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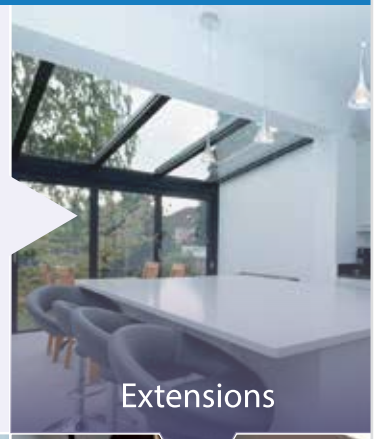
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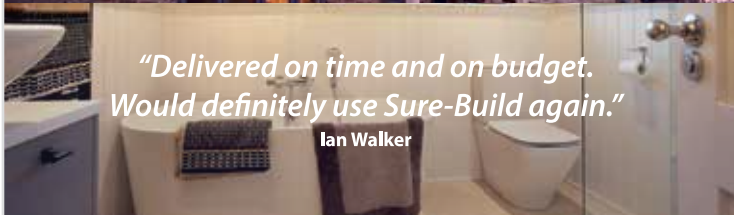


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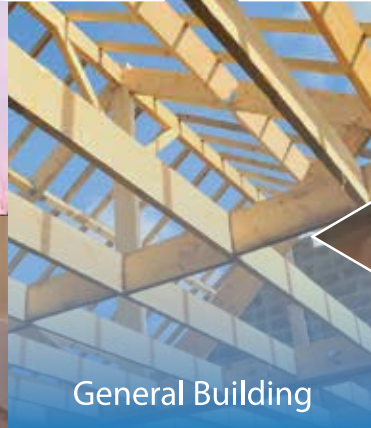
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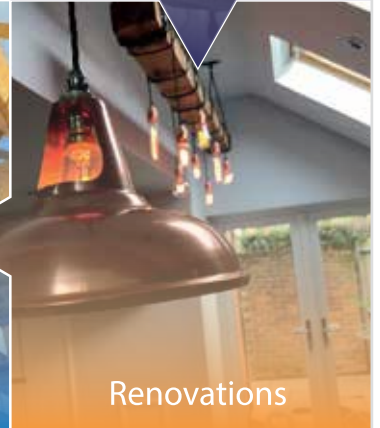


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The Summer sun is glowing! It most certainly has been, right here in my office, so even with windows and doors flung wide and fan roaring, it has been HOT! Himself will vouch that for the forty something years that he has known me, he can count on one hand, the times I have complained that the ambient temperature is TOO HOT! It became so hot that it was difficult to work and I am very grateful to our lovely printers for allowing me to send this copy to them two days late!

Best wishes to all our children who are starting preschool, moving on to primary school, venturing on to secondary school, ploughing forward through further education and ever onward! Exciting times and new ventures to embrace for you all! I have enjoyed working with Jemma to put together a special layout for the children who are moving on from the Naphill & Walter's Ash primary school.

A sad event in this edition is the announcement from Pete Dalby that he is resigning as chairman of the Fireworks Committee at the end of this year. Thank you, Pete for all the great displays you and your team have organised and which we have all enjoyed! Hopefully SOMEBODY will volunteer to take on this role. Without a volunteer there will not be a Firework display next year, something which I am sure we all agree, is much too sad to complementate! Please SOMEBODY step up!

I am once again appealing for SOMEBODY to take over as our Gazette distribution coordinator, there was a deathly

hush on this from everybody last month! We also need volunteers to help distribute the Gazette. Without a distribution coordinator and distributors there cannot be a printed version of the Gazette. I do understand "busy lives" but without volunteers we will lose so many things which make our community the great place it is. Please see Hilda Stearn's article on page 13.

This is the usual combined August/September edition so full details about the September NapFest are included in this edition. I hope you all enjoy a happy, healthy Summer! My thanks to all the contributors for their help and support and to Paul Goby for the cover photograph. I will certainly enjoy a Summer break from my office and some time to catch up with friends and family. I look forward to being back in this chair for the October edition.

My best wishes to you all,

Sonia

Gazette Distribution Request

Your Gazette is distributed each month by a dedicated band of volunteers. We have a full team but there is always going to be a need for new distributors as personal circumstances change. If you are able to help please contact me @ distribution@naphillandwaltersash.org.uk.

Ian Hall

Gazette distribution coordinator

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The village hall committee held a meeting on 4th. July and 14 members were present. Bon Ami and the tennis club leases were discussed and we are waiting on the solicitor to move forward with Bon Ami lease, the tennis club lease is still under review.

A tree survey was taken of the trees on the crick and a report should be with us shortly, the ash tree was looked at from the ground but was not climbed as the ivy is too dense so see all the relevant areas, so the ivy was severed at the base of the tree and a full climbing survey will be taken when it has died back. The copper beech on the Downley Road side was cordoned off as the trunk has a split and we will be advised in the survey as to what remedial work will be required.

The fire alarm was beeping and the engineer came and corrected it. The work on the fire damage is waiting on new door and window, and the tarmac will be done shortly.

The village hall council re-organisation was discussed and it was agreed by a vote of 11 for, 2 abstentions and 1 against that responsibility for every aspect of managing the village hall would be delegated to eight trustees.

The eight members of the management board of trustees are:

Clive Lawrence – Chairman

Peter Williams – Secretary and Administrative Officer

Paul Riglar – Treasurer and Financial Officer

Bartha Pitman – Governance and Regulation Officer

Norma Clarke – Maintenance & Facilities Development Officer

Tanya Stevens – Commercial Management Officer

Linda Clarke - Fund Raising Officer

Andrew Wasilewski – Communities & Clubs Officer

This arrangement will take effect immediately and continue until the AGM on 3rd. April 2023 when it will be reviewed.

Fund raising activities:-

Car Boot Sale - Monday 29th. August,

NapFest Music - Saturday 10th. September.

Fireworks - 5th. November

Christmas Fayre - 2nd. December

Clive Lawrence - Chairman



It has been quite a busy month at Bon Ami! We have met more customers as a result of opening on Mondays, longer hours and increasing our menu.

Preparing for "Classics on the Crick" took some planning. We had a good time "on the day", I hope everyone else did too. The weather was glorious and it was another excellent village event.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be adding more dishes to our menu now that we have resolved several suppliers' issues. Keep watching our Facebook page for more details or new items on the menu including "specials". We are now pleased to announce that we are the sole retailer in Buckinghamshire of "Waggy Doggy" ice creams. These are made with only natural

ingredients; as the photos show Joey thoroughly enjoyed testing one!

We are hoping to start up an afternoon book group. If you might be interested please do contact us.

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5. Once a year, arrange for the distribution of the subscription collection tins to the distributors and deliver the received monies to the Gazette Treasurer
6. Small amount of general admin work

Each month should take up no more than 4/5 hours of your time for the Gazette sorting and distributing and also typically allow for another 2 hours per month for admin.

You will receive training from the existing distribution co-ordinator.

Ian Hall

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Please be aware that without a distribution coordinator and more volunteers to distribute the Gazette it will not be possible to print the Gazette, it would have to become an online only publication!

Hopefully SOMEBODY will volunteer to coordinate the distribution and more people will volunteer to be distributors!

If you can help with these roles please contact Ian, as above, or contact me:

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Hello! I hope everyone is enjoying the warm Summer so far. After much deliberation over the Winter months and after 5 years as Chairman of the Fireworks Committee, I've decided that this year's Naphill Fireworks Spectacular 2022 will be my last as Chairman. It wasn't an easy decision, but due to changes with my personal commitments, I am no longer able to dedicate the same amount of time to the Chairman's role and therefore feel it would be beneficial for someone else to take the reins.

This is a fantastic opportunity for someone to come in and work with an amazing team of experienced, committed volunteers on the Committee and continue this special event on its journey and make a real difference in our amazing local community. As the new Chairperson of the Naphill Fireworks Committee, you will be responsible for:

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This year's event is being held on Saturday 5th November, plans are already underway, stay tuned for more details and hope to see you there! **We're desperate for volunteers!** Without more volunteers stepping forward, **we're in danger of losing our event all together!** It will disappear from our local calendar and our children will need to travel to fireworks events elsewhere. We need you, please reach out. Thank you.

Pete Dalby
Chairman – Fireworks Committee
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Thoughts on VOLUNTEERING!



As a volunteer led community group Hughenden Street Association runs on the minimal number of resources and is very much seen as a community benefit. The principal resource has been peoples' time and what an asset that has been! It is of course not just time in the sense of hours but really the skills, knowledge and experiences offered by individuals. We all have talents and most of us are very modest about this and often quite self-effacing. It is true nonetheless that our individual contributions make a real and positive difference. The Association has seen this particularly around events such as the successful pub lunches taking place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Black Lion pub in Naphill and at the Harrow in Hughenden Valley. The chance to catch up with friends and get to know new ones are very positive benefits from these events. Both lunches are organised by two very able Association members: Susan Bickerstaffe (Naphill & Walter's Ash) and Anne Smart (Hughenden Valley). Both ladies are multi-talented and make it all seem so effortless. We know it is not! The Association is very grateful that Anne started the pub lunch in Hughenden Valley and Susan has made it a real success in Naphill.

Thinking of volunteering?

One of the challenges for local community groups is finding volunteers. There are so many opportunities and sometimes it is hard to know which group to support. You can register on various websites including Community Impact Bucks (<https://bit.ly/3o248kC>) or take advantage of opportunities on your doorstep with Hughenden Street Association or the NAWA Gazette. We would love to hear from you!

Which organisation should I volunteer with?

From my experience I would suggest that it is important to get involved in something that you are passionate about – enthusiasm is a powerful influencer. It is also important in keeping you motivated! Quite a lot of my time is spent representing the Association at meetings and I only volunteer for those that I feel will be a good use of my time and where I can make a positive contribution. As a volunteer we should feel comfortable sometimes saying 'no' to a request. Or simply not offering to do something. Often someone else will step up.

How long should I remain a volunteer?

This is a personal choice although I would recommend having an idea of a timescale. For me this is up to 4 years although the pandemic has stretched this a little! It is as much about being able to decide how to use my time and to have the flexibility to move on. The flip side of this of course is that community groups need to encourage a steady flow of volunteers. This keeps the organisation fresh and inviting to potential recruits. We are therefore always recruiting at Hughenden Street Association. Do get in touch for an informal chat!

Hilda

Hilda Stearn CF CIPD

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Thank you

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Shear Madness - A Message from Mandy

I hope that you all have an amazing summer, filled with fun and laughter. The approach of September means school for the first time for our young ones. New schools and universities, gosh, how quickly the time passes. You will all be fine, it's just all new and scary, be kind to others and include those who stand on their own, they might just be shy, we all need good friends. For those who are off to university please contact a parent once a week and if they text you text them back, it will save you a lot of hassle in the long run, they do know that you're all grown up but they will still worry, it's a parent thing! Ok nag over, haha!

September means Napfest Music. YAY! I will be selling tickets at the shop, there is always a great turnout and fun to be had by all, it's well worth a look especially if you are new to the villages. On

the subject of nw residents! If you are new to our community WELCOME! We are a friendly lot so do join in!

Enjoy what's left of the summer.

Stay safe, love as always,

Mandy x





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- Uncollected mail is a sign that you're away. The Royal Mail's 'Keepsafe' service will keep your mail for up to two months while you're away.
- Avoid putting your home address on your luggage when you are travelling to your holiday destination. Put this only on the inside of your cases.
- Make sure that you have up-to-date contents and buildings insurance.
- Keep tools and ladders that can be used to break in locked away.
- If you aren't leaving your car at home, why not ask a neighbour or a friend to park their car on your drive.
- Don't publish your absence on the social media. Status updates, comments and photos can all give away that your home is empty.
- Is there a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme where you live? Visit www.ourwatch.org.uk and enter your postcode to check to see if there are any schemes set up in your area, or alternatively speak with us via our 'office' email address.
- Finally, don't forget to lock all external doors and windows. If you've got a burglar alarm, make sure it is set.
- And just before you set off, it's worth spending a couple minutes checking you've done all you had to do and taken everything you need with you. Don't forget your passport and tickets!

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Naphill Tennis Club

The Summer Term Friday evening Junior Coaching finished on 8th July with a Pizza Picnic at the courts with everyone enjoying the wonderful summer weather (see photos).

For those youngsters who would like to try tennis during the holidays, our coach, Mel Burn, is holding a week of tennis camps starting on Monday 22 August. Bring your children along for one afternoon or several and let them enjoy some fun! Please contact Mel for further details on 07949 128195 or melebbles@hotmail.com.

Adults haven't been forgotten. Starting on Monday 25th July from 7 – 9 pm, and continuing until early September, there is coaching for Beginner/Rusty Racquet players.

Just £10 per person per session. If you don't have a racquet don't worry, we will happily lend you one. Further details from Mel as above.

For more experienced players, you are most welcome to come along to one of our club sessions and try us out! Details on the website: naphilltennisclub.org.uk

If you would like information on membership, please contact our Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel, on 07905 226203 or email naphilltennismembership@gmail.com.

Jenny Tench

Hughenden Parish Council

Our new full-time Clerk, Emily Ranahan, started work at the end of June and after a series of acting and interim Clerks, we can now look forward to a more stable and productive period. We are very happy to have Emily on board. Emily, who lives just outside the Parish in High Wycombe, is the Parish's first American Clerk – I wonder what Coningsby Disraeli, our founding Chair, would have made of that. Nina Villa, our current Locum Clerk, will be staying with us until the end of August to support Emily.

Come September, Emily will have her feet firmly under the desk, and the Council will be turning to our goals for the rest of 2022 and 2023. For residents who aren't aware of our scope of services, the Parish Council maintains the Burial Ground on Four Ashes Road, playgrounds at Templewood and Great Kingshill, provides allotments on eight sites across the parish, responds to Bucks Council on planning applications, looks after certain verges and hedges on behalf of Bucks Council and makes grants to various associations, clubs and projects. We are welcoming grant applications, and if you feel you have a good case, please ask Emily for an application form.

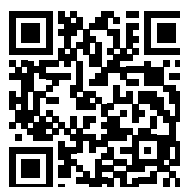
There remains a backlog of issues from previous years that we are committed to dealing with in the coming weeks. These include our relationship with Hughenden Community Support Trust, the maintenance of a number of streetlights in Widmer End, our future lease arrangements with the Great Kingshill Cricket Club and the re-establishment of vandalised traffic calming equipment.

During the Autumn and Winter, we anticipate that we will be able to start to address some important issues for the future. One of these will be to communicate the results of last autumn's residents' survey, which will influence our future priorities. It will be no surprise to you that traffic calming and road safety were the issues of greatest concern. We will be considering the next phase in our efforts to discourage high speed driving through our lanes. We have a number of initiatives to consider around playgrounds. We wish to promote tree-planting as part of the Queen's Green Canopy scheme. And we are considering the pros and cons of a possible Neighbourhood Plan for the parish, including consultations with Residents associations and other groups to get a sense of residents' appetite for such a plan.

We have room for an additional Councillor for Naphill and Walters Ash. A full Council will help keep up the momentum we've been building. If you have the appetite to contribute to the local area as a Parish Councillor, now is a great time to join the Council, as we're in a good place to welcome new forward-looking energy and ideas.

Simon

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Chiltern Hills Arboriculture – Local Houses and Gardens

What with the current state of the airline industry, combined with a continuing reluctance to travel via large transit terminals, I am sure a lot of people will be adopting a “stuff it, let’s stay local” policy this summer.

This is completely understandable but it can throw up the question of what to do with several days of “Holiday Staycation” to fill. If you have already visited the usual sites of Hughenden Manor, Windsor, and Waddesdon Manor... let me suggest Dorneywood.

Dorneywood is a country house just north of the village of Burnham. It was the upland farm belonging to Dorney Court, which lies on the edge of scenic Dorney village some four miles south of the house. The oldest parts of Dorney Court are early Tudor dating back to about 1500.

The house and its 250 acre estate was bought in 1919 by Sir Courtauld Thompson, a successful businessman, a commissioner for the British Red Cross, and the son of Robert William Thompson, the inventor of the pneumatic tyre.

Thompson spent many years developing and decorating the property, also filling it with antiques and artefacts. From September 1940 the house was used as a leisure retreat for officers of the Commonwealth armed services, Sir Courtauld and his wife Winifred acting as hosts.

Being an extremely munificent and charitable man, Sir Courtauld donated the entire estate to the nation in 1949, in particular to the incumbent Prime Minister Winston Churchill, to be used by any Secretaries of State appointed by him, the Lord Mayor of London, or the American Ambassador.

Residency of the house and grounds has been in the gift of the Prime Minister. From the mid 1950’s to the mid 1970’s it was the Foreign Secretary that received this favour. Since then it has become less regimented, moving between Home Secretaries, Deputy PM’s and Chancellors of the Exchequer. At the time of writing the current incumbent is Rishi Sunak..... but I think that is about to change soon....

There are some wonderful exhibits to be seen within the public rooms of the house, including a magnificent antique Bechstein piano, and a bagatelle that Churchill played for over three hours just so that he could record his name in the “over 1000 points scored” winners book. Outside the house there are some splendid gardens to wander around, a walled garden with a decorative pond and a small hothouse with tropical plants and fruit trees. Rather scrumptious tea and cake are available from the shop next to the swimming pool.

The estate is now owned by the National Trust and is leased to the Dorneywood Trust. Visiting is limited and pre booking an entry time is required.

www.dorneywood.org



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Mike Beckley

Chiltern Hills Arboriculture

Sad News



I was very saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs Joanna Knox. She was a wonderful musician and piano teacher who taught many of the children in the village including my own. As soon as any arrangements have been made for her funeral service, I will post on Facebook for the benefit of those who would like to attend. Incidentally for those who didn’t know her, she was the daughter in law of Dilly Knox the renowned code breaker of Bletchley Park who actually donated our lovely village Christmas tree!

Beryl Rzewuski



Church News

The last few weeks have involved many of our usual summer activities at the Church, and we have by and large been able to take advantage of the good weather.

The Mother's Union held their Jubilee Ploughman's Lunch which was well attended and raised over £400. The MU hospitality skills were also much in evidence at the Tiny Tots group annual Teddy Bear's picnic in the Mothers' Union Garden. Many of the babies and toddlers from the weekly group were able to attend, along with parents, grandparents, siblings and friends... and of course teddies and other cuddly companions. There was a special guest appearance from Honey Bear, with her friend, our curate TJ. This is the last 'formal' meeting of the group until the new term starts in September, and so we said goodbye to those starting 'big school'!

The Tiny Tots picnic followed hot (very hot) on the heels on the annual summer barbeque and swim held in a parishioner's garden in Naphill. About 80 people of all ages, (including some of our Ukrainian guests) attended, the youngest being 6 weeks old and the eldest.... Well, let's not go into that. Neither the youngest nor the oldest swam, but many of those in between did. Some who had decided not to bring costumes, as they were not going to take a dip, were driven by the heat to change their minds, and swam fully clothed! All enjoyed the sunshine, and apart from the youngest, relished the fantastic spread of salads and puds brought along

and greatly appreciated the work of the stalwart cooks toiling over a hot barbeque to produce a seemingly endless supply of hot dogs and burgers.

Our speaker at Church from Project Possible was not able to come as planned, owing to family illness, but is hoping to reschedule in the next few weeks.

We also recently published a new Church History, which can be purchased in church. If anyone has any further relevant information – or indeed spots any errors – please let us know.

Finally, our Vicar, Keith started his sabbatical at the end of June and this will last until the end of September. In his absence, which will include in his own words 'attending a Christian festival, sitting on a beach with a Cornetto, listening to the sound of the waves across the shingle, seeing some cricket, and spending a couple of weeks in Nandyal, with the Church of South India, on behalf of Oxford Diocese', all queries should be addressed to Helen Peters, associate minister, TJ, curate, or the church wardens. Contact details and details of services and other activities are available on our website.

www.hughendenparishchurch.org.uk



Jane Tyrer



On 1st August Keith our vicar is one third of the way through his three-month Sabbatical. In last month's Outlook Keith spoke of preparing to spend the summer away from the parish and of the importance of having a break and a rest.

One of my favourite verses in the Bible is Mark chapter 6 verse 31. Jesus is the 'new Rabbi' in town and from the start of his work he has attracted much attention, amazing people with his teaching and miraculous activities. Wherever Jesus goes, crowds form and follow. It's tricky for Jesus and his friends to find the time for a break.

Jesus says to them 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest' Mark 6:31 I love this simple invitation, and it's an open invitation offered to us all.

I wonder if you've had a chance to rest recently?

August is often a month where routines change. With the schools on holiday parents may find themselves busier than usual if juggling work and childcare. Perhaps you've had an opportunity for a summer holiday? I did recently enjoy a relaxing day on the beach. Whilst there, I noticed a young family arrive (adults already slightly frazzled, carrying all the beach paraphernalia). They spent time setting up camp, administering sun protection to reluctant youngers and then kept said youngsters entertained (I felt exhausted watching!) I was reminded that whilst holidays can be a break, they are not necessarily a rest!

Can I encourage you this month to take up Jesus' invitation to 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest'. Here are some suggestions on how you might make it happen:

Make a drink, find a quiet spot and simply in your mind invite Jesus to join you. You could just sit together. If

you want to chat, perhaps you could thank Jesus for what that moment – what you see around you, your family and friends. If there are things of concern on your mind, let Jesus know.

Did you know that St. Michael's Church is open during daylight hours (so longer during the summer months). You are always welcome to come in. The area to the left of the altar has been made into a prayer space, with comfy chairs, with some useful materials to help you quieten yourself. You might want to open a Bible, the Gospel of Mark is a good place to start (page 1002 in the Bibles found in church).

You may just prefer a quiet sit in the church yard, taking in the beauty of God's creation, listening to the birds, watching the world go by.

Remember that God created us as 'Human Beings', not 'Human Doings'. Sometimes it is important to just stop 'doing', and 'to be'.

Jesus says to you 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest'.

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Friends of Naphill Common

We were delighted that nearly 40 people joined us for our Midsummer History Walk around Bradenham, led by Marian Miller in glorious weather. Starting at St. Botolph's church we walked around the green learning about the history of the village buildings. The church's lychgate is a memorial to the six men of Bradenham who went to war in 1914 and never returned. We discovered that two of those men, brothers Douglas and Albert Stephen, were cousins of Mrs Tempest, the lady of the manor, but had no other connection with Bradenham. As for the rest, Herbert Hickman had been a footman at the Manor but had returned to his native Shropshire to enlist in 1915. Leonard Brown's family lived at 15 The Green but Leonard was living in Hull with this wife and children when he was called-up in 1914. Horace Wooster, a stoker in the Royal Navy before the War and who had lived at Castle Cottage, married in 1913. He died in the last weeks of the war in October 1918 and tragically his wife died only five months later.

The only veteran who was still in the village at the outbreak of war was Cyril Haverly who died in 1916 at the age of 19. He worked at North's furniture factory and his father, Charles, was landlord of the Red Lion. At that time the Red Lion was part of the Public Refreshment Houses Association, a body founded by the Bishop of Chester and which was dedicated to the provision of food and drink, but not alcohol. Having gone through many different pub landlords over the years the Red Lion is now a (licensed) tea room. History repeating itself?

Meanwhile, on the Common, work has resumed on the refurbishment of our noticeboards, and the one at the end of Chapel Lane has been removed to the workshop. When it returns, the next board for treatment will be the one on Forge Road, leaving just the board at the Bradenham end of the Common to be done. One of the legs supporting the board on Hunts Hill Lane had rotted at ground level. Chris Wilson of the Timber Group has

kindly donated a replacement post and Bob Bowern has used his carpentry skills to cut it to fit – we hope to have installed it before this issue appears in print.

Several people have asked me, now that the current phase of felling on the Common has finished, whether the numerous large piles of offcuts ('brash' or 'lops and tops') will be removed. The answer is that, as was done with previous phases of felling, the Estate will once more be bringing in a 'mulcher' – a large tractor mounted on caterpillar tracks, with a heavy-duty flail mounted on the front, which will chew through the majority of the brash and also deal with some of the holly clumps, reducing them to fragments a few inches in length. Some of the brash will be left as its an ideal habitat for many creatures. This work cannot start until late summer, after all the birds have finished nesting.

Meanwhile, our working parties continue in full swing and take place on most Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Because they are dependent on the weather – we've recently had to cancel a couple of working parties because of excessive heat, which has never happened before – it's best to check our web site for details (where our walking and other activities are also listed):

<http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk/activities.html>

For the last few months, our Tuesday working parties have been tidying the Clumps, clearing brambles, nettles and bracken from inside the 'Rings' (as pictured in the postcard image), with the assistance of the National Trust's Bradenham Estate, who own the bottom end of the Common.



Chris Miller
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Naphill Brownies

The brownies have been making the most of the glorious weather in recent weeks. We have have built amazing dens in the woods, put up tents on the crick and made campfires to sizzle sausages and make s'mores.

A few weeks ago we joined up with Walters Ash Brownies for an evening of wacky races, a kind of alternative sports day with sack races, blindfold challenges and water carrying. All with somewhat random point scoring. It's great to be back to sharing girlguiding with other units!

For our final week of the term, we went on a Teddy Bears Picnic walk along Downley Road and into the woods. The wonderful residents of Downley Road and the common put

out teddys in windows, cars and gardens for the brownies to spot on their way. It was fab!

If you know a girl aged 7-10 years old who would like to get involved in Brownies, do get in touch.

You can either register interest via the Girlguiding website, or email me directly.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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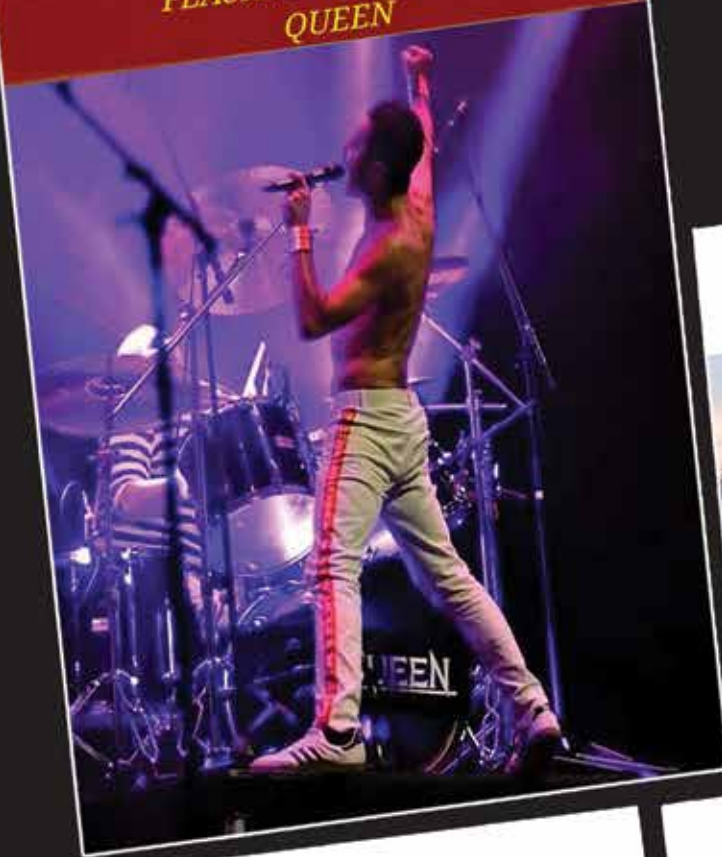


Congratulations to our favourite fish & chip man, Jamie Bachman and his beautiful wife Char! Wishing you lots of happiness always!

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FLASH : A TRIBUTE TO
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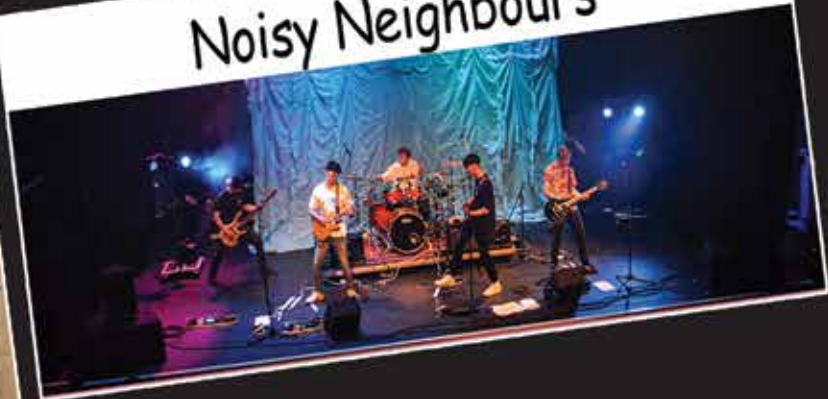
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Backing this amazing Band are:

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Then we have the amazing **BAD NEIGHBOURS**, this local band have shot to fame after performing at many local gigs, they are not to be missed. AND!! **CROCKETS ROCKETS**, a very favourite local group who wowed us all at last year's NAPFEST!

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There are also limited tickets for sale at The Wheel, The Hive (3 Site RAF High Wycombe), The Black Lion and Shear Madness.

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The start of August will see the start of the new menu. We have had to change and adapt to the supply issues that so many are experiencing. Chef is also going to be concentrating on our homemade specials to give everyone extra choices.

Now that all the exams are over and the staff are a little more relaxed, we will also see some more changes as both Mark Andrews and Mackenzie are leaving, but we will be welcoming Emily and Rosie back to The Wheel family. We then have our fingers crossed for all their exam results in August.

During August we don't tend to plan much as so many of you are off on your holidays whether they

are in this country or away. We hope you all have an amazing time wherever you are, and if you're still here don't worry so are we! At the end of the month is the Bank Holiday so don't forget we will be open on the Monday 12pm-8.00pm and kitchen 12pm-4pm.

The next great event for the Village is 'Music on the Crick' on Saturday 10th September gates open 3pm. As always, we will be selling tickets and we are here throughout the evening. Can't wait for this amazing evening and seeing the village out having fun.

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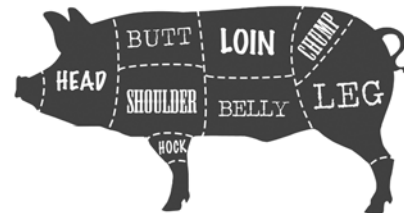
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The Black Lion

Well... The Summer is finally here, in full swing (sorry if it's all gone by the time you read this, stranger things have happened!!). We've had a busy few weeks at The Black Lion so thank you to everyone for your continued support as always!

Our new Pizza oven is now up and running and the feedback we've had is brilliant! They are a delicious addition to our menu to enjoy over a glass of something cold. So head down and give them a try. You won't be disappointed!

So, for those of you that have Children, we all know that most of August is just about trying to keep our little ones entertained whilst we try and survive the challenges of day-to-day life! Therefore, we are offering our Children's menu for only £2 with every Main Meal over the holidays until Friday 2nd September. We hope this means that you can feed your kids and let them run around the Garden to blow off some steam whilst you give yourself some well-deserved respite! Our Kitchen is open between Wednesday to Saturday from 12-3/6-9pm and then on Sunday between 12-6pm.

We've got a lot of ideas for events over the summer so follow us on our social media accounts and our website to keep up to date with everything we have going on!

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Local Tales - Puzzling Prisoners

The connection between Walter's Ash and the RAF goes back a long way. I don't know why they chose that little hamlet, but by the time of the Second World War "The Camp", as everyone called it, had become the home of nothing less than Bomber Command! They had built a huge underground bunker in which our bomber raids on Germany were planned in deep secrecy. We were not supposed to know it was there, although the enormous mound camouflaged by grass and trees was obviously not due to moles.

Village people were more impressed by the eventual building of a cinema in a Nissen hut nearby. This had a sloping floor, comfortable seats, a large screen and showed a different film every week. At a low charge, anyone could attend the "Camp Pictures" and if the film was an A or X, we children could always find a RAF chap to take us in.

The underground bunker was obviously one of the major military sites in the whole country. Very important people, including Winston Churchill, held meetings there with the legendary "Bomber Harris". All very hush-hush. But that is where the puzzle comes in. Just a few hundred yards down the road there were several wooden huts nestling under the trees opposite Ash Place. (There were no houses there then, just two small meadows and a path over to The Coppice.) The huts housed about twenty German prisoners of war. There were no fences around the huts and the prisoners seemed free to wander where they liked. It was a puzzle why this was allowed so near the "secret" bunker. (Incidentally, something we kids knew was that if you put your ear to the ventilation shafts on top of the bunker, you could hear what was said down inside.)

Here I have to confess to something I have been ashamed of ever since. There were strings tied between the huts on which the prisoners hung their washing to dry. One day I took a fire extinguisher and squirted it all over their clothes! I did it because they were GERMANS! My only excuse is that I was just six years old, and they were still bombing us.

Perhaps the resolution of the puzzle lay in the type of prisoners there. They were obviously seen as harmless, possibly anti-fascist men who were simply waiting out the war. One of them made a beautiful chessboard for my cousin Lambert Wilson (see picture).



Another prisoner was a violinist, but his instrument lacked strings, so my brothers Rodney and Roger went to Wycombe and bought what he needed. (The lads were 14 years old.)

Several of the prisoners said they would love to see Oxford, which they heard was very beautiful, so my brothers got them bicycles and set off with them. Unfortunately, the prisoners were so weak from lack of food, that the party had to turn round half-way. However, months later Lambert got some bikes and they managed to get all the way to Oxford.

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Outings and Talks

The Antiques and Collectibles enjoyed a trip to an Antiques and Garden Centre in Banbury looking for bargains or more likely new treats on the lunch and tea refreshment breaks in their programme. Following on from our June

talk on the 'Air Ambulance Charity,' our speaker in July added to our knowledge of Local Architecture and its fascinating stories. Why not come along to our August talk on Wednesday 25 August (2pm at Lacey Green Village Hall) to listen to 'The Dog in the Medicine Cabinet' and hear from Geoff Lambert about the amazing work dogs can do in helping to detect illnesses.

On 28th September we hear about 'The Art of P G Wodehouse' and another highlight on Wednesday 26th October we will be enjoying a talk, with films and music, on Pageants in England. Why not come? We do not charge for your first meeting and the tea is free!

New Groups

We would like to thank those suggesting we develop our offers in Crafts and activities.

10 Pin Bowling, Walking Groups, Bird Watching and Croquet will get you 'out and about'. We also have a Patchwork and Quilting Group meeting monthly encompassing now other aspects of 'sewing' and a popular 'Wood Carving' Group but we would like to hear about other crafts you would like us to develop and particularly from anyone who would like to start a craft group. Our Discovering Science Groups successfully piloted ideas for a Geology Group in June. Do contact us if you are interested in joining a Geology Group. You will not need any specialist knowledge to join this Group. Our programme will be developed around the interests of members.

Email gilliamph@aol.com to be kept informed of our progress on new groups.

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New Website- www.nawara.co.uk - Please take time to look at our new website where you will find information about our constitution, membership, good news, events, and planning. Thanks must go to Cheryl Anderson for all her help in setting up the website. This is a work in progress that we hope to build on and make a useful resource for our villages.

NAWARA AGM 8th July proved to be a popular occasion with a good attendance of residents. On the night nine nominees, including the Hon Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, were elected to the Committee but we have room for up to 12 so if you are interested let me know. The Chairman reviewed the year including the committee's achievements. John reminded those present that NAWARA membership was free of charge and meetings were open to all residents.

Following the AGM our invited speaker Bernie Knill from the National Trust gave a fascinating account of the top-secret bomb target mapping at Hughenden Manor, code named "Hillside", during World War Two. Early in WW2 attempts to bomb enemy targets had limited success due to lack of accurate maps. To rectify the problem 100 skilled men and women were employed to hand-paint detailed bomb target maps from geographic features in aerial photographs of Germany and conquered Europe, taken by air crew based at RAF Benson. As the maps were completed, they were sent to Bomber Command HQ in Walter's Ash. The use of the accurate maps helped to alter the course of WW2 in our favour and possibly shortened it by 2 years. Only 3 of the 3,500

maps are now thought to exist. Two were unearthed by a navigator who used them in WW2 and can be seen at Hughenden Manor, the third was found by our own Philip Hussey as a boy outside the Royal Air Force base immediately after WW2. It is now exhibited in Bomber Harris's WW2 office in former Bomber Command HQ.

NAWARA Chair. Former chair John Russell, is now NAWARA Treasurer and Bartha Pitman was elected as Chair at the first meeting following the AGM.

Date of Next Meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 12th September 2022 All residents' welcome.



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The last year has been a big change for us with a move to a new meeting venue – Hughenden Valley Village Hall, new meeting evenings - 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday each month at 8pm, new programme of events, wider range of Guest speakers and lots more. We had to contend with another lock down and the roof being blown off the Hall just to keep us on our toes! The repaired hall now looks great, and all our meeting will be in the large hall.

The new and exciting programme for the 2022/2023 season is being arranged as you read this. To see everything that is happening at Wycombe Photographic Society please visit our website at: -

www.wycombephotographicsociety.org.uk

Peter Davis
Membership Secretary
Wycombe Photographic Society



Sad News

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that David Greenwood passed away peacefully on 13 July 2022. Una-Lynn was with him at the end.

David had had a long fight against cancer. He was a great friend to me and he gave a great deal to Wycombe Photographic Society over the 12 years, serving on the committee for many of them. He helped with the financial side in the background, and helped setup legal procedures required for photographic societies, and much more.

David will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Peter



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Gordon the Bird Man

In 1912 the towns of Utrecht near Durban in South Africa and Cheadle in Staffordshire were shown to be connected in a way that would forever transform our understanding of bird migration. This was when the journal "British Birds" published news that a Swallow ringed in Cheadle had been found on a farm outside Utrecht. This was described as the most startling fact that the ringing of birds has yet produced. Swallows have been cherished as icons of long distance migration ever since but that could all be about to change. Records entered into Birdtrack showed that 12-15 Swallows remained in the Penzance area throughout last winter. This number may seem small but it is an extraordinary total given that the previous overwintering records (the first was in 2009) have concerned just the one odd bird. In most years most Swallows have left our shores by the end of October. Any stragglers that do remain tend not to stick around beyond November. Records in December are very rare and the idea that a Swallow could not only survive until Christmas and still be here at Easter and beyond would have seemed absurd.

Like many species that migrate long distances, swallows follow the availability of food, moving North as insects become available at higher latitudes, usually arriving here in April. As has been the case on previous occasions, last winter's Swallows were recorded in a part of the UK

where their prey is most likely to be present through the colder months, the southwest, where the Gulfstream has a greater moderating impact on the climate. Winter is hardly a bumper time for insects anywhere in the UK but concentrations along tidelines and near water treatment plants appear to provide Swallows with an important source of food.

Neither Sandhoppers or sewage works are inventions of the 2000s but Met Office data show that average UK temperatures have risen by 1°C over the past 50 years, what's more, analysis suggests that temperatures below 0°C could be a thing of the past in southwest England in just 20 years time.

It takes six weeks for a Swallow covering 200 miles a day to reach South Africa, with the great expanse of the Sahara to cross. At 1000 miles and expanding, it is the greatest challenge faced by any migrating bird, rest is impossible and many Swallows perish during this stage of their journey. So, given the distances and risks involved it's unsurprising that some Swallows would chose a UK winter instead. Migration is always about weighing up chances of survival in one place against another and it may well be that the increasingly balmy prospect of a winter here soon begins to tip the scales further in our favour.

Gordon



So ends an Era

This month saw the last ever visit of Carters Steam Fair to Pedestal field. I have known the fair for more years than I care to remember as my wife as the West Wycombe Estate secretary use to go to the fair to meet Jobys mother and collect the rent, which normally meant we took the kids and enjoyed a night at the fair. My memories of sitting in the showman's caravans and hearing stories of the fair and the fun we had as a family are held dear. There is something about the colour, the smell, the noise and the atmosphere which makes this steam fair so unique and it will be missed by the local community and I wish them well in finding a new static home.

On the Saturday evening I took some of my photographic students down to see what fun we could have with this amazingly colourful fair especially as the night drew in. Here are some of the pictures from the evening. You can see all the pictures here:

<https://view.piersphoto.com/p/wwcsf22/carters-steam-fair>



A Message from Bradenham Vicarage - *Boats, fun and Jesus*

Finally we can begin to think about having 'proper' holidays again – if we can get through the airport chaos, though maybe by the time you read this, things will have eased. It's been three years since I had a 'proper' holiday. You know the sort of thing...the type of holiday where the most stressful decision is working out what to have for dinner from the hotel's extensive options of restaurants and whether you have time to fit in a quick 'sun downer' after a hard day's swimming in warm, crystal clear seas. Not to everyone's tastes, but thank goodness we are all different and need different types of R&R otherwise the one dream destination would be overwhelmed.

Last year, we did get away. We had our first ever boating holiday on our own boat, 'Schöne Maid'. 'The Maid' as we like to call her, is basically a floating vintage caravan, built for family fun and comfort, not speed - a deliberate choice of vessel that would allow us to invite visitors aboard and share the pleasures of boating with them. We sailed up the Thames to Reading, meeting with various friends en-route and making excellent use of the various riverside pubs that offered mooring.

There is nothing that can compare with opening your eyes in the morning and seeing dappled sunlight reflecting off the water onto your cabin ceiling. Sailing through locks and mooring along banks was hard physical work, but a lot of fun too. We learnt who the grumpy lock keepers were and tried to cheer them up by praising them for their work; we learnt who the cheery lock keepers were and shared jokes with them. We also got to know a lot more about the community of river users. There is a real camaraderie

amongst boaters, no matter how humble or grand your craft. The unwritten rule is you never pass someone who might need help and you share what you have with others.

Jesus knew well the camaraderie of boaters. There are many stories of him going out fishing with his friends on their boats, he often preached from a boat, using the bow as a makeshift pulpit, and he often used boats to travel from one place to another. Surprisingly few of his parables are about boats and seas, but a number of meaningful events in his ministry happen around boats and the sea (in this case, the Sea of Galilee, which is a huge lake regarded as an inland sea).

One of my absolute favourite images of Jesus shows him in a boat, holding on to the rigging, the wind in his hair and laughing. Sadly, I have been unable to find the picture in a format that can be reproduced here, but I do ask that you try to imagine the scene. Jesus, the Son of God, Creator of the Universe, quite simply having fun. It's an image that reminds me that Jesus, whilst divine, was also human, with all the thoughts, feelings and needs that we have. Hymn writers often focus on the sorrow that Jesus shares alongside us, but sharing in laughter and fun is essential to making him fully human.

May you be blessed with much fun and laughter over this summer.



Rev Jenny Ellis



Bobbins & Lace Taster Day

Last September the first Bobbins & Lace Taster Day was held in Lacey Green. In May another such event was held at 'The Room' at Buckinghamshire New University's Wycombe. There was an array of static displays telling a little about the history of lace-making down through the ages and with particular reference to our corner of the Chiltern Hills, how lace has been used in the past and is used today. Alex Adkin has written a fascinating report about this event which is too long to include here. Please visit www.naphillandwaltersashgazette.org.uk to read the report and see more photos.





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The 1st of July saw the start of a new Rotary Club year and with it came some new initiatives. Near the end of June we were asked to support "Lighthouse", an event free for local children. It is a fun packed holiday club in a safe and secure environment for 2-4 year-olds, and primary and secondary school children, held during the week 25th to the 29th of July. To help ensure success the Club donated £1000 towards the cost of running the week. July also sees the end of Term for senior secondary school students and, consequently, a new group of Interact members stepping up for the new academic year. Interact is a junior form of Rotary with the same ethos of helping those in need locally, nationally and internationally. Members of our Club act as mentors to, and provide support for, the Interactors in High Wycombe and Princes Risborough. Both groups will begin their activities, including raising money, at the start of the Autumn Term.

Additionally, on the 24th of July a nephew of one of our members made a third attempt to complete a tandem parachute jump for charity (in the past having been hampered by weather) – to raise money to support the increasing needs of the Ukrainian refugees being hosted locally. Our Club has formed a partnership with a group, based in Lacey Green/Looseley Row, that has formed the charity "Ukraine2Chilterns" which is

supporting over 100 households who are hosting Ukrainian families. There are still a further 100+ Ukrainians holding in various European countries waiting for Visas to come to the area. For more details see their website ukraine2chilterns.com.

The majority of the refugees arrive with only the clothes they stand-up in. Consequently, the Charity has established a "New2You" shop, providing a range of clothing, shoes, underwear and school uniforms. They would be very grateful for any donations of second-hand items and/or financial support to enable them to purchase underwear and shoes. To do so please use the following contacts:

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