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Welcome to the February 2020 edition of the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette and best wishes to you all for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2020!

I am sure that the Gussetteers DID enjoy being "out of the office" for a while but it is definitely back to work and full steam ahead for us all!

Judy Whitehouse, our treasurer, has been rushed off her feet sending out the invoices for our advertising accounts and updating me on our advertiser's requirements for our advertising year commencing in March. There are, to date, a very few spaces, some of which have been allocated. I do still have a waiting list but if you wish to advertise with us please do let me know. We are now moving over to colour advertisements so whilst our existing advertisers can continue to use greyscale, we will only be offering colour feature advertisement spaces for new advertisers. I have also revised the layout for the advertisement pages which I hope will work well for our advertisers and readers.

We URGENTLY need more people to help with the distribution of the Gazette! If you can help, please contact our distribution coordinator, Ian Hall, @distribution@naphillandwaltersash.org.uk.

The Gazette team will now hold a regular business meeting each month. This will ensure that we are all involved in every aspect of the Gazette and that in future, no major decisions, financial or otherwise, will be made without being fully discussed and agreed by us all and recorded in our minutes. We are also seeking to become a registered charity to protect the future of this publication and I look forward to sharing further details with you all soon.

One of my great loves in life is FLOWERS! This Christmas I abandoned a House Christmas tree and decided that I would have Christmas flowers instead. A quick call to Karen Elliott, our talented local freelance florist, and two beautiful floral arrangements were delivered, one of which, over three weeks later, is still gracing our conservatory! Of course Himself was quick to spot a photographic opportunity which led to me having ANOTHER one of my "good ideas". I could have ANOTHER bunch of flowers from Karen and that this month we could have a *Valentine's* themed magazine. Well my Valentine's flowers are here, a wee bit early for the actual day, but thank you Karen and Himself for our cover photograph. A gentle reminder to you all, and perhaps Himself, that it is Valentine's day on 14 February and red roses are traditional.

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Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council - Chairman's Report

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On the 6th January the village hall committee held their meeting. The main item for discussion was the reorganisation of the Trustee committee. Andrew Bottomley produced a document that covered the area of responsibilities of the eight committee members. They are Trustee Board Chairman, Secretary and Administrative Officer, Treasurer and Financial Officer, Maintenance and Facilities Officer, Commercial Management Officer, Fund Raising Officer and Community Activities and Clubs Officer. These roles will bring all areas of the management of the village hall together. There will be further discussion on the role of the clubs and regular users of the hall involvement in the Naphill Community Committee. The eight members of the trustee committee will still meet on a monthly basis and the community committee will meet quarterly with a trustee member attending the meetings. It was agreed that we would submit the changes to the scheme to have eight trustees only from April 2020 and trial the new process over the year, making further changes in April 2021 if required.

The committee has agreed to purchase a replacement CCTV system as the one we are using at the moment has software that does not interphase with the updated broadband. Advice was sought from a local security company with reference to travellers on the crick and they would act for us enforcing a civil notice to clear the crick but it would be expensive!

The new playground equipment was installed just before Christmas and due to the weather the area where it is sited is very muddy. Grass seed has been planted and hopefully the grass will grow soon. After a splendid display the Christmas tree lights were taken down, unfortunately 5 of the garlands will need to be replaced for next year at a cost of £550. If you would like to

contribute, you can still give via the donation page at, <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/naphillxmaslights>

There will be a cheese and wine evening on the 21st. February in the village hall, which will include a fun quiz if you wish to partake and a fantastic range of cheeses, pate and pickles. Not forgetting the wines for your delight. The committee would like someone to come along to the monthly meeting and take the minutes of the meeting. If you are interested please email either the secretary or the chairman via the village hall website www.naphillvillagehall.org.uk.

Clive Lawrence
Village Hall Chairman

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Statement issued by Hughenden Parish Council concerning lack of compliance with the Local Government Act 1972 section 6.11 – 6.15

Co-option to fill a casual vacancy

The Local Government Act 1972 sets out the procedure by which a Councillor may be co-opted to fill a casual vacancy. In summary, the process is as follows:

- After a vacancy has been declared by the council, it must be publicly notified (by means of a public notice) as soon as possible
- If a poll is claimed by 10 electors within 14 days of the public notification of the vacancy, then a bye-election takes place within 60 days of the notice of the vacancy
- If no poll is claimed in time, the council fills the vacancy by co-option as soon as practical
- A bye-election may not be claimed within six months of the day when the Councillor whose office is declared vacant would ordinarily have retired

In November 2019, following an unsuccessful co-option, council received a Freedom of Information request concerning the co-option process. On investigation it became apparent that since February 2017 part of the statutory procedure had not been correctly implemented i.e. the serving of the correct public notice giving parishioners the opportunity to call a bye-election.

Since the last elections in May 2015 there have been several co-options to the council. The net impact is that in November 2019, it became clear that 7 of the co-opted councillors had not been co-opted in full compliance with the Local Government Act 1972.

The council immediately sought legal advice from specialist independent solicitors, Wycombe District Council and both county and national Local Government Associations. There appears to be scant legal precedent. Legal opinion is that if the co-option procedure was not correctly followed then the individuals concerned are not lawfully councillors.

The current position is that Hughenden Parish Council now consists of five members, four returned in the 2015 elections (Cllrs Gould, Kearey, Nicholls & Waterton) and one properly co-opted in 2015 (Cllr Gieler).

At full complement, Hughenden Parish Council is 15 members (quorum being one third of full complement). Section 6.13 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that no co-options may take place within 6 months of an election.


Elections for the new Buckinghamshire Council will take place in May 2020, May 2025 and then every 4 years. Town and parish elections will coincide with the elections to Buckinghamshire Council.

The next parish council election will therefore be held in May 2020. The council will therefore continue to operate with 5 members as a quorate council until the next election in May 2020. Council will request that Wycombe District Council enact Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 which allows the principal authority to make an Order to draft in additional members to the parish council for an interim period.

Information concerning the May elections will be posted on the parish council website (www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk) and on council notice boards. It is hoped that parishioners will put themselves forward for election to ensure a full complement of councillors.



The Council and Clerk wish to apologise to parishioners and those individuals directly affected by this lack of compliance with statutory procedure in the co-option process to fill casual vacancies.
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Bradenham Parish Council Report

Happy New Year from Bradenham Parish Council.

We had a presentation from Olivia Wooster on her ideas to hold a Bradenham fete again, it has been at least 6 years since a fete was held in the gardens of the Manor and Olivia thought it was time to hold another one. She has volunteered to organise this. The parish council appointed her as chair of the organising committee.

Our district and county councillor Carl Etholen introduced Robert Carington, one of our prospective new unitary councillors. Carl gave us an update on the plans for the Bledlow recycling centre.

It was reported that hedges on New Road are overgrowing on to the pavement again, forcing pedestrians onto the road, which is a serious danger.

Increasing the use of St Botolph's church was discussed with two of the members of the parochial church council, but the parish council did not have much to contribute. We are a very small, diverse community.

The RAF gave a report on their progress on updating the street lighting in Walter's Ash. This work is progressing. Speed awareness and road safety are matters of great importance to the RAF.

The chairman gave an update on the HS2 mitigation work on the A4010, this work is partially completed,

with a snagging list of work that still needs to be finished.

The track up the hill along the green in Bradenham is in a dreadful condition and has become very hazardous. The council will take this up with the National trust. Parking on the grass verge of the corner of the A4010 and Bradenham Woods Lane is causing serious traffic hazards and views to the right coming out of Bradenham Woods Lane are seriously restricted. The council will take the matter up with Transport for Bucks and the Red Lion.

It was decided to hold our next litter pick, Saturday 14th March, meet at 10.00 at the cricket club.

It was agreed to purchase a new duck platform for the pond.

The parish council set its budget and the precept at the January meeting.

By increasing the precept by 2% on last year we have a balanced budget, the actual increase for a Band D household will be just over 1%, this is mainly due to a small increase in the electorate.

The next meeting will be Monday 2nd March @ 7pm.

Deirdre Hansen, - clerk to the council,
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www.bucksvoice.net/bradenham-parish-council

Our Community Remembers - Naphill Village Hall - Service of Remembrance 2019



The annual Remembrance Service was held in the village hall on Sunday 10th November 2019.

The Hall was full to capacity and it was particularly gratifying to see so many children in their uniforms showing their respect.

RAF Padre Chrissie Lacey conducted the service for the first time. The RAF were well represented in the congregation along with other military and civilian personnel and village residents.

The Station Commander, Group Captain Harris, laid the first wreath around the commemorative stone. He was followed by others from many local organisations

who also laid wreaths. The sun shone throughout the ceremony on a lovely autumnal day.

Thanks must go to many people for assisting during the service and ceremony. In particular, our pianist Frank Hawkins, bugler Adam Poole and Ron and Cathryn Carter and Norma Clarke for helping to set up the hall.

The local police were kindly on hand to control the traffic on Main Road during the ceremony at the stone.

Finally, I wish to make you all aware that £373.00 was collected on the day towards this year's British Legion Poppy Appeal.

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Awaiting Decision at time of printing

19/07930/FUL Householder application for construction of two small dormer windows to the front, one large triangular dormer and one larger pitched roof dormer to the rear in connection with roof conversion. **9 Moseley Road Naphill Bucks HP14 4SQ**. Received: 05 Dec 2019 | Validated: 05 Dec 2019 |

19/07902/FUL HA for construction of two storey rear extension and side attached garage, incorporation of existing garage into main dwelling with front bay window. **Pentire 138 Main Road Naphill Bucks P14 4RU**. Received: 04 Dec 2019 | Validated: Fri 06 Dec 2019

19/07873/FUL HA for construction of single storey rear extension, hip to gable roof extension and roof alterations, insertion of 2 x dormer windows to front and 1 x dormer window to rear in connection with loft conversion and relocation of existing garage. **Darracott Coombe Lane Naphill Buck HP14 4QX**. Received: 29 Nov 2019 | Validated: 05 Dec 2019

19/07774/FUL Conversion of existing barn/garage into 1 x 4 bed separate dwelling with oak framed extension, formation of new access and driveway to serve existing dwelling and replacement of existing shed with oak framed garage to serve existing dwelling. **183 Main Road Naphill Bucks. HP14 4SD** Received 21 Nov 2019 | Validated 04 Dec 2019 .

19/07953/VCDN Variation of condition 2 to PP 17/08435/FUL (Demolishing of existing two storey residential building (209A&B) and factory/office (Buckshouse) and construction of 5 dwellings (3 x 2 beds and 2 x 3 beds), detached carport with 3 bays, gardens sheds and associated landscaping) to allow for changes to enhance the design **209 Main Road Naphill Bucks** Received 10 Dec 2019. Validated: 10 Dec 2019

19/08049/FUL Householder application for construction of rear single storey extension following the demolition of existing rear conservatory. **2 Grimms Meadow Walters Ash Bucks HP14 4UH**. Received: 19 Dec 2019 | Validated 20 Dec 2019.

19/08031/FUL Erection of 65 dwellings with vehicular access from Clappins Lane, parking, landscaping, sustainable drainage, public open space provision and associated infrastructure **OS Parcel 1789 Clappins Lane Naphill Bucks** . Received: 18 Dec 2019 | Validated: 03 Jan 2020 | (Strong objection from HPC. Clappins Field Action Group and NAWARA

Permitted. 19/07498/FUL HA for construction of detached garage **Modena Hunts Hill Lane Naphill Bucks HP14 4RJ**

Gloria Leflaive. 563634

Clappins Field Action Group Report

Outcome Of Legal Challenge

As you may well know already, the legal challenge in the High Court against Wycombe District Council's Plan to remove Clappins Field from the Green Belt and allow a development of at least 64 dwellings has failed.

Objections To The Planning Application

A planning application was submitted by the developers (Dandara) on 18 December. As with all other planning applications, there was scope to lodge objections, with a deadline of 29 January. As at the time of writing, members of the Action Group, a number of interested local residents and NAWARA are working on objections to be sent to the Council by that deadline. The aim is to get the Council to require changes to the Dandara's plans in order to limit the adverse effect of the development on our community and on Clappins Lane in particular.

Cheryl Scott
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The Great British Dog Walk 2020

An update from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People in Saunderton



For the very first time this year, the beautiful Waddesdon Manor estate in Waddesdon, near Aylesbury, will play host to The Great British Dog Walk, our popular dog walking event which raises money to help us train more life-changing hearing dogs.

On Saturday 28th March, hundreds of walkers of all ages and dogs of all shapes and sizes will be taking part to have fun, meet like-minded people, and to support Hearing Dogs. The walk is sponsored by Specsavers Audiologists, helping us to raise more funds to change the lives of deaf people.

The event consists of a shorter family-friendly walk (3km) and a longer scenic walk (6km) through the magnificent grounds of the Waddesdon Manor estate, making it ideal for dog owners, families, single walkers, organised walking groups and those who simply want to meet lots of dogs and get a bit of exercise for a good cause.

Walkers are encouraged to get themselves or their dogs sponsored by friends, family and colleagues to raise money to fund hearing dog puppy Oscar's training journey. Oscar is a cocker spaniel puppy who has just started his training to become a life-changing hearing dog. Over the next two years he will be trained to alert deaf people to important

sounds, such as the smoke alarm, intruder alarm, alarm clock and cooker timer. Oscar will one day be partnered with a deaf person and will transform their life.

The Great British Dog Walk is run by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, the national assistance dog charity based in Saunderton that trains dogs to alert deaf children and adults to important and life-saving sounds.

It costs around £40,000 to fully train and support a hearing dog for the duration of its life, and we receive no central government funding so every walker will be helping us to transform the life of deaf people.

The Great British Dog walk at Waddesdon Manor will start at 11am. Registration opens at 10am. Adult tickets are £10 online, £12 on the day, and children (under 16) go free. A free dog bandana is included with every adult ticket.

For further information, tickets, and details of other walk locations through March, April and May, visit www.greatbritishdogwalk.org.

We very much hope to see you there!

Until next time, take care.

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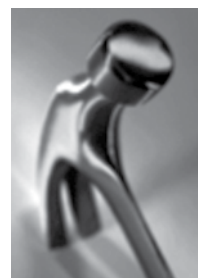


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Naphill Brownies

Happy New Year everyone!

The Brownies will be looking at girlguiding around the world this term.

We will be trying crafts, activities and foods from some other Guiding countries.

With 'Thinking day' also falling this term we will be having a go at the new Buckinghamshire Thinking Day challenge badge

We have a couple of spaces available at Brownies this term, so if you have a daughter between 7 and 10 years of age, feel free to get in touch

The Brownies and Guides Spring Jumble Sale will soon be upon us - Saturday 7th March. Please do keep any jumble for us. We will collect it from you nearer the time.

Brown Owl

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Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a great holiday and had a fun time with family and friends. There are so many things to look forward to this year. We are going to have a great year learning about all of our fascinating topics.

Year 6 will be learning all about 'Extreme Earth' which includes natural disasters. Also in English they will be writing myths. In Year 5, their focus will be 'To Infinity and Beyond' where they will get to explore the solar system and learn more about our Earth and Moon. Year 4 are focusing on robots and will be looking at 'The Iron Giant' as their text for English. They will even be having a go at making their own robots out of tin cans. Lower down Key Stage 2, in Year 3, they are learning about the Ancient Egyptians and will be looking at Tutankhamun.

In Key Stage 1, Year 2 are learning about the Great Fire of London; they will be making paintings of London. Year 1 will be learning about food – they have made bread which looked and smelled delicious! Finally, Year R are learning about bears!

We have lots of special visits and trips to look forward to this year: Year 6 are going on a residential visit to Rhos Y Gwaliau; the Planetarium is coming to visit Year 5 to teach them about space; and Year 4 are off on a residential trip for three nights!

We are all excited for the coming year and everything that it brings!

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So far, the winter has been very mild: so mild that there is a risk that some plants and animals may be inclined towards behaving as if it is spring. A subsequent cold snap could do a lot of damage. Fortunately, our local woodland is not easily fooled and it is unlikely that premature leaves will end up being frosted. Our Common provides a good haven for hedgehogs, being away from pesticides and roads which are two major killers. A haven is needed as there has been a dramatic fall in Hedgehog numbers in recent years. Of course, it is hard to tell what effect the felling has had but, with luck, we will see them emerging from hibernation in March. Look out for their small black droppings which consist mainly of insect remains. Badgers kill and eat hedgehogs but there are not many badgers on the Common; foxes also take a few.

The wet weather together with plenty of walkers have made the paths on the common very muddy, so a good frost would be useful there. Those unfamiliar with the Common will be pleased when the path labels are eventually replaced after being removed during the felling, but you will need a map to show where the paths lead to. One way to get to know the area is to join our regular short walks. They are led by Chris Miller and generally involve the Common and they are between 2-3 miles, starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month.

There are also longer walks led by Ron Collins. They are about 5 miles, generally some distance from Naphill. Join Ron on the third Monday of each month; meeting at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a prompt start at 9:30am. Members and non-members are equally welcome. These are the usual arrangements, but as there is sometimes a need to make changes it would

be wise to consult our website, posters or the two leaders to confirm the details. Our working parties also continue, and again if you feel you could help, details can be found on our website.

Thank you to the 45 or so people who attended our AGM on Friday 10th January. Our Chairman outlined the main events of our year, including the efforts of our working parties; a fungus foray; a bat walk; a walk for Children in Need which raised £390; the "Beating the bounds" walk on Rogation Sunday, and our silent auction at the fete, organised by Neil McMinn and Ron Collins, which raised almost £2,000, half of which we gave to the Village Hall. Unfortunately, our membership has fallen slightly, down to 121, so please consider joining or, if already aboard, consider recruiting a friend or two. Naphill is very fortunate to have such a fine Common and FONC is trying hard to care for it. Membership is only £5 a year.

A new committee was elected. Chairman: Chris Miller; Secretary: Marian Miller; Treasurer: Neil McMinn; Membership Secretary: Lynn McMinn; Web Master and leader of working parties: Peter Davis; Working Party organiser and leader of long walks: Ron Collins; committee members: Marek Pawlik, John Camp, Kevin Bennett, Peggy Ewart and Trevor Hussey. Deepfelt thanks were expressed to Peggy Ewart who is standing down from the post of Treasurer after many years, and to Philip Hussey who has served on the Committee since the start. The evening was completed by a very impressive and interesting talk by Tom Way, beautifully illustrated by his remarkable photographs of British wildlife. A gorgeous full moon (restored after a partial eclipse) saw us home.

Chris Miller. Chairman.



Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

The team hope everyone enjoyed the lights which, for five weeks of the festive season, brighten our village.

We had a major problem this year, in that Mike Leggett who had done the climbing for the past 28 years, could not climb since he was injured. So we had to find a climber at short notice. Mark Blamey of Saunderton stepped into the breach when we put up the sphere and connector box on 24th November and Andy Debrou of Walter's Ash did the climbing when we put up the lights on 30th November, on 7th December when we had to fix a problem at the top of the tree, and again when we took the lights down on 11th January. Daniel Smith drove the cherry picker for putting up the lights and taking them down again. Gary Putnam of Lacey Green was on high in the cherry picker for putting the lights up and Stephen Fountain of Lacey Green when we took the lights down. Kevin Oxnard was at the top of a tall ladder for some time tying and untying the securing ropes at the end of each garland. The team on the ground consisted of Mike Leggett who gave instructions to the climbers, Peter Davis, Ron Collins, Glenn Gavin, Ross Greenlee, John Harris, Neil McMinn, myself – and Paul Hewitt who was joining the team for the first time.

We must give thanks to Paul Johnson of Louches Lane who arranged for his company, Upward Powered Access of Oxford and Slough, to provide the cherry picker free of charge. We could not put up the lights without a cherry picker, so thank you Paul. Thanks also to Cathryn Carter who arranged the collections in tins in village enterprises and online. The costs of replacement equipment, insurance and electricity were very high this year, including the replacement of five garlands. Neil McMinn of the team volunteered to sponsor a garland and we are very grateful for his generosity. If anyone else would like to sponsor a garland (for circa £107) please contact the Village Hall Chairman, Clive Lawrence.

Thanks also to Claire Christian of "The Wheel" who provided sandwiches at half-time – much appreciated by the team who were getting tired by then. Thanks also to Marlène Mason who provided the traditional fresh home-made hot mince pies and tea and coffee for the team when the lights were up.

Mike Mason

Village Hall Council Christmas Tree Lights Thank You

Once again, we were all delighted to see our spectacular tree lights this year. They are not just the talk of the talk of the village, but I am reliably informed that they are considered to be the best in the area!.

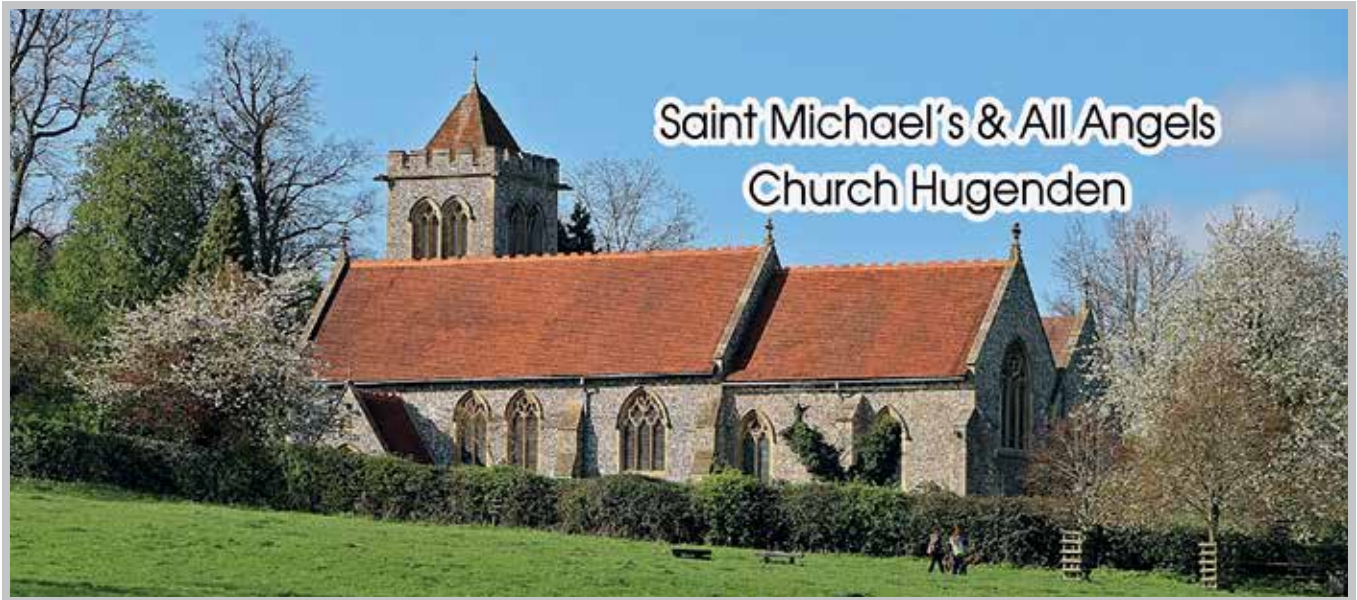
As always, our thanks and admiration goes to the team, led by Mike Mason, who brave the elements each year to bring us all such joy, and cheer up the dark evenings.

However, the biggest thanks must go to everyone who contributed towards the lights by putting a donation in one of the boxes that were in all the local pubs and businesses, or went online to make a donation through our Total Giving page. You were incredibly generous and the total in the boxes this year was £285.50, via Total Giving an amazing £316!, plus a donation from Friends of Naphill Common of £20 giving a grand total of £621.50, which goes a very long way towards the running costs and the essential insurance for Mike and his team.

We can safely say that our tree's future remains very bright indeed!

Cathryn Carter





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Message from the Vicarage

As you may recall in a previous article I have written Bishop Steven Croft is encouraging all churches in the Oxford diocese to become more Christ-like. To seek to shape all aspects of Church-life to reflect the character of Jesus Christ. To be contemplative, compassionate and courageous, inspired by the words of Christ from the beatitudes, a section of his most famous talk, known as the Sermon on the Mount, from Matthew 5:1-10.

I feel particularly convicted for us as a Church, and a community, to focus upon our ability to demonstrate compassion to those in need. I am aware that a great deal of care and compassion already takes place both within our church and community. However, we should never be afraid to ask the question – can we do more? To which the answer, is of course, yes.

Jesus has a special compassion for those who might appear forgotten by others. I am sure that we all know people who are experiencing difficult times, perhaps as a result of ill-health, relationship breakdowns, loneliness, mobility issues or other such life challenges.

If you are reading these words and you will really appreciate a visit from a member of our clergy team at St Michael & All Angels Church, or someone from our Pastoral Visiting Team, then please let me know. Perhaps you would like some company for a chat over a cup of tea, or some advice of a spiritual/pastoral nature. Perhaps you are no longer able to get to church regularly, due to mobility issues, and would love someone to bring Holy Communion to you.

Sometimes people cannot make it to Church due to more practical reasons, such as transport. I am also

conscious that the path up to Church can be too steep for some, and we would be pleased to make arrangements for you to be met in the Church car park by prior arrangement, and to push you into Church in a wheelchair, if that is of help.

We are your local Church, and we would love to respond with support in any way which might be a blessing to you, so please do ask us, or ask a friend to get in touch.

Please get in touch with me in the first instance, through my contact details on our Church website.

We can also support you through prayer. We are called to pray for one another, and bear one another's burdens. In our intercessions in the Church, we regularly pray for those in need locally, as well as for national and international needs.

Can we pray for you? We have a prayer board at the back of Church, onto which you can affix prayer requests, which don't have to contain names, or specifics, if you prefer. We regularly pray for these individuals during Morning Prayer at 7.30am every Tuesday. Our intercessions list, which is published in our weekly notice sheet, contains the names of those in need, without any specific detail, and those names are read out during our Sunday intercessions in each service.

What a difference it makes to the life of our parish when love and compassion are shown to one another. I invite you to join me in seeking to become more compassionate during 2020 to those in need, through prayer, through word and through deed.

Keith

During January we did not meet – in case the path up to Church House was icy! But on February 3rd we have our Annual General Meeting and also a talk by Rev. Tracey Jones (TJ). As usual we will have a short service, a couple of hymns and a reading. Then after the AGM we will have the talk.

Thank you very much to those who donated gifts at Christmas to the Wycombe Womens' Aid – they were very well received.

The first event after our AGM is the Coffee morning in Church House, during half term (for those of us with children or grandchildren). It is on February 18th from 10 until 12 noon with a raffle and a home produce stall. Please see the poster in this magazine

We have planned out the year now so look forward to some good speakers, some coffee mornings, the ploughman's lunch and more!!

Norma Clarke

Concert at St Michael's

We are happy to welcome back the Chiltern Arts Festival to our church. The Festival is now in its third year providing a wide range of events across the Chilterns starting in February (see website: www.chilternarts.com) and we have hosted a lunchtime concert in each of its seasons.

This year the lunchtime concert in our Church will be at 1 pm on Saturday the 7th March, doors opening at 12.30 pm - featuring the Salomé String Quartet: Two Sides of the Coin. The Salomé Quartet is a multinational ensemble formed in 2016 by four prizewinning students of the Royal College of Music in London and they will be performing Borodin, Beethoven and Shostakovich.

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Advice about Feeding Wild Birds



More of us than ever are providing supplementary food for birds, the amount of food bought for garden birds being measured in hundreds of tonnes.

The scale at which we provide for birds is massive, which begs the question of what effect this is having on the birds in our gardens.

Bird communities at feeders have significantly altered as this supplementary food has changed. Over the last forty years diversity has increased as the range of bird food available has increased.

Individual species have responded to the changes in feeding regimes. Goldfinches have risen from

being seen in less than 10% of gardens in the 70s to over 75% now. A steady supply of food found in seed mixes and fat balls have found Blackcaps, Siskin, Coal Tit, Long Tailed Tits and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers finding garden food to their liking despite their different ecological niches.

We have also seen a change in the standards we expect from our bird food products. Concerns over Aflatoxins have forced sellers of peanuts to ensure they are safe. These changes have occurred with shifts in advice given on feeding and hygiene. Perhaps these changes in the culture around bird feeding will have impacts on garden birds and other wildlife which we should monitor over time.

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February Thoughts

February is often seen as a harsh month with cruel weather and spring still seemingly a long way off, but in our household it is a very special month. My first proper date with my husband was the Valentine's Ball at RAF Cranwell. We both have very different reasons to remember that day. 20 degrees of frost after heavy snow the previous night 'did for' my date's MGBGT, cracking the engine block. Without a car, all his plans of whisking me off for a romantic ride through the snowy countryside were foiled. In spite of a number of home remedies that promised to seal engine cracks and several garage visits, his pride and joy was never quite the same again. At the ball later that evening, my memories are of an enchanted world, looking across a snow covered lawn by the light of a Narnia style lamp post, the snow so frozen it sparkled in the lamplight as if someone had strewn a handful of diamonds across its surface, with air so cold that it actually glittered with frost crystals. Our lives changed forever that day and we never looked back - 42 years on, the memories are still as clear as if they had happened last week.

Fifteen years almost to the day after that first date saw another momentous happening – our first child, Charlotte, was born on 17th February. Neither of us were 'natural parents' and I well remember the awkwardness of those early days with this new life we were now jointly responsible for..... the sleepless nights and the time hubby went shopping for nappies, unused to adding this new item to the weekly shopping cart. He came

home with several 'interesting' kinds of cheese and NO nappies! Our lives changed forever that day and we never looked back – 28 years on we still laugh at the memories, marvelling that Charlotte survived our incompetence to grow up and become a nurse.

February is special for us because the month holds so many happy memories, yet for many this time of year can bring sadness. This year, there will be particular sadnesses as the people of Australia try to rebuild their lives after the devastating bush fires, as those affected by accident, natural disaster or acts of terror look back to 'this time last year', to 'happier times'. Hymn writer George Smart once wrote:

*Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.*

These words may seem quaint to our modern ways of thinking, but they hold a deep truth that remains unshakeable. Through all life's ups and downs, somehow, God is there with us, travelling the road alongside us. Sometimes we are well aware of His presence and other times we may feel forsaken, but that does not negate the fact that He is there. That presence has been a constant for me and it can be so for all of us if we allow it.

May your life be blessed by the knowledge of God's presence.

Rev Jenny Ellis



Saint Boltolph's Service Times

February 2nd	11am	Eucharist	Rev. Veronica Beaumont
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Message from Padre Lacey

Flexing your gifts.



Let's hold on to that Christmas vibe for just a little bit longer... because in the church there are 'three' guys who seem to linger on beyond December

25th. They're kind of like that one Christmas decoration that escaped being put away in the decorations box...and now the box is sealed and in the loft so, hey, what's the harm in it being up for the year!? Anyway, back to the wise men. They come later than the traditional nativity scene portrays, because they turned up to see Jesus when he was a toddler. After studying the scrolls, the prophecies, the stories and of course the stars they set off to visit the new king.

Now, they brought with them the now famous three gifts which we all traditionally give a new child...NOT! I mean, they weren't practical gifts...were they? Well, no, not at that time, but these gifts were pretty epic in what they show about why these guys had travelled such a long way to see Jesus. The gold, because Jesus was a king, the frankincense, because Jesus was the

ultimate priest and the myrrh, because Jesus was to die. The wise men's gifts each had a story to tell, one not being more important than another and each having a part to play in revealing the bigger picture of who Jesus was and what his life and death meant. So, what's the point of all this today? To you, to me? Well, whether you believe in Jesus or not, I think this story gives us a challenge as we begin this new decade.

Maybe the question of where are we going to? Have we prepared ourselves and sought advice on where or what to do next? Or perhaps it's not about the journey, it's more about what gifts you have to give? I don't mean physical gifts, I mean the gifts that you have within you like talents, skills, passions. And when we exercise these gifts, we find that they complement others' gifts and help us to live in a community where working together no-one is missed. Because just like that one missed and lingering decoration, the truth from Christmas can be carried into this new year!

If you want to explore more about Jesus all are welcome to services at the Station Church, Sunday's, 9.15-10.15am. Please contact me on 01494 494469 to arrange access to the station.

Padre Chrissie Lacey

Naphill Evening WI

It seems a while ago, but our Christmas Party was a great success as usual. We had caterers for a lovely meal, accompanied by Frank playing seasonal music on the piano. After the meal he played Carols for us to sing along to. Our thanks as always to the Committee for organising the evening.

We will have had our first 'birthday' coffee at Bon Ami on 15 January followed on the 16th by a talk on the Art of Japanese Flower Arranging. On 20 February our speaker will be Chris Lowe on the RNLI, how it started, rescues, etc. The competition is a picture of a boat or the sea.

The Food Group will have met in January and are looking forward to lunch at The Squirrel, Booker

on 27 February. They have chosen some excellent venues for lunches and an evening meal for the next few months.

Sew and Chat will have met in January and are continuing with their knitting projects.

As I mentioned at the end of last year, in 2020 we are celebrating 100 Years of Buckinghamshire Federation of Women's Institutes and there will be quite a few events put on around the County to celebrate. There is also a challenge to walk 100 miles during 2020, which I think some members could achieve and might encourage us to get out and about in our lovely countryside (once it stops raining of course).

Carol Gilliam

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Naphill Neighbours

Our presentation this month was by two young ladies from The Horse Trust. Many of our members had taken grandchildren to visit the horses in the past but had no idea the Trust did much more than look after retired horses. The talk was a real 'eye opener'.

The charity's name initially was the Home of Rest for Horses. It is the oldest horse charity, having been founded in 1886. Much of its work dates from the first world war when the charity operated horse drawn and motorized ambulances to care for the wounded. Nowadays the Trust cares for retired military horses, rescued horses and those which have worked with Riding for the Disabled.

It is engaged in research, provides advice for future legislation, and is involved in training fire and police handlers to manage horses in dangerous situations. Firemen are trained to rescue large animals.

Currently the Trust cares for 144 horses at a cost of £5600 per annum for each horse. They mostly live outdoors because they live in herds for preference. They grow winter coats, have shelters in the fields, and do not need rugs all the time. Cavalry horses develop arthritis because they trot on hard surfaces so soft fields are best for their legs.

The Trust at Speen is open from Thursday to Sunday from 2pm until 4pm. Parking costs £5 per car. There is a tea room and a large barn for functions. It was a very interesting afternoon.

Next month's talk on 10th February is entitled 'Homeward Bound- railway stations', and will begin at 2pm.

Future outings:

Tuesday 21st April – Milestones Museum at Basingstoke

Wednesday 17th June – a coastal trip to Bournemouth

Monday 10th August – special afternoon tea in the village hall

Wednesday 23rd September – Mapledurham House, including cream tea

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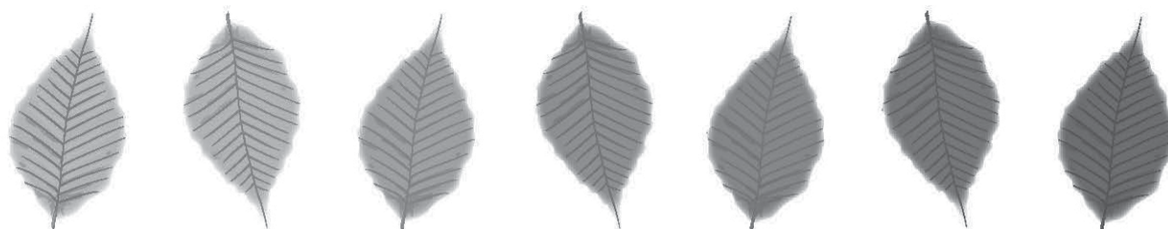
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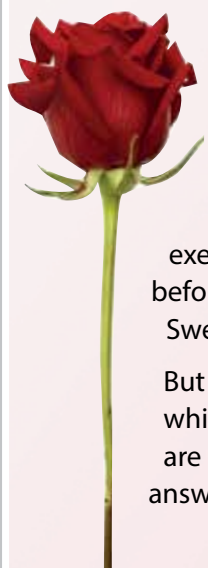
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FLORIOGRAPHY - cryptological communication through the arrangement of flowers

I hope the title has made you give this article a second glance I had a preview of the beautiful "Valentines" bouquet photographed for the cover of the February Gazette and wondered just for fun, what message it might have conveyed in the Victorian era!

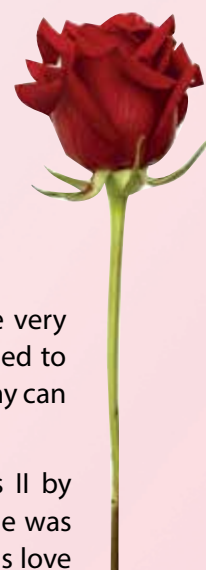
Red roses are the main offering and I'm sure we all know that these represent "Immortal love-Faithfulness and Passion" so we are off to a good start! Now, all that evergreen causes a wee bit of concern as, according to the Victorians in represented poverty! Unfortunate but not desirable in a beau!



It is not only the flowers you should be concerned with, oh no! You must be very careful to note how these flowers are handed to you- if the bouquet is handed to you upside down the meaning of the flowers is totally opposite! So floriography can be very tricky for the unwary.

How did it begin? when a young priest called Valentine defied Claudius II by marrying young couples against his orders, (he preferred his soldiers single) he was executed (according to legend) on 14th February 270AD. He wrote a last letter to his love before death and signed it "From your Valentine" He was sainted in 496AD. And so the Sweetheart Valentine traditions began.

But ladies beware, this cryptological communication has another little trick up its sleeve! Beware which hand you use to receive your love token, if you take the proffered gift in your right hand you are saying "yes" – no blushes please, I'm just saying and if you accept it with your left hand then the answer is "no" – he might take it back!



Margaret Hunter

Wycombe Photographic Society

New Year, new opportunities to get out there and start taking those photographs.

So what is going to happen in February 2020 at Wycombe Photographic Society?

Thursday 6th February there is a talk all about "Camera to Print – getting the best from your printer" in other words.... "How to print those photos you took at Christmas of the whole family at the dinner table"

And another talk on **Thursday 20th February** – "Looking Local" by Chris Shepherd, the Location Editor and Moderator for the UK's leading photography website ePHOTOzine. A member of The Painting with Light Society – a group of top landscape photographers from across East Anglia.

Chris says that photographers often suffer from 'location myopia', wishing we were in some exotic location with the best possible equipment.

In this talk he details the fight with location myopia and shows how he overcame it on his way to becoming a top landscape photographer.

There is no cost to visitors to attend these talks.

As well as the two talks there is an away inter club competition and a internal club competition in February.

Do not be put off by the word "competition" think of it as an opportunity to learn some "tips and tricks" about taking that photo which your friends go "wow" over.

The busy short month of February is wrapped up by one of our Saturday PhotoShop Workshops – "Colour Adjustment Tools"

As always for full details of what is going on at Wycombe Photographic Society please look at our website – www.wycombephotographicsociety.org.uk

We would love to see more members from Naphill and Walters Ash so please come along to one of our evenings.

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Christmas and New Year got a little chaotic once you all finished work, which then felt like we had four weekends in the space of two weeks! The festive spirit finally kicked in and Christmas Day was mad as the sun came out too. DJ Shaun, was great as always on NYE and everyone made a great effort with their fancy dress or being super smart. We had people dress in the Star Wars theme, Horses, Priests & Nuns, Charleston Dresses, Star Trek, Pirates and then there were the 7 Biker Ron's (no not dwarfs, Ron's), all slightly confusing after a few beers but extremely funny. Thanks to all the staff who worked so hard during December, you were all amazing.

2019 was a fantastic year and we achieved a couple of awards. Thanks to everyone who voted for us in Rover Dog Friendly Pub Awards. We received a Runners Up Award, which we are really pleased with and here's to being the winner next year. We have also been Recommended by the Restaurant Guru 2019. Congratulations and well-done Team Wheel.

Unbelievably by the time you read this January will have gone already and we're into the second month of the year, and for me one of my favourites. The nights will finally be getting lighter, we may see snow, Mark and I get to go on holiday and most importantly it's the start of the 6 Nations Rugby. As always we will be showing all the games and the Risborough Rugby Club sweepstake will be in full swing.

We have a few exciting things planned for this year to keep you all entertained, we will let you know more as the plans unfold and obviously each gazette article will tell you more. Firstly, the Chef's infamous Curry Night is back and he will be making all of our curry's from scratch, so ensure you book your table so you don't miss out. So, what else is happening over the next two months?

- Sat 1st Feb – 14th March - 6 Nations Rugby
- Fri 14th Feb – Valentines Day (don't forget to book your table)
- Thurs 5th Mar – Chef's infamous Curry Night (again please book)
- Sun 22nd Mar – Mother's Day (definitely book)!

Looking forward to seeing everyone back after Dry January and enjoying the atmosphere of February.

Claire and Mark

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A new terror stalks the land. A new terror stalks Naphill and Walter's Ash. It is *Phytomyza Gymnostoma*. Apparently it was detected in the southern part of Naphill in 2018 and, horror of horrors, invaded my allotment on the frontier between Naphill and Walter's Ash in 2019. Therefore, in 2020, there may be no part of Naphill and Walter's Ash which will be safe from the Allium Leaf Miner. This particular beastie was first found in Poland in 1858 and has moved through various countries, arriving in the UK in 2002. And now it has arrived here.

I found it in my leeks in the autumn of 2019 in the pupae form where it was resting prior to bursting forth in the spring of 2020. It breeds twice a year, in March/April and October/November. The dark brown pupae are about 3 mm long and are found in the outer layers of the leeks so if one discards the outer layers the inner parts of the leeks, and most of the leaves, are OK to eat. The outer infected layers should not be composted since the pupae will simply sit out the winter to await March/April then spring forth as flies to breed and infect further leeks and other alliums (although their favourite alliums are leeks).

The only protection against these monsters is insect-proof mesh which should be used to cover leeks in March/April and again in October/November. There is no insecticide approved for use by amateur

gardeners. If one does not keep the monsters out they lay eggs which hatch into white legless, headless maggots which munch away then change into dark brown inert pupae which await climatic signals to transform themselves into greyish-brown flies about 3 mm long. They practise speed dating and mate within a couple of days of hatching into flies. Farmers have access to systemic insecticides, which to me sounds like the insecticide is in the leeks when sold to the public. So, if you do not want to eat the insecticide, grow your own leeks and cover them with insect-proof mesh.

So, we can add *Phytomyza Gymnostoma* to the growing list of invasive species which have no known predator in this country and against which we are defenceless. The largest invasive species on my allotment are Muntjac deer which are enlarging the list of vegetables they like to eat. When they arrived on my allotment they ate only sorrel, but now they eat almost everything, apart from alliums! Where they come from, in India, they have a natural predator – the tiger. I'm thinking of hiring a tiger from Whipsnade Zoo and keeping it on my allotment on a long tether. Only thinking mind you, I have a feeling the neighbours and fellow allotment holders might object.....

Good gardening!

Mike Mason



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Hello lovely readers, I hope you've all settled back into life, work, school after the festive period! We have been busy since the end of November after our winter production and I'm excited to tell you all about what's been happening, how much we've raised, and about the new murder mystery in the pipeline!

So, the moment that you've all been waiting so patiently for! LGP are extremely proud to announce that we have raised a total of £1750 for charity! We have split the donations to the following organisations:

St Mary's Church - Aylesbury Community Christmas Lunch - £100

Waterways Experience - Hemel Hempstead - £1000

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National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society - £325

With these donations sent, and all the sums checked, we are extremely pleased to announce that our total donations to date amount to £66,066! Thank you. Thank you for your support over the years, and here's to many more!

On the 9th of January the committee met, and we discussed any issues that cropped up, and how we move forward in 2020. Nigel and I are working on updating our media sites with new and adjusted information, changes should be completed by the time you read this!

Val informed the committee that a brand new Murder Mystery Entertainment is emerging and that writing should be finished by the time the daffodils are in bloom! Our latest mystery is all about modern inventions and gadgets that can take over your life or maybe even cause your own demise! It's up to you to join in, work out the clues and solve the mystery! I'll update you all on this exciting new venture in future articles!

And, finally! It's never too soon to start planning! Already the wheels are in motion for our big November 2020 dinner theatre production. Performance dates will be November 27th, 28th and 29th 2020 in Lacey Green Village Hall.

So now is the time to get involved! Do you want to try something different? Why not get in touch? We are looking for anyone who has an interest in drama or the technical side who want the chance to perform, help with front of house, lighting and sound technicians, scenery skills/artists - ALL are welcome!

Auditions are open to everyone and anyone and dates will be notified here, on our website and Facebook page along with local posters over the next few months!

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2019 was a big change for us leaving the shop and post office. We want to say thank you for everyone who kept in touch with us afterwards, even those who bump into us and think we have left...we are still Naphillers.

We are all busy in our new life and now enjoying our much deserved family time. The twinnies are cheeky as ever now and growing well.

To our close friends do keep in touch, a knock on the door anytime for a hello and catch up with a good old cuppa!

Priti And Params

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Katie, Owner of 10 Point Marketing comments:

"As a step mum, military spouse and small business owner, the support I've received so far has been incredible. I'd like to give special thanks to the Military Mums in Business association run by Kelly Wales as she has been instrumental in supporting the launch of the business and helping it to reach a wider audience.

I know there is a thriving small business community in Naphill, Walters Ash and the surrounding villages and I'm keen to share the same kindness I've been shown so far by offering local business owners 20% off standard rates if they quote 'Gazette' upon enquiry."

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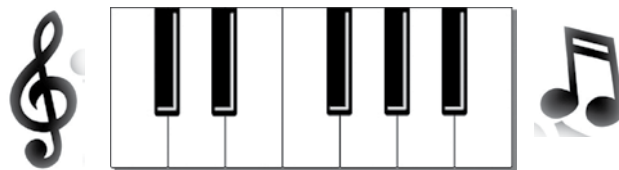
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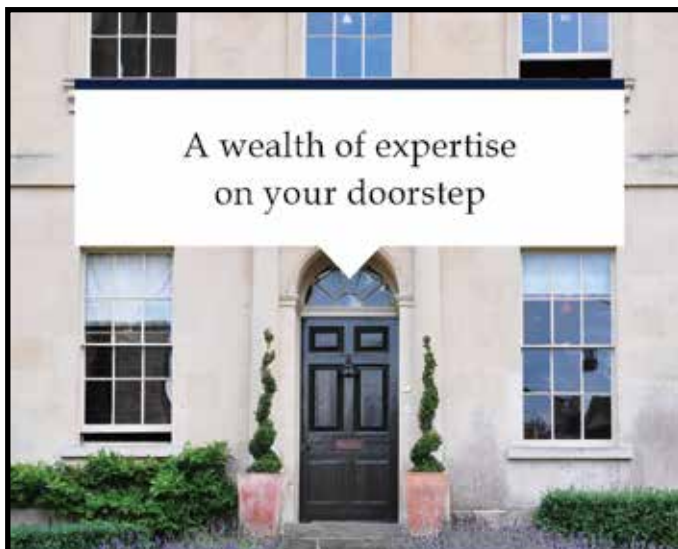


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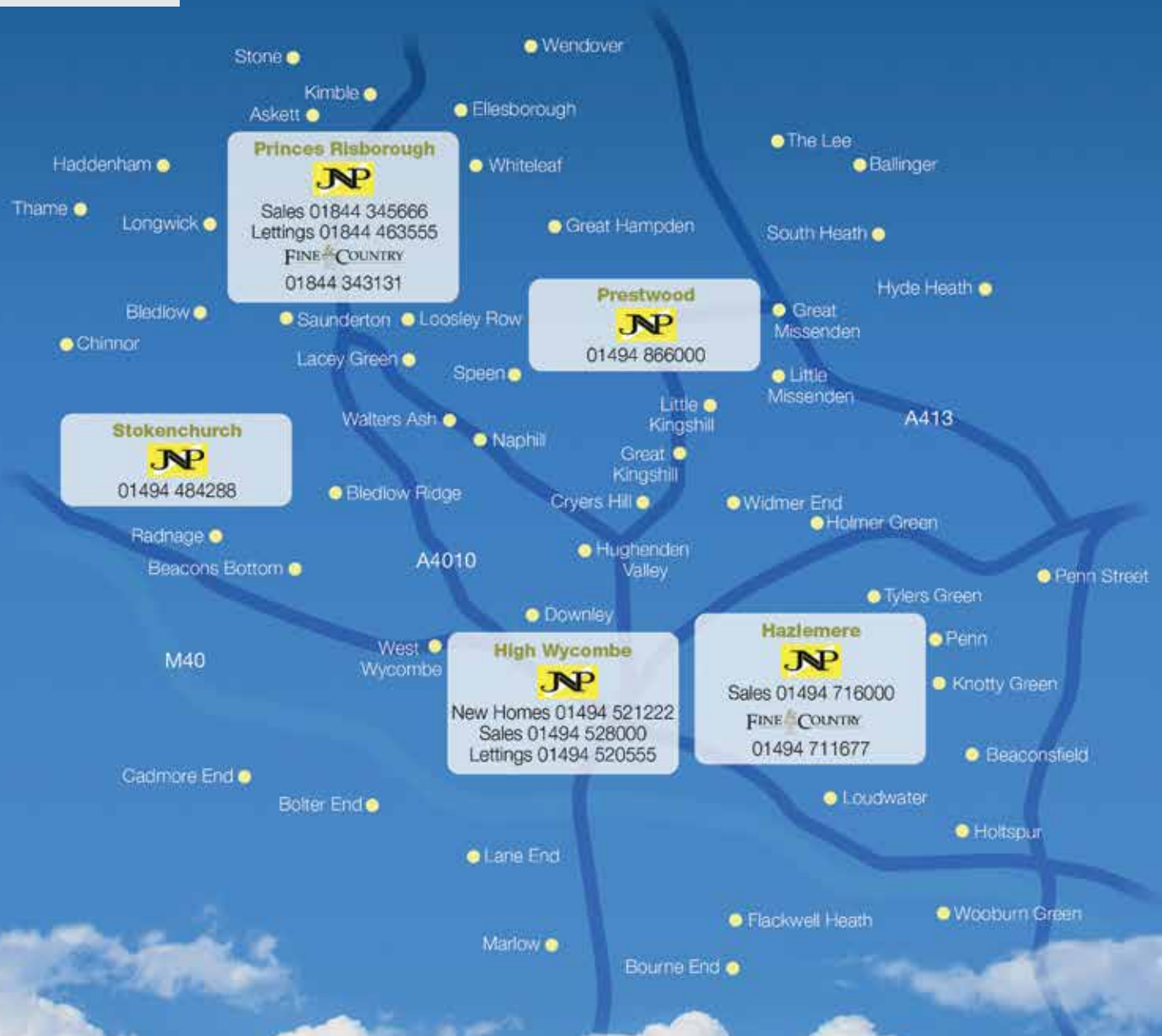


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