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NAPHILL GAZETTE. AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

Jan. 1st Sat. 8 p.m. Modern Dance.

6th Thurs. Women's Institute Monthly Meeting. 7th Fri. 7.30 p.m. Whist Drive. 11

15th Sat. 7 p.m. Women's Institute Open Night.

17th Mon. Village Hall Annual General Meeting.

Mr, W. Osborne

21st Fri. 7.30 p.m. Whist Drive. 22nd Sat. Naphill Players' Rummage Sale.

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Every Tuesday - Mens Club.

gratulate him on its success.

Preachers for January:-

8 p.m. Conservative Dance.

25th Tues, 8 p.m. Horticultural Society A.G. Meeting.

29th Sat. Women's Institute Play.

5th & 19th. Wed. Infant Welfare.

14th & 28th, Fri. 6,30 - 8 p.m. Library.

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, Wed. 8 p,m. Old Time Dancing.

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. Thur. 8 p.m. Modern Dancing (with instruction).

Monday, Thur., Fri. & Sat. British Legion Social Club.

METHODIST CHURCH.

2nd Jan. 11 a.m. Mr.H. Jarrett 6. 15 p.m. Mr.F.W. Rolfe

Mr.C.Craft

Mr. D. Jackson Rev. K. W. Curtis Mr. Horne . Mr. M. Stubbs Mr.K.Lewis

Mr.D.K.Imrie We wish all our friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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excellently for four years, and is leaving the village and going to live in Taunton. We would like to thank him for all the work he has done in producing the Gazette and con-

XMAS WHIST DRIVE

The Council wish to thank the Donors of prizes. The profit was over £9. DARTS CLUB

We would like to take this opportunity of saying "Goodbye" to Mr. Horner. who has edited this Gazette so

Mr. W. Franklin. the landlord of The Wheel, was elected Chairman of the Naphill Darts Club with Mr. W. Day and Mr. M.E. White, joint Secretary and Treasurer.

The Tournament will be held in the Village Hall on Feb. 3rd at 8 p.m. The entry fee for the Pairs' Competition is

3/- a pair. Spectators fee 1/- each.

VILLAGE HALL, Chairman's Message.

The members of the Council would like to wish all members of the village a "Happy New Year".

The Annual General Meeting will be held on January 17th at 8 p.m. when it is hoped there will be a good attendance. A full report will be given of the years work, and any

suggestions or complaints will be considered.

The most cutstanding thing about the years work is, of course, the new floor which has so improved the Hall.

There are many other improvements which could be done if everyone continues to support the Course.

if everyone continues to support the Council in its work. We hope that 1955 will be a busy and progressive year with your interest and help.

H.A.D.

BRITISH LEGION

The Naphill and District Earl Haig Fund Appeal Committee wish to thank all those that enabled the record sum approx. £116. to be forwarded to the Fund.

All British Legion members please attend the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 30th Dec., at 8.15 p.m. in the Club Room.

NAPHILL MISSION HALL.

A new Minister has come to reside in the district, Mr. R.M. Ingleby, formerly a missionary in Portugal. Services: Sunday Evening Service. '6 p.m. Sunday Schools: 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday. Women's Bright Hour 3 p.m. (Directed by Mrs.Ingleby) Young People's Meeting. Tues. 7 p.m.

Special Rally. Sat. Feb. 5th.

A warm welcome awaits you.

GARDENING NOTES

Clear away any dead or yellow leaves from the winter greens, and dig over any vacant soil where possible. Prune and winter spray fruit trees, and you may get some cleaner and better fruit than you had during 1954, and don't forget to spread that lime. A word of warning about this, lime and manure should not be mixed at the same time. Allow at least six weeks between the times of manuring and liming. Take out of their packing all seed potatoes, gladioli or similar tubers as soon as they arrive from the nursery, and lay them out on trays in a dry frost proof place to prevent mildew and rotting.

A.H.B.

HORTICULTURAL SCCIETY

Here's wishing all gardeners and members together with their families, Good Health and Happiness during the Festive Season, and good gardening for 1955. Any one wishing to take over an allotment in the new year should get in touch with members of the Parish Council or myself, as there are a few vacant plots available. Members please note, the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall Committee Rooms on Tuesday, 25th January, at 8 p.m. attendance will be an encouragement to the Committee.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS "It is the hope of getting what you haven't got that

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adds a zest to life". It is with this thought we commence our 1955 programme, most housewives aiming for the perfect kitchen, so that daily chores can be eased - a must being an electric washing machine. On 6th Jan. members can hear a Talk on "Washing methods through the ages" by Miss Von Horen, also a demonstration of an Electric washing machine. The competition for the month will be "the best dressed clothes peg". Will members please note that "Open Night" has been brought forward to 15th Jan. 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. On 29th Jan. the Drama Group will give a performance of the 3 Act play "Dark Summer" by Wynyard Browne. We wish all our members a Very Happy New Year.

MENS CLUB

A Happy New Year to all members and the best of luck to the new Editress. During the past year we have been pleased to welcome some new members, bringing Ernie Carrington out of retirement and signing on two new 'babies' in Stephen Piercy and Clifford Putnam. There's room for more. Next month we hope to stage a professional exhibition, and if present plans mature, we shall have a world famous snooker player for your entertainment. Watch for the NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

The Carnival Dance held in the Village Hall on Sat. 18th Dec., was enjoyed by about 100 members and friends including parties from High Wycombe and Rio Tennis Clubs. Busby's Orchestra with Mr. A. Shrimpton, M.C, kept the dancing to a good tempo, During the interval, the Clubs

president Dr. E. Bayley presented the Challenge cups. lst Ladies Singles Mrs. J. Kellway, Gents Single Mr. S. Monks. Mixed Doubles Mrs. J. Kellway and Mr. A. Lawrence. L.S.

FOOTBALL

First Reserves Fixtures: Booker Home

Terriers, Away 15 Holmer Green Res., Home

22 Princes Risboro' Res. . Home

The first eleven has shown-signs of improved form during the latter half of the month. They won 9-1 at Broomwades and 3-0 at Stokenchurch, but lost 5-2 at Eeacons-The reserves are still making a determined attempt to win their division. Their main rival seems to be Hughenden Rangers Reserves. After seeing the television play "1984", most of the club envy those people because Big Brother was watching them. If only we could get supporters like that. RAY.

Will all contributors to the Gazette note that all items for publication should reach the Editress not later than the 22nd of the month, also that the new and rather apprehensive Editress is Alison Hayward, The Firs Cottage, Walters Ash. We notice Alam Shrimpton rushing round with pencil poised and harassed look; this we attribute to the fact that he is the new Bucks Free Press Representative for the Village, We wish him good news and good reporting.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED: A "Sitter-in" on Wed. evenings. Please contact -"Trando", Stocking Lane, Naphill.

POST OFFICE STORES. Mr. Wright wishes all his customers a very Happy New Year, and assures them of service with a smile.

THOMPSON'S STORES, wish all their customers a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

GRAND MODERN DANCE. 1st Jan. with the 'Carlton Trio'. Start the New Year with a dance in your own Village.

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NAPHILL GAZETTE

FEB. 1955.

AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

Thurs. Women's Institute Monthly Meeting. Fer. 3rd 8 p.m. Larts Competition.

4th Fri. 7.30 p.m. Whist Drive.

11 5th 2.30 p.m. W.I. Rummage Sale Sat.

8 p.m. Modern Dance.

8 p.m. Tennis Club Annual General Meeting. 11 8th Tues.

Naphill Players rarty. Conservative Party. A.G.M. 11 11th Fri. 11

15th Tues.

11 18th Fri. 7.30 p.m. Whist Drive.

Village Hall Council Meeting. 28th Mon. 11

2nd & 16th. Wed. Infant Welfare. 11th & 25th. Fri, Library.

2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd. 8 p.m. Old Time Dancing.

10th, 17th & 24th. 8 p.m. Modern Dancing.

Every Tuesday - Men's Club.

Mon. Thurs. Fri. & Sat. British Legion Social Club.

METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for February:-Feb. 6th 11 a.m. Rev.K.W.Curtis, 6.15 p.m. Rev.P.G.Stanford

13th 11 a.m. Mr. W. Smith 6.15 p.m. Mr.W.J.Parkins

20th ll a.m. Ruislip. 6.15 p.m. Ruislip. 27th ll a.m. Mr.H.Jarrett. 6.15 p.m. Mr.F.Collins.

The Rev. K.W. Curtis will be taking a Young Peoples Service on Friday, 11th February; we give an invitation to young people to this service at 7.30 p.m.

NAPHILL MISSION HALL

There will be a Musical Evening on 5th February at 7 It will be conducted by Mr. C.H. Pearson (B'ham), $ar{ t L}$ eader of the Midland Male Voice Praise. He will be accompanied by some of the singers.

HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH

On 6th Feb, the Rev. C.N. Frank of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa is paying a visit to preach at the 11 o'clock service - and again in the afternoon to talk to the Children at 2.45 p.m. Hughenden Parish Church has supported one of the native catechists for some 20 years. On Friday, 13th, at the 11 o'clock service the simple little service of the blessing of the plough will be incorporated in the usual service, It has been revived in

thousands of country churches up and down the country and serves to remind us of our dependence upon each others labours for our subsistance, and also upon the beneficience of Almighty God. Everyone connected with agriculture would be most welcome. Lent begins on 23rd Feb. and with it the Mid week Services at 2.45 p.m. on Wednesdays. The hour and day is specially chosen to enable busy housewives to spend a little while in Church remembering the essential foundations of our life.

GARDENING NOTES.

January snow and frost has kept us off the garden and in all probability February will take a similar pattern. This has given us more time to speculate on the catalogues to help us to decide what we shall grow this year. By all means grow those varieties of peas, beans, potatoes, etc., that you have found suits your ground, but try some of the items that appear in the catalogue as novelties, or something that you havan't grown before. I am trying the following: bulbs acidanthera and chincherinchees, red brussels sprout Rubine and sweet corn John Innes Hybrid. I suggest an easy one that anyone can grow Calendula, art shades. mixed.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

There are still one or two allotments available at both allotment fields, early application get first choice. Our Show Dates for 1955 have now been fixed as follows:—9th July, 10th September and 29th October (provisional), all to take place in the Village Hall. As previously announced, we are discontinuing our joint late Flowering Show with the Booker Society, and again running our own Show, 29th October. There will also be classes for fruits and vegetables in season. Details of our Annual Dinner will be announced in the March issue of the Gazette.

NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 8th February, at 8 p.m. We hope everyone interested in the Club will attend.

CHATTING WITH LEN BROWN

Mr. Len. Brown has been for 80 years a keen observer of life and events. He combines an appetite for reading with a retentive memory, and I believe readers of the Gazette will find his reminiscences of interest. The other day we were talking of roads and he recalled that when he was born in the old cottages hard by Bomber Command NAAFI, the main road was just a matter of loose stones and old people could remember when their front doors opened straight onto Naphill Common. Clappins Lane was a track where stock grazed with a gate at the top, kept "clapped to" or shut. The gate stood where Mr. Ted Smith's house has been built and when the last old gate post was removed, Mr.Brown kept the hinge as a souvenir. Stocken Lane or Stockin Lane likewise had a gate to keep the "stock in". The great Thomas Telford built the road from West Wycombe to Aylesbury about 1811. and there was a cart track through the wood up to Walters Ash, but the original ancient road from Wycombe to Aylesbury went through Hampden. The travellers came up over the brow to Downley and on to Naphill Common, skirting Daisy pond he entered the edge of Bradenham wood and came out at Walters Ash. Now you must go round the corner on the road but opposite the old road goes between Mr.Bristow's house and Brown's Brickfield, across Mr. Turner's farm, and down into the valley. Here is a bit of the original road about ten feet wide between tall hedges, it goes up the George Inn at Speen and thence to Hampden. A boyhood friend of Mr. Brown's coming along here with an old percussion cap gun. fell and hit the cap on a stone and was killed. R.P.

FOOTBALL CLUB.

This month there has been an improvement in the standard of play. The first eleven drew 2-2 with Booker, the League leaders, away from home on 1st Jan. Next week they defeated Broomwades 7-2 at Naphill, and played so well that even the spectators were pleased. After a weeks rest due to the snow, the first eleven defeated Risborough Reserves 4-1 at home. The Reserves won their only game of the month and most of the players appear to be counting their medals before they are struck, not without reason. The improvement in the first eleven which I have mentioned is due to several sound positional changes. They are (1)

the conversion of Reg. Tutton into a successful right back, (2) moving Den Pusey to left half, (3) Laurie Butler and John Goodchild taking over the inside forward berths. All these players are on view at Naphill during February. The final point of interest is the writing of our new journalist in the Bucks Free Press. It has been rumoured that Alan Shrimpton has had threatening notes from jealous Peter Wilson.

NAPHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

We sincerely hope that the wintry conditions will have eased on 3rd Feb. so that members can come along and hear a Talk - Before and after Elizabeth Fry by Mrs. Hill. Competition for the month - the best Swiss Roll. Rummage Sale 5th Feb. 2.30 p.m. Will members please bring their rummage to the meeting?

MEN'S CLUB

On Tuesday, 1st Feb. we expect to have a full house the visit of Horace Lindrum, the former worlds snocker
champion, in aid of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. His opponent will be our old friend Herbert Holt,
but even this news has been overshadowed for us by the
departure of our Chairman, Mr. W. Lawrence, who has married
again, and gone to live in the milder climate of Eastbourne.
We are lucky to have Mr. Geoff Smith to step into the
breach, but Geoff would be the first to admit that "Old
Bill Lawrence" can never be replaced. We can only wish
him every happiness in his new life.

VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL

The officers elected at the A.G.M. are as follows: Chairman - Major H.A. Oakeshott. Vice - Mrs. Ansell. Secretary - Mr. L. Coleman. Treasurer - Mr. D. Tooby.

RUMMAGE SALE. 1st Naphill Brownies are holding a Rummage Sale in the Methodist School room at 3 p.m. on 12th Feb.

GRAND MODERN DANCE. Sat. 5th Feb. 8-11.45 p.m. with the Carlton Trio. M.C. Laurie Butler. Admission 2/6.

For Frozen Foods or a Warm Welcome come to THOMPSON'S STORES.

AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Mar. 3rd Thurs. Women's Institute Monthly Meeting.

4th Fri. 7.30 p.m. Whist Drive.

11 12th Sat. Modern Dance.

Ħ 14th Mon. Parish Council Meeting.

11 18th Fri. Whist Drive.

11 19th Sat. Horticultural Society Annual Dinner. 26th Sat. Old Time Dancing.

28th Mon. Village Hall Council Meeting.

2nd & 16th. Wed. Infant Welfare

" 11th & 25th. Fri. Library

2nd. 9th. 16th. 23rd & 30th. Old Time Dancing.

3rd. 10th. 17th. 24th & 31st. Modern Dancing Class.

Every Tuesday & Friday. Men's Club.

Monday. Thur. Fri. & Sat. British Legion Social Club.

NAPHILL MISSION HALL

There have been several events of interest at the Hall recently. On 27th Jan. "The Women's Bright Hour" held their annual tea which was much enjoyed. Afterwards the women were taken in thought and picture to the sunny land of Portugal.

The Sunday School treat and prize giving took place on Feb. 10th.

The visit of the Male Voice Choir from Birmingham on Feb. 5th attracted many and the Hall was comfortably filled. next Rally is on March 5th when Mr. G. Allen of Bournemouth is the Speaker. He is bringing some "Billy Graham" recordings. On Feb. 19th, the marriage took place between Miss Jean Nye of Naphill and Mr. Rex Shuttlewood of Totteridge. The snow storm gave place to a blue sky and the sun shone upon a really beautiful bride and bridesmaids. A note of interest was the little dark skinned page boy. The ceremony was conducted by the missioner.

METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for March:

11 a.m. 6.15 p.m.

March 6th Mr. J.R. Goodwin Mr. F.H. Slade 13t h t! Rev. F.B. Hudson Mr. W.J. Rutland

11 Supply. 2.45 p.m.P.S.A.Mrs. Gregory 20th

11 27th Y.P.F. Ruislip.

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On Sunday, Mar. 20th at the Women's Anniversary Services, the soloist in the afternoon will be Miss Janet Tapping, and in the evening Miss Gregory.

Wednesday, March 23rd at 2.45 p.m. Women's Rally, Speaker Mrs. Dibden of Reading, Elocutionist Mrs. Rutland. All women welcome.

HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH.

The Services during March are the usual Sunday Services. The midweek services on Wednesday afternoons at 2.45 will be held in the Church House if the weather remains so cold. At these services collections are made for Moral Welfare Work. This social work interests all Christian denominations. A Lady worker is maintained in the High Wycombe area especially for such matters. During Lent we also try to help the Society for the Progation of the Gospel. The oldest Missionary Society in England, I believe. Small collection boxes on the table at the back of the Church are available for anyone who cares to take one and use it as a means of exercising self denial in Lent. S.P.G. has a great and onerous task at the moment in South Africa, where the work of maintaining Churches and Schools is peculiarly difficult in view of the policy of Apartheid now adopted by the South African Government.

NAPHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Demonstration - Soft Slippers. Miss Waddup.

Competition - The most number of rticles in a match box.

Don't forget 6d. parcels in aid of W.I. funds.

There are still several seats available for the "Ideal Homes Exhibition" coach trip on March 10th. Names to be given to Mrs. Weeks. The coach will leave Thompson's Stores at 9 a.m.

DARTS CLUB.

A very successful Darts competition was held on the 3rd Feb. 88 pairs took part and there were a large number of spectators. The cup was won by the Hare and Hounds from Watlington, who also came second.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Our Annual Dinner on 19th March at 7 p.m. will include the following guests - Mr. & Mrs.J.C.Davies, Lady Fairbairn, Mr.A.E.Blake, Miss J. Goodswen, Mr.J.W.Hill and all the 1954 judges. Tickets 4/6 from Committee members. (A few are left for non-members.)

CHATTING WITH LEN BROWN

Mr. Brown was reflecting-recently, that there are very few men left today, who can turn their hand to any skilled job on the farm. We had in mind the late Tommy Rutland, a cheerful, happy man who had not an enemy in the world. May he rest in peace. Speaking of the row of cottages where Tommy lived, brought up their old nickname, "The Barracks". This name arose at the turn of the century when every man in this row was a member of the volunteer militia. Most of them went off to the Boer War in 1900. Their old militia sergeant, Walt Jenkinson is still living in Naphill. Mr. Brown surprised me with the remark "He was a smashin sergeant." I'm afraid those little twin nephews are teaching Uncle Len some modern slang. Another well known character in the row was Sammy Coker, a great teller of tall stories. Mr. Brown remembers many of these tales, but thinks they are too dubious for the Gazette, but it is probably true that Sammy once won a swimming race from Medmenham to Marlow Bridge. There were no closing hours in Sammy's day, and he was often at the Black Lion demanding a pint before six in the morning. How about it Mr. Walton. R.P. Mr. Walton.

MEN'S CLUB.

At the Billiards and Snooker exhibition on Heb. 1st a crowded room saw one of the worlds masters of ball manipulation. The little Australian, Horace Lindrum, drew rounds of applause for his brilliant shots, and after making a break of 338, retired to give his opponent a chance, but Herbert Holt threw a white handkerchief on the table in token of surrender. Snooker and trick shots completed the evening, and owing to the generosity of our friends we shall be sending more than £40 to the Guide Dogs Association. You may be surprised to hear that it costs £280 to supply a trained Guide Dog. Mr. Lawrence came up from Eastbourne for the evening, and afterwards the committee gave him a wedding present.

P.C. DIX.

The would like to welcome P.C. E. Dix, our new village Constable. He and Mrs. Dix have come from Wolverton in the north of the County. Constable Dix says he will be very pleased to see anyone, any time, to answer any queries, or to be of assistance in any way.

NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

It is hard to get "tennis minded" at the time of writing our news summary. However we are reminded "If winter comes can Spring be far behind".

The resurfacing of the first court is now completed and has cost approx. £250. Members are anxiously waiting to give this new surface a trial. The season commences with a debt of about £100 on the court, this we hope to obtain in loans; we shall all work especially hard this season to repay them. We hope this new court will encourage more tennis enthusiasts to join the Club. The private whist parties organised by members in their homes are proving a big success.

FOOTBALL CLUB

The first team are still showing improved form, and have beaten Monks Risboro' in a friendly and Seer Green in the league match, then followed a drawn match at Wooburn. It has been brought to my notice that centre forward Evans has scored 12 out of 14 goals in the last three games, also this gives him five consecutive hat tricks.

The reserves defeated Hughenden, their leading rivals, and now they are head of their division. They are now playing consistently and well. We only hope that the younger players, John Munger, Robin Shaw, Raymond Jones and Eric Ferguson, will eventually blend into the first team. I must mention that Keith Lovegrove, who is at top form, is using his experience to keep the younger players together. RAY.

Grand Modern Dance on Thurs. March 10th, 8 - 11 o'clock. Admission 2/-. "Carlton Trio".

Old Time Dance, on Easter Monday, "Revue Orchestra", M.C. Mr. & Mrs. Ron Free. Keep this date free. April 11th.

1st Naphill Brownie Pack wish to thank all parents and friends who helped to make the Rummage Sale such a success. 28/18/- was the result.

If only the best is good enough for you, then shop at SYRETTS', the family butcher.

Come to GWEN PUTMANS, for Household Goods - bedding remade, carpets, rugs, soft furnishings and kitchen ware.

Electrical goods - washing machines, cleaners, radio, television, fires and batteries. There will be prams, folders and canopies.

April 1st. Fri. Play in aid of Elderly Folk's Dinner. 6th, Wed. Infant Welfare. 7th. Thurs. Women's Institute. Monthly Meeting. 8th. Fri. Library. 11th. Mon. Old Time Dance. 16th. Sat. Women's Institute Play. 20th, Wed. Infant Welfare. 22nd. Fri. Library & Whist Drive. 25th. Mor. Villago Hall Council Meeting.

GAZETTE

AT THE VILLAGE HALL

29th, Fri. Whist Drive 30th. Sat. Tennis Club Rummage Sale & Whist Drive. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Old Time Dancing, Every Tues. & Wed. (Solo Drive) Men's Club.

Mon. Thurs. Fri. & Sat. British Legion Social Club.

METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for April. Morning Il, am.

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17th. Mr. D.H. Imrie. 24th. Rev. K.W. Curtis.

an afternoon service at 2.45 pm.

NAPHILL

April 3rd. Rev.K.W.Curtin. loth. Fr. F.W. Rolfe.

Evening 6.15.pm. Rev.T.A. Udy.

Mr. L.T. Goodchild

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Mr. R.P. Keen.

Mr. F.H. Slade:

HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH The services in Holy Week and at Easter are as follows:-

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Holy Communion at 7.30 am. and 10.30 am. on Wednesday. On these days there will be

n Good Friday Mattins and the Ante Communion at 8 am. The Three Hours Service will be conducted by the Rev. O. Muspratt, Vicar of Penn. Evensong and Sermon at 6.30.pm.

A Childrens Service will be held at 9.45.am. On Easter Day the Service of the Holy Communion will be held at 7 am., 8 am. & 12 noon. Mattins and Sermon at 11 am

The Childrens Service at 2.45.pm. Evensong & Sermon at 6.30. On Wednesday 13th, the Easter Vestry will meet at 7.30 pm.

in the Church House to appoint the Churchwardens. . The work of retiling the roof of the Church will begin after Easter. The cost exceeds very considerably the sum collected to date. An appeal for support was published some months ago. It is hoped that many who use the Church even if it be but seldom - for baptisms, marriages or funerals - will recognise a moral obligation to preserve

the fabric of this, their Parish Church.

NAPHILL MISSION HALL

On Saturday, April 2nd. at 7.30 pm. a colour film entitled "Beside all Waters" will be shown by R.A. Bailey, Esq., of the Christian Colportage Association, - Admission is free.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Over a hundred members with their friends and invited guests sat down to the tables at our Annual Dinner, and to those who were prevented from attending owing to colds and 'flu, we hope you are now well again, and don't let it happen next year.

We feel it an honour to have the pleasure of entertaining such a galaxy of important persons of the Horticultural world, including national figures like J.C.P. Davis, and A.E. Blake. Our thanks to everyone who helped in the other National event, this too was a success and we can now proceed with confidence to the rest of our 1955 engagements.

GARDENING NOTES

"Oh to be in England now that April's there"
This depends a lot on the weather from we gardeners point of view, as it is the busiest month of the year and if the weather is kind we can either sow or plant most of the crops that grow in our summer gardens. Potatoes, onions carrots, peas and beet, sweet pea plants or seeds, and seeds of hardy annuals such as godetia, viscara, cornflower, etc., and at the end of the month stocks, asters and zinnias, but wait until May before buying plants for bedding out. Plant gladioli and when making the holes put a little satt the bottom of each for the corm to rest on. Out with the lawn mower, watch out for pests, keep down weeds and get ready to enjoy the best summer in years. A. H. B.

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Will all the girls who took part in the National Dancing Display return their National costumes to Mrs. John Evans, before they are tempted to adapt them into fashionable summer frocts:

CHATTING WITH MR. LEN BROWN:

The 1870-80 period was the golden age of British farming, and many modern farmers owe their security to the money their grandfathers made in those days. At this time Mr. Brown's Uncle kept Walters Ash Farm, and on those

chalky banks where Mr. Fred. Turner now has an outdoor milking boil, the old farmer folded sheep and grew barley. There was no wall in front of the house in those days and a trim lawn led out to the village green, which has now become a wide sweep of metalled road at the top of Bradenham turning.

On this green Mr. Brown remembers various performers, acrobats, German bands and a performing bear. He draws a vivid picture of the farmer sitting on the lawn surrounded by dairy maids, farm workers and a crowd of village people, while Bruin goes through his trained ics and his grinning owner goes round with the hat. This sounds truly Merrie England.

NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

An improvement in the weather has encouraged a few members to start the new season. We welcome both old and new members and look forward to a very successful season, having had one court re-surfaced.

Our annual subscription is: Seniors 2 gns. Semi-seniors 15/-. Juniors 5/- (Balls provided.)

On Saturday April 30th we are having another Rummage Sale in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm followed by a Grand Whist Drive in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. There are numerous prizes. Admission is 2/6, including refreshments, Tickets may be obtained from Mr.A. Shrimpton and committee members.

A very successful Whist Party was organized by Mrs. Hutchinson and Mr. A. Lawrence to assist the Club funds. NAPHILL W. I.

Spring seems to have evaded us this year, by the description on the calendar she has officially arrived, but the gardens certainly lack her presence. Nevertheless, Miss Wood's talk on "Gardening" should prove both interesting and helpful to members.

We hope to visit the County Farm Gardens at Stoke Mandeville on April 21st. Names should be given to Mrs. Weeks. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 2.pm.

Competition for the Month - Best decorated hens egg.
These will be sent to the Childrens Ward at High Wycombe War Memorial Hospital for Easter. If you don't feel clever enough to bring a decorated egg, sand a plain one as I'm sure they will be appreciated by the Hospital.

On April 16th, at 7.30 pm. Hughenden and Naphill W. I. Drama Groups will perform four one act plays, proceeds will go towards a most worthy local cause. M.P.

FOOTBALL CLUB

The first two games for the first eleven this month resulted in a win and a draw away from home, against Richardson Rovers and Broomwades respectively, but these good performances were followed by two equally bad ones. They were lost games by 3 - 2 against Booker, and 4 - 2 against Richardson Rovers, both losses were at Naphill. An apology is due to everyone who watched the second halves of these matches.

The bright spot of this year is the medal happy Reserves who must continue to maintain their position as top of their division. RAY

Now that we are increasing the size of the Gazette. we will be able to include more items. If any of you have any suggestion as to what you would like included in the Gazette, please let me know.

ADVERTISEMENTS: A Grand Old Time Dance will be held on Easter Monday. The Revue Orchestra will play and the M.C. will be Mr. and Mrs. Free

DROMORE STORES: Have you visited the new Dromore Stores at Walters Ash?

Come and see our wide variety of goods and you will be unable to resist buying.

We aim to please in every way. We are open from

7.30 am. to 6.30 pm. and we will also deliver any goods.

KITTEN: Wanted a good home for a white female kitten. Apply Butler. Walnut Tree Cottage.

AT THE VILLAGE HALL

May 4th. 5th.	Wed. Thurs.	Infant Welfare Clinic. Women's Institute Monthly Meeting.
6th.	Fri.	Library.
7th.	Sat.	W.I. Drama Festival.
11	17	1st Cricket Match.
13th.	Fri.	Whist Drive.
18th.	Wed "	Infant Welfare Clinic.
20th,	Fri.	Library.
27th.	Fri.	Whist Drive.

METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for May:

lst. 8th.	<u>ll.a.m.</u> Mr. W. Smith. Mr. W.J. Parkins.	Rev. T.A. zidy
15th. 22nd.	Mr. A. Chilton. Sunday School Anniversary.	Mr. H.A. Goodearl Cryers Hill Mission Band.
29th.	Rev. P.G. Stanford,	2.45 & 6.15 pm. Mr. K. Lewis

Please note our Anniversary Services are being held on Sunday 22nd. Our morning service is being conducted by the Rev. P.H. Standford and this will most likely be his last service as he will be leaving this district in August, so why not come along and have a good time. Our afternoon and evening service will be conducted by Mr.K.Lewis who is one of our most popular young preachers. Special singing and recitations at all the services.

HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH

Rogationtide falls during the month. At this season the Church holds special services, out-of-doors if possible, at which prayer is offered for God's blessing upon all the things growing for the benefit of mankind in fields, orchards and gardens; upon sheep and cattle, farm workers, fishermen and even our homesteads. May 15th is Rogation Sunday and at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. there will be the special prayers. All are welcome, and especially people who work on the land.

Ascension Day and Whitsunday also occur during this month on May 19th and 29th, both great Christian festivals, when all Christians should be joining in worship.

Thope that you have noticed that the work on the Church Roof is now well forward. Parts of the roof where air could get in are in reasonable condition, but where repairs have been made with mortar a certain amount of woodworm has been at work.

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It is with great regret that we heard of the death of Mr. Fred Putnam, and we would like to extend our sympathy to his Family.

We would like to congratulate Miss Janet Tapping on her successes at Wembley Music Festival.

VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL
The Council hopes to redecorate the Hall during the School Summer helidays. Will any firm wishing to quote for this work, please apply to the Hon, Secretary for particulars. Arrangements for the Fete are well in hand,

CARDENING NOTES

No excuses - April has been fine and sunny and has provided plenty

of opportunity for getting the gardens into good shape,

We now come to the really busy month, as there are so many seeds to be sown and plants to put out. Main crop carrets, beet, potatoes, onions, leeks and the various green stuff, - brussels, cabbages, etc., peas, Lettuces and radishes for succession. Then towards the end of the month when danger of frost is over, outdoor tematoes, (they should be good this year), cucumbers and marrows, and the wide variety of summer bedding flowers. When buying these plants look for sturdy plants not too big, of .. a nice green colour, and able to spring back into position after being lightly brushed with the hand,

Remember one dead weed stops nine more from growing, and that you can sow runner beans in the open any time after the 7th May. A. H. B.

No comment on beech flowers? Ed.

Owing to my illegible handwriting, it appeared last month that Mr. Fred Turner suffered from a milking boil. Fred wishes to thank all who enquired after his health, but the word should have been "Bail". meaning a self contained milking shed on a sledge which is moved about the fields. Apologies to all concerned!

DRAMA There must be quite a few local people who have not yet seen the W. I. Drama Group in action. I can understand why they hesitate to waste am evening, but here is why I advise them to give it a trial. Firstly this company had the good fortune to pass through the hands of Miss Fanny Dowson, one of the foremost dramatic teachers in the country and also Miss Bruford, and they have stamped their marks indelibly upon the W, I. Group. Also they have a first class producer, stage-manager and electrician, and a team of back room boys. They take part every year in a Bucks competition, and are holders of the cup for the second time. This year's play is set in Nerc's palace in Rome. Can you imagie a setting like this. on Naphill stage with only 10 minutes to erect it, and Muriel Piercy as an empress and Blanche Weeks as Nera, You cannot? I don't blame you, but I give you my word they bring it off in triumph. Try and get a ticket for the competition at Naphill on May 7th. Naphill's play comes on last of eight, $Anon_{\sim}$

snocker cup. Phil Bowell has created a surprise by reaching this stage, beating C. Parker, W. Kilby and V. Hildersley on the way. The ever green Albert Reed is also there in a semi final with young Stephen Piercey, who has done very well in his first year. One might almost call him a "block off the old chip". Among the clubs amenities lately have been lucid explanations of the new budget proposals by Geoff Smith.

R.P.

NAPHILL, W. I.

Pleasant surprise is the chief element of "Member's Day", and I am assured that this will be so on May 5th, when after the completion of business a committee of six members will take charge of the meeting. They wish me to remind you of the competition - "Something new from something old."

The tour of Stoke Mandeville County Gardens on April 21st was a great success, although the term 'gardens' should be coupled with farm yard. Children who accompanied us were thrilled with the various farm animals, and their delight when stroking baby pigs and lambs was a joy to watch. The adults were pleased to note the experimental part of both gardens and live stock. After tea and biscuits, Miss McKenzie threw open her stock cupboard for all to inspect.

Don't forget the B.F.W.I. Area Drama Festival at the Village Hall on May 7th at 2.30. Seven teams will compete including our own W.I. Drama Group.

M.P.

Work of the Society is at the moment in the background, but much good work is being carried out in the gardens in preparation for our three shows. Remember the dates, July 9th, fruit, flowers and vegetables, special classes for sweetpeas and roses. September 10th F.F. and V. Classes for dahlias, chrysanthemums, gladieli and roses. October 29th late flowering chrysanthemums, and make flowers, fruit and vegetables in season. We hope to see many of you take the plunge this year, and put something in one of these shows.

Don't be shy, have a try;

А,Н,В.

The Reserve Team are now champions of their division and can feel pleased with a consistent season of football. They were undoubtedly the beat team in the division. I think they will be even better next year. In the coming season we hope to see a few of the reserves replace some of the first eleven who played badly in the last few matches. The young players should realise that the older men would be only too glad to see them try to hold down a first team place.

RAY.

TENNIS CLUB

We would like to thank everyone who has so readily made us loans, and especially non-members. We appreciate this very kind gesture and hope to start repayment in the very near future.

Matches commence in May, and the following fixtures have been

arranged:-

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Sun: May 8th. R.A.F. away

Sat: 14th. N.A.L.G.O. (Mixed) away.

Sat: 21st. Chalfont St. Peters (Mixed) away.

Sat: 28th. Turners Mixed, home.

A very successful Whist Party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey.

Don't forget that today, Sat: April 30th, we have a rummage sale at 2.30 and a Whist Drive at 7.30.

CRICKET CLUB

The start of yet another season is fast approaching, and we are all looking forward most eagerly again to the sound of bat striking ball. As in recent years, the teams will be comprised mainly of the regular known players, who have upheld the cricketing traditions of the Village since the war (and even before that, say one or two of the bewhickered ones!) We welcome back to our team Gerald Brown and Brian MaxQueen and John Evans. Eddie Bowell is again with us, and we have those up and coming players Raymond Jones, Ryan Bowler and Johnnie Monger. Let us hope that the second team can repeat last year's performance and win their new Divisional Championship; that the first eleven can produce 'one out of the bag', and bring home the First Division Cup. In comclusion, remember that Sunday 5th June, is the BIG MATCH day, and you will be able to see all the Middlesex stars who graced our ground last May.

S.M.

Fixtures for May are as follows:-

lst Eleven 7th. Little Kingshill - Home 14th. Winchmore Hill - Away 21st. Lacey Green - Home 28th. Bledlow Ridge - Home

2nd Eleven Downley - Away Wheeler End - Home Holmer Green - Away

8th. Theale - Home 22nd. Dominion S.C. - Home 30th. Mapledurham - Home.

Sunday Fixtures 15th. Cold Ash - Away

29th. Oakmead - Home Whit Monday 11.30.a.m. start.

ADVERTISEMENTS:

BEDDING PLANTS

Plants ligted below will be available shortly, to avoid disappointment we advise you to place your orders now. ANTIRRHINUMS, Mixed, Black Prince, Nelrose, Golden Queen, Scarlet. ASTERS. Double Mixed, single, AGERATUM: ALYSSUM (White); CARNATIONS, mixed: LOBELIA training, Crystal Palace, Mrs. Clibran: MARIGOLD dwarf, French mixed; NEMESIA mixed: PETUNIA large and small: STOCKS; PHLOX Drummondi, mixed: TAGETES (Golden Gem): VERBENA (Royal Bouquet) All at 5/- per box of 48 or 1/6 per doxen.

DAHLIAS Dwarf Mixed: ZINNIA Mxd. 5/- per box of 36 or 2/- per doz. STOCKS 100% Double, 6/- per box 48 or 2/- per dozen TOMATOE and CUCUMBER PLANTS, prices on application. HANGING BASKETS made up to order - ready end of May. M.E. WHITE, GENERAL STORES, NAPHILL. Visit us for your varied requirements - OUR AIM - YOUR SATISFACTION -

We deliver to suit you, WHITE'S STORES, NAPHILL.

Announcements of Births, Deaths, Marriages and Engagements will be inserted in the Gazette at the usual charge of 1/- per line. They must be handed in before the 23rd of the month. Contributors to the Gazette, please note this date also.

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NAPHILL GAZETTE.

June, 1955.

AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

June 1st Wed. Naphill Infant Welfare. 2nd Thurs.

Women's Institute Monthly Meeting. 3rd Fri. Whist Drive. Library.

6th Mon. Village Hall Council Meeting.

8th Wed.

Old Time Dance (if wet in Hall).

11 15th Wed. Infant Welfare Clinic.

78 17th Fri. Whist Drive. Library. 11

Mr. M. Britten

Mr. F. Healey

Mr. A. Goodearl

Mr. G. Horne

18th Sat. Old Time Ball (if wet in Hall).

25th Sat. FETE.

July 2nd Sat. Old Time Dance.

forgettable experience.

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Preachers for June: 11 a.m.

MISSION HALL.

Mr. Geofrey Bull, a missionary from Tibet, will speak at

the Mission Hall, on Sat. 4th June, at 7.30 p.m. on his four

Modern Dance.

years experiences in the hands of the Communists in China. He will also speak on Sunday, 5th June, at 6.15 p.m. His book

"When Prison Gates Open" is a most interesting story. A coach party of forty went from the Mission Hall on Sat.

14th May, to hear Dr. Billy Graham. All felt it was an un-

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. K.W. Curtis

Mr. Nickless Mrs. Greenstreet

GARDENING NOTES

After the promising weather of April, the merry month of

May has been something of a headache to we gardeners, but we

can now press on with our summer bedding schemes. There is still time to plant potatoes, runner beans, lettuces, radishes, cucumbers and marrows; also a row of swedes. Wallflowers

& Sweet Williams for next year? Then get the seed in now.

So far we have been fairly cheerful in this series, but

this month with Mr. Brown's help, I will try to make your blood run cold. Only a few yards along the road from the old village green at Walters Ash is Mr.Rolfe's farm, the scene of our tragedy. The occupant, some 100 years ago was a man who slept with his gun by his bedside, and events showed that his caution was justified. One night he awoke with a start and

looked out of the window. The stable door was open and one of his horses was just being led out of the gate. Now a farmers pair of horses were more than faithful friends. they were his sole means of livelihood, and valued next to his wife. Perhaps even - ah well. He yelled at the thief to stop, but without avail. In desperation he raised his gun and fired. There was a cry of pain, the rogue dropped the reins and disappeared into the night, while the farmer recovered his horse and sent for the constable. At daylight they followed the trail, and a ghastly trail it was, human blood bespattering the path all the way to a cottage in Loosley Row, and it was the undertaker, not the magistrate who was sent for.

NAPHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Mrs. Marsden-Smedley, a great favourite of Naphill W.I. will be the speaker for June, her subject "The History of Porcelain'. Any member lucky enough to possess any porcelain is asked to bring some along to the meeting, as we hope to stage a small exhibition. Those not so fortunate, can enter the competition "The prettiest oup and saucer",

A Bring-and-Buy stall is arranged for the June meeting this is to dofray expenses for the entertaining of the Finsbury Old People's Club on 15th June. are taking our own Elderly Folk for a coach trip.

MEN'S CLUB.

A new name will appear on the shooker cup this year, which is a matter of satisfaction to the handicap committee, Stephen Piercy, in the outstanding somi-final, scored a remarkably good win over Albert Reed, but Phill Bowell was a little too much for him in the final, Phill has never risen to these heights before. Something must have happened to Congratulations him just recently, R.P.

CRICKET CLUB,

We have had a fairly successful start to the 1955 season. The first XI have played three league games, having beaten Whittle Kingshill and Lacey Green at Naphill, but they lost to Throhmore Hill after a low scoring match. The players are gradually finding their form, and the bowling to date has been in the hands of Jim Brown, John Evans and Barry Barrington. will have done well at different times, The batting seems to be more solid than last year, Brian MacQueen, Albert Brown and Cerald Brown have had fairly good innings to date, and the young R.A.F. player Robin Heppenstall scored a very attractive

30 on Sunday last against Dominion Sports Club.

The second XI have yet to win a game, but they are as keen as can be, and it is only a question of getting into

their stride before points will be hauled in.

Of course, everyone is looking forward to the 'BIG MATCH' here on Sunday, 5th June, when the stars from the Middlesex first XI will be here. This is a benefit match for Harry Sharpe and Alec Thompson of Middlesex, and we are promised the presence of Bill Edrich, Leslie Compton. Alan Moss and Don Bennett amongst others. The Naphill side (which is under the name of The President's XI) has been reinforced by several well known High Wycombe Players, and also Dick Hawkey, ex Cambridge University and one or two other good club cricketers. S.M.

We would like to congratulate S.M. on his score - it leaves us. and probably the opposing bowlers, breathless. Ed.

NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

We would like to thank all who helped in any way to make our Rummage Sale and Whist Drive such a big success. combined efforts raised £35 for the Club funds. .

Members are enjoying play on the newly surfaced court. It is not too late to join the Club and enter the Singles and Mixed Doubles Tournaments which are to be played on 28th May and 18th June.

Results of matches. Naphill beat the R.A.F. 5-4;

Naphill lost N.A.L.G.O. 3-4 (2 draws),

Fixtures for May-June. 28th May Turners Mixed, home. 25th June, N.A.L.G.O. Mixed, home. 30th June R.A.F. (Men's) 'homes L.M.S.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

To those who were enabled by the tickets, provided by our Society to visit the great Chelsea Flower Show, we hope you Venjoyed the experience. To others who may be interested in the R.H.S. Fortnightly Shows, tickets are available throughlout the season, also a limited number are available for the Rose Shows, the Cladioli. Sweet Pea and the two Chrysanthemum Shows, all to be held in London, except the Sweet Pea Show which this year is at Dover.

We want more entries for the domestic section at our July Show, so don't forget to make your wine ready for September. Note to Editor: I have now seen the beech flowers.

A.H.B.

NAPHILL FETE.

On Sat. 25th June, the annual Fete will be held on the playing fields, so dom't arrange to do anything else on this day. The Fancy Dress and Decorated Vehicles Procession starts from Russell's Garage. The classes for the fancy dress are as follows:- Ages 1-5, 5-10, 10-15. The prizes are 5/- and 2/6d.

It has been a sad month in the Village; we have lost Mrs. Bodkin, Mrs. Hughes and Mr. Reg Thompson, and to their families we would like to extend our sympathies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Those of us who have been in the Village for some years will remember John Benwell, and we hear he has passed his Finals and is now a doctor.

Many Happy Returns of the Day to Mary on 31st May, and June on the 1st June.

By kind permission of Mrs. Piercey, an Old Time Dance will be held in Moseley Lodge garden on 8th June. Mrs. and Mrs. Ron Free will be the M.C.'s. Tickets are available at 2/6 and if it is wet, the Dance will be held in the Village Hall.

R.A.F. Benevolent Fund are having an Old Time Ball and Fashion Show at Plumtree Cottage (by kind permission of Dr. and Mrs. Eric Bayley) on 18th June at 7 p.m. Josephine Douglas will be present and Sylvia Shelley will be there with other London Mannaquins. Mr. & Mrs. R.Free will be the M.C.'s.

ADVERTISEMENTS. Wright's Post Office Stores. We aim to give satisfaction in all we sell. Try our Danish bacon and come again for more.

Oxlades. J.H. Harper for fish and poultry. We deliver in the Village from Tuesday to Friday, and poultry can be delivered on Saturday morning.

Syrett's. The Family Butcher. Naphill and Speen. We have the very best selection of meat including English and Scottish beef. Bacon, cooked meats, sausages and poultry.

Come to Dromore Self Service Stores for satisfaction. We have a wide range of goods, including Walls Ice Cream and frozen foods.

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NAPHILL GAZETTE

July, 1955.

Evening 6.15 p.m.

Mr. H. Brown

Mr. W. Hearn.

Mr. H. Jarrett.

Mrs. Greenstreet.

Rev. T.A. Udy.

AT THE VILLAGE HALL,

July 1st, Fri. Whist Drive.

2nd. Sat. Old Time Dance.

5th, Tues. Jumble Sale.

6th. Wed. Infant Welfare Clinic. Ħ

7th. Thur. W.I. 11

9th. Sat. Hort. Society Show. 11

15th. Fri. Whist Drive.

16th. Sat. W.I. Flower Show. 17

11 29th. Fri. Whist Drive. 11

1st & 15th. Library, Mens Club - Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Brit. Legion - Mons., Thurs., Fri. & Sats.

METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for July:

Morning Il a.m.

July 3rd Mr. F. Collins

10th Mr. C. Craft.

" 17th Mr. D. Barlow.

" 24th Mr. W. Osborne.

" 31st C.H.M.B.

HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH.
On 3rd July the Rev. J.H. Marriott of the Church of Eng-

lands Childrens Society is coming to preach at Evensong. Many Naphill children subscribe to this charitable organisation. Perhaps they and their parents would like to come to this service and hear about the working of the Society.

On 11th July, a Sunday School party is being held in the Church House during the afternoon. This is the childrens own choice in preference to a trip to the sea. Games, races and amusements will be organised, and on 24th July, the Bishop of Buckingham is preaching at Mattins, Canon D.G. Amies at Evensong. Collections on that day will be for the Church Roof Funda

A very real problem exists over the proper maintenance of our Churchyard. Our only sources of revenue are a few subscriptions to keep certain graves tidy and Church Collections! The upkeep of a grave is primarily the concern of relatives, and some graves are beautifully kept. For some years the Parochial Church Council have undertaken to keep a grave tidy on payment of a very modest sum annually. Some people might tidy the graves of their own folk, or consider paying the

small sum every year for the work to be done for them. The Vicar or any member of the P.C.C. would gladly give you more information.

S.A.C.D.

It is with very great regret that we heard of the death og Mr. Ted. Brown. For many years he has been an integral part of our village life, both for his public work and as a very dear friend of us all. We shall miss him very much and would like to extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

SHOW GARDENING NOTES.

As there are two shows being held in the Village this month I thought perhaps the horticultural and gardening articles might well be combined so that a few tips might be given to intending exhibitors at these shows.

First, uniformity. Each exhibit of flowers or vegetables should be uniform. A dish of cherries need to be as alike as possible, the same with potatoes, carrots or a vase of flowers.

All exhibits should be as free as possible from blemish either from pest or weather damage, and in the case of root crops they should be washed clean with a soft sponge or rag and water.

Read the schedule carefully, and exhibit only the number asked for - no more or less.

Try and arrange each exhibit to show it to its best advantage and so that it looks good not only to the judges, but to the visitors who attend the Show.

Show to win, but don't be a bad loser. A.H.B.

NAPHILL W.I. NEWS.

7th July, <u>Talk</u>. Ten Centuries of English Costume, illustrated with dolls - Miss Saxon-Snell, M.A. <u>Competition</u>, Flower arrangement in a saucer.

On 16th July we hold our first Produce and Handicraft Show. Its success depends on every member, who we hope will enter as many classes as possible. Schedules can be obtained from Mrs. White, 2d. each, or at the July Meeting.

CHATTING WITH MR. LEN BROWN.

The bones of that genius who first discovered that lime or chalk sweetens the soil, have long crumbled away, but he gave rise to one of Naphill's oldest industries, the mining of chalk. It may be that farming and one other profession are older. This mining often went on in conjunction with brick-making from the pockets of clay which overlie the chalk. Deep chafts were sunk and tunnels radiated from the bottom.

Skilled men were imported to teach the local labour. A Mr. Bob Monger came and founded this well known Naphill family. Mr. Jim Brown, great-great-grandfather of Len and his brothers, came down from Cumberland and after making bricks at Missenden moved to Naphill. How different the history of Naphill cricket club, if he had settled at Lacey Green. A Mr. West was the owner of a chalk mine, but this family, once the most numerous in Naphill, has almost died out. The Gomms have also disappeared, but Archie Gomm, a well-known footballer of Wycombe Wanderers and Millwall, kicked his first ball on Naphill Common.

Next month, Mining disaster at Naphill. R.S.P.

NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB.

We have made an extremely good start this season in raising sufficient funds to repay five loans, and hope to complete the remainder this year.

Two very enjoyable American Tournaments have been held. The prizes for the highest scores were won by Mrs. Ginger, Mr. Bayley and Mr. A. Shrimpton; the proceeds were for the club funds.

" 17th Turners Mixed ... Away
Thurs 21st R.A.F. Mens ... Away
Sunday 24th Chalfont Mixed ... Away
" 31st Aylesbury Mixed ... Away

L.M.S.

CRICKET CLUB.

At the time of 'going to press', the sun is shining in patches on the fortunes of our two teams. The first XI rose to great heights by a jolly good win at Great Kingshill, due chiefly to a combination of Monsieur Evans and a rather suspicious patch on the wicket. A rather severe blow was dealt by Hampden at Naphill (let us cast a veil over the result), but the match away at Prestwood was full of excitement, and we went down by only 8 runs. We have had excellent support from young Robin Heppenstall of the R.A.F., and the tantalising problem is that nearly everyone has performed well at times, whilst on other occasions our efforts have been very poor indeed.

The second team have had two good victories at home against Great Kingshill and Prestwoed, and they lost against Hampden away. The batting has improved a great deal, but we could well do with Frank Didcock, Ken Hall and Len

Montague who made things hum last season, on more than one occasion. However, now that the second team has tasted victory, we are hoping for a continued run of success. The Big Match on Sunday, 5th June, was enjoyed by all

who came to see the stars in action. We are hoping for another game next year, when, it is understood, our visitors are looking forward to renewing their acquaintance with Naphillians once more.

One last word to all parents of schoolboys aged 15 years and under. We are hoping that it will be possible to arrange a match with one of the neighbouring villages some time in July. To this end, we should be glad if anyone

interested would let their son (or sons) contact Mr. Kilby. We can then arrange for a trial match and sort out our potential force to do battle with our opponents. Please remember, though, that this is an idea in the embryo stage only, but we want to be ready to pick our team should the match

materialise. Remember the age limit - 15 years or younger.

S.M.

We would like to congratulate Stan Monks on his batting and Alan Williamson on his bowling in last weeks match in

which Tylers Green were defeated. COMMENT ON CRICKET.

Now that the cricket season is upon us once again, I see

that the usual collection of "Elderly Gentlemen" have turned out to give their support; !!! As a member of the younger generation who takes an intelligent interest and also knows a fair amount about the game, I find it hard to believe all the comparisons they make. As soon as the players take the field they start to criticise "Ah now, if that were the old

Reverend he wouldn't place his field like that," this is the usual opening. Then we go on to the fact that "Old Wexer" would have hit every other ball for at least a six, "Old Dodger" would have broken at least six stumps and four bails, and "Old George" would have caught everything that came with-

in twenty yards of him!! (He evidently had long arms.)
Please be fair you "E.G's." and give the team a little credit its encouragement from people like you that helps to win matches. I'm sure that all the "Old Dodgers", etc., occasionally got "ducks", dropped catches, etc.

A Supporter. Ed.'s Note. When the Alderly Gentlemen cease to comment in this vein we will know it is time to worry.

VILLAGE HALL

There will be no fixtures at the Village Hall during August as it is closed for redecoration.

HUGHEVDEN PARISH CHURCH

During the month of August services will be at the usual The congregation will be enjoying the ministration of the Rev.F.W. Cocks, Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief of the R.A.F. on August 7th. On August 14th, 21st and 28th, the Rev. J.N. Keeling, Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief, R.A.F. Home Command is taking the services except for Mattins on August 14th, when the Rev.L.C. Sunderland is preaching.

A Choir outing is being arranged for August 13th. arrangements are being made by Mr. Arnold Smith, Organist and Choirmaster.

The Sunday School will be starting its activities again on September 4th, with a Childrens Service at which arrangements have been made for Holy Baptism to be administered.

The Vicar plans to start confirmation classes on Sept. 14th, at 6.45 p.m. in the Vestry. He would be glad to receive names of candidates. May all of you enjoy a very pleasant holiday. If you do not plan to go away, then, at any rate I trust you will get some recreation and change of occupation. S.A.C.D.

METHODIST CHURCE

Preachers for August:

Morning 11 a.m. 7th. Mr. W. Rutland

Evening 6.15.p.m. Mr. H. Lord

14th.Mr. K. Peatey 21st.Mr.G. Horne 28th.Mr. Puzey

Mr. D. Howard Mr. K. Lewis Mr W. Snith

All are welcome to our services.

ELDERLY PEOPLE'S OUTING

On Wed: June 29th the Naphill W.I. took the elderly people of Naphill for a mystery Drive. It was a lovely day, and two coaches left here at 3.p.m. keeping to the villages and country lanes, which were very much enjoyed. Eventually we arrived at Goring, where a nice tea was awaiting us on the lawn beside the river. After tea we wandered round the gardens, and then made a more direct route home. We would like to offer our thanks to everyone who made this outing such a great success, also to the ladies of the committee who so kindly accompanied us, and attended to our every wants. We arrived home at 8.30.p.m. after spending a very enjoyable day, E.S.

NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

The last few weeks of ideal summer weather has encouraged members to spend most evenings and weekends at the Club. Finals day was held on Sunday 26th June. It was a most perfect summers day and members and friends enjoyed seeing some extremely good games. The Club President, Dr. E. Bayley and Mrs. Bayley kindly presented the cups and spoons to runners up. Gents Singles won by Mr. D. Syrett, Runner up Mr. Gaugh. Ladies Singles, Mrs. Reed, Runner up Miss J. Lawrence. Mixed doubles, Mr.D. Syrett and Miss M. Hughes. Runners up Mr. and Mrs.T. Bayley. Result of matches: (Mens)R.A.F. Naphill won 5.3.(1 unfinished) R.A.F. Mens (away) Naphill won. 5-2 (2 unfinished) Mixed Match, Naphill lost to Chalfont St. Peter. 3 - 5 Fixtures for August: Sat: 13th Chalfont St. Peter, Mixed away. Sun: 21st R.A.F. Mixed home. L.M.S.

NAPHILI, W. I. NEWS

As usual there will be no August Meeting, the committee will take a well earned rest. Our activities have been many this Summer, leaving us perhaps a little jaded. The Produce / and Handicraft Show on July 16th, our first post-war effort, was most successful from a financial point of view if nothing else, and we have found out certain members capabilities. I might also add that the Secretary found out that she cannot add or subtract, but will do better next time. Do not forget the Potato Competition for September and that it is also our Harvest Festival. M.P.

NAPHILL CRICKET CLUB

Of the matches played in July, three were wen, 8 lost, and 3 drawn, which, on paper, appears far from encouraging, but which, fortunately, is not a true picture of the strength of the teams.

The 1st XI drew their only home fixture against Winchmore Hill. Having declared at 164 for 6, of which B. McQueen had scored 62, Naphill were unable to dismiss the visitors before the close of play. Of the away fixtures, they had a good win at Little Kingshill, but were very unfortunate to lose to Oakridge Rd. by only 7 runs. The game at Lacey Green proved that Dame Fortune had turned her back most resolutely towards Naphill, for although Lacey Green made 123 to win by 45 runs, they were 57 for 7 at one period of the game. The game at Bledlow Ridge was well and truly lost. although one felt that Bledlow's victory was nor nearly so decisive as the score book might lead one to believe.

The 2nd XI played only 4 League games and of these won two, against Downley and Holmer Green, losing to Booker and Wheeler End. In a friendly match at Naphill against Princes Risborough 2XI they lost by 19 runs. after a very good game.

Four Sunday matches were played during the month, the two at home v. Inkpen and Cold Ash being drawn, and those at Theale and Mapledurham being last, but some good cricket was enjoyed on all occasions.

The Boy's match, proposed in last month's "Gazette" duly materialised on July 20th. The Village boys turned out in full force to meet a team mustered from various parts of High Wycombe and a keen and exciting game ensued. which, as was only right and proper after such concentrated effort on both sides, resulted in a tie, the top scorers for the visitors being Fred Dennis with 35 and for Naphill Alan Riley with 22. F.S.C.

Fixtures for August. 1st XI. 2nd XI. 6th Gt. Kingshill - Home Gt. Kingshill - Away 13th Hampden Hampden - Away - Home 20th Prestwood - Home Prestwood - Away 27th Tylers Green - Away Tylers Green - Home Sundays:

- Home.

21st Inkpen - Away 28th Donnington

CHATTING WITH MR. LEN BROWN

It was when Len was a freckle faced schoolboy that a tragedy occurred at a Naphill chalk mine. A central shaft was being sunk and men were working about 30 ft.down, when there was a fall of earth. All but one man scrambled clear and the others quickly uncovered the head of the trapped man and put a rope under his armpits. then difficulties arose. Everytime they tried to pull him out more earth fell in. and the worst danger was a rock falling on his head. After consultation, a man was dispatched to Speen where Len's Grandfather was working with special lifting gear, but transport was slow in those days, and long before Mr. Brown, Senior, arrived, the whole pit had caved in. The body was eventually recovered of course and no doubt there were enquiries and an inquest. But Len remembers chiefly a memorial service the following Sunday morning at the scene of the tragedy. It was held by Mr. Free of the Mission Hall who took for his text "He hath delivered me from the horrible pit". R.P.

Free will be instructing and 8.30.till 10.30. dancing.

Bowell on their recent marriages, Mary Reed who has

We would like to congratulate Don Parslow and Philip

WRIGHTS. We wish everyone a happy holiday, and to those to whom it is a thing of the past, we hope you enjoyed yourselves. We feel you are all busy gardening, and so we

have mixed tulip bulbs to offer you. 21d each or 18/0 100.

A.E. SYRETT & SONS Naphill and Speen. Your local family

butcher. Best quality meat at comparative prices.

J THOMPSON'S STORES for fresh fruit and vegetables. Home Grown Greenhouse Tomatoes a speciality.

DROP IN TO DROMORE STORES and sit in the sun. All types of minerals and soft drinks, including

Welch, 22 A.M.Q. R.A.F. High Wycombe.

Horticultural Student would undertake gardening work during the vacation. Day or hour. Tweedale, Ashfield,

FOR SALE. Upright Piano by Brinsmead, perfect tone, £20.

cider, also Birds Eye Frozen Foods and Walls Ice Cream.

OLD TIME DANCING

The Old Time Dancing season ended with a jolly dance on July 2nd. We would like to thank everyone who helped to keep the Old Time Dances going, also Mr. and Mrs. Free

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and their friends. Old Time Dancing classes will start on Wed: Sept. 14th at 7.30 for beginners. Mr. and Mrs.

passed her Old Time dancing examinations, gaining both her Bronze and Silver medals, being commended in the former, also Jeremy Piercy and Alan Riley who have wonscholarships to the Royal Grammar School.

NAPHILL GAZETTE Sept.1955 No. 59. Women's Institute Monthly Meeting. Sept. 1st. Thurs. Infant Welfare Clinic. Wed. 7th. 11 9th. Fri. Library. Horticultural Society Show. 11 Sat. 10th. Cricket Club A.G.M. 8 pm. 11 13th. Tues. Old Time Dance. Wed. 11 14th. Whist Drive. Fri. 11 16th. Infant Welfare Clinic. tl 21st. Wed. Old Time Dance. 11 11 11 Library. 11 Fri. 23rd. Old Time Dance. 11 Wed. 28th. Whist Drive. 11 30th. Fri. Every Tuesday and Wednesday Men's Club. Monday. Thurs. Fri. and Sat. British Legion Social Club. We seem, in our Village, to have received more than our share of State Scholarships and for this honour we thank Wendy Batts and Raymond Jones. But these are not our only scholastic achievements this month as Tony Monks has passed his second M.B. and now goes to the Westminster Hospital. We wish Gwen Butler, nee Putnam, every happiness on her recent marriage. NAPHILL MISSION HALL Sept. 3rd. Sat. at 7.30 p.m. Film "Picturesque Portugal" by Mr. A.G. Ingleby. (Missionary from Portugal and Bermuda) Sept. 4th. Sun. at 6.15 p.m. The Bible in Portugal by Mr. A.G. Ingleby. METHODIST CHURCH Preachers for September: 6.15. p.m. ll a.m. Rev. K.W. Curtis 4th. Mr. G. Brown Mr. F. Batts. 11th. Mr. A. Hawkins Mr. F. Rolfe. 18th. Mr. D. Jackson Mr. R. Keen. 25th. Mr. M. Brittan GARDENING NOTES We asked for it and we have had it, a real Summer, but unfortunately the dry weather has played havoc with many of our garden crops. We must soon prepare for the Spring display, and during the month we can plant paeonies, phloxes, anemonies, snowdrops, and daffodils. Sow seeds of larkspur, clarkia and godetia. Take cuttings of clematis, forsythia, honeysuckle,

flowering currant, hydrangea, deutzia, also gooseberries and currents. Sow cabbages, lettuces, cauliflowers. onions, and spinach to stand the winter, also turnips to provide turnip tops next Spring. Frosts can be expected at the end of the month. A. H.B.

NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

August has not proved very successful for matches owing. to the holidays. It is always the most difficult month. Due to the heat the match with Turners was cancelled. Naphill lost to NALGO (Aylesbury) 1 - 8. At Chalfont St. Peters the match was abandoned after three sets owing to the rain, and the R.A.F. home match was cancelled.

Fixtures for September: Sun. 4th.

RIO Mixed away.

llth. NALGO (Aylesbury) Mixed Home.

18th. R.A.F. Mixed Home.

Two American Tournaments have been arranged for September. Sat: 3rd. Sunday 25th. Commence 2 p.m. Entrance fee 1/-L.M.S.

WHO IS SOMEBODY ELSE ?

I have been trying to trace a mysterious person living in the Village who seems to have no real name but who is always referred to as Somebody Else. "I have done this job for mix years and now I think Somebody Else should have a turn" is a cry of distress often heard. "Sorry, old man" comes the voice over the 'phone. "I cannot help you. my backache has been a bit worse lately and you must ask Somebody Else". This Somebody Else must be a very kindhearted and accommodating person; everyone recommends him as a suitable candidate for the vacant job. My admiration for Somebody Else reached its highest pitch when I overheard a conversation between two women behind me in the bus. One said she was very sorry for that girl; her young man had treated her very badly and gone off to Australia, great shame, "Never mind", said her companion, "she is an attracive girl and I expect she will marry Somebody Else very soon." What a charming fellow Somebody Else must be if he can even be relied on to dry a forlorn maiden's tears. Who is Somebody Else? I questioned the Oldest Inhabitant and Editor, I have written this brief comment on life in our his reply was illuminating. He declared that the Somebody Else that I was seeking was what his Old Mother had called the Willing Horse.

One day I happened to hear that someone who was in a fix

about getting a troublesome job done had been recommended to try Old So-and-so because he was already ready to play the part of the Willing Horse: the expression caught my ear at once and I myself went to call on old So-and-so. and opened the conversation straight away by saying "I hear that you are known as the Willing Horse and that when anyone in the Village says that Somebody Else ought to do the job, they always mean you". He replied that he did not think that he deserved that reputation but he always tried to pull his weight. I asked if there were any other Willing Horses in the Village and if any of them were. so to speak. Willing Mares. "Oh, yes", he went on. "there are a few people, both men and women. who come under the category of Willing Quadrupeds, they form about five per cent of the population, the other ninety-five per cent are content to be Critics and Grumblers; we have some really fine specimens of Grumblers here: they ought to be in a Museum: and don't think that all our helpers are Grown-ups: we have some Willing Ponies. too. Cubs and Brownies, first class. I was interested in this Somebody Else group, and, on further enquiry, found that they swept the floor, they were experts in Washer-uppering, they sat at the door to take the tickets, they counted the packs at the Whist Drive to make sure the Ace of Spades was not missing, they sold raffle tickets, helped with the Theatricals but were always behind the scenes and never in the limelight to take applause, they could play "God save the Queen", they could hoist the flag on Fete Days, sing carols, take grapes to the sink and second a vote of thanks. in fact they would do anything rather than say "You must ask Somebody Else". I asked him if he ever acted as Baby Sitter and I received the rather unexpected answer. No. I leave that to Somebody Else, perhaps he was right. So I found out at last that Somebody Else is really a tiny group of men and women who do all the work. Maybe we shall some day hear of a Model Village where ninety-five per cent of the inhabitants do the work. leaving only five per cent of Grumblers who would have to work hard to keep up their reputation. Anyway. Mr. Village, but it is for the very last time; if you want any more copy you really must ask" Somebody Else." $\mathbf{E}_{\bullet}\mathbf{B}_{\bullet}$

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

What are our prospects for our Show on Saturday 10th September. The grand summer weather and the fact that our village has missed the welcome rain that nearby towns and villages received will, probably make the number of our exhibits few. However. We have never had a bad Show yet, and confidently look forward to each of you doing your best even if you can only manage cakes, preserves, jams or a pot plant. Follow up your W.I. Show wins with more success on 10th September. A. H. B.

CRICKET CLUB The season is almost over, and most sportsmen are turning their attention to soccer and other winter games. although the weather at the moment does not lend itself to the more energetic sports. With only one more league game for each of the cricket teams, we can look back with a certain amount of satisfaction and, in a measure. some misgiving. The 1st eleven stays Premier Division, the fate of the second team depends on Saturday's results of its own match at Booker, and the Tylers Green and Gt.Kingshill Match. We knew at the commencement of the season that we should be very short of bowlers all round - Frank Didcock, Len Montague, Ken Hall and Eddie Bowell have not been with us, and four bowlers away have made inroads into our attack. However, to all those who have bowled in the two teams, and borne the brunt of the attack, we salute you. Our strength has been in the batting, and there has been a marked improvement, generally, all round. The singular factor, however, is that the 1st. eleven lost to Winchmore Hill, Prestwood and Bledlow Ridge, through poor showing at the wicket when batting. The 2nd eleven has had many a fifty from its players during the season - indeed far more than on previous seasons. factor which can be improved upon is the fielding. There is not sufficient attention paid to this, particularly the picking up and returns to the wicket-keeper. Let all those

who aspire to play in future years, endeavour to improve this particular item, and Naphill will, I am sure, become champions of their respective divisions. ADVERTISEMENTS: Elizabeth Birch, fully qualified experienced Hair Stylist. Children and Ladies, Trimming; shampoo & setting, and perming. Ashleigh, Naphill 388. OLD TIME DANCING: Beginners Class 7.30-8.15. and Dancing until 10.30. Mr. & Mrs. Ron Free will be instructors. Beginners 1/-, and after 8.15. 2/-. Commence: Wed. Sept. 14.

-No.60 NAPHILL GAZETTE At the Village Hall Oct. 1st Conservative Rummage Sale. Sat.

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Wed. Old Time Dancing. 14th Fri. Whist Drive. Sat. Collection for Naphill Gazette. Tennis Club

Rummage Sale. 'Old Time Dance.

Old Time Dancing.

21st Fri. Library. 22nd Sat. Cricket Club Dinner. 26th Wed. Old Time Dancing. 28th Fri. Whist Drive.

29th Sat. Herticultural Show. Every Tuesday and Wednesday - Men's Club.

Every Mon. Thur. Fri. & Sat. - British Legion Social Club. Every month 400 copies of the Naphill Gazette are printed and distributed throughout the village by Mr. Tapping and the

Masters Anderson; to these people we would like to express our thanks. The Gazette runs entirely on voluntary contributions and each year we have a house to house collection. This year it will be on Sat. 15th Oct. and it is needless to say that we hope you will be in an affluent mood.

We wish Georgina Hasler (nee May) and Joan Simmonds (nee Parslow) every happiness in their recent marriages.

HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH.

The Dedication Festival falls on Thursday, 29th September.

The services on Sunday, 2nd Oct. which is in the Octave of the Festival will also commemorate this anniversary. Rev. E.W. Pipe is coming to preach at Matins. The other services are at the usual times. The Children's Harvest

Festival will be held in the afternoon at 2.45 p.m. The time of our Sunday School has been altered to 9.45 a.m. It was found that the morning suited so many of the parents and they preferred to have the afternoon free to go out with their children. There are now two thriving upper classes and a well filled kindergarten. The 8-9 age group I hope that the alteration will attract a number is t**hi**n.

of new children. The work on the interior of the Church Roof will be completed this autumn. This will bring to an end a brave

venture in faith of re-roofing our Parish Church. It should now be good for another century. The Church Roof fund, may I remind you, is not closed yet. A certain amount more is still needed to defray the cost.

S.A.C.D.

METHODIST CHURCH.

,Preachers for October:-

Oct. 2nd. Rev.K.W.Curtis (& 2.45)

9th Mr. C.V.Church

16th Mr.F.Dean

23rd Rev.K.W.Curtis

30th Mr.W.Osborne

6.15 p.m.

Mr.K.Peatey

Mr.F.Baker

Mr.F.Collins

Mr.C.Craft

Rev. Udy

On Sun. 2nd Oct., we shall be holding our Harvest Festival Services at 11 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. In the afternoon at 2.45 we shall have our usual Children's Gift Service; we welcome any gifts of decorations on Saturday afternoon.

On Sat. 15th Oct. our Young People's Fellowship are holding their first Anniversary when we hope to welcome young people from other Churches to our service, which will be conducted by several of our Methodist Ministers. It will commence at 5 p.m. with thea, followed by a discussion "After Harringay What?"; this is followed by a service at 6.45.

We are holding our Bazaar and Concert on 12th Nov. at the Village Hall.

GARDENING NOTES.

This month sees the end and the beginning of many gardening activities; the harvesting of root crops and late fruit and the digging and manuring of all vacant land. Where trenching for special crops such as peas, beans, onions, sweet peas, gladioli and chrysanthemums, see that the manure is well mixed with the soil.

Lift and store dahlias and gladicli, plant out lettuces for spring supplies, and plant daffodils and tulips, etc., also all kinds of biennials, such as wallflowers, sweet williams, canterbury bells and other plants to flower next spring. Sow sweet peas in cold frame and pot up some bulbs for indoor flowering.

Don't forget those spring cabbage plants!

RE-DECORATION OF VILLAGE HALL.

A.H.B.

One of the aims in the decoration of the interior of the Village Hall was to avoid sub-division of the areas so as to gain an impression of increased spaciousness. The roof and

walls are painted as one area instead of two. The pipes which were formerly made conspicuous with dark brown paint are now the same colour as their background. The metal roof frame, formerly painted black, tends to disappear now that it is painted aluminium. The full width of the proscenium is emphasised by the cherry-coloured panel which extends right across it under the stage opening. The areas of dark blue paint are limited to the door frames, porch and skirtings and the grey dado colour no longer divides the wall so obviously into two parts. It is by such simple means that space may be apparently increased.

The colours were chosen to relate to the existing window and stage curtains. The cherry-red colour is the contrast of the green of the window curtains. The grey dado colour is similar to that of the grey-fawn stage curtains. The pelmet is now hung behind the opening and the painted border round the proscenium echoes the pattern of the window curtains. The two lyres are merely symbols of harmonious village life in Naphill.

We would like to thank Mr. Holmes who spent so much time selecting the colours and supervising the work, also Mr. Harvey who has done the work so well.

We would ask everyone to take great care of the hall and to treat it as they would their own newly decorated homes.

CHATTING WITH LEN BROWN.

The main chalk-mining and brickmaking centre used to be at Mr. Clifford Smart's, Naphill Cottage, just up the short road from the butcher's shop. This was a pub. in those days known as "Sweetbeer". It seems to me that the owner was on a good thing, for the more his men drank during the week, the less they had to come on Sat. But some of the custom went astray, for a tunnel led out almost under the Black Lion and the miners arranged for bottles to be let down on a rope. One evening a miner found himself too tiddly towalk home and a friend offered to take him in a wheelbarrow. Perhaps the pusher was in little better state than the pused, for rounding the corner into the main road the barrow got out of control and the occupant "went for a burton" in modern parlance. When the dust had cleared he was seen to be lying on his back face downward, with a broken neck. At least he had proved false the theory that a drunken man never burts himself. R.P.

lst Oct. TODAY. Conservative Rummage Sale at 2.30 p.m.

NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB.

We have had a most interesting season of matches; we made a flying start but have not finished quite so successfully. We lost to NALGO (Aylesbury) Mixed at Home Sunday 11th Sept., 8-1. Our last match this season was played Sun. 18th Sept.,

when the R.A.F. defeated the home team 5-1 (three draws).

We hope to begin our winter programme in October when we start our popular Members Whist Drives. All members are invited to assist in organizing a small drive in their homes.

On Sat. 15th Oct. we are holding another of our now famous Rummage Sales at 2.30 p.m. Come and replenish your wardrobe!

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Another show is over, and we must admit the quality of the exhibits exceeded our expectations. Fruit, flowers and vegetables were of a high standard and so were the cakes, jams and preserves,

Our next Show will be on Sat. 29th Oct. This will be a return to the Village Hall of our Chrysanthemum Show with the addition of classes for cakes and fruit.

At the end of this Show we shall be holding our Annual General Meeting, so come to the Show and stay on for the A.G. M. Full details are in the schedule which will be distributed shortly.

A.H.B.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This month we celebrate our 33rd birthday when we hope to welcome as our guests Mrs. Bakewell and members from our Group of Institutes. Beaconsfield will perform a play.

We hope that all members will come and make the afternoon of 6th October a most enjoyable one.

M.P.

FOOTBALL CLUB - RESULTS.

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10th	sept.	Richardson Rovers. Away	R.A.Assoc.	Home			
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17t h	Sept.	Amersham Hill B.L.Home	Terriers	Away			
		Won 4-2	Lost 5-1				
20th	sept.	Holmer Green . Away		Home			

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OLD TIME DANCE, 15th Oct. Sat. with the Revue Orchestra. The M.C.'s will be Ron and Elsie Free. Ticket 2/6d. FOR SALE. Pedigree Pram with new canopy £6 or nearest offer. Don Ing, Wingfields, Naphill.

Won 5-3