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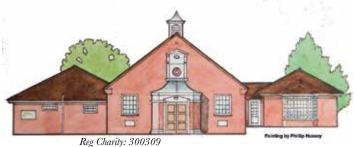
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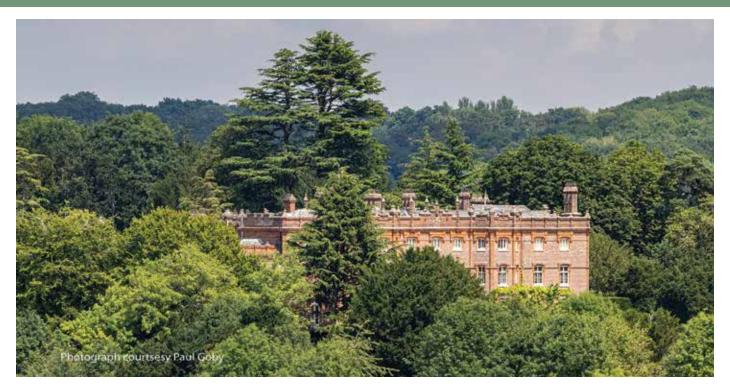
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Another very busy edition of the Gazette with so much to look forward to during this month. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is of course a huge, national, celebration of her historic reign! I am delighted to share some of the local events with you which I hope you will support and enjoy. I have also included some special articles from some of our contributors who, like me, are old enough to remember the very start of our Queen's reign. My thanks too to Jonathan Hilder for our special Jubilee front cover. The following weekend is the Fete and Classics on the Crick so more fabulous community events to look forward to!

Our Resident's Association has entered Naphill for the Best Kept Village Competition. There was a lot of information about this in the last edition of the Gazette and we are reminded in this edition that we all need to promote our chances of winning by keeping our village super clean and tidy!

This month there is another delightful article from a "Local Lad" complete with a copy of a Gazette cover from 1968 which was a hand drawn map of the Common. We perhaps sometimes lose track of how we, the incomers, have changed the character of villages and the lives of those who were born here and I thank Trevor and Phillip for sharing their memories with us.

Allocation of space in the Gazette is an editorial decision. This month several articles had repeated information from last month which I have not included. The majority of our groups have mailing lists, access to their own and village social media platforms and dedicated websites. Please use these facilities for items which I cannot accommodate in the Gazette.

Gazette subscriptions, now £5, will be collected this month and I thank you for your ongoing support.

To accommodate the Jubilee, the Fete and the Classics news and photographs, the July Gazette will be delivered back from the printer on 1July. The copy date for all general reports and group news will be 13 June, I will extend this to 18 June for event news and photographs. I should be grateful if these dates are respected please.

Hopefully all the June events will be successful and much enjoyed by everyone.

Best wishes,

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Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council Chairman's Report

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On 2 May there were 15 committee members present for the meeting of the village hall committee. The first item on the agenda was the election of chairman and vice chairman, I was elected chairman and Linda Clark was elected vice chairman. Dave Evans, Peter Williams, Cathryn Carter and Judy Whitehouse were voted in as co-opted members. The cost of getting a valuation for a new lease for Bon Ami amounted to £1,500 in addition to the legal fees that will be incurred so it was agreed that it would be sensible to go ahead on the same commercial terms as previously agreed. The tennis club lease is still ongoing as discussions are continuing with the tennis club.

After a long discussion about the re-organisation of the committee no clear way forward was agreed, so the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Fundraising activities were discussed and the Fete will be on the 11 June with the Classics on the Crick the next day. A beacon will be lit for the Queens Platinum Jubilee on the Crick on Thursday 2 June. On Sunday 5 people will be welcome to bring their picnics to the Crick for the Jubilee Big Picnic. The Music Festival will be held on Saturday 10 September and the Fireworks on 5 November. A Christmas fayre will be held on Friday 2 December.

We are still waiting for a climbing survey of the ash tree on the Crick and when this has been carried out, we will decide on how to proceed with the problem. The CCTV supplier has looked at the present system and given us some ideas on how to improve it. The map of the village has been removed for restoration. Three companies have been approached to give us quotes on a new heating system, all three of them are local as we try to use local companies. We have been informed by a solicitor that the Village Hall has been left a legacy by Mr. John Sweet who lived in Allen Drive, the amount is not known as yet but we are most grateful.

Do come along to all of the events. The June events are SPECIAL! Have a great time!

Clíve Lawrence Naphill Village Hall Chairman.



Hello to all of our customers.

Many of you will already know that sadly Amanda has stepped aside from Bon Ami, after 11 great years, due to personal circumstances. I know that Amanda will be missed, however, I am sure that she will be a regular visitor to the "other side" of the counter.

For several years Dorothy, legendary carrot cake baker, has worked part time with Amanda and Ruth. Dorothy has now joined forces with Ruth to forge a new partnership at Bon Ami. I am sure that everyone welcomes Dorothy and her fresh enthusiasm and ideas. We are now able to offer to you an updated menu, an additional informal seating area and longer opening hours.

Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm Saturdays - 10am – 2pm

Please see our Facebook page for more details or please do call in to see for yourselves.

We very much look forward to welcoming you very soon!

Best wishes,

Ruth & Dorothy.

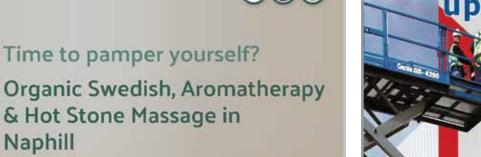
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The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on the 9th May and presentations from Nina Merritt, Buckinghamshire Council and Neil Homer, independent consultant, covered aspects of understanding Neighbourhood planning.

These presentations will be put up on the council website, <u>www.hughenden-pc.gov.uk</u> - Following the Annual Statutory Parish meeting on 9th May and cooptions earlier in the year the new council is starting to find its feet. We are very much in the early stages of working out how to deliver successfully and how to work together effectively with so many completely new councillors. This is a great opportunity for others to join us and help to shape the next few years. We still need 5 more councillors to do this. Please contact us to find out more.

For more information on any other matters please email the clerk at <u>clerk@hughenden-pc.gov.uk</u> At this meeting Cllr Gareth Cadwallaer was appointed as our Chairman and Cllr. Simon Kearey was appointed as our Vice Chairman. Ward Councillors are confirmed below:

Hughenden Valley Ward Cllr Simon Kearey Cllr Jill Armshaw Naphill and Walters Ash Ward Cllr Neil McDonald Cllr Andrea MacFarlane Cllr Chris Janes Widmer End Ward Cllr Linda Derrick Cllr Gareth Cadwallader Cllr Phil Renshaw <u>Great Kingshill Ward</u> Cllr Stan Jones

Cllr Deborah Main

The next Full Council Meeting will be on the 14th June at 7.30.



Cllr. Símon Keary

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Bradenham Parish Council

Bradenham parish council re-elected Teif Jones as Chair and Paul Oborn as Vice Chair at its annual parish council meeting in May, both had done an excellent job in the previous year.

The Chair gave a brief report on the past year and the accounts were presented, having been signed off by the internal auditor.

The 2021-22 accounts were approved and we exempted ourselves from limited assurance review as a smaller authority where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less, meeting the qualifying criteria.

In the main meeting the traffic problems including the cars parked along Bradenham Wood Lane and speeding down the hill were discussed. Jim Stevens had produced an excellent report and his suggestions were examined. The National Trust contributed to the discussions and reminded the parish council that the residents car park in Bradenham had recently been refurbished and was there for residents to use. They also agreed to investigate new signs directing visitors to the village to the carpark by the cricket club.

The Parish Council agreed to pursue getting the speed limit on the hill to the village reduced from unrestricted to 40mph. If we can get this done, it will take a long time and be costly.

It was also agreed to try to get Naphill added to the sign post on the A4010.

Susan Nims, was commended for her very informative information board that is now placed by the Manor wall, do go and have a look. She has dug up a lot of history and has done an excellent job in putting it all together in an interesting and entertaining way with some art work. The council expresses its thanks to Susan.

A Jubilee celebration is being laid on in Bradenham village. Games on the green, a BBQ run by the cricket club, a live band, illustrated talks in the church where there will also been tea, scones and cake served and guided walks around the Manor gardens. It all starts at 1pm at the Cricket club.

Our next meeting will be Monday 11th July at 7pm at Bradenham Cricket Club.



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We will be sharing more ways to celebrate our special anniversary throughout the year – for now, save the date for NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK 2022 from 30th May - 5th June. You may notice this falls on the same weekend as the Queens Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend and The Big Lunch.

Neighbourhood Watch Network was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Volunteering Award in 2012.

A proud moment for Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association took place on 18th September 2019 when the Association was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The Queen's Award was presented by Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, the Lord Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire, at a special ceremony held in The Guildhall, High Wycombe. The Award particularly recognised the hard work of volunteers to support those who had been affected by scams & cons.

A Neighbourhood Watch scheme is proven to reduce crimes such as burglaries, vandalism, cons & scams, and car crime. So, if there is no scheme in your road, why not volunteer to be a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and help to protect your home and community? It might take just a couple of hours per month, but it could make a real difference to you and your neighbours. The responsibilities of a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator are to share information and to liaise with the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and residents to improve community safety. Basically, this means:

Encourage neighbours to report any suspicious activity to the police, either by calling 999 if a crime is taking place, or 101 for non-emergency calls.

Discuss any specific concerns you and your neighbours may have with the Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

Make sure you keep an eye on elderly or vulnerable neighbours and ensure they are advised of all relevant information.

Keep your house and loved ones safe - all year round

For more information, please contact us at office@ wdnhwatch.plus.com

Did you know...? The month of June is the Month of Community.

So don't miss out - join us this June!

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https://neighbourhoodwatchwycombe.org





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A Message from Padre Andi - Love unites, hate divides.

The world in which we live can often look like a place of hate and fear, especially when we look at the news. I have often thought how do I as an individual respond to this, indeed; how do we respond to this as a society? For me, the first few lines of the 'Prayer of St. Francis' rings true where it says;

- "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
- Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
- Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.
- Where there is discord, let me bring union."

We have all most likely come in contact with times where we may have experienced or seen hatred, offence or discord and could well have felt harm or a disconnection from our humanity. What love can do is unite people and bring about a new platform to help understand the other, allowing for inclusivity and diversity of thought to allow us to be the best of our humanity.

On 15 May 22, the readings in church came from John 13, where Jesus gives to his disciples a new commandment. We all most likely have an awareness of the 10 commandments, which were given to Moses, yet here we see Jesus adding to centuries later this with the following "Love one another". Hate can only be dispelled with love, so let us love one another in a hope to see hate diminish. Martin Luther King Jr. said "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear".

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Marian Miller will lead another of her popular history walks, this time around Bradenham village, on 21st June (the longest day!) The walk is free, there is no need to book and all are welcome.

TO JOIN, either meet 7pm at the church gate in Bradenham (parking either by the former Youth Hostel or by the Cricket Club)

OR, if you would like to walk there through Naphill Common, meet in Naphill Village Hall car park at 6.15pm.

The walk around Bradenham village will take about one hour.

Sunset isn't until 9.25pm so there will be time to walk back to Naphill in the light. The return walk is up a steep hill!

If the weather is unsuitable, we will postpone this event, so do please check on the village Facebook pages or on our web site (address below) before setting out.

We'll be walking around the green so please wear sensible walking shoes or boots. If it is wet we will postpone the walk to another day, so please check on the FONC website (details above) or the village Facebook page before setting off.

Bradenham, the typical English village – a church, manor house, school, pub, farm, and quaint cottages set around the village green. There's even a cricket ground. Find out about the people who lived there and the men who went to war in 1914 and never came back.

The Common

The latest stage of the felling is now complete, though (at time of writing) a small number of logs remain at the end of Forge Road. Once the paths have fully dried out, the Estate will 'iron out' the large ruts left by their equipment. Later this year, when birds have finished nesting, the 'mulcher' (a large flail mounted on caterpillar tracks) will return to clear more of the remaining holly thickets and some of the brash left over from the removal of the tree trunks (though sufficient will be left as wildlife habitat).

The ponds now have plenty of tadpoles. They're currently at the 'limbless' stage, but will soon develop four legs, lose their tails and transform into miniature frogs (mostly, though there are some toad tadpoles as well).

Village Fete Saturday 11th June

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and residents, there will be plenty of lots to bid for in our popular silent auction at the Village fete. Please come along and visit us, there are bound to be some items there that you will find attractive.

Working Parties

Our working parties are in full swing and take place on most Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Because they are dependent on the weather, it's best to check our web site for details. Our walking and other activities are also listed here:

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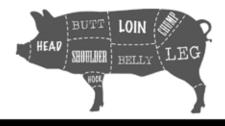
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We have been very busy since we came back to school after the Easter Holidays! Here are a few snippets of what we have been up to.

BEKONSCOT MODEL VILLAGE TRIP – YEAR 1

Year 1 enjoyed their first ever school trip on Monday 9th May, they went to Bekonscot model village and even had a ride on the train. We were very proud of how well they all represented our school.

THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON – YEAR 2

In the last few weeks, Year 2 have been learning about the Great fire of London which took place in 1666. They have been practising diary writing in the style of the famous Samuel Pepys, they have created some amazing diary entries.

Well done Year 2!!

TRIP TO THE LIVING RAINFOREST - YEAR 3

On the 27th April, Year 3 went to the Living Rainforest. On their way around the rainforest they saw: a slow sloth, a bird eating a spider, a pitcher plant (which had slimy digestive juices inside) and the world's tiniest monkey! Year 3 had a great time.

RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO WOODROW HIGH HOUSE - YEAR 4

Year 4 enjoyed a 3 day residential trip to Woodrow High House during the first week of May. They took part in lots of activities including archery, team challenges, pioneering, high ropes, nightline and much more. In the evenings they had a campfire and a disco. A great few days of fun!

TRIP TO LONGRIDGE AND THE WINNERS OF THE INTER SCHOOLS TENNIS COMPETITION - YEAR 5

The Year 5s went on a heart-thumping trip to Longridge. We enjoyed 5 excellent activities- three on water and two on land. Everyone was very brave and conquered fears of heights and water. Our two favourite activities were:

Kayaking - We were each given our own kayak and we had to learn how to paddle with some heavy oars. We played some super games including races and water polo. We even got in the water and got wet and cold up to our waists.

Dragon Boating - Near the end of our superb day, we got into dragon boats which are like long kayaks. We learnt how to row, how to stop and how to balance the boat. We did races and heard stories about the houses around the river.

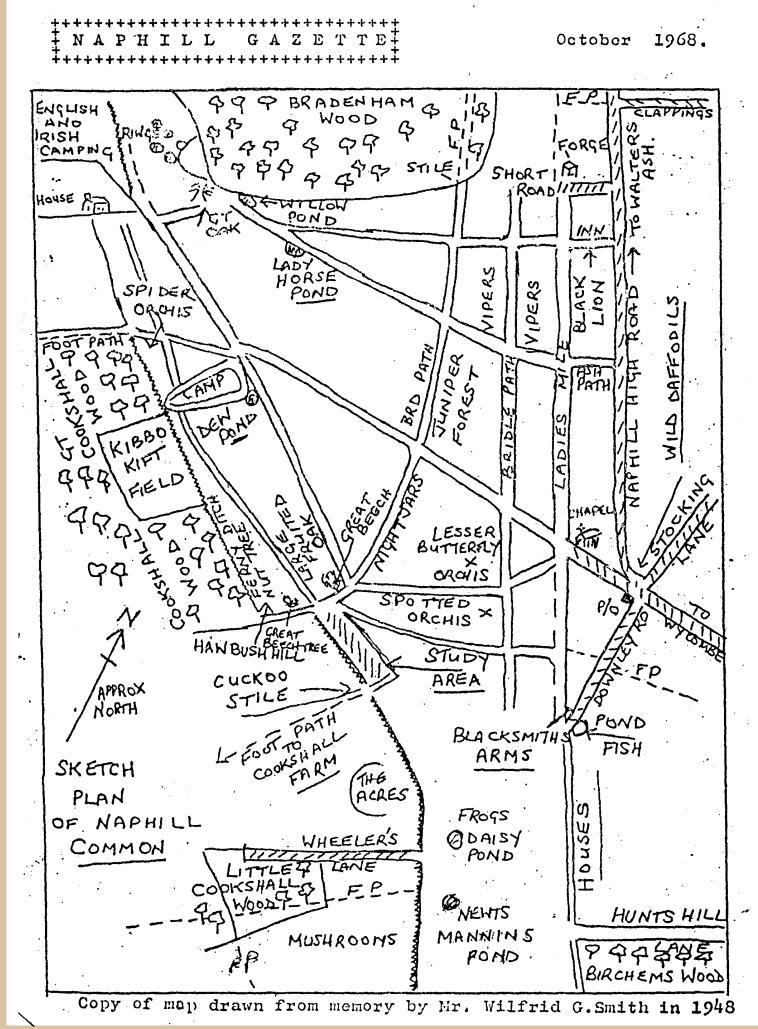
Our adventure ended when we gathered for delicious pizza and ice-cream. We will never forget this utterly delightful day at Longridge.



Víví and Georgie (Year 5 Pupils)

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Some Locals A MYSTERIOUS COTTAGE

A short while ago I was given a postcard of a thatched cottage (shown here), but the picture presented a mystery because it claimed that the cottage was on Naphill Common. Anyone who is familiar with the Common will know that there are no thatched cottages anywhere near it. Many years ago the Common extended as far as the houses on the Main Road but although they are attractive brick-and-flint, none were thatched. Where could it have been?

A search of my childhood memories may have found the answer. In the 1940s my brother and I would sometimes walk with our parents to Bradenham by the footpath now designated as H2/BW85 on the maps. It starts near Downley Road and Chapel Lane and is the main path going diagonally across to The Clumps, the Umbrella Tree and Bradenham Hill Cottage, eventually dropping down to the Green.

To us boys the great attraction of the walk was what we called The Lemonade Shop. Just past Dew Pond where a footpath (H20) came in from the left, there was a cottage tucked in behind a holly hedge – just like the hedge on the postcard. There lived an elderly lady, Mrs "Birdy" Wingrove, who sold home-made lemonade. She was a rather formidable lady (see picture taken in 1938) and it was not easy to get past without buying some. I do not recall that her house was thatched. In fact I think it may have had a corrugated iron roof; but that is not an unusual feature of a once-thatched house towards the end of its life.

The cottage has gone, but it stood in what is now a small meadow and all that remains is an indistinct earthwork and a holly hedge. It is marked on the sketch map drawn by Wilfred Smith in 1948 (reproduced here). Even older maps show a row of three cottages in this meadow. The Lemonade Shop was so remote that it could hardly have survived on passing trade. It presumably relied on the scouts and guides who often camped on the common, and perhaps some farm workers tending cattle grazing nearby. As the map also shows, not far away there was a field where the Kibbo Kift used to camp. They were an organisation devoted to World peace and healthy, outdoor living. Perhaps they thought that the lemonade was sufficiently "organic" to meet their standards.

Anyway, the Lemonade Shop might be a solution to the mystery.

Trevor Hussey.

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Church News

On Easter Sunday, it was lovely to see the church back to its pre pandemic numbers in the congregation. This was of course especially apt for the festival being celebrated. At the 11 oclock service the rousing hymns were accompanied by what was called the Hughenden Big Band (the normal worship band augmented 'for one day only' by additional instruments). The young people gave a highly accomplished dramatic reading of part of the Easter story which brought it very much to life. Helen Peters, associate minister, gave a sermon in which all members of the congregation were given symbols to underscore its content, including as a finale, a piece of linen cloth each of which was to be torn in two, with the cry: 'it is finished!'. As is common with Helen's sermons, (and she does not usually need the excuse of it being Easter) there was a liberal distribution of chocolate to the congregation.

At the end, TJ (Tracey Jones, our curate) warned us something would happen, that she needed the young people to help with, and that we should just 'go with it'. The 'it' we had to go with was a shower of balloons being batted about the church as the final music was played.

There are of course more meditative services held at St Michael's, including a quiet evensong to end each Sunday. Nor were the tragedies in the world forgotten even in a broadly joyful service: a very moving video clip of a child praying in Ukraine was shown.

On Easter Monday a Parish Boundary Walk was undertaken in the sunshine. This had three purposes: to mark the boundary of the parish, to enjoy a communal picnic and to build a cairn remembering those lost to the parish and dedicating prayers for the community. St Michael's has been the church for its community since the 1100s, serves its community in the present and will do so long into the future, and prayers were offered at the church for all the people who have been part of the community, are now part of it, and for those who will be in years to come.

Walking the boundary of a parish derives from the old custom of beating the bounds, traditionally involving publicly striking local landmarks with birch or willow branches to help in the maintenance of a shared understanding of the geographical extent of the parish. (Now we just use Google.) This walk, still formally carried out in some parishes, was traditionally carried out on Ascension Day or during Rogation week, which actually is 5 weeks after Easter.

However the sunny Easter Monday was the day chosen for St Michael's to emulate this tradition, and small groups and individuals set off from the church armed with a detailed map provided by Mike Hill and Andrew Collard (the organisers).

The route and the itinerary followed was published in the May Gazette. Finally, at the end of the day, the walkers all gathered baxk at the churchyard with the stones they had collected en route, in order to build a cairn. Mike spoke about cairns being built to mark holy sites and to show the way in difficult territory. He placed twelve stones in a circle to represent the twelve apostles, with a stone in the centre to represent Jesus, and walkers each then added their own stone, as well as a piece of stone from the newly rebuilt church tower and a stick to represent a pilgrim staff.



After the prayers for the whole community, past, present and future, participants returned home to bathe their aching feet, reflecting on the concept and purpose of pilgrimage, and the meaning of community.

Jane Tyrer

News from Hughenden Mothers' Union

At our last meeting, Joanna from a charity called Azalea, came to talk to us about this charity's work. She explained that Azalea is a Christian charity supporting sexually exploited and trafficked women in High Wycombe. She told us how the charity was set up under the guidance of an Azalea team in Luton, in 2020. Some of us were shocked at the extent of the problem locally. Joanna explained that she and the other volunteers went out regularly in Wycombe to give cakes and toiletries to the ladies on the streets and regularly hold a drop in centre. The work in Wycombe is based at the Kings Church, Desborough Road and is supported by a prayer group and ladies who bake cakes!

At the Mothers' Union on the 7th June, Ann and her husband Roger will be entertaining us with a slideshow showing the birds found in Cuba.

Discussions have been going on to plan the Jubilee lunch on the 5th July. More details later.

Norma Clarke



From the Vicarage

At 2.40am on 21st April 1926, a baby girl was born at 17 Bruton Street, Mayfair in London. In her early years she was affectionately known as Lilibet by her close family, and she was cherished by her grandfather, who she called "Grandpa England" on account of him being King George V.

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, otherwise know as Queen Elizabeth II was never expected to reign as our monarch, but upon the death of her father King George VI in February 1952, she became Queen regnant of seven independent Commonwealth countries.

At her coronation on 2 June 1953, in Westminster Abbey, Archbishop of Canterbury Geoffrey Fisher prayed "O God... Grant unto this thy servant Elizabeth, our Queen, the spirit of wisdom and government, that being devoted unto thee with her whole heart, she may so wisely govern, that in her time thy Church may be in safety, and Christian devotion may continue in peace". In early June we will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth, head of the Church of England, and a symbol of stability and faithful service for the past 70 years. Her majesty often makes reference to her Christian faith, which is clearly at the centre of her life, especially in her address to the nation every Christmas Day.

Queen Elizabeth is 96 years old, and understandably has begun to step back from many of her public duties. On Thursday 2nd June there will be a Trooping of the Colour, followed by a service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's reign in St Paul's Cathedral the next day. Saturday 4th June, Buckingham Palace hosts a live concert, and there will be a Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June.

At Hughenden Church, there will be a special service of celebration on that same Sunday, at 10.30am, which also marks Pentecost, the Christian festival which celebrates the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit was poured out with great power in Jerusalem. After our service, refreshments will be served, and then all are encouraged to remain around the church for a bring-your-own picnic.

At 1.30pm Church House Teas will be served in Church House and the gardens, and we are hoping that this will be accompanied by live music. Please do join us for tea, and have a look at the special Platinum Jubilee flowers and display there will be in our Church. There will be no charge for refreshments, but you are welcome to give a donation if you wish.

Let us pray:

O Lord, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, we give you thanks for your servant Elizabeth our Queen. May she ever be provided with all she may need for her ministry among us, strengthened to meet every demand which her office may make, and in all things nourished by your word and example, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, world without end. Amen.

Rev Keith Johnson



Naphill Neighbours

Springtime came to the village hall on Monday. Edwin Rye, who has a stall in the Thursday Market in Princes Risborough, brought his bedding plants, photos and vast knowledge and experience to entertain and enlighten us. He used the photos of his delightful garden, and his plants, to good effect, inspiring us to try new things and encouraging us to ask questions. He provided helpful hints on growing and maintenance, and impressed with his wide knowledge of the plants he had on display. He was never phased by questions from the audience. All in all a very useful afternoon.

Mr Rye's garden is open to the public on several days in June in aid of the National Garden Scheme. No. 34 in the printed booklet.For more information visit ngs.org.uk

Our next meeting is on 13th June when Keith Spencer will talk about "The Amazon'. Meetings start at 2pm. Please remember that payment for our trip to Windsor and the Saville Gardens is due on that day.

Peggy Ewart (01494 565969)



A Memory from Day the Queen Acceded to the Throne



Queen Elizabeth 11 acceded to the throne in February 1952. I was 14 then and remember the day well. As a pupil at Ealing County Grammar School for Girls I was used to going to Ealing Town Hall. Our school hall was relatively small so we went to the town hall for events such as speech day and prize giving. On the day King George VI died the school was in the town hall rehearsing for speech day and singing 'God save our gracious King'. An official dashed in, looking white and flustered, and spoke to the senior mistress." You can't sing that. The King is dead."

We were all shocked by this unexpected news. Speech Day was postponed and we walked back to our school wondering about the young Queen, who was only a few years older than we were. We all made scrap books in those days (no TV worth mentioning) and the life of the royal family was well documented by most of us. Thus we were all familiar with the romance of Elizabeth and Philip and had rejoiced in the arrival of their children. It was a sad day but also one with hope for the future.

Peggy Ewart



Snippets of Memories from June 2nd 1953

Instinctively, my first memories of the day are, excitement, rain and very chilly!

In fact the run up to the celebrations had been forming since the New Year. Every school, youth club and scouting movement were having pageants, parties and parades! As a teenager of thirteen, and an enthusiastic member of all these, life was full of fun – if there was a list, my name was on it !

At school it was a pageant with lots of girls drifting around in long white dresses (I was one of them). I remember we sang as a choir a song that I have probably muddled the words now – but went along the lines of "Elizabeth of England so noble, kind and true...." It was very patriotic, we loved it – I remember Miss West our music teacher really hammering on the old school piano in an effort to get an organ type importance out of it, she didn't!

As Guides we celebrated in a more dignified way with a grand district Church Parade- we proudly marched into church carrying our guide colours (flags). The scouts were there as well. Brownies and cubs in 1953 were considered too "small and young" to be trusted with a flag so had to be content to wait, fidgeting and giggling in the front pews until the Big Boys and Girls arrived! Youth club had an evening party - called a disco now! We danced to songs by Guy Mitchell such as 'She wears Red Feathers and a hula, hula skirt...'And unlikely as it sounds Lita Roza asking 'How much is the Doggie in the Window' if any of you are now singing then you are as old as me!

The most important memory of that day was my Dad bought our first TV. Black and white, of course! Coronation day saw our small sitting room filled to the gunnels with neighbours and relatives; so excited to be able to share this important and first to be transmitted coronation day. The screen was small, the image was grainy but we were there, watching our beautiful princess crowned Queen Elizabeth the second. It was both romantic and awe inspiring, even us 'teenagers' were quiet.

In the evening there was a firework display broadcast, I assume from London. Yes! On a black and white TV – I remember my Mum getting the giggles as the commentator kept on announcing proudly 'And another two hundred Roman Candles!' – thinking back, and referring to the photo of Mum and my uncle taken in the back garden earlier that day- I think a couple of glasses of sweet sherry contributed to this laughing episode.....Such wonderful memories I'm lucky to have.

Margaret Hunter

Great Big Friday 3rd June - Platinum Picnic Jubilee Lunch E55 for 2 People 1 12pm-5pm Includes a Regal Picnic, Bottle of Prosecco. Sunday 5th June Live Music all Day Sunday 5th June - Music Bingo Join us for our Great Big Jubilee Lunch with a British £5 per person 1 6.30pm Join us for a bit of Fun and a Themed Menu from E24.95 sing-a-long with Music Bingo! THE BLACK LION, WOODLANDS DRIVE, NAPHILL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, HP14, 45H 01494 506065 F 🞯 www.theblacklionnaphill.co.uk Follow us contactus@theblacklionnaphill.co.uk atheblacklionnaphill

The Black Lion

Well... We don't know about you but we are loving these lighter evenings and the rare glimpses of sunshine we're having at the moment! Long may it continue through the Summer! Obviously with the Jubilee coming up very soon we've got a fun filled weekend coming up!

Jubilee Platinum Picnic – Friday 3rd June

Join us on the Bank Holiday Friday for a Regal Picnic with Live Music all day. For only £55 for 2 people you will receive a delicious Picnic Hamper with a bottle of Prosecco. Kid's hampers will be available for £10 per child which includes a Small Picnic and a soft drink. We can only keep our fingers crossed for glorious weather! The event is available to pre-bookings only so give us a call to book on 01494 506065.

The Great Big Jubilee Lunch – Sunday 5th June

We're joining the Great Big Jubilee Lunch this year so join us for our British Themed Menu including classic British Dishes from the past! We will be serving from 12-6pm so head down and join the party! We've got a bouncy castle for the kids all weekend so bring the little ones and relax. To book your table, pop in, give us a call on 01494506065 or head to our website www. theblacklionnaphill.co.uk.

Music Bingo – Sunday 5th June

Finish of the Jubilee weekend with a bang! Join us for our popular Music Bingo from 6.30pm. It's always a blast with some great music and sing-along songs. We've got some prizes up for grabs too! Our Music Bingo is always a Full House so be sure to book to avoid missing out!

We've got loads more coming up in the coming months so why not like our Facebook or Instagram page @theblacklionnaphill or head to our website at www.theblacklionnaphill.co.uk to be kept informed of upcoming events.

We now have a bookings page on our website, so it's never been easier to book a table. All you do is visit www.theblacklionnaphill.co.uk/book-a-table, enter your booking information and we'll be in touch to confirm your booking. Alternatively, if you prefer just to give us a call then please do on 01494 506065.

Thank you for taking the time to read and we welcome you to visit us soon!



Tanya, Jon and all the Team at the Black Lion

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From Bradenham Vicarage - The day I met the Queen



As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, there is much reflection on her reign. Whilst the press and media show grainy footage of a young Queen accompanied by young children, commenting on the significance of the many events her reign has seen, many of us have personal memories and stories about visits or meetings with Her Majesty.

Ten years ago, whilst I was teaching in Yeovil, a special country fayre was held to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Queen would attend along with the Duke of Edinburgh. All the great and the good of the town as well as all the school children in Yeovil were invited. My staff had to wade through copious amounts of paperwork to fulfil the strict security conditions required for admission and the children were carefully groomed in the etiquette of how to interact with royalty.

The great day came.

We knew the Queen would do a walkabout, so there was a chance she might stop and talk to us. I planned carefully to maximise the chance of the Queen stopping where we stood. Our school had a Christian foundation and knowing she was head of the C of E with a strong personal faith, I wore my dog collar (the children were quite familiar with this for special occasions). At the venue, we were told to find a place along the route to stand. In a military-style reconnaissance mission I surveyed the site – the Queen's path was marked by a carpet that traced a winding trail around the exhibits. I spotted a dog-leg in the path and realised Her Majesty would have to break stride to turn the corner, making this a logical place to stop. So I positioned my class there.

The excitement was intense. A revised version of 'Are we there yet?' was on every child's lips - 'Is she here yet?' And suddenly she was there – a diminutive figure in pale lilac. After greeting the civic dignitaries, her careful, measured walkabout began.

My strategy paid off! Her Majesty paused, looked straight at me, came over and spoke a few words to us! Result! In my excitement I promptly forgot every smidgeon of etiquette I had so carefully drilled into my class. Why?

Not because of being overawed by being in the presence of the Queen, but because at the moment our eyes met, when I looked into the clear blue eyes of our Queen, I saw nothing but total love and kindness – something in many ways far more unnerving than imperiousness or any other supposed royal trait.

That brief encounter touched me in an unexpected way. It left me wondering about encountering another member of royalty – not an earthly king or queen with jewelled robes and a crown, but Jesus, the King of Heaven. The Bible speaks much about God's love for humanity. The central point of Jesus' message was to love God and to love one another. It made me wonder whether, when we meet Jesus our King face to face, all we will see in his eyes will be that same total love and kindness.

God bless you all and God save the Queen.

Rev Jenny Ellis



Fete Royalty







Fete Theme OSCARS!

The Fete is going to be so much fun again this year!

The procession will meet at 1150hrs and will parade around the Crick in front of the judges.

The Villager of the Year award will be presented by the RAF High Wycombe Station Commander.

Live music from Red and Grey, will be keeping us entertained throughout the afternoon.

We have lots of amazing stalls, kids rides and of course the world famous Bar!! Noodlenation and the Chip van will be catering for the event, covering a wide variety of vegan/vegetarian and GF options.

There are still a few stalls available, so if you would like to come and showcase your goodies please email nwafete@hotmail.co.uk

As always we still need extra volunteers for the 10th and 11th, we will need prizes, cakes, and books. Please get in touch if you are able to provide any assistance or would like to sponsor the event.

Bring your gazebo and enjoy a fun packed Saturday.

Can't wait to see you all there.

The Napfest Committee

NAPFEST MUSIC

9th September 2022

Oh what a night it is going to be! The headline act is 'FLASH' The Queen Tribute Act. More details to follow in our next Gazette article. *Tickets will be on sale from July.*



Naphill Fete Book Stall

The fabulous fete book stall will be back with more bargains this year.

We need your donations of good quality books

Paperback fiction and children's books are always in great demand.

We struggle to sell reference books, especially old, out-of-date ones.

Donations can be dropped in the Village Hall cloakroom from 1st June

Naphill Brownies

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our brownie jumble sale at the end of April. Whether you donated jumble, bought some bargains or gave your time to help on the day. We really could not do it without you.

Over the past 2 years we have continued to pay subs to Girlguiding but have had little income coming in. The money raised at our jumble sales allow us to keep Girlguiding affordable to all.

The Sale raised over £800.

What better way to celebrate May Day than with some maypole dancing. It took us a couple of attempts to master how to weave in and out to make a pattern with the ribbons, but in the end, we made a pretty good show of it

Early in May, when a few girls were away on a school trip, we took the opportunity of smaller numbers to try our hand at a bit of DIY. The girls used a saw, sandpaper and screwdriver to make wooden key hanger which they decorated in true brownie style – apparently there is no such thing as too many stickers!

On 7th May, 2 teams of brownies from Naphill and Walters Ash took part in the Bucks Girlguiding Competition Hike. Both of our teams managed to navigate their 5km course in a competitive time with no assistance from the leaders who walked with them. The same cannot quite be said for some of the (unaccompanied) guide teams, who did get a bit lost on their 10km hike, Nonetheless all of the 140+ girls finally navigated their way back, It is a great event. Last week, we welcomed Glyn from 'Alight Fingers' to teach us some circus skills. After an inspiring demonstration of what can be done with the exciting equipment he had brought, the brownies tried their hand at juggling, flower sticks, stilt-walking, plate spinning, unicycling and much more. Success was varied, but we all challenged ourself to do things we had never tried before

It has been a busy few weeks

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!



Brown Owl Ruth Daly ruth.daly3@btinternet.com 1st Naphill Brownies Thursdays 5:45-7pm



Classics on the Crick

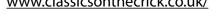


Sunday 12th June 2022 The Crick, Naphill 10am-4pm

As usual we shall have a fantastically varied selection of cars and bikes on display for everybody to enjoy. The show caters for all types of Classics, from Vintage to Moderns and even the latest supercars.

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A wide selection of food outlets are lined up to provide some tasty treats and the Naphill Men's Club will be once again providing an excellent bar stocked with great Rebellion beers.

This year sees the return of the popular musical tribute act, G-Elvis to provide even more entertainment. Elvis will be singing all his famous hits throughout the afternoon. For the first time we shall also be seeing the appearance of Damo & The Dynamites. Offering more Rock n' Roll with a touch of Rockabilly, expect to hear more classics from the 50s, 60s, 70s & 80s.

Entrance tickets can be bought on the day or for convenience you can buy them in advance via the website:

https://www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk/

Adults £6, Children £3, Family Ticket £15

If you are travelling from outside of the village, free parking will be provided nearby courtesy of the Horse's Trust.

All profits from the event will go to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

So why not have a great day out and at the same time support a great cause.

If you would like to get more involved, we always need lots of volunteers as the show grows. There are a variety of jobs, and no previous experience is required. Again, full details on the website.

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News from Rob Butler MP's Office

I write in mid-May immediately after the State Opening of Parliament—an important constitutional and ceremonial event in our country's calendar. It was a privilege to be in the House of Lords to witness the Prince of Wales reading the Queen's Speech, but of course also a rather sad and poignant occasion as The Queen was unable to attend in person.

Behind the pomp and pageantry, the Queen's Speech sets the agenda for our work in Parliament in the year ahead. Thirty-eight new Bills have been announced to deliver on the Government's priorities – growing the economy to tackle the cost of living; cutting crime; tackling the Covid backlog and giving local communities more powers to drive regeneration. These all have a real impact for our villages and I will continue to speak up for Naphill and Walter's Ash as the Bills are debated.

I am particularly pleased about the emphasis on policing—local residents have frequently raised concerns with me about rural crime, which can have a profound impact on their livelihood. I have recently been alarmed to hear about cases of large-scale and dangerous hare coursing—intimidating land owners as well as damaging property. I have already brought this to the attention of the Home Secretary, Priti Patel, in the House of Commons and also discussed it with senior police officers. In recent weeks, refugees from Ukraine have started to arrive in Buckinghamshire. I'd like to thank all those living locally who are sharing their homes with those fleeing Putin's barbaric invasion of their homeland. The resilience of Ukraine's people is inspiring. I strongly support the Government's sanctions against Putin's regime, and am pleased the UK is leading the way in military, economic and diplomatic efforts to support Ukraine.

On a happier note, I very much look forward to celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee alongside local residents. With many special events scheduled in the area, I hope you will be able to enjoy the festivities as we honour Her Majesty's outstanding service to our nation.

Best wishes,

Rob Butler

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Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Best Kept Village Competition in Bucks. See May's Gazette for additional information. By the time you receive this June Gazette, the BKVC judges will be about to start their programme of judging Bucks villages between 1st June and 14th July. Hopefully the litter pick during our "Clean for the Queen" weekend on 21/22 May will have set us off to a good start. If we all continue our efforts to keep our parts of the village clean and tidy throughout the judging weeks, we may even win BKVC in 2022.

Water Leaks. Many of you will have been concerned and inconvenienced by yet another burst Water Main in Main Road and the consequent re-routing of traffic which necessarily involves detours along narrow country lanes. We have written to Affinity to question the frequency of instances of this kind and the time taken to repair the broken pipes, pointing out that the recent incident caused severe traffic congestion in the narrow lanes, resulting in an Ambulance being delayed by nearly 20 minutes. Affinity have subsequently responded and undertaken to investigate the situation. Their proposals for resolution are awaited.

Commuity Speedwatch. The detector equipment used by our volunteers is now repaired and the campaign will restart in June.

Napfest Do visit the NAWARA stall and take part in the raffle.

NAWARA AGM

Friday 8th July 2022, 7.30pm at Naphill Village Hall.

Followed at 8pm by guest speaker Bernie Knill on Hughenden Manor's secret map-making during the Second World War. Everyone welcome and there will be plenty of wine and nibbles to enjoy during the evening.

> John Russell NAWARA Chairman





Gordon the Bird Man - British Birds

Nature's year again started slowly with the Rooks on Cryers Hill showing no signs of refurbishing their nests until the 2nd of March. In some years they have young by this date. Two weeks later the sun shone and everything came to life, with Brimstone, Peacock, Comma, Red Admiral and Small Tortoiseshell being recorded. these are species that overwintered as adults, with the first of this year's butterflies, the Orange Tip, recorded on 10th April, the day after their food plant, Garlic Mustard, came into flower.

In early April an article in the national press had the headline "a Wonderful year for birds" with some species increasing by up to 10%. However, this was based on a one year study from a very low baseline of 2020.

It may come as a surprise that many birds once familiar to us now feature on the birds of conservation concern red list. The red list holds those species identified as being of greatest conservation concern in the UK. The British Breeding Bird Survey assessments cover a period of 25 years and cover changes in population size and their distribution over that period. Each species is assessed against a set of Red List criteria. If it meets any of these it will be Red Listed. If not, it will be assessed against a set of Amber List criteria and if it meets any of these it will be placed on the Amber List. If it does not meet any Red or Amber criteria then it will be placed on the Green List. currently there are 70 species on the Red List, 103 on the Amber List and 72 on the Green List. Since 1995 three species, Red Backed Shrike, Great Grey Shrike and Golden Oriole are now considered extinct as British breeding birds. So with population declines of House Sparrow 74%, Greenfinch 65%, Swift 62%, along with Starling, Marsh Tit, Mistle Thrush, House martin and Yellowhammer are now Red Listed birds.

Red List: Giving grave cause of conservation concern.

Amber List: Giving concern and closely monitored.

Green List: No concern at the moment.

So although the press report was good news showing a downward spiral in the decline of some species I would not regard it as "wonderful news".

Spring Plant Sale.

Thanks to all of you and Tanya at the Black Lion for supporting the plant sale in aid of BBOWT. £570 was raised!

Gordon

Shear Madness

Well done Team Wheel for raising lots of money at RonFest. Sadly, I couldn't get there due to the road closures but everyone I've seen had a fantastic time.

Let's hope the weather is good for Napfest and classic cars on the Crick. Again, I won't be able to attend as I'm off again on my holidays, I'm back Tuesday 4th July and will be here for the rest of the summer.

Recently I've had a lot of new customers who are always welcome, I seem to have become the Community support hub, hilarious, what bin day, where to eat out, dog walks and of course handing them an old Gazette copy with all the advertisements and articles which makes them feel a part of the villages straight away.

Well, it's time for me to pack for holiday number one, don't forget I'll have my phone and appointment book with me and I will get back to you at some point.

Take care, happy Napfest,

Love as always,

Mandy x



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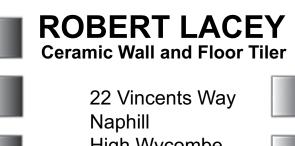


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Words are difficult to truly explain what an awesome day RonFest was. My first thanks go to our amazing staff, they were absolutely fantastic and worked so hard to try and ensure everyone always had a drink!

The whole day was all about celebrating the life of Ron Williams in style and to help raise money for Cancer Research. We achieved both brilliantly! I would like to thank all the local businesses and friends that donated prizes for the raffle (there were so many). By the end of the night, we had raised over £1500 but we are still collecting and counting as I write this. Ron loved his music and the bands were great and you all seemed to enjoy them too. We also had an ice cream van to ensure all the boys got their Mr Whippy (the photos looked amazing, sadly I didn't get one)! It was great to see Ron's family and all the people who had travelled for miles to get here and some from not so far. We had camper vans staying in our cark and others stayed with friends. And thank you for breakfast to our camper van people.

With the summer hopefully now on it's way! We are all planning for the Jubilee weekend and the Fete Day and Classics on the Crick. On Fete Day Saturday 11th June we will be taking part in the annual procession and then once the day is winding down we will have live music from 4.30pm from a solo artist who plays sing along pop music with a country twist. Classics on the Crick on Sunday 12th June is always a fabulous day with all the cars driving past, so ensure you get your seats early to watch from the garden.

We must also mention that at the end on May and early June we will be showing the Isle of Man TT live on our TV, so all you motorcycle racing lovers can watch the day's events with a pint in hand. Mark might even give us a wave!

Once again thank you to everyone who attended RonFest and everyone who came in and supports us regularly. Let's hope the summer is now here and we can enjoy lots beers and food in the gardens.

Mark and I would also like to welcome Mackenzie and Matty to the Wheel team.

Oh yeah! we'll be starting our 17th year in the pub from 19th June, it only seems like yesterday when we arrived in the village.

Cheers

Claire and Mark

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It is fair to say that most of us would agree that this headline makes sense. However, do we actively work on this? The pandemic has had an incredible impact on our lives in so many ways, not least our physical and mental wellbeing. It seems so strange now to reflect on all the time we were forced to stay indoors, socially isolated inside our 'bubble' and only allowed to walk very locally. One impact was to remind us here in Hughenden how lucky we are to be able to 'stretch our legs' with ease, take in the glorious changing of the seasons and eventually meet up outside, albeit initially in a 'socially distanced' way. Now, of course, it feels in many ways that we are getting back to 'normal' whatever that means!

It is a sad fact that many adults (and indeed children) do not get enough exercise, and this will have an adverse impact over time. Did you know that 25% of the local population is aged 65 and over? As we benefit from living longer, we need to do our bit! Campaigns aimed at addressing this do have some success however this is often relatively in the short term. The weather conspires against us (or so we tell ourselves) and whilst a gym membership seemed a good idea at the time, the reality is that it often remains unused by many. At the end of the day our wellbeing is largely down to our choices – not always, as external factors can of course adversely impact on our lives.

An affluent area like Hughenden also means that eating out or getting deliveries is very much part of our lives. Of course, our pubs and cafes employ people – often residents – and it is important that we support them. It is also good for our mental wellbeing to dine out or go for a pint. Who hasn't got to Friday and thought: let's just order a takeaway and have it delivered? We do live busy lives and there is absolutely no reason why we should not treat ourselves.

There is an underlying principle that we should consider adopting: moderation. If we can achieve that whether we are talking about, exercise or eating, then we will have achieved a lot. Public Health England is running a nationwide campaign to 'Live Well Stay Well' and Hughenden Street Association is delighted to be supporting this



important initiative. Working in partnership with Buckinghamshire Council the Association will be actively promoting this campaign in the weeks and months ahead. Indeed, during the pandemic regular articles about exercise, eating and our mental and physical wellbeing were published.

To find out more visit: https://bit.ly/38tDTPz or sign up to the weekly Hughenden Street Association newsletter. Simply email the Editor: hughendensa@gmail.com

Let's all do our bit to live well and stay well!

Hílda Stearn

Communications Co-ordinator Hughenden Street Association

Street Association Lunch Club Naphill & Walter's Ash At The Black Lion

Our lunch club takes place on the 3rd Wednesday each month, 12 noon for 12.30pm. As well as enjoying a tasty meal that you haven't had to cook yourself, it's an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

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Growing Your Own

This could be the most important year ever for growing your own. Price rises are already on us in the shops, but this coming winter could see an absolute food shortage. In other words, many of the world's 7 billion population will have no food. Hence, whether you are growing your own fruit and vegetables to avoid higher prices in the shops, or doing your bit to alleviate, in a small way, some of the absolute world food shortage, this could really be the year for "Growing Your Own".

With the coronavirus pandemic came disruption to the normal patterns of trade, with ships in the wrong positions and a somewhat chaotic situation. Then the situation became a lot, lot worse with the invasion of Ukraine, which for many years has been Europe's breadbasket. Along with Russia, about 30% of world grain and sunflower oil exports come from that area of south-east Europe. There are some countries which rely on Ukraine for 80% of their principal food - wheat. The war in Ukraine came at sowing time for most crops but farm workers joined the army to defend their country. So most of the land was not planted with crops. Where crops were planted the farmers often had to wear bullet-proof vests and the fields had first to be cleared of mines and unexploded bombs. World exports of wheat, maize and sunflower oil are being much reduced because of that conflict, and the blocking of Black Sea ports has not helped.

The conflict is also leading to reduced crops worldwide. Nitrogen fertiliser is made from natural gas and a lot of nitrogen fertiliser comes from Ukraine. With the open-market price of gas up to six times what it was a year ago, farmers are faced with nitrogen fertiliser prices up to five times what they were a few years ago. This has led to many farmers putting less fertiliser on their land, which will inevitably result in reduced crop yields. Taking valuable UK farmland out of production for "environmental land management" reasons does not seem to be the right policy this year. Importing countries have stocks of food but they are running them down, so this winter will probably see a situation in which crop yields worldwide are down and storage bunkers are empty. People in rich countries will have the money to purchase food on world markets (with government assistance to those on low incomes), but many people in poor countries seem likely to have no food this winter.

So, grow your own. Since this article will appear in the June edition of the Gazette it will be too late in the season to sow many crops. But even so it is not too late for several crops. Even if you sow some runner beans or climbing French beans in a corner of a sunny flower bed you will be doing your bit. Sow the seed now, water well, then purchase some 8-foot canes to construct wigwams, tied together with string at the top. You should have abundant beans this year with enough to blanch and put in the freezer. You may be able to purchase young bean plants and other young plants in garden centres. There are still so many crops you could grow.

Good gardening,

Míke Mason



Naphill Tennis Club

Sunday 5th June is "Picnic-on-the-Crick" time!

It is also Naphill's Tennis 'Open' Afternoon when everyone can come and'try tennis for FREE' between 1pm – 3 pm (see poster).

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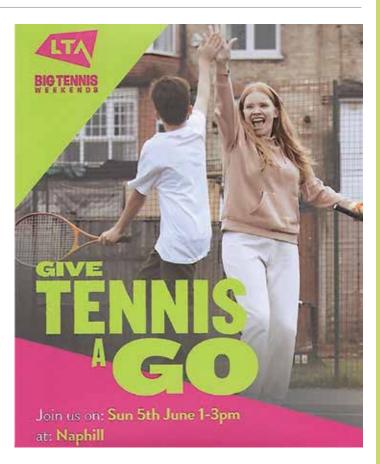
Fete Day - Saturday 11th June,

Come and purchase delicious Strawberries & Cream from our stall by the tennis courts and watch the antics on the courts with the Ball Machine Game.

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If you would like further information about the Tennis Club, please contact our Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel, on 07905226203 or email naphilltennismembership@gmail.com.

Jenny Tench





Princes Risborough Rotary Club - <u>www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=561</u>

Your local Rotary Club, apart from many other activities, is currently supporting the amazing Princes Risborough (PR), Lacey Green and Loosley Row families, who are in the process of providing refuge for 55 families from the Ukraine - and the numbers are increasing. Twenty-three of these have already arrived (as of 11 May) and the remaining 32 are still in various stages of transit in Europe. Their financial needs vary, some have no money to feed themselves and the majority require help to pay for their travel costs.

Last month I wrote that the Club has already provided £9,000 to Ukraine, through UNICEF, the Red Cross and the Rotary International Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals who are providing aid to the medics working in Ukraine. We now need to raise funds to help the families already here, and those in transit. To this end, a young Rotarian, Nick Kavanagh will be undertaking a sponsored tandem parachute jump in July. This was programmed for 24th April, but the weather caused it to be postponed. We will also be fundraising on a Rotary stall at the next PR Farmers' Market on the 11th of June, at the King George V field, in the town.

We have a number of other projects programmed; however, Ukraine is currently our main focus as the financial support required is urgent. To enable us to continue our work we need your help. We need financial support, and we need you! We could do so much more. So please think about donating (see the link below) and/or joining us and we can offer you the chance to "give back" as part of our extremely sociable group which is primarily focused on the local Community.

If you would like to donate to Nick's charity jump, go to his webpage:

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Lacey Green School - Roll up! Roll up! The circus is coming to town!

That's right, Happy's Circus will be setting up its marquee of fun at this year's summer celebration in Lacey Green. The big top show has been invited by St John's CofE School Parents' Association and will raise much-needed funds for the school and its sensory garden project.

Be astounded as the 16-strong troop take to the ring for your entertainment. Happy's Circus includes clowns, acrobats, aerialists, speciality acts, magic and, of course, the master of ceremonies, The Ringmaster himself. The 600-seater Big Top is all weather so even the rain won't spoil your fun.

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Hosted by St John's School PA on the school field, there will be pre-show fun and games before the main event at 6pm. Starting at 4pm, visitors can enjoy hot food and drink including a licensed bar as well as kids' favourites slushies and ice cream. There will be an inflatables area, for which children can have an unlimited pass – so much bouncy fun!

Added to that a pocket money stall for the children to find their treasure and a traditional pick and mix selection. For those inspired by the show to come, there will be a circus skills workshop where young ones can find out if they have what it takes to run away to the circus!

In addition, the PA will be running a shuttle bus provided by Countrywide Coaches, (for £1 per person) between St John's School and Naphill – Bradenham Hill and Kilnwood, Speen – North Dean and King William pub, Princes Risborough – High Street and Esso Garage, and Lacey Green.

The event is open to all, bring your friends and family! Tickets are £11, with under twos free. Buy four tickets for £38 using discount code SCHOOL22.

To buy tickets, scan the QR code here, which will take you to the PTA Events website or visit www.pta-events. co.uk/st-johns/ You will be able to check out as a guest, and as well as circus tickets, you will be able to buy unlimited inflatable wristbands.

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Our u3a is justly proud of the diversity it offers to our local community. For the last 10 years we have been offering a holiday to Members. In May, this year, our Group holiday was to the Wye Valley & South Wales. Our holidays are popular with couples and single travellers. We based ourselves at the 4* St Pierre Marriott Hotel and Country Club on the outskirts of Chepstow. Our visits included Berkley Castle, Tintern Abbey, The American Museum at Claverton Manor, The St Fagans Museum of History, Tredegar House, The Royal Mint and The SS Great Britain in Bristol. We could not go to Wales without visiting Cardiff and our trip included a tour of the National Assembly Building and the Senedd.

Often our holidays are to European destinations, and we are already planning the holiday for 2023. However, this year we decided to avoid the airports and fortunately, we were blessed with glorious weather.

Our u3a is gearing up to help our National Organisation celebrate their first 40 years. Our local events are in September. With the help of Bucks CC, we will be planting a tree locally. More on our special events can be found on our web site. All these activities are designed to help raise the profile of our wonderful and vibrant organisation. Throughout the coming months we will be launching our own Facebook site. We will invite local community groups onto our pages, and we plan to provide more information to existing as well as potential new members on the activities we offer. We will have pages for each of our groups. We will be explaining not only how to set up a FB page and access our pages but showing the security measures we should all be taking for 'Social Media'. With the over fifty-five's now the fastest growing membership of Facebook, we are confident, that with your help, we can help improve awareness of our u3a and enhance the benefits of living in our area. Helping people make new friends is a major priority for us and we believe our presence on FB will help us achieve this objective.

Do not miss the opportunities we offer in all our Groups to meet and chat. Plus, as a member you will have access to extra topics offered by other organisations including the continuing and popular series of talks offered through the u3a's 'Thames Valley Network'. We look forward to meeting you and sharing the knowledge and experience of our Group Convenors and Members. Please contact our Membership Secretary for more information: hwu3a. membership@gmail.com

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We have also been practicing brushing our teeth. It is so important that we establish good oral health and hygiene from the moment our children start to get their first teeth cutting through. By establishing this life skill early, we set our children up for a healthy future. We have been practising our brushing skills on corn on the cobs! The children realised that if you brushed too hard the tea granules got stuck deep down, just like with our gums.

We are off to post a card to The Queen to congratulate her on her jubilee! Then next week a parent who is a postal worker will be coming in to speak to the children, in her uniform, about where their letter goes when they post it. We are really looking forward to her visit.

We will share our Jubilee celebrations with you next month. Have a wonderful month!

We are still offering socially distanced tours, and now we have a short video of our Nursery on our website www.toddleingroup.co.uk/Naphill for families to take a look at. If you would like to book a visit please call Kim on 01494957196 or email enquiries@ toddleingroup.co.uk.

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Welcome to Lindengate

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At Lindengate, we have already started planting our own native trees and have a large selection of native trees for sale, including Yew, Elder, Black Poplar, Elm and many more. In the Autumn, we will be running workshops for anyone who would like to find out how to plan, plant & protect your trees with our team of experts. Please see our website for details, dates and costs.

In addition to our wellbeing services, our conservation programmes have national reach, supporting the reintroduction of endangered native species into biodiverse landscapes nationwide. Lindengate is home to the largest clone bank of Black Poplar trees in the UK and were recently honoured by a request from the Greater London Lieutenancy to supply a Black Poplar and attend its ceremonial planting in Regent's Park in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Since opening, we have worked on significant projects with the Butterfly Conservation, Wildlife Trusts & RSPB growing Devils Bit Scabious, the sole food source of the Marsh Fritillary Butterfly, earning us extensive media coverage, but also recognition through our achievement of multiple National and Regional Awards for conservation initiatives.

For more information on Lindengate, our programmes, events, volunteer opportunities & opening times, go to: <u>www.lindengate.org.uk</u>



National Trust Hughenden Volunteer Recruitment



Hughenden Manor and West Wycombe Park would like to welcome new volunteers to the team. There is a drop in session 28th May 2022 11.00 -13.00 at the Studybase, Hughenden Manor to find out more. If you are not able to make the day or have missed this opportunity, but would like to volunteer email us for more information. hughenden@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Whether you would like to volunteer indoors or outside, serving in the café, welcoming visitors, or helping to look after our countryside places, there are lots of opportunities across our teams.

From a National Trust Hughenden Recent Volunteer Recruit

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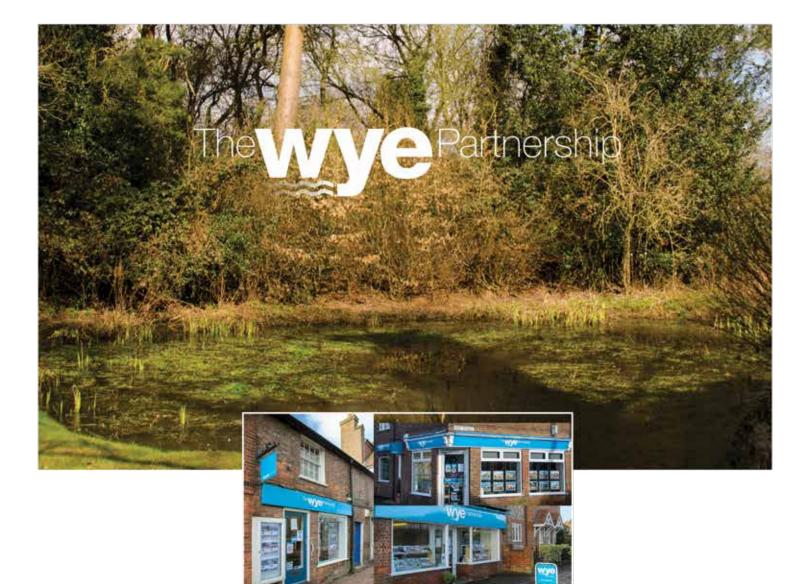
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