ticket only - see management for details.

15th January 2015 - Game Food Evening

6th February 2015 - RBS 6 Nations! Can't wait for the Wheel's rendition of 'Swing Low'...

### Festive Opening Times:

22nd - 4:30pm - 11pm

24th - 12pm - 12am

25th - 12pm - 2pm - Kitchen Closed

26th - 6pm - 10.30pm - Kitchen Closed

29th - 4:30pm - 11pm

31st - 12pm - 1:30am (kitchen closes at 8:30pm)

1st - 6pm - 10:30pm - Kitchen Closed

All other days are normal opening times

### And last but by no means least My Christmas Poem!

Twas the night before Christmas, and  
the village was quiet.  
All parents prepared, for the Christmas  
Day riot.

And on that day if you fancy a few,  
please come and join us until about two.

We then close our doors until Boxing  
Day night,  
and return at six, for those in need of a  
pint.

Our gratitude and thanks to our hard  
working staff,  
and to customers and friends who all  
made us laugh.

So there is one more thing we have left  
to do,  
and that is to give a festive greeting to  
you.

### Merry Christmas, and All The Best for 2015!

*Cheers!  
The Wheel*



## Naphill Methodist Church



One of my favourite Christmas Carols is Good King Wenceslas. A rousing tune, and particularly good for men to sing their part. It was a bit disappointing to find Wenceslas was not a British king, and to find his statue in the centre of Prague, where he is a local

hero and a saint, albeit from a 1000 years ago. But I still sing it with gusto!

The carol has no mention of the birth of Jesus, but is suitably wintry, and the story takes place on the Feast of Stephen, which most of us would know as Boxing Day. The king takes pity on a poor peasant gathering firewood, and sets off through the snow with his pageboy to take food and drink to the peasant's house. The pageboy is struggling, but finds it easier when he steps in the king's footprints. The implication is that we too should follow the good king, with acts of kindness.

The carol has been widely dismissed as trite doggerel, and church hymnbooks usually avoid it, but I still like it!

"Proper" Christmas carols sing about Jesus, (though we often throw in a few cows and asses, which are not mentioned in the bible!). These carols sing of complicated theological matters like "incarnation" and "redemption", and they certainly have their place, but the human kindness and generous giving in the Wenceslas story seem to me to express the very best of Christmas celebrations.

God has seen the desperate need of humanity for a Saviour, and we should see the desperate need of humanity for peace and dignity and justice and freedom, and Christmas is our opportunity to give via charities or do something practical.

I hope you will have chance to sing some carols this Christmas: the churches will be singing in some local pubs, and there is the Village Carol Service on Sunday 14th December 4pm in the Village Hall, but you can sing at home or down the street. And maybe Good King Wenceslas will be part of the repertoire!



Happy Christmas to you all.

*Mike Hill*

Minister for Naphill Methodist Church

## Christians in the Community

Although the dates are not yet fixed, we shall be carol singing in four pubs – The Black Lion and The Wheel in Naphill, and The Gate and The Harrow in Hughenden.

The dates are Tuesday 16th December. Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th – look out details in local press/flyers.

The details of Christmas services in Hughenden

Church and the Naphill Methodist Church will be in the Christmas cards which will be delivered to all houses in the parish.

We will have the annual Carols by Candlelight in the Naphill Village Hall on Sunday 14th December at 4 pm. This is a service especially designed for people who do not regularly go to church.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

*Norma Clark*



## Saint Botolph's Services

December 7th	11am	Eucharist
December 14th	11am	Eucharist
December 21st	5pm	Carol Service
December 24th	5pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass



*Peggy Ewart*

## Naphill Evening W.I.

We have a new President. Congratulations and best wishes to Sally Woodbridge who volunteered for this post at our Annual Meeting on 16 October.

Some of our members will be at the Bon Ami on Monday 10 November to promote our WI. Some of us will just go along for the lovely coffee and cakes.

Our 20 November meeting will be another Open Meeting, the speaker being Edward Dixon on Animal Heroes and Villains from the First World War.

Then it will be our Christmas Party – on a Friday this year, 12 December – we will have a three course meal supplied by excellent caterers.

The Food Appreciation Group enjoyed a tasty lunch at the White Hart in Beaconsfield earlier this month and there are tempting plans for 2015, whilst the Craft Group are busy trying to make lots of Christmassy things for the Village Christmas Fayre.

Best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a big thank you to Sonia for being so supportive throughout the year as editor of the Gazette.



*Carol Gilliam*

### **Editorial Comment**

I should like to thank the ladies of the Naphill Evening W.I. for making me so welcome at their Bon Ami Coffee Morning. It was lovely to meet you all and I look forward to joining you for some your meetings.

*Sonia*



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE  
FROM ALL THE STAFF AT  
WYNYARD-WRIGHT & ELLIS**



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## Naphill Brownies

A few weeks ago we all went on a visit to Wycombe Library where we learned about all the great things we can borrow – including books in different languages and Braille! We also had a look at the archives and records – we could have stayed for ages.

With this year's extra special centenary remembrance celebrations, we have been doing the 'Girl Guiding Poppy Badge' – we have discussed the fabulous poppies in London and why we wear a poppy. Then we made our own poppies. We found out about places around the world where the military are serving and tried sports done by wounded soldiers. And, as ever, we were proud to join the rest of the village at the Remembrance service in the Village Hall.

Our new brownies were enrolled this week. It's funny how often mums comment that they remember doing their own enrolment – the toadstool, the pond with the wise old owl, the 'twist me and turn me' rhyme....and the promise itself. If you were a brownie, you will know what I'm talking about. It's a special moment.

This week we will be spending some of our Jumble Sale money on a visit to the Wycombe Swan Theatre to see a show followed by a backstage tour. Thanks again if you supported the Jumble sale as it allows us to offer these opportunities.

And then, can you believe it, it's nearly Christmas. We will be making preparations for our Christmas Carol Service and looking forward to the Christmas craft day (An idea started by my predecessor). This year it is for all Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers in our District. That is a lot of glitter and glue!

We're planning a very Merry Christmas and hope you have one too!



*Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)*  
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## Naphill Scouts

As the nights closed in and the weather turned from a balmy late summer to the wind and rain of autumn, scouts activities have been a bit more indoors for the second part of the term. We had our annual pumpkin carving at Halloween. The standard of the pumpkin carving this year was probably the best yet, with designs including the traditional carved faces, ghosts, a witch on a broomstick and even a very good attempt at carving a pumpkin version of the Star Wars Death Star! You can google that if you want to see what it is supposed to look like. On the same night we invested our four newest scouts into the troop, surrounded by a ring of lit pumpkins.



Photograph courtesy of Naphill Scouts

We have continued to develop the map reading skills of our scouts with an evening looking at the different symbols used on the map using a map quiz, and a night hike shortly after to test the skills of the scouts. In preparation for Remembrance Sunday the scouts practiced forming up into a three line unit and marching. For those who attended the service, it does count towards their Community badge.

And of course scouts would not be complete without a few games played every now and then, which have been inside and outside. Scout leader Dujon has introduced a new compass game to the scouts which has had them literally running around in circles!

We have a number of new scouts due to join us after Christmas, some moving up from cubs and others new into the group. We do have space for more so if your son or daughter wants to come along and find out more just drop us an email.

*Mark Powell*  
Naphillscouts@aol.com



Photograph courtesy of Naphill Scouts

## RAF High Wycombe

RAF High Wycombe has, as ever, been incredibly busy with Remembrance and the Centenary. Personnel were lucky enough to be part of the teams planting the amazing poppies at the Tower of London and our AIRPLAY youth club also visited to pay their respects. One of the members was remembering his grandfather who was a submariner whose body was never found during WW1. Conflict touches us all and at RAF High Wycombe the Community Support Team have been offering many events to support and raise the morale of those currently at home whilst loved ones are deployed overseas. Events have included ceramic painting, felting, craft afternoons and future events include a trip on the Chinnor Santa steam train and the usual Christmas party followed by the annual Christingle Service in the station church. The service is on the 14th of December and starts at 1600hrs, everyone is welcome.

AIRPLAY youth support project continues to go from strength to strength enjoying a sleepover in the Science Museum and many other activities over the summer. They also hosted the most amazing Halloween party and have plans to hold some WW1 Centenary commemorations.

We very much enjoyed the bonfire and firework display and are looking forward to next year already.

The Station charities committee have been busy holding a very successful Children In Need event and raised over £800 for CinN and Station charities. All of

our local businesses donated raffle prizes which were gratefully received.

The gymnasium has reopened after a huge refurbishment programme and plans are afoot to expand and relocate the House at Pooh Corner childcare centre next year. So watch this space.

Looking back over 2014 with all of the postings in and out we are fortunate that community spirit is strong and knowing that we have the support of our local civilian community means the world to us. Here's to an equally successful 2015!

*Dani Bowman*



*RAF High Wycombe would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

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**Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Conservatory!**

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## The Black Lion

What a glorious month October turned out to be! It was warm and sunny and we were kept very busy. Hopefully it will make the winter seem a little shorter. The nights are already drawing in and our Winter Warmer menu is proving very popular. We have also introduced our "specials menu" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, so please do come and try.

For the ale drinkers amongst you, we have our wonderful seasonal special Rebellion's Roasted Nuts, on the bar and this will be our "permanent guest ale" until next spring. Of course we will still have our "rotating guest ales" alongside our regulars.

Our recent music night at the end of October was headlined by the inimitable Splash The Cash and was very well attended. Our next musical foray is on Saturday 29th November starting at 9pm and featuring The Wedge. This is a very talented group of local legends who we know you will enjoy. So please arrive early to ensure a good vantage point where you can soak up the atmosphere. Please be aware that the kitchen closes at 8pm on this evening so if you want to have a meal before the band kicks off, be sure to book in advance.

In spite of the weather we had a fantastic turn out for the village fireworks display and a big thank you to all those involved in organising and running this event.

We are still taking Christmas Party bookings and we can accommodate small, medium or large groups. Please book now to avoid disappointment. We will be offering our usual daily menu alongside the special Christmas menu and you can get all the information at [www.blacklionnaphill.com](http://www.blacklionnaphill.com) or phone 01494 563176.

During the week commencing 15th December we will be hosting the Naphill Christmas Carol Choir. At this time we don't have a firm date but call in or phone nearer the time to confirm the details. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you all and keep smiling Naphill.

Best wishes  
The Black Lion

## Remembrance Service - Naphill Village Hall

More people than ever attended the village Remembrance Service on Remembrance Sunday. The service was conducted by the Rev. Ruth Hake, Chaplain at RAF Air Command. She held the attention of all the young people, Scouts & Cubs, Guides & Brownies, by explaining to them the reason we were gathered together.

The collection at the service amounted to £333.82p and donations for the wreaths amounted to £262.00p making a grand total of £595.82p which has been sent to the Royal British Legion, High Wycombe Branch.

Thank you to all who helped on the day with a special thanks to our pianist David Goodchild and our bugler Adam Pool.

*Richard & Valerie Pushman*

## Bradenham Parish Council

At its November meeting the Parish Council discussed requesting to change the 40mph speed limit on New Road Walter's Ash to 30mph up to where the speed limit

moves to the national speed limit, near the boundary with Lacey Green. The RAF had requested the Parish Council to pursue this some time ago, although the Council was fully supportive of this proposal, we had run into some problems. Transport for Buckinghamshire have now provided us with some helpful suggestions and the RAF have obtained funding to actively progress the change. The RAF will lead on this with parish council support. Once a formal request has been made, a survey will have to be carried out, followed by a consultation. This means all interested parties will have an opportunity to have their say, but it will, as always, take some time.

Cycling on the pavement at the junction New Road/ Bradenham Woods Lane was discussed, the parish council had received a complaint from a resident who had nearly been run over by a cyclist at this junction. Cyclists are not allowed to cycle on the pavement unless a shared path has been created with appropriate signage, as has happened along New Road from the zebra crossing to the entrance of the RAF No 1 site.

We had also been asked to look at the dangerous crossing at the top of Bradenham Woods Lane. This was discussed, but we are awaiting a report with recommendations, once we have received this, the various proposed options can be considered.

Following disappointing news on the various proposed traffic calming options in Bradenham village it was decided that we would install wooden village entry gates as you enter the village from Walter's Ash. With a grant from our County Councillor, Carl Etholen, we will also have dragon's teeth painted on the road. Further donations, due to Country Supplies charging their suppliers who arrived at Shana outside the permitted hours, will help pay for this work.

The Parish Council objected strongly to the planning application 14/07452/FUL for change of use of land for use of horses, erection of detached stables/washroom building and creation of hard standing at the Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash. The Parish Council has objected to all applications on that site in the last 4 1/2 years. It is in the Green Belt and in the Chilterns AONB. The full objection will be available on the Wycombe District (WDC) Web site.

The Parish Council has also been questioning WDC on the progress of the removal of the occupants of the Hedgerow as they are now in breach of the conditions as laid out by the Secretary of State in their appeal (APP/Ko425/A/11/2159978) against the WDC refusal to grant permission to the change of use of the site to a traveller site, granting them temporary approval.

We discussed the frequent flooding on Rectory Lane Bradenham. Transport for Buckinghamshire has been to investigate and they are due to clear the grips and gullies. They will be considering the structural work in 2015.

The Parish Council election will be held in May 2015. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please contact the clerk or one of our councillors.

The next meeting will be Monday 12th January 2015 at 7.00pm at Bradenham Cricket Club.

The Parish Council wishes all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Deirdre Hansen,  
Clerk to the Council  
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*Christmas Greetings*



*Merry Christmas*



**From All The Team At the..**



## Naphill and Walter's Ash Resident's Association

### A great evening had by all at the NAWARA Quiz night

Photograph courtesy of Phil Conran



#### Quiz Night 17 October

A hundred of our sharpest minds converged on Naphill Village Hall on 17th October for the 2014 Village Quiz Night, hosted by NAWARA. Peter Oxbrow was on fine form as guest Quizmaster, with a well balanced spread of questions. In the end, the best two tables won, and everyone had a great night out, with enjoyable food, excellent bar and raffle. Once again part of the proceeds was donated to Save the Children.

#### Planning: New Plans to 12 November:

**14/07862/FUL. Sandstone Cottage, Clappins Lane, Naphill.** Householder application for insertion of three rooflights within rear roofslope and conversion of loft to form habitable accommodation. **14/07849/FUL** Stoneleigh, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Erection of 1 x 3 bed detached dwelling with attached single garage and detached stable and construction of new detached garage for Stoneleigh and associated alterations (alternative scheme to pp 12/06973/FUL)

(Concern that the alternative plan will also deprive a neighbour access to part of her Right of Way.)  
**14/07653/FUL Falcon's Oak, Forge Road, Naphill.** HA for construction of front porch canopy, part single storey, part two storey rear extension and erection of attached integral double garage with 2 x dormer windows (side and rear) to create storage room over. (Objection: Loss of amenity to neighbour. Concern over choice of some building materials being out of character with traditional flint materials of house.)

**14/07576/FUL 81C Main Road, Naphill.** HA for construction of part single, part two storey side and rear extension.

#### Telegraph Post Litter

Numerous posters about lost animals and coming events or straightforward commercial advertising are being pinned to our telegraph poles, often by groups from outside the village, and left there for months, some permanently. Could those responsible please

take posters down as soon as their purpose has been served, or the event is over. The RA aim to remove their posters within 2 days of completion of events.

#### Bradenham Woods Lane Junction

Various ideas have been discussed with a member of the public about possible measures to aid pedestrians, including school children, to cross safely at the top of BWL. A meeting on site is being arranged with the Local Area Highways Technician for advice on the best solution.

#### Date of next meeting

This will take place on the first Thursday of December which is 4th December, 8pm Naphill Village Hall.

A peaceful and happy Christmas to all from NAWARA committee.



Gloria Leflaive 563634



## Attention all display advertisers

As you will recall, the advertising year for the display advertisements that appear at the front and back of each Gazette runs from the March issue and ends with the February issue the following year. The current display ads will therefore expire with the February 2014 issue.

Existing advertisers are invited to renew at the existing annual rates – which are **grey scale** £45 for 1/8, £85 for 1/4, £170 for 1/2 page, **colour** £90 for 1/8, £170 for 1/4, £330 for 1/2 page, – no later than 16 January so that vacated space may be offered to those advertisers waiting in the wings.

If you plan to continue advertising for a further year beginning with the March 2015 issue, please email me at alanlewis69@btinternet.com. I shall be sending out reminders but it would help enormously if you would let me know your intention now, especially if you will not be continuing.

*Alan Lewis*

*Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette Advertising Manager*

**Editorial Comment** My sincere thanks to all our contributors and advertisers who have done so much to help produce our special December/January Gazette.

I apologise that the Pin Up Diary has been omitted, I just ran out of space! I promise that it will be reinstated in February. Meantime I will make sure that the web diary is updated,

My very best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year. and I look forward to editing the February Gazette in February 2015,



*Sonia*

## Small Ads Continued

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