

Jan. 1970

NAPHILL GAZETTE



JANUARY

W.I.	1st	2.30 p.m.
Over 60's	2nd, 16th, 30th	2.30 p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
Table Tennis	7th, 14th, 21st	7.00 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday (BR)	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
Art	" " (BR)	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Whist	9th, 23rd	7.30 p.m.
Library	9th, 23rd (CR)	6.30 - 8.00 p.m.
Residents Association	14th (BR)	8.00 p.m.
Naphill Friends Assoc.	16th	8.00 p.m.
Mens' Club Dinner	17th	7.30 p.m.
Naphill Evangelical Children's Afternoon	17th	3.00 p.m.
Horticultural Society	21st (BR)	8.00 p.m.
Drama Rehearsal	25th	3.00 p.m.
" Dress Rehearsal	28th	7.30 p.m.
W.I. Committee	29th (CR)	2.30 p.m.
Drama Production	30th, 31st	7.30 p.m.
Mens' Club	Tues, Fri., Sat (BR)	7.30 p.m.
Dancing Classes	Every Tuesday	3 - 6.30 p.m.
Play Group	Tues, Wed, Thurs commencing 6th	9.15 - 12.15 p.m.
Welfare	7th, 21st	2.00 p.m.

NAPHILL CHURCH

January 18th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
" 25th	Holy Communion	9.0 a.m.

The Sunday School meets every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and the activities go on for a little under one hour. We shall be pleased to see any child not already attached to a Sunday School in the village.

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for January</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
January 4th	Miss Capell	Film Service
" 11th	Mr. P. Syson	Mrs. Jarvis
" 18th	Ir. D. Short M.A.	Rev. R.L.J. Kaye
" 25th	Covenant Service Sister Margaret Smith	Mr. A. Cooper

A Rummage Sale Will be held in the Schoolroom on Saturday January 17th at 2.30 p.m.

The Choir are now rehearsing a Cantata to be sung in the Spring and would welcome singers in any part of the Choir, especially Tenors. Our practices are on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m.

M.G.B.

<u>PRIZEWINNERS AT THE VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS DRAW.</u>			<u>Ticket No:</u>
1st Prize	Mrs. Warner, Walters Ash		310
2nd "	Mr. Bradley, Naphill C.P.		2432
3rd "	Mrs. Graffan, Ramsgate		2970
4th "	Mrs. Keats, Naphill		1455
5th "	Mr. J. Pritcher, Acton, W.3.		2977
6th "	S. Fullwood, Met. Office, S.C.		2080
7th "	I.M. Brown, Met. Office		2074
8th "	Pip Miles, Black Lion.		2745
9th "	Mrs. M. Bowler, Naphill		702
10th "	Mrs. Butter 'Uno Two', H.W.		158
11th "	Mrs. R. Leaver, Naphill		2228
12th "	S.N. Weekes		2686
13th	Mrs. House, Avondale, Naphill		2108
14th "	B. Holland, Cherry Tree Cottage, Naphill		340

N A P H I L L W. I.

Mrs. Ball presided at the December meeting and introduced the new Committee and gave information of their various duties. Mrs. Brill was re-elected to represent the W.I. on the Village Hall Council and Mrs. J. Lawrence kindly offered to fill the post of Outings Secretary.

A letter had been received from the Adopted Family in Austria and a Christmas Gift was being sent to them. £5 5s. 4d was raised at a Coffee Morning given by Mrs. R. Piercy and members were thanked for their support of the W.I. Village hall bazaar Stall. Mr. Bryant-Peers gave a talk entitled "Towards the Sun", and was thanked by Mrs. R. Reid.

The Christmas Stocking Competition was won by Mrs. Brill and Mrs. M. Brown. These were sent to the Amersham Hospital to be distributed amongst the older patients.

Dates to Remember:- Drama - 3 Act Play on January 30th and 31st
Open Night on February 14th, when the competition for the evening will be "An Edwardian Hat".

This month we introduce a new series of nature articles by an old friend of Naphill, Mr. Bertie Wooster, who in his retirement is now happily a resident amongst us. He hopes to accompany each article by a sketch in his own inimitable style. To establish the mood, he opens with a poem by J.E.B. Peel - reprinted with the author's permission.

Ed.



AND ROBIN ON THE LAWN

"WONDER" by J.H.B. Peel.

O, Lord, how can a man seem bored
when he walks on this earth?
How can he yawn, as some men do,
amid unceasing birth?
With stars to gaze at in the sky,
and dew beneath his feet:
With leaves abud and moist with sap
when Spring and Winter meet;
With galaxies of wind and rain,
and crow of cock at dawn
With snow-gulfed lane and harvest plain
and robin on the lawn:

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"WONDER", by J.H.B. Peel

With these and more to feed his eye
and sing unto his soul,
the man who's bored on earth must be
as blind as any mole;
for when I see the harnessed stars
ploughing across the night
I marvel at the sleeping crops
and then, without respite,
I gape like any fool to see
the moonbeams on the stream,
and peer at barn and stile and stack
as I were in a dream.
Indeed, I cannot stir one yard
beyond my cottage door
without I feel there's wonder here
enough for me, and more.

My item of "Nature interest" for this month of January is probably the first visitor to almost every kitchen door, where there is a garden or lawn. It is, of course, the robin - that bright-eyed, red-breasted, puffy, very friendly little bird who lives to kill. (Shouts of "Shame") Yes, but it is true. This sweet little creature - though the gardeners companion - it is any thing but a companion to all other birds, especially to another robin.

The robin in late Autumn will stake its' claim in a territory, and will fight 'till death, any trespassers of the bird World that may venture on that claim. The robin will fiercely fight all intruders, even birds much larger than itself. The female and male are both alike in colour, as also in their pugnacity.

The robin sings almost the whole year through, both male and female - but this song is a warning to all other birds to "keep out" - this is my chosen territory."

The boldness and inquisitiveness of this friendly bird leads it into taking many risks. It is easy prey for the stealthy cat, also for the mouse trap in the shed, and its fighting habits cause considerable numbers to die each year - while others easily die of thirst during freezing times. The average life of a robin is not more than two years. There is a record of one "old timer" living to the ripe old age of five years!

This month of January is not so good for rambling around the countryside, neither is it good for our feathered friends, so as we sit in the warm eating our breakfast, give a thought for them, outside. Look around and find an old flat baking tin, fix it up on the branch of a tree or shrub. Choose a place in front to one of your windows so that you can watch the birds and enjoy the fruits of your effort.

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Place the tin up at a convenient height so that you can reach it for filling, yet high enough to be out of reach of the cat. Fill with all your left-over scraps from the table - especially pieces of fat (better cooked), soaked stale bread with a few currants and sultanas thrown in, and old meat bone with something left on.

Now get another flat vessel for fresh water, shallow but deep enough for the birds to bathe and drink. As you watch your bird table you may see our "Battling Bobby", but it will be friendly with the birds now, even another robin. They are all too busy hunting for food, and will not attempt to fight. If you should see two robins together, it could be an early spring courtship and this could lead to a neat little dome-shaped nest being built at the bottom of your garden, hidden secretly away in a position almost impossible to find, perhaps with 4/5 eggs coloured to match the nest.

During "sitting" time, the male will constantly feed the female and when young robins are hatched, he will help to feed them. This could happen 2/3 times during the year and should this happen, then you will feel partly responsible by the attention of your winter food and water in those old baking tins.

A.S.A.W.

N A P H I L L Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

On the 8th of December, members of the Young Neighbours enjoyed an evening out at the Windsor Lodge Hotel where we all tucked into a turkey dinner plus the trimmings. The raffle for that evening was "A free meal ticket" which was won by Mrs. Randall.

The Committee would like to thank those people who contributed to make our stall at the Christmas Bazaar a success and to thank everyone for their generous support.

We should also like to wish readers of the Gazette a happy New Year and extend a welcome in 1970 to both new and old members of the Naphill Young Neighbours.

At our January meeting on the 12th, we are having a "Make, Bake & Eat" evening. You are invited to cook your favourite dish, either sweet or savoury, and bring it along. There is a prize for the best sweet dish and best savoury dish, so there should be some fun sampling and swapping recipes. There will also be the usual Thrift Stall, so if you have any unwanted Christmas presents bring them along too! A reminder that subscription time has come round again - Annual Membership is 5/-

A.F.

F O U N D

Young, Long Haired Black Cat.

Contact:- Mrs. Virgo, 2 Battingswood Gardens, Naphill.
Telephone Naphill 2001

N A P H I L L & W A L T E R S A S H O V E R S I X T I E S

The highlights of this month were the Annual Christmas Party when nearly 80 people consumed lashings of Turkey, Ham, Sausage and Salad followed by Ice Cream, cakes, mince pies, Biscuits and Cheese and Tea - to the detriment of some of our figures. Each member also received a present. Then, the following week entertainment was given by R.A.F. Personnel, who also arranged transport; and Mrs. Stainer and her helpers provided and served a delicious tea. We are very grateful to them all for thinking of us, and for all the effort made to make the afternoon such a success.

On January 2nd, 1970, entertainment will be provided by Mrs. L. Brown and Miss Shirley Smith.

Some members have expressed a wish for a "natter afternoon". This you shall have on January 16th, so have your breath now and think of all you want to say; and have a good talk on this occasion.

C.B.W.

S Y B I L F R A S E R ' S D A N C I N G C L A S S E S

All children who recently took their Royal Academy of Dancing Ballet Examinations were successful. Results were as follows:-

Primary Grade.

Pass Plus	Jane Finch, Teri-Anne Winslow
Commended	Julie Baines, Elizabeth Holman, Cherry Steel
Highly Commended	Jacqueline Cardy, Vicky Payne
Honours	Rebecca Glyn-Jones

Grade 1

Pass	Jennifer Ellis
Pass Plus	Bridget Arscott, Kim Stansfield
Commended	Carolyn Arscott, Caroline Kelly
Highly Commended	Suzanne Smith
Honours	Daphne Tagg.

Grade 2

Pass	Philippa Fitzgerald
Pass Plus	Barbara Eager
Commended	Caroline Alabaster, Susan Ellis, Susan Pope

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G A R D E N N O T E S

What with getting over Christmas and New Year festivities and perhaps a bout of 'Flu, to say nothing of the weather garden-wise, I don't suppose you are able, or willing to do much outside gardening just now.

So, as quite a few of you seemed interested in that other side of gardening we talked about last month, perhaps we could carry on a little further with the Legend, Mystery and Romance of our hobby.

Among the many lovely cards received at Christmas was one containing a rather beautiful legend of how the Christmas Rose - Heleborus Niger and its variants came into being. As I think the good things in life should be shared, here it is for you:-

The Story of the Christmas Rose.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Wise Men journeyed from the East bringing him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Watching from afar, a little shepherdess wept because she had no gift for the Christ Child. But as her tears fell to the ground, flowers sprang up from the spot. Eagerly, she gathered them and hastened to bring them to Jesus. As she knelt in adoration by his Crib, Jesus saw the flowers and as he touched them with his blessed little fingers, a delicate pink appeared in the heart of each rose bloom.

So, the first Christmas Rose came into existence, and to this day it blooms more abundantly at Christmas time than at any other season.

I daresay many of you have some item of garden lore tucked away in some corner of your memory - why not drop us a line about it so that it can be shared by other readers of the Gazette.

Here's wishing you a a Happy New Year and a reminder that soon now we shall be seeing the first snowdrops.

A.H.B.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

May we wish you all a Happy New Year and hope for your continued support during 1970.

We are not only at the beginning of a New Year, but also a new decade and although it would be difficult and perhaps unwise to predict what the future holds for our Society during the next ten years, we can say with some certainty what the present year has in store for us.

Our two Shows on July 11th and September 12th will, on those dates, have reached their quarter century and on October 3rd 1970, our Society will be 25 years old.

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Horticultural Society Continued...

However, first things first, our 24th Annual General Meeting will be held in the Billiard Room on Wednesday, January 21st at 8. p.m. and on that date Officers and Committee will be elected for the ensuing year- until these milestones in our history are completed. We hope that as many of you as possible will come along to this meeting, when, if time allows, there will be a short "Any Questions" session.

We have now contacted a supplier of Peat, both Sedge and Irish Moss and we hope to receive the first consignment about mid-January, at the following prices:-

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Please let us know your requirements as soon as possible.

On Friday, January 30th our friends at Hughenden have arranged for an Illustrated Talk on Pot Plants to be given by a representative of Rockfords, the well known growers, who specialize in this particular line of horticulture. A hearty invitation is extended to anyone in Naphill who would like to attend.

Make a note of the date - Friday, January 30th at 8.00 p.m. in the Hughenden Valley Village Hall. And our A.G.M. is on Wednesday, the 21st of January at 8 p.m. in the Billiard Room.

A.H.B.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

"We have all heard of the "Rolling Stones", but in Naphill we have the "Dancing Stones".

At a recent medal examination in Old Time and Sequence Dancing organized by the Jackson School of Dancing, Naphill, Mrs. Olwen Stone of Moseley Road and her 5 children all entered for the examination and obtained the following results:-

Old Time Branch.

Junior bronze	Alan - Commended.	Angela - Highly Commended
Junior Silver	Julie - Commended;	Carole - Pass
Junior - 2nd Gold Bar.	Brian - Highly Commended.	

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Modern Sequence Branch.

Junior Silver Brian - Commended

Adult Gold Mrs. Olwen Stone - Commended.

You will notice Daddy Stone is not mentioned, so how about it Alf? With a family like that to be proud of, why not join them?"

Harry Jackson.

Dear Sir,

NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to reply to your editorial in the December issue.

Being a newly formed association, we are of course, still finding our feet and are a little late publishing details.

Your timely reminder is welcome and acknowledged.

The Committee is formed mainly from newcomers. For the record however, the writer at the inaugural meeting approached a number of long-established residents in the hope that they would stand for the committee etc. The response is illustrated by the format of the committee.

The association has declared its aims which, primarily are, the preservation of the area and to avoid the district assuming the (Suburban?) appearance of Hazlemere and Prestwood for examples.

A copy of the agreed rules is enclosed for your information.

We do not necessarily intend to try and stop all developments. We do believe however, that this "green and pleasant land" needs protection from avaricious developers, faceless bureaucracy and the like. The writer agrees with you on street lighting and believes the committee has a similar attitude.

We cannot undo what has been done, but whilst we hold our brief, we shall try our utmost to preserve those features and qualities of our villages which drew us to settle here. Those who like massive estates, suburban living and so forth have equal choice to live in the many areas where such attractions are available.

Yours faithfully,
Joint Secretary,

R.A. Morgan, Kamerun, Main Road,
Naphill.

M O R E C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

"Dear Sir,

First and Last.

A few years ago at Christmas-time, I received a small gift from a local charity fund, which was very acceptable.

The following year I was informed that I did not qualify for any further gifts from this fund.

Why not? I asked. 'Because you are in West Wycombe Parish' the Keeper of the Purse replied, 'and only residents of Hughenden Parish are entitled to this Christmas gift.'

I have puzzled over this ever since, as no one I have asked yet, has given me a clear 'Yes' or 'No', as to whether Ash Close, Walters Ash is in West Wycombe Parish. Is It? If so, then half Naphill is.

Mrs. A. Tibbles,
Ash Close,"

This small complaint might not have received an airing in the Gazette, but for the fact that it raises an interesting point re parish boundaries, which were changed somewhat, a few years ago. I have therefore, asked Parish Councillor Richard Pushman to define them for us.

Ed.

I am asked from time to time to define the parish boundaries, especially in relation to that part of Naphill and Walters Ash which is situated in the parish of Hughenden. The parish boundary starts from a point at Bradenham turn and it is here that the parishes of Bradenham, Lacey Green and Hughenden converge. The Hughenden parish boundary runs along the centre of Bradenham road to a point opposite the entrance to the Officers Mess. From there it cuts up into the beech woods to a point known as "The Clumps" or, to some the "Fairy Rings." It then continues along and up to the corner point at "Three Pigeons" where Hunts Hill Lane joins the common. It then continues on to meet up with Downley.

It will be seen therefore, that Naphill lies within the civil boundary of Hughenden, so does the majority of Walters Ash with the exception of that part on the Lacey Green side of the Bradenham Turn. This area is in the parish of Lacey Green.

At some future date, I will define the exact boundaries of the Naphill and Walters Ash Ward within the Hughenden parish.

R.C.P.

So it seems our correspondent is entitled to her free chocolates, but sorry Beech Park - not for you.

Ed.

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FEBRUARY

"F E B R U A R Y" . By J.H.B. Peel

Primrose in the dell
peeps a pallid face,
fragile through the earth
tulip climbs apace.
Longer lingers sun
at the end of day,
Yellowhammer chirps
from a sack of hay.
Catkin tassel waves
from the hazel hedge,
sowing golden seed
on a barren sedge.
Snowdrop hangs its' head
white with youthful rime
and the crocus tells
mutely of the time.
January scarcely dead,
yet I saw spring raise its' head.
February scarcely in,
yet I hard the summer's din.

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Naphill Residents Cheese & Wine Party	28th	8.00 p.m.

V I L L A G E H A L L N O T E S

The lengthy negotiations concerning the repairs and improvements to the Village Hall have, at last, reached a stage where definite plans can be made. The Maintenance required has been determined and estimates received for the work. These have been put into the budget to show how much money is likely to be available for improvements to the Hall. Provided a grant is received from the National Council for Social Service - and this is probable - it seems that we can afford all the items suggested when the question was first mooted a year or more ago.

It is hoped to receive a grant for part of the cost of surfacing the car park, modernising both the Ladies' and Gents' toilets, putting a ceiling in the Billiard Room and new sinks in the Kitchen. In addition, we should be able to afford to lay a path between the Hall and the Scout Hut, and to make improvements to the storage accommodation in the Hall on a "do-it-yourself" basis.

At the January Meeting, the Council approved these plans both for the repairs and the improvements to the Hall. It is hoped that work will start on the repairs in the near future. For the improvements, we still have ahead of us about a year of negotiations for planning permission and for obtaining the grant, so it will be 1971 before "Latham's Loos" are officially opened!

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES Continued...

PAPER COLLECTION

The good response to this effort to raise funds for the Hall had produced something like 13 cwt by the second week of January. However, none of this is saleable until we have a total load of 2 tons. Arrangements have, therefore, been made to receive further contributions at the Village Hall on every Saturday in February between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. If it is necessary to continue the drive into March, a further notice will appear in the next issue of the Gazette. In the meantime, please bring along all the paper you can - newspapers, periodicals and comics only please.

R.A.L.

N A P H I L L C H U R C H

February, 11th - Ash Wednesday	Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.
" 15th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
" 22nd	Holy Communion	9.00 a.m.

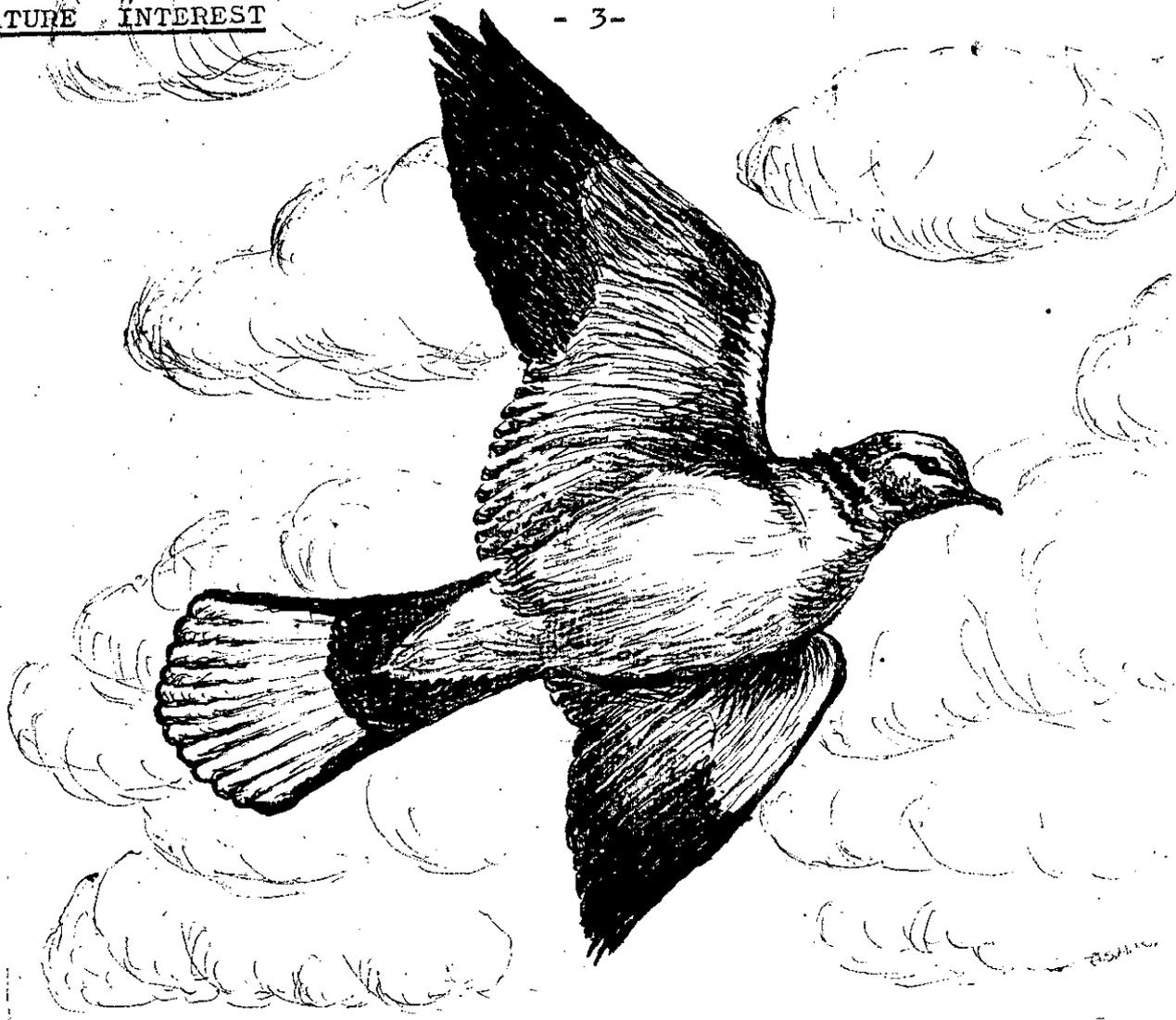
On the last Saturday of February, the 28th, we are holding our usual Rummage Sale in Naphill Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.. Helpers will be at the Hall in the morning to receive any goods you can spare, or you can 'phone Mrs. Wood (3163), Mrs. J. Simmonds (2274), Mrs. M. Davies (3305) or call at Mrs. Parslow's house opposite the church, when arrangements can be made to collect by car.

We are sorry we cannot undertake collection of heavy or bulky items this time, although we should like to have them to sell. Do please try and send us something.

A Lenten Course is being considered at Naphill Church. Details will be announced on the Church Notice Board later in the month.

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

<u>Preachers for February</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
February 1st	Mr. E. Pullen	Film Service
" 8th	Miss Hayter	Sister Margaret Smith (Holy Communion)
" 15th	Mr. H. Lord	Rev. Francis Watts
" 22nd	Mr. E. Jervis M.A.	Mr. B. Rixon



COLLARED DOVE in defensive "Roll Flight."

The collared dove, so called because it carries a black and white collar on the upper part of the neck, otherwise is very similar to our turtle dove. There is one other marked difference, more white feathers in its' slightly longer tail. The collared dove is a delightful little bird and very friendly. It is now becoming very wide-spread in Britain and yet, only a short time ago it had not been seen in this country.

At the end of the last century it had formed a small settlement in Europe - in the Balkans.. Forty years ago the nearest collared dove to our shores was on the far side of the Danube, in Yugoslavia; not until 1947 had they reached Denmark in their rush across Europe.

A year later they were in Sweden and by 1952, in fairly large numbers they were in Belgium. That same year they were reported having been seen in Britain at Manton in Lincolnshire. Three years later, the first nest was discovered in Great Britain - in Norfolk; and in 1957 a pair of collared doves nested as far north as Morayshire in Scotland.

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Today, we have many pairs of this delightful little bird nesting here in our own village of Naphill.

Most of us have heard their friendly call of Cuk-coo-coo, Cuk-coo-coo, my interpretation - the end "coo" is a longer note. During nesting time you may hear their warning call of "Kaa-Kaa" slightly drawn out, and it is usually answered by the mate. If you imitate their call, they will often come nearer to you to investigate and sometimes even settle on your lawn. If you would feel like feeding them, they are fond of all grain, such as chicken food and occasionally will take soaked bread.

The collared dove will nest in trees or on the ledges of buildings. They cleverly lay a few sticks and twigs very thinly together, so thinly that when the eggs are laid they can be seen from the ground, looking up through to the sky. These twigs are laid with a plan so that the eggs cannot fall out, even in the worst of the very windy weather.

I saw my first collared dove in Northdean three years ago, to me then it was very exciting because I had read about it but had not recognized it. I was driving along the road and I saw a bird with a black tail with white spots - it was flying at a fair speed in front of me. I watched it as long as it would allow. I was still not sure what bird it would be. Black tail, white spots? - I thought, and then I realized it was using its' form of defence. In flight it rolls from side to side and rapidly fans out its' tail and instantly closes it again; in so doing the black outside feathers and the pure white underside (inside long tail feathers) was the cause of the "black tail with white spots" effect. I came home, hunted through my bird books and found a reference to this new arrival, and this confirmed that I had seen my first collared dove.

Now, of course, I often see them. They share the big Fir Trees across the road, with the Jackdaws. They seem to live very happily together, due to the jackdaw being a very sociable bird.

By the way, if you are thinking of attracting birds to nest in your garden, you should put up your nest boxes now, and remember the size of the hole is important. If you wish to attract large birds, then a larger hole; or small hole for the smaller birds. Some birds such as the robin etc., will only nest in a square open front. Fix your box very firmly because the slightest movement of the box will frighten the bird and make it very suspicious.

The entrance to the box should face away from the midday sun. Incline your nest box slightly forward - this will keep out rain and direct sunlight. If your box is made with a lid for peeping - put a piece of waterproof material over the joint where it is hinged to avoid a trickle of rain getting into the nest. All birds are cute enough to detect faults before they accept your invitation. If you get a good result, don't visit it too often, especially when youngsters are more than half grown; also be wary of taking too many friends. The bird may know you, but he will also know a stranger.

Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

"Make, Bake & Eat," was the theme for our January meeting. There was a plentiful supply of both tasty and decorative dishes on display for us all to sample and judge - so much for our slimming diets that evening! Prizes for the best sweet and savoury dishes were won by Mrs. E. Davis for her Salmon Mousse and Mrs. Y. Hussey for her Lemon and Peach Slice. Mrs. J. Elliott won the raffle which was a Gift Token.

On the 9th of February we shall be having a discussion given by the Aylesbury College of Education on the subject of "Suitable Menus for Cold Days". The competition for this month is to design your own Valentine Card, but could you please keep the size to approximately 4" x 6".

A.F.

N A P H I L L & W A L T E R S A S H O V E R S I X T I E S

Owing to the prevalence of influenza, 1970 commenced unfavourably as the meeting arranged for January 2nd had to be cancelled. Consequently, the entertainers Mrs. L. Brown & Miss S. Smith at great inconvenience, kindly gave their very enjoyable recitations and songs on January 16th. This, therefore, eliminated the "Natter Afternoon" which will be arranged on a later date if so desired.

We trust our members have now completely recovered from their ailments and we all look forward to February 13th, when friends from Hughenden will present their Pantomime - entitled "Beasty and the Beaute."

C.B.W.

N A P H I L L W. I.

30 members attended the meeting with Mrs. Balls presiding. A letter of thanks had been received from Amersham Hospital - thanking members for the filled Christmas Stocking which was given to the Geriatric Ward.

Members will compete in a Group Flower Arrangement at the February Meeting; the winner will compete at the Group Meeting in March when two will be chosen to do the flower arrangements in the Rotunda at Stowe Park at the W.I. Golden Jubilee on July 18th. An outing is being arranged to visit the Q.E. 2 while in dock at Southampton.

The Speaker, Mrs. Sherman on "Crimplene" was thanked by Mrs. Butler. Next Meeting will have a talk on the New High Wycombe Hospital. The Competition will be "Home-made Sweets" to be given to the Childrens' Ward. If you can't make sweets, please buy some to give to the Ward instead. Tea Hostesses for February:- Mesdames Evans, Brown, Boothroyd and Robertson.

W.I. New Year Party on Saturday, 14th of February - 7 for 7.30 p.
Competition - An Edwardian Hat.

D.S.

G A R D E N N O T E S

Although we do not expect to do very much in the open garden this month, should the weather be at all reasonable, this is a good time to spare a thought for the soft fruit.

I would assume you have pruned your currants and gooseberries, so let's have a look at the raspberries etc., and these - the blackberries and loganberries, if you remember, had all the 1969 fruiting wood cut out as soon as the crop was gathered. Now make sure they are in good contact with their stakes or supports, then just nip off the unripe growing tips.

Should any of these have been planted during the last few months, then cut the canes to within 6 inches of ground level. These fruits, and indeed almost any kind of hedging or flowering shrub, should then be given a mulch of manure or compost. If using the latter or peat and "Chasmor", first apply a dressing of bone meal at the rate of 4 ounces per square yard. Then apply the compost.

If there is a greenhouse or frame available with heat, quite a range of things can be started: early cabbage, cauliflower and brussels.

Antirrhinums, Salvias, Lobelia and Petunias usually slow to get going, so they can be started this month. Of course, you all know that when sowing seeds in boxes, they are afterwards covered with sheets of glass, then newspaper; but it has been found that a few kind don't need the dark and Petunias are one of these, so just the glass cover for them.

Another tip I had passed on to me recently - before pricking out seedlings, first line the boxes with polythene - pierce a few holes in this for drainage then fill up with compost and carry on in the usual way.

When it comes to planting out time, catch hold of the ends of the polythene that are protruding from the top of the box and cut come the plants in a nice solid block - all ready for planting.

Personally, I sow my early Peas, Broad Beans and Shallots in boxes under cover, harden them off in due course and plant out in early April. They appreciate this early protection.

A.H.B.

C O N S E R V A T I V E P A R T Y - N A P H I L L B R A N C H

All Paid up Members are cordially invited to the Annual General Meeting at 8.00 p.m. on Monday, the 23rd of February 1970, at the Village Hall.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

The growing season will soon be upon us, so now is a good time to stock up on your requirements of which we can supply the following. But first, let me put right a mistake of mine in last months' Gazette.

Irish Moss Peat will be in <u>Polybale</u> size at:	£1	0s.	0d
Sedge Peat	per bag	15s.	0d
National Growmore	per cwt bags	1	8s. 0d
"Chasmor"	per 1/2 cwt bags	5s.	3d
Grass Seed	per lb.	3s.	6d
Ombn Sets	" "	2s.	6d
Shallots	" "	3s.	0d

There are no more Seed Potatoes available for this season, but Gladioli are in good supply, similar varieties and prices to last season. Levington Compost we have been unable to obtain for some time but hope to get some in the near future.

A word about our Annual General Meeting. Although these can be a little on the dry side, we had a fairly good attendance. With the exception of the three Committee members who had resigned during the year, all serving Officers and Committee were re-elected. Messrs. Wooster and Gibson had resigned for health reasons and Wg. Cdr. Bullock has an overseas posting, during which, it is said, he will be searching for suitable sized granules of sand for the making of Naphill Compost!

We welcome a new member to the Committee - Mr. G. Froude, and it is hoped to fill the other two vacancies shortly, with at least one of these from Strike Command.

All in all, we go into our 25th year with confidence and the best Balance in Hand we have ever had. Keep it up.

A.H.B.

M U L T I P L E S C L E R O S I S S O C I E T Y

Many thanks to friends and supporters for their considerable help in attaining the sum of £150 at the Jumble Sales and Christmas Bazaar held at Prestwood Village Hall.

Jumble Please to:- Mrs. Sawney, Kingswick Cottage, Main Road, Naphill. Telephone 3119

or Mrs. Agnes Gilson, "Stonefield House, Clappins Lane, Naphill.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

Maurice White in South Africa.

"I have recently received a cutting from the "Johannesburg Star" with a photograph of my son Maurice, and with the following caption:-

'Mr. Maurice White, who has been appointed administrative manager of the Unimark International, one of the Hortors group. Mr. White was formerly sales office manager of Kalamazoo Division, another Hortors subsidiary.'

The following received in a letter from Maurice, the beginning of October:-

'While in a Hotel I was surprised to hear a conversation at the next table in the best of Bucks accents. I naturally introduced myself and found that all four were from close by, one girl from Amersham and one from Missenden and one fellow from Little Missenden and one from Kingshill. They had been here about six months and one of the girls used to work as a barmaid in the "Nags Head" at Missenden.'

It just shows what a small world we live in.

Yours faithfully,
C. White."

"We wish to thank all those people who so generously supported the 'Brown Envelope Collection'. It was a great success. We were greatly helped by the many messages of encouragement."

The Thursday Club.

"We would like to thank all the Village for the lovely surprise they so kindly and generously provided, just before Christmas.

It was most helpful in so many ways, and we would like you all to know how much your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Thank you one and all."

Vera & John Heslop.

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CORRESPONDENCE Continued.

Naphill & Walters Ash
Residents Association

"The first A.G.M. took place in the Village Hall as advertised. The proposed rules were, with minor amendments, adopted either unanimously, or by substantial majority.

The committee and ex-officio members, as elected at the inaugural meeting were returned unanimously to office for another year.

We were pleased to enroll a further five members, bringing the total to 65. We are very much aware that present membership is still not fully representative of the area. We do ask readers, therefore, to seriously consider joining and supporting us in our declared aims.

Any one over the age of 18, resident in the area is eligible, welcome and needed.

In an effort to increase funds and membership and familiarize members, a social event has been proposed. It is suggested this takes the form of a Cheese and Wine Party. The Village Hall has been booked for Saturday, 28th of February. All are welcome, members or not.

To enable us to assess our catering needs and costs, we would appreciate readers contacting us as soon as possible.

For membership and information on the foregoing, please contact any of the following:-

Mrs. F. Morgan, Treasurer, "Kamerun," Main Road, Naphill.

Mrs. F. Stevens, Joint Secretary, "Hillbrow," Coombe Lane.

Mr. G. White, Chairman, "Aquila," 10 Allen Drive, Walters Ash.

The Association now exists in a properly constructed form, we now have our first case under examination.

Readers of the Gazette, do you know of any plans or events which may adversely affect the quality or amenity of your life in your village? If so, tell us - we exist solely to help."

R.A. Morgan,
Joint Secretary.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

YEAR TO 30th September 1969

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
To		By	
Balance	£165	Publishing Costs	£130
Advertisements	83	Administration Expenses	7
Donations - Organisations	15	Transferred to Reserve A/c	100
" Village	81	Balance	137
" Sundry	14		
Postage Refunds	5		
Bank Interest	11		
	<u>£374</u>		<u>£374</u>

Reserve Account

To		By	
Transferred from Main A/c towards cost of replacing Printing Machine	£100	Balance	£100

The Gazette has received a present of twelve new collecting tins from Mrs. Winter-Taylor Junior, for which we are very grateful.

Ed.

Circulation 700 copies

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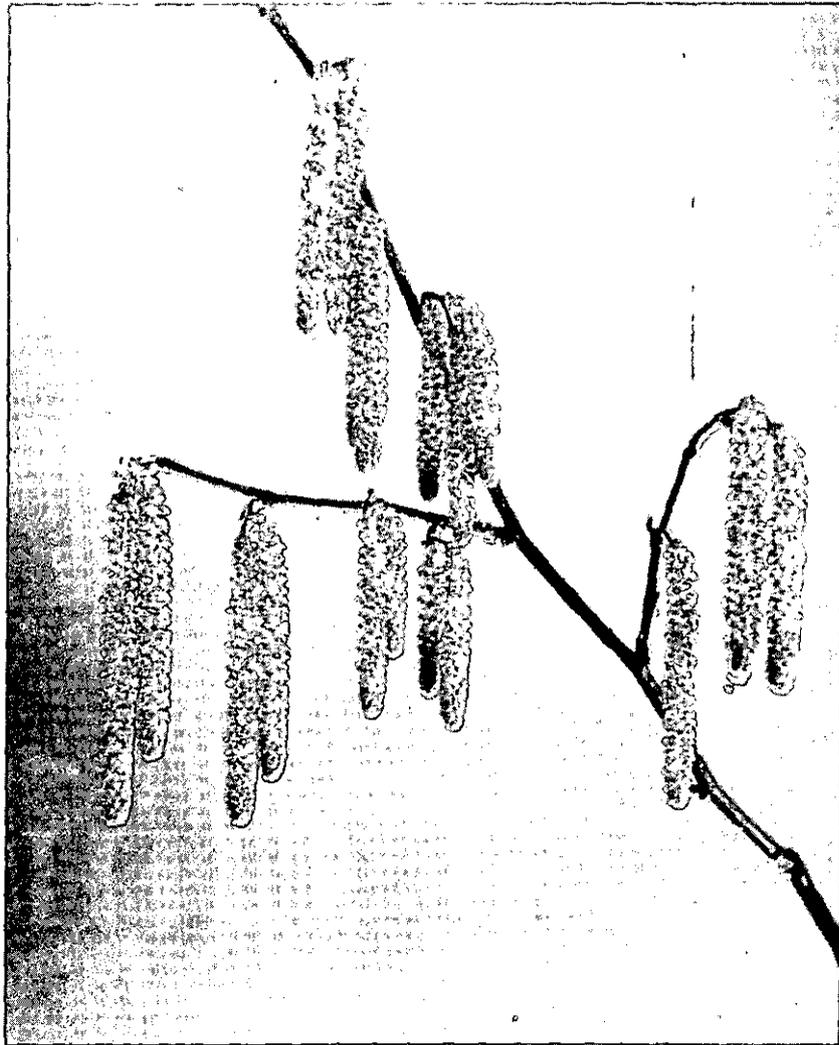
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NAPHILL GAZETTE



MARCH

MARCH By J.H.B. Peel.

The year is under way,
the yellow crocus gay
enjoys its' muted say.

A patch of smiling sky,
a swallow piping high,
declare that Spring is nigh.

The March winds yet must blow,
but mortal men now know
that Spring is sure though slow.

Adieu to winter's gloom
hail to nature's loom
weaving flowers a-bloom

Then

Every bud upon the bough
speeds the dotage of the plough;
every lark at silly games
quenches winter firelight flames;
and the softness on the air
superannuates the chair.

V.H.C.	2nd	8.p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday	8.00 p.m.
Dancing	3rd,10th,17th,24th	3 - 6.15 p.m.
Play Group	Tues,Wed,Thurs each week until 19th March	
Table Tennis	Every Wednesday	9 - 12 noon
Dressmaking	" " (BR)	7 - 10 p.m.
Welfare	4th, 18th	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
W.I.	5th	2 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	2.30 p.m.
Art	" " (BR)	8.00 p.m.
Whist	6th, 20th (M.W.)	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Library	6th, 20th	7.30 p.m.
Tennis Club Rummage	7th	6.30 - 8. p.m.
Football Club Dance	7th	2.30 p.m.
Young Neighbours	9th	8.00 p.m.
Over 60's	13th, 27th	7.30 p.m.
Naphill Friends Association	13th	2.30 p.m.
Private Party	13th	(CR) 8.00 p.m.
W.I. Rummage	14th	6 p.m. onwards
Scout & Guide Rummage	21st	2.30 p.m.
V.C. Dance	21st	2.30 p.m.
V.H.C. A.G.M.	23rd	8.00 p.m.
W.I.	26th	(CR) 2.30 p.m.

V I L L A G E H A L L N O T E S

The February meeting had no items which could really give the Editor of the Gazette the opportunity for startling headlines. The Council was pleased to record its' appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Newall and Mr. Wingrove in putting up the Christmas Tree lights. Apart from this, it was a matter of discussing repairs to the card tables, a contract for grass cutting, boiler maintenance, the need for a new drain cover, etc.

Of course, it is at meetings like this that the Council is discharging its' duty to the community, just as much as when it is making the plans for major repairs and improvements to the Hall - reported in the last issue. It is because the Hall and Playing Fields are there for the benefit of the village as a whole that the constitution of the Council provides, not only for representatives of the organizations who use the facilities, but also for six 'public members' who represent villagers who have no ambition to score a goal or hit a six and who prefer to hide their dramatic talents and even their youthful neighbourliness.

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES Continued...

The election of these six members will take place at the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Village Hall at 8. p.m. on Monday, the 23rd of March. This is also the opportunity for the Council to tell you what it has been up to, and for you to air your views on anything connected with the Hall and Playing Fields. We would like to see as many of you there, on the 23rd, as can make it.

PAPER COLLECTION.

Apart from providing a fascinating insight into the very varied reading habits of the village, the continued good response to the appeal for waste paper has brought us within sight of the target of 2 tons. A final effort on the first Saturday in March should get us there and enable us to release the storage space in time for the Fete preparations. So please bring along all the paper you can - newspapers, periodicals and comics only please - Last collection from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Village Hall on Saturday, 7th of March.

R.A.L.

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

Preachers for March

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

March 1st
" 8th
" 15th
" 22nd

Mrs. Ing
Mr. W.A.Dodd B.A.
Mr. W. Osborne
Women's Anniversary.

Sister Margaret Smith
Mr. E. Barnett
Sister Margaret Smith

Preacher in the morning -
In the Evening at 6.15 p.m. -

Mrs. Ellins
The Choir will sing the
Cantata "The Golden City."

Soloists:

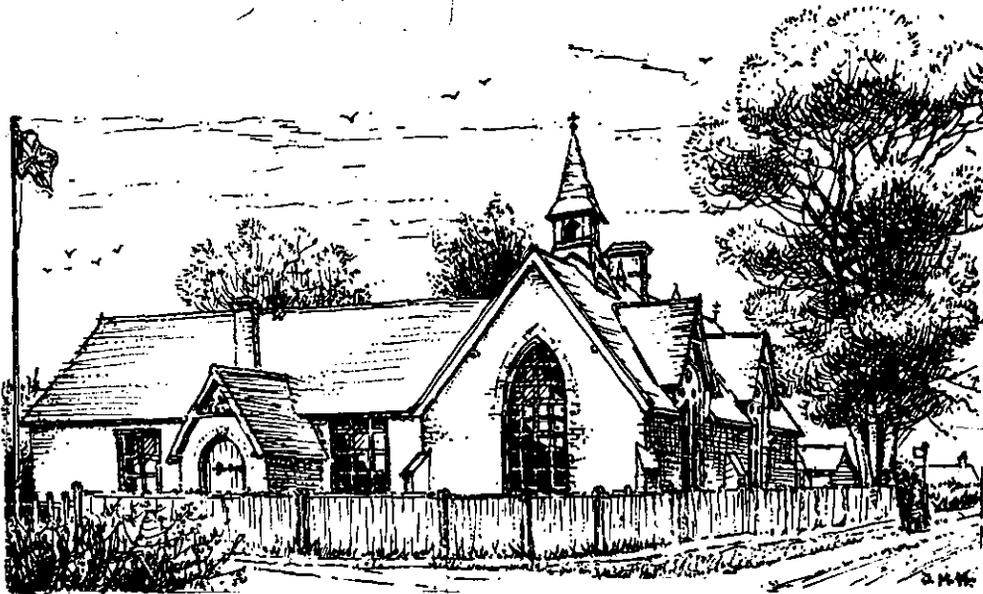
Mrs. Janet Judge Soprano
Miss Shirley Smith Contralto
Mr. Jack Judge Bass
Mr. Harold Mead Tenor

March 29th
Easter Day

Sister Margaret Smith Mrs. Holt
(Holy Communion)

The Annual Rally of the Women's Fellowship will be on Wednesday, March 25th at 2.45 p.m. During the month of March, the Annual Collection for the National Children's Homes will be made in the Village.

M.G.B.



N A P H I L L C H U R C H

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S E R V I C E S

March 15th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
" 22nd	Holy Communion	9.00 a.m.

E A S T E R D A Y

Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
(The Revd. V. Carpenter,
Great Marlow)

The Revd. S.A.C. Dickins and the Church
Committee wish you

A V E R Y H A P P Y E A S T E R

100 YEARS OF STATE EDUCATION.

This year completes the first century of state education in Britain. It would be interesting to compare the early days of schooling in Naphill with the present time. I wonder if any ex-pupils have memories of school life as it was at the beginning of this century. Any school books, written work, art or craft, school clothes or even school furniture you may have would be of special interest for this project. So rack your brains, turn out the attic, and please let me know of anything that comes to light.

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W.A.B.

N A P H I L L & W A L T E R S A S H O V E R S I X T I E S

In spite of inclement weather about 60 members and committee attended the last meeting when Hughenden W.I. Drama Group presented their pantomime "Beasty and the Beaute," produced by Mrs. Weeks. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the production.

We have received an invitation to visit Strike Command in the near future on a date yet to be arranged, and to which we look forward with pleasure. Details will be given late.

C.B.W.

H O L I D A Y C O U R S E S I N E N G L I S H

Each year thousands of foreign schoolchildren and students visit Britain to improve their knowledge of our language and country.

There is an organisation having a representative in High Wycombe, which each summer brings parties of French schoolboys aged about 15, to the area for four-week periods in July and August.

The boys are placed with English families as paying guests. They attend English classes at Wycombe College of Technology daily and are taken on excursions and local visits.

Demand for places on these courses is growing and the organiser is always pleased to learn of families who are prepared to offer accommodation and hospitality. This year the relevant dates are June 30th - July 28th; and July 30th - August 27th. The weekly payment is £8. If you would like to know more about this scheme with a view to taking a guest, please telephone Mr. Hugh Smith at High Wycombe 26619, or Mrs. I. Court, Naphill 3509



CHACK-CHACK-CHACK

NATURE INTEREST

The Jackdaw.

All the year round, our Jackdaw is a very sociable bird. It belongs to the crow family and is often seen in company with the rooks.

The male and female jackdaws are alike in colour. Black with blue-grey nape and slightly lighter blue-grey ear coverts. They are easily recognized when in company with the rooks - the jackdaw being the smaller of the two.

Their food consists of a very wide range:- animal and vegetable matter, worms, grubs, beetles, mice, frogs, eggs and they will scavenge in rubbish dumps, allotments, waste ground, litter bins, or in our big city parks.

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The Jackdaw Continued..

It is a grouping bird and they live together in small groups, or in a large colony, always on very friendly terms. If attacked by an enemy bird the whole group will attack back instantaneously, as if by word of command. This behaviour is usually satisfactory in driving away all intruders and, seldom do they have to resort to fighting. Jackdaws are considered to be one of our wiser type of birds; they organize a society, with leaders, and give rank status.

Few birds, and even few highly developed animals, aside from insects, living in a society have the family and social life as developed by the jackdaws. The young "daws" will serve a kind of apprenticeship during which time they learn the art of defence and the jackdaw language. Yes, the jackdaws have a recognized language.

Konrad Lorenz, in 1931-38 studied the jackdaws and reported having detected at least ten different calls or noises used in different meanings and bird "conversation." One example is, when danger is approaching, the guard or leader, will give a distinct, throaty, rattling noise. This puts all adult jackdaws on guard and they will await further instructions. If the command to attack is given then all will take part. Within the community, the jackdaws know each other individually; others outside the community can only become part of it during autumn and winter, outside the breeding season. A further distinction within the social life of the jackdaws, recently studied, is a form of "class distinction", supposedly existing in each community - there are high rankers and inferior members. Timbergen, the ornithologist after his prolonged studies, reported extremely interesting points referring to this aspect of "rank". He reported that the young "daws" during their early apprenticeship (teaching lasting some two years) were then judged by the leader jackdaws and given a relationship standard within the social order of the community. Occasionally, a female from the lower order will mate with a male of high rank and immediately she is raised to the high rank of her partner - then this is accepted by the rest of the community. It has never been recorded that a female of higher rank has mated with a male of the lower rank.

Jackdaws are also highly skilled fliers and in fine weather spend a great deal of time in what can only be considered as aerial play, often ascending in soaring parties to a great height and then tumbling downwards earth in nose dives, zig-zags, and spirals.

This display often happens when winging their way towards a winter roost in company with the sedate parties of rooks, possibly in an effort to enliven the solemn procession of their friends.

The jackdaws will build their nests in a variety of situations, it can be holes in trees, cliffs, churches, the belfry or the steeple, and recently there has been a complete change in their nesting habits, they have now copied the rook type of nest, openly building in trees, binding the twigs together with turf and mud. The nest is then neatly lined with wool, hair, fur, grass or even binder twine.

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The Jackdaw Continued.....

They will lay up to five eggs light bluish green with brown or black spots on end.

I have several standard rose trees in the garden, and when planting them I put in stakes and tied a large piece of soft brown felt round the tree and stake to stop rubbing. Then came the Spring and nesting time, down came the jackdaws pulling out huge lumps of the felt from the rose trees, and carrying it away as fast as possible. I was up very early one morning to watch them, and even though I stood within a few yards, they boldly came and pulled at the felt with their strong beaks and away to their nests in the fir trees across the road. I was able to watch them through the glasses - both male and female were building and soon the pair were back again pinching my felt and were quite annoyed with me when I approached them.

In conclusion, I must make mention of the fact that the jackdaws pair for life and only the death of either will result in a new alliance. I hope I have given you sufficient details to show how wonderfully organized our Naphill jackdaws are and, of course, as are all other colonies of jackdaws. Perhaps the next time you hear that "Chack-Chack-Chack" you will be exceedingly respectful, it may be of very high rank within its' society!

A.S.A.W.

G A R D E N N O T E S

With the usual qualifications, if and when the soil and weather conditions allow, a start can be made with some outdoor sowings.

The first job is to see that the seed beds are prepared by raking the soil to obtain a nice fine tilth. An addition of peat and Chasmor during the raking process will help greatly in achieving this.

When sowing small seed such as lettuce, onion, early cabbage and brussels, don't bury the seed too deeply - they only need a light covering of soil. Larger ones such as broad beans and early peas, of course, will require more covering and a good general guide to nearly all seed sowing is to cover them with twice their depth in soil.

During March and April, many of you will be planting out those gladioli corms - here again, care should be taken over planting depths. A covering of at least four inches of soil should be given; shallow planting will mean, among other things that there will be no support for the flower stems as they develop - with the result that at flowering time, if not before, the first puff of wind will blow them over.

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GARDEN NOTES Continued....

Before planting, examine that central disc (or disk) from which the roots develop, this should be nice and firm - if soft under pressure - further examination will reveal a rotten corm.

I noticed that A.S.A.W. in his interesting account of the Collared Dove, omitted to mention that apart from grain and soaked bread, it enjoys a feed of any kind of unprotected "green stuff."

A.H.B.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

Orders for Gladioli corms are now closed - also Dahlia tubers.

These goods, and also seed potatoes, need dry and frost proof storage facilities which we cannot provide. Therefore, these goods can only be supplied to order. It is only by ordering early that we can ensure you having the varieties you have chosen, without substitution - hence the early closing date.

Similarly with Peat, fertilizers and Chasmore, by combining your individual orders into a bulk delivery at one spot, it enables us to retail to you at such favourable prices. We are expecting further supplies during the next couple of weeks, so may we include your orders?

We should like to offer our congratulations to our neighbours Downley Horticultural Society who are celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year. Incidentally, several of their original Committee attended our inaugural meeting in an advisory capacity, when we decided to follow their example.

A.H.B.

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The Annual Spring Dance will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 21st of March 1970 from 8.00 p.m. - Midnight.

The Lincoln Greens Show Group from Reading is providing the evenings' music which starts (please note) at 8.00 p.m. - half an hour earlier than previous dances.

John Ward of "The Wheel" is again very kindly providing a licensed bar.

Tickets for the dance cost 10/- each which also includes refreshments and are obtainable from:-

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A N N O U N C E M E N T

Agnes Shoobridge Pearce, wife of Lester Pearce, of Hillcrest, Naphill Common - Passed Away on the 20th of January, 1970, in her 81st year.

Internment was at Speen Baptist Chapel Burial Ground on the 23rd of January 1970, in a reserved plot next to George and Catherine Pearce.

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Don't forget:- Mother's Day - March 8th - Cards, Gifts, Boxes Chocolates - All prices.

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N A P H I L L W. I.

"Wycombe Hospital from its beginning in 1870 to its present day" was the talk given by Mr. Bowden - Hospital Secretary, which proved both interesting and illuminating. It might interest new inhabitants of our village to learn that the bricks used to build the old War Memorial Hospital in 1923 were actually made in Naphill. Mr. Bowden was thanked by Mrs. D. Leek.

Arrangements were made for an outing to the Stratford Theatre on May 23rd and the Q.E.2 on October 8th. A competition of a box of home-made sweets was won by Mrs. R. Percy and Mrs. D. Butler. The sweets were sent to the Children's Ward at Amersham Hospital.

The W.I. Party on St. Valentine's Day was a great success. Members and their friends and husbands were entertained by the Downley Evening W.I. Drama Group and a team of Country Dancers gave an exhibition of several dances, and then partnered and persuaded many to join in. The competition of "An Edwardian Hat" was judged by Miss Becton, County Secretary; the winners being Mrs. M. Brown, Mrs. B. Weeks, and Mrs. R. Piercy.

Next month's meeting on March 5th will be on "Pot Plants" by Mr. Rawlings of Kew Gardens. Competition - "My Best Pot Plant". Tea Hostesses - Mrs. Dinford, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Lawrence & Mrs. Mitchell.

Dates to remember:- Rummage Sale - March 14th; Group Meeting - March 23rd at Hampden.

M.P.

"HAPPY LANDINGS."

Once again, the mixed Drama Group of Naphill demonstrated their talents to us all. "Happy Landings" showed the hilarious consequences of two couples accidentally hiring the same houseboat for a holiday. The complete contrast of these two couples was admirably shown by Phil State and Yvonne Bullock (Arthur & Eve), and by Muriel Piercy and Alan Shrimpton (Rose & Bert). Special mention must be made of Muriel Piercy pursuing with great energy, a sad and bewildered Phil State across the sofa; and Alan Shrimpton, who could hardly have looked more like a successful butcher. Other members of the cast:- Barbara Bullock, Maurice Balls, Doug. Tooby and Tony Leeson - gave good support. Stage effects were by Les. Brill and production was by Blanche Weeks. Other helpers were Daisy Leek, Dorothy Butler and Dorothy Smith.

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APRIL

"APRIL" By J.H.B. PEEL

How best to praise the beeches,
how best when words are mute,
when heart is overflowing
and beauty breaks its' lute?
What words are winged for flying
in stratosphere so rare
as where the leaves of beeches
wave woven with the air?
So, when I walk the chancel
or amble through the aisle
of Bradenham woods in April
I worship April's style.
Indeed a spirit moves me,
indeed a god is heard,
but I proceed in silence,
beyond the realm of word.
I never knew such beauty,
I never saw such sight;
my breath is still with wonder,
with loving and delight.
Now winter's fled
as cuckoo said,
and not a trace
of winters face
is on the earth
since April's birth.

AT THE VILLAGE HALL - APRIL 1970

Welfare	1st, 15th	2.00 p.m.
Table Tennis	Every Wednesday	7.00 p.m.
W.I.	2nd	2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
Whist	3rd, 17th	7.30 p.m.
Library	3rd, 17th	6.30 p.m.
Speen Cricket Club		
Dance	4th	8.30 p.m.
V.H.C.	6th	8.00 p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday	
	commencing 8th (B.R.)	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Over 60's	10th, 24th	2.30 p.m.
Wedding Reception	11th	All day
Young Neighbours	13th	7.30 p.m.
Play Group	Every Tues, Wed, Thurs	
	commencing 14th	9 - 12 noon
Art	Every Thursday	
	commencing 16th (B.R.)	7.30 p.m.
W.I. Spring Fair	18th	7.30 p.m.
Multiple Schlerosis		
Rummage	18th	2.30 p.m.
R.A.F. Drama Production	24th, 25th	7.30 p.m.
Drama Evening	28th	7.30 p.m.
W.I.	30th (C.R.)	2.30 p.m.
Dancing	Every Tuesday	
	commencing 14th	3 - 6.15 p.m.
	Also, Thursdays	
	commencing 9th	4.15 - 5.15 p.m.

V I L L A G E H A L L N O T E S

We asked the village for 2 tons of waste paper and, with the final collection at the beginning of March, we had received nearly 3 tons! Our storage space is stacked to the roof and, when the load is collected this month, we shall receive a cheque for a useful contribution to the funds of the Village Hall and Playing Fields. So, many thanks to all who rallied round in this way.

At the last Council Meeting further progress was reported in the negotiations for repairs and improvements to the Hall. It was also reported that plans were well advanced for the Fete to be held on June 13th this year. The main attractions will include a Donkey Derby and the R.A.F. Apprentices Band from R.A.F. Halton.

R.A.L.

N A P H I L L C H U R C H

Easter Day

Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
(The Reverend B. Houghton - Vicar of Lacey Green.)

Although it was announced in the March Gazette that the service would be taken by the Reverend V. Carpenter, we have since heard that Mr. Carpenter is in hospital. We are glad that the Vicar of Lacey Green will be able to take the service instead.

April Services.

April 19th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
" 26th	Holy Communion	9.00 a.m.
Every Sunday	Sunday School	10.30 a.m.

We must express our sincere appreciation of the help we received from so many people on the occasion of our recent Rummage Sale. The profit was just over £50.

N A P H I L L E V A N G E L I C A L F R E E C H U R C H

10 a.m.	Family Service
3 p.m.	Sunday School
6.15 p.m.	Evening Service.

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

Preachers for April.

	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
April 5th	Mr. K. Peatey	Mrs. Godwin
" 12th	Mr. H.J. Harradine	Miss Darvill
" 19th	Mr. W. Parkins	Mr. R.F. Lloyd, C.B.E.
" 26th	Mr. A.J. Smith	Sister Margaret Smith

On Wednesday, April 15th at 7.30p.m., a Circuit Celebration will take place in Wesley Methodist Church, High Wycombe - when all Churches in the Circuit are invited to be present to share in this service.

M.G.B.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.

The annual house to house collection will be made in Naphill and Walters Ash during the week April 13th to 18th. Please give generously to approved collectors who will be carrying, or wearing an official badge. If over 16 years of age and willing to help collect, please contact Mrs. Wood, "Hale End," Christopher Close or Mrs. White, "Millstone," Main Road, Naphill.



"Goldcrest" and hanging nest.

This little bird has the distinction of being our smallest British bird and, probably the smallest of all the European birds. It measures only $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches from tip of its beak to the tip of its' tail; my sketch is almost full size.

The colour of this little charmer is in the best of good taste, it is mainly yellowish-olive green on the back, with double white wing bars on each wing and a light pastel shade of green on chest and rump - with dark green tail. These exceptionally beautiful shades are enhanced by a bright red-orange crown or crest for the male, and a yellow crest for the female. These crests are bordered by jet black feathers on each side of the head. The pretty little face is completed with a sharp pointed black beak and 'real twinkling' dark eyes.

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GOLDCREST, Continued.

Recently, I have been favoured with quite a few visits of the Goldcrest (male) to my bird table. He was never still from the moment he came until he bade me farewell. The first time he came I was too busy watching and sketching him, my field glasses were too far away to risk leaving my visitor and perhaps losing him. His two little wings were "flicking" up and down incessantly exactly like a small mechanical toy. He then approached the table with fierce face and open beak. He was fearless and lively and other birds much larger than he made way for him - he was soon alone on the table and finding sufficient to keep him busy pecking away. I watched attentively, wondering what was on the table that suited his palate. Later I discovered it was grated cheese that was tempting him. I was watching as closely as possible, but as stealthily as he came, so he left and I was left hoping for a further visit.

In my sketch, I have included the nest of the goldcrest. Many years ago I found the nests of the goldcrest in the yew trees on West Wycombe Hill. Today, I would think twice about climbing those yew trees, even for such a prize, because those nests are really works of art. I think they are probably the most beautiful of all our quaint, but pleasing varieties. The nests are almost as round and compact as a ball and are built with moss, lichen and spider's web and lined with soft tiny feathers. The nests are suspended by 'basket handles' from the branches of a conifer and these nests are "hung" high in the tree tops some 30/50 feet up. They will lay from seven to ten eggs and usually two broods each season. By way of interest, seven eggs - although very small - are equal in weight to the hen goldcrest.

They are extremely clever in their choice of site, when building their nest. They choose to hang the nest under a conifer branch or similar type of tree; thus, the eggs and young are shielded from those roaming predators such as the hawk or kestrel.

The voice of the goldcrest is thin - a faint squeak - very high pitched, almost beyond the limit of audibility. Their food is chiefly insects in all stages and spiders. Both male and female goldcrests make up in pugnacity for what they lack in size. The male has been known to fight to death in protection of his hen, especially during the breeding season. The hen will defend its' nest and contents by flying out to meet and peck any animal intruder such as the squirrel. She will keep a watchful guard from a few feet away against the approach of human beings and will hide under the cover of branches waiting and watching, returning to the nest immediately the intruder has left. The hen does all the hatching, but the male helps with the feeding of the young.

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GOLDCREST Continued..

While our thoughts are with the young can we together consider how very wonderful it is that a young bird of any kind is hatched and remains within the nest as a very weak specimen, for a very short time. Then, with very few feathers its' parents will escort it on a lesson in flight - once out of that nest the young do not return. The young have no lessons in nest building and yet, by the next breeding season when those young birds attain their maturity and need a nest of their own, without tuition of any kind, all birds that build nests just build the right nest for its specie. They choose the right position, the right shape, the right materials, the right weave - and have you ever known a bird to make a mistake? I wonder if we "wise humans" could achieve much without help from others - I wonder?

The goldcrests are with us the whole year round, but some migrate during the autumn returning during the spring. Those that remain with us have difficulty in withstanding our hard winter.

A.S.A.W.

EDITOR'S CORNER.

I have received a copy of the Official History of the R.A.F. High Wycombe, from the O.C. Wing Commander Stainer, M.B.E. Comments are invited and the first thing that caught my eye was the revelation of a well kept secret. A few people knew the answer and others, like myself may have guessed it - but here it is in print for the first time.....

The name of the person who first suggested that Bomber Command should come to Naphill. It was at a conference at the Air Ministry in 1936 that Wing Commander Alan Oakeshott first made the suggestion. The gazette is always truthful, so I must admit that while some of my readers may regard this as a stroke of genius, the opinion will not be unanimous. But all must agree that no one had a better right to make the suggestion than a lad who was born in the village, and afterwards gave his life in the Command.

The History has been compiled and written by a W.R.A.F. Officer, Squadron Leader B.E. Escott, B.A., and I have no doubt that her information concerning the R.A.F. is impeccable, but her local researches do not quite reach this standard. She implies, in both text and map that the ancient highway from Bradenham to Lacey Green and Naphill came to an end, in pre-R.A.F. days, just above Bradenham Manor, and became just a track through the woods. I am sure no local person ever told her that.

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EDITOR'S CORNER CONTINUED.

The old Penn Bus Company ran a passenger service up this road in the Twenties. This company is mentioned under the wonderful title of Penn, High Wycombe & District Greenline Bus Company.

Villagers will also be surprised to hear that a stream had to be filled in at Walters Ash. In discussing Jack Goodchild, our famous chairmaker, the author states "he lived among the russet beechwoods of Naphill, at the junction between Walters Ash and Bradenham." As a topographical description of Naphill, I feel that this leaves much to be desired, and in fact Jack's house was about half a mile from Hughenden Church.

Having got that off my chest, I am happy to pay tribute to a very fine production, worthy of the great R.A.F. traditions. The photographs, as one would expect, are superb. The photogenic Wing Commander "Bill" Randall appears four times, but of the author we are not given a glimpse - which I thought a pity. If I might make one suggestion, a photograph of Alan Oakeshott would not be out of place, and would be a nice compliment to the Village.

Lastly, I wonder if the R.A.F. know that part of their site was once a famous bluebell wood. To see what it was once like, I recommend a visit to Christmas Common next month.

N A P H I L L W.I.

Wintry conditions prevented many members from attending the March meeting, but those who did brave the elements were amply rewarded by a talk on "Pot Plants" by Mr. Rawlings, curator of Kew Gardens. Mrs. Pearson gave the vote of thanks.

The Coffee Morning given by Mrs. Gabbitas realized £2 11s. Here, once again, wintry conditions kept many away. It was decided to hold a Spring Fair on April 18th as a fund raising effort and a Drama Evening will be held on April 28th when the Festival Play will be performed.

Mrs. Brill was judged the winner of the Pot Plant Competition; Mr. Rawlings calling it 'the perfect specimen'.

Tea Hostesses for April will be:- Mesdames Hussey, McCue, Parker & Reed. Mr. Roberts will be the speaker and the subject: "B.B.C. Roundabout." The competition - "A decorated egg representing a T.V. Personality.

Dates to remember; Drama Festivals at:
Missenden Area : May 2nd
Naphill " : " 9th
Aylesbury Finals. : " 16th

C H I L D R E N ' S P O E M S F O R E A S T E R

JUDAS

For twenty pieces of silver
I gave a life away
A good man now is dying
For him I did betray.

And now his death he is meeting
Nailed and hanging high
And rather than hide in corners
I know I'd rather die.

As I gaze upon the cross
Standing there on the hill
My future life I do not need
For I know I love him still.

Never again in this city
Will I ever show my face
As the death of our Lord Jesus
Is ever my disgrace

Susan Rolfe.

PETER

My eyes are red with guilt,
My head hangs low with shame,
For I denied him thrice,
Three times I denied my King.
Now he's to die and really
I'm to blame.

Why, Oh why did I deny,
Deny my King three times?
I lied to save my skin,
And that's the dreadful truth.

Stella Cardus.

Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

The March Meeting of the Young Neighbours was well attended, the highlight of the evening being a Childrens' Fashion Show, kindly arranged by Shirlands of High Wycombe. The fashions ranged from tots to teenagers; the children modelling the clothes were very good, especially the smaller ones who were up way past their bedtimes. Mrs. Joyce Cook gave the vote of thanks for a most enjoyable evening.

On the 13th of April, we shall be having a lecture and demonstration on Pottery by Mildred Slatter.

The competition for April is for the best dressed wooden spoon!

A.F.

N A P H I L L & W A L T E R S A S H O V E R S I X T I E S

What a thrill we all had when we visited Strike Command on the 13th of March, and we are deeply indebted to Wing Commander and Mrs. Stainer and helpers for planning and giving us, a most interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting will be on April 10th, which will be our 13th Birthday and A.G.M. We hope to have a full attendance to elect the Committee for the ensuing year.

C.B.W.

T A B L E T E N N I S C L U B

Every Wednesday evening there are many young boys and girls who enjoy playing table tennis at the Village Hall. The Hall is open at 7.00 p.m. and the young members play until 8.15 p.m.

When the club started, we had support from older members of the public who played from 8.15 to 10.00 p.m. In the last few weeks, these older members seem to have lost interest, to the detriment of the club, as the income has dropped considerably. Unless we have the continued support of these seniormembers, the club will not be able to pay for the hire of the Hall.

Please come along and help keep this club open for these young enthusiasts. The Hall is booked every Wednesday until the end of May.

A.G.L.

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G A R D E N N O T E S

Although the chief topic among gardeners recently has been those pigeons which seem to have ruined whole crops of winter greens, some concern is now being expressed that owing to weather conditions, this or that has not yet been sown or planted in the garden - particularly by our friends, the newcomers from warmer climes.

Not to worry unduly, first because Easter is early this year - this traditional gardening holiday can come as late as mid April, and living on a "Knap" or Hill we are ten to fourteen days later than, say Oxford or London; but secondly, from now on we must take every opportunity for sowing and planting.

Most kinds of autumn and winter greens can be sown during the next few weeks, also salad crops, radishes, lettuce, beet., etc., and if you want to grow a few hardy annual flowers and you haven't a greenhouse, now is the time to sow them. Calendula, Candytuft, Larkspur and Shirley Poppies are just a few of them.

Go easy on the less hardy subjects such as Geraniums, Stock, Asters and Marigolds, also Potatoes, Runner Beans and Marrows, as it is not unknown for damaging frosts to occur even up to late May.

A.H.B.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

Well, it's full steam ahead in the garden and the worst of another winter is past.

Wisley is taking on its' spring mantle and is well worth a visit at this time; free tickets of admission are again available to members.

The Gladiolus and Sweet Pea annuals are to hand and may be borrowed by interested members.

"Chasmor" and Peat, both sedge and moss are in good supply, also National Growmore. We have some Bone Meal at 15/- for 28 lb. lots; also a few Shallots for late comers.

Show News: We have another new Cup for Competition at our July Show. This is for "Three Vases of Roses.". There will also be two extra classes included in the schedule - One spike of Floribunda or Cluster Roses and a class for Turnips - so get your seed in for this latter class now.

A.H.B.

WHEN IS A BOUNDARY NOT?

Some two months ago, I defined the Parish boundary of Hughenden in its' relation to Naphill and Walters Ash. This led to certain observations as to what some residents thought was the boundary, and it is obvious that there is some confusion as to the difference between what is a civil parish and an ecclesiastical parish. The parish system became general in England by the 9th and 10th century and probably originated with the allocation of districts to Bishops and Priests.

In 1933, the civil parish was established as a separate entity and a division of local government quite separate from the Church. There must be no confusion between the parochial church council and the parish council - the latter being a civic body elected democratically. The same is true of boundaries.

Naphill is under the influence of three church boundaries, Bradenham, West Wycombe, Lacey Green & Hughenden - the larger area falling within Hughenden of course. Residents facing Naphill Common are facing into West Wycombe Parish Church, some cottages are in this parish. Those living at Walters Ash are divided between Bradenham and Lacey Green as well as Hughenden Parish Churches.

Next month, I will define the ward of Naphill and Walters Ash for electoral purposes; before committing myself to paper, I need to check further with the parish clerk and the parish map.

R.P.

WHIST DRIVES. A very successful Military Whist Drive was held in the Village Hall last Friday, March 20th when the cup was won by the Stokenchurch group, Naphill being the runners up. The next Whist Drive will be held on 3rd April - all are welcome.

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MAY

TO THE CUCKOO

O blithe newcomer! I have heard,
I hear thee and rejoice;
O Cuckoo! shall I call thee bird,
Or but a wandering voice?

While I am lying on the grass,
Thy loud note smites my ear!
From hill to hill it seems to pass,
At once far off and near!

I hear thee babbling to the vale
Of sunshine and of flowers;
And unto me thou bring'st a tale
Of visionary hours.

Thrice welcome, darling of the Spring!
E'en yet thou art to me
No bird, but an invisible thing,
A voice, a mystery.

Wordsworth.

N A P H I L L W. I.

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12.	Sharon	"
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14.	Teresa	"
15.	Sunlight	"
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POTTERY BY NAPHILL W.I. MEMBERS.

N A P H I L L G A Z E T T E No. 226
AT THE VILLAGE HALL - MAY 1970

Whist	1st, 15th, 29th		7.30 p.m.
Library	1st, 15th, 29th	(B.R.)	6.30 - 8.00 p.m.
V.H.C.	4th		8.00 p.m.
W.I.	4th	(C.R.)	2.00 p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday		7.30 p.m.
Play Group	Tues, Wed, Thurs		
	mornings		9 - 12 noon
Dancing	5th, 12th, 19th		3 - 6.30 p.m.
Welfare	6th, 20th		2.00 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Wed. morning		9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
		(B.R.)	
Naphill Conservative			
Party	6th	(C.R.)	8.00 p.m.
Dancing	6th		4.30 - 5.30 p.m.
W.I.	7th		2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday		8.00 p.m.
Art	" "	(B.R.)	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Over 60's	8th, 22nd		2.30 p.m.
Drama Rehearsal	8th		8.00 p.m.
Drama Festival	9th		All Day
Private Party	10th		3 p.m.
Young Neighbours	11th		7.30 p.m.
W.I.	28th	(C.R.O)	2.30 p.m.
Art Evening	30th		7.30 p.m.

V I L L A G E H A L L N O T E S

Annual General Meeting.

1970 saw a revival of interest in this event with an attendance of 29 at the Hall on March 23rd. Fourteen of the people there were not members of the Council, compared with only one in 1969. Those present were interested enough not only to come, but also to help with Village Hall affairs. Ten allowed themselves to be nominated for membership of the Council representing the public. After a vote, the following were elected to fill the six vacancies:- Miss Cooper, Mrs. Grafham, Mrs. Leek, Mr. Balls, Mr. Gabbitas and Mr. Hyre.

The Council's work for the Hall and Playing Fields in 1969 was reviewed by Mr. Latham, last year's chairman. The maintenance of both facilities had been a major concern during the year. The drain pipes had been renewed by voluntary effort and, after unavoidable delays in arranging for the rest of the repairs to the Hall, these were now in hand. Satisfactory arrangements had been made

Village Hall Notes Continued, , , ,

at last for a contractor to undertake the grass cutting and hedge trimming. Throughout the year plans had been developed for making improvements to the Hall and these had been greatly assisted by donations from the Women's Institute of £50 and from Naphill Friends' Club of £100.

Highlights of the year had been the activities organized by members of the Council which had been both a social and financial success. A Cheese & Wine Party in the Spring had achieved its object by introducing newcomers to the wide range of activities in the village. The Fete had been blessed by good weather for the first time in 4 years. A very successful Tramp's Supper in the Autumn had been followed by a highly original Christmas Bazaar. The four dances held during the year had all been well attended.

The year had also had its' occasion for sadness in the death of Mr. Tweedale, who had served for so long as the watchdog for village hall affairs.

Mr. Latham concluded by thanking the many people who had rallied round to help the village hall during his year of office. He, in turn, received a vote of thanks from the meeting for all his work as Chairman.

Midsummer Dance.

There will be a Midsummer Dance at the Hall on June 27th. By separating the June Dance from the Fete on the 13th, we hope to give the Fete helpers a little longer to clear up - and to allow all of you a little more time to spend your money - weather permitting! Further details of both events will appear in the next issue.

Whist Drives.

We need someone to take over the running of the Whist Drives held at the Village Hall. Help is already offered for the preparations and the job is largely one of acting as "M.C.". Would any keen whist-player who would be prepared to help us to continue this valueable source of revenue for the hall funds, please telephone Naphill 3046 or call at "The Leaves," Naphill Common.

R.A.L.

T A B L E T E N N I S C L U B

In spite of my appeal in the April Gazette, older people have failed to put in an appearance and give the financial support the Club needs; consequently, there will be no more table tennis after the end of April. I had hoped that for the sake of the many young boy and girl enthusiasts, these older people might have made an effort so that these facilities could be still available to them.

Sorry kids, I did my best.

A.G.L.

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

Preachers for May.

	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
May 3rd	Mr. Leigh	Mr. G. Rose.
" 10th	<u>Sunday School Anniversay.</u>	
	Mrs. Jarvis	Mr. E. Jarvis
	At 2.45 p.m., the Sunday School scholars will present a demonstration entitled "Our Sacrifice of Praise."	
	There will be items by the young people at the Evening Service.	
" 17th	Mrs. Cooper	Mr. D. Carter
" 24th	Sister Margaret Smith	Mr. K. Lewis
" 31st	Mrs. Tyler	Mr. A. Cooper

The result of the collection/the Village on behalf of the National Childrens' Home was £79 11s. 0d. Grateful thanks are extended to all donors and helpers.

M.G.B.

N A P H I L L C H U R C H

Services.

May 17th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
" 24th	Holy Communion	9.00 a.m.
Every Sunday	Sunday School	10.30 a.m.

A Rummage Sale in aid of Hughenden Church Funds will be held at Hughenden Village Hall on Saturday, 16th May at 2.30 p.m. A Thames Valley bus leaves the village around 2.0 p.m., so why not go down to the valley and see what bargains may be picked up.

C H R I S T I A N A I D C O L L E C T I O N

The Total collected to date is £65 9s. 4d. and we express our grateful thanks to all donors for their generosity; and to the collectors for their conscientious help.

E.W & C.W.

N A P H I L L W. I.

A talk by Mr. E. Roberts on "B.B.C. Roundabout" gave members a vivid insight into the embarrassments and tensions during broadcasting; and there was much amusement over the descriptions of the various mannerisms of those being interviewed. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Piercy. The competition of a decorated egg to represent a T.V. Personality was won by Mrs. Shrimpton (1st) and Mrs. Smith (2nd).

The May Meeting will take the form of a discussion when the Resolutions for the National Federation A.G.M. will be put before members, who are urged to attend this important meeting and air their views on these Resolutions. It is hoped to have time to discuss various aspects of our own W.I.

Tea Hostesses for May:- Mrs. Gabbitas, Sawney, Stuart and Shrimpton.

Date to Remember:- Area Drama Festival at Naphill -
May 9th in the Village Hall at
2.30 p.m.

N A P H I L L & W A L T E R S A S H O V E R S I X T I E S

The thirteenth A.G.M. and Birthday Party held on April 10th was remarkably well attended and voting for the committee to serve until April 1971 took place. Mrs. Bayley, who is president of the Club, thanked the Chairman and Committee for their work during the year. Mrs. G. Smith, Chairman, also thanked everyone who had helped in any way - making cakes, preparing the hall for meetings, washing up, transport, etc.

After members had enjoyed a Birthday Tea, Mr. G. Smith, Treasurer asked Mrs. Bayley to cut the attractive Birthday Cake made in the shape of a heart and iced to represent a basket decorated with hand-made, edible roses which had been made by Mrs. R. Piercy.

On May 8th, Castlefield Choir will be entertaining.

We deeply sympathise with Mrs. H. Braisher in the recent loss of her husband who was a member of our club.

An invitation is given to any lonely person over 60 to come to our Club, which is held on alternate Friday afternoons at 2.30 p.m. in Naphill Village Hall.

C.B.W.



T H E C U C K O O

In this merry month of May, after two months of 'tuning up', the song birds are at their peak - all are ready to serenade us with their dawn chorus. The buds on the trees are now in haste, silently unrolling from their winter sleep, bursting into full leaf and green glory. Yes, May is the merry, the rhythmic, the poetic, and the gloriously happy month.

The Cuckoo does not provide a nest for its' young, does not feed its' young and does not wait for its' young to migrate. The adult cuckoo migrates in July/early August, but the newly-fledged young do not leave until September - having had to rely entirely upon their foster parents. These young cuckoos unaided find their way to tropical Africa - a remarkable example

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THE CUCKOO Continued.....

of inborn ability to fly thousands of miles guided by natural instinct.

The cuckoo, for many people is still as it was for William Wordsworth - a wandering voice, rather than a bird to be recognised when seen. We all look forward to hearing the cuckoo - but we never say "seeing the cuckoo". There are very many cuckoos distributed throughout the British Isles during their 3/4 months with us. The males and females arrive together. They are alike in appearance, but only the male-call is "cuckoo-cuckoo" - the female call is a peculiar 'bubbly' note. The female is the chooser and holder of the breeding territory. She will scout around for potential foster parents watching them as they build their nests. Cuckoo's eggs have been found in the nests of as many as 50 different species of birds. To mention a few of the more popular - the hedge sparrows, or to give it its proper name, the dunnock, reed warblers, and robins; followed by pied wagtails and sedge warblers. It is a well-known fact that the cuckoo will choose for preference the type of bird nest that was the nest of her own foster-parents.

She will watch patiently the egg-laying foster-parent, usually in the early morning, then by the afternoon, when the host-bird is off her nest (probably hunting for food), the female cuckoo will settle on the chosen nest. She will take out the victim's egg and either eat it or destroy it by dropping; then lay her own egg in the nest. The egg will be a near match to the victim's egg, both in colour and size.

It has been suggested by the experts that the female cuckoo will even watch the victim lay her egg and this will stimulate the cuckoo so that she is able to lay her own egg at the right time, for the exchange to take place. The foster-parent will hatch out the cuckoo's egg within 12/13 days, as soon, or sooner than its' own.

The nestling, when hatched, will have no down on its' body as most young birds have, but it is hatched with a sensitive hollow in its' back - so sensitive that the young cuckoo cannot stand the touch of another egg, or youngster on this sensitive part. He will, therefore, immediately start to manoeuvre eggs, or nestlings of the host bird into this hollow on its' back and once there, it will commence to heave away to the nest side, pushing up with its' strong legs; holding the egg or nestling in position by the upward stretch of its' wings - then nearer and nearer to the top of the nest - until over the top it goes.

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THE CUCKOO Continued.....

Back will go the young cuckoo and after a short rest, a full repeat of the operation until all eggs or nestlings of the foster-parents are out; leaving only the young cuckoo in residence. During all this time the insisntently greedy young cuckoo has taken all the food the parents can provide. They have been too busy even to notice the absence of their own. In three weeks, the young cuckoo is so big that the foster-parents may have to stand on the back of the young cuckoo to reach its' month.

Many years ago a Naphill friend of mine came to me and said he knew of a hedge-sparrow's nest that contained a young cuckoo; would I like to see it? I naturally said that I would and we arranged to meet on the main road of Naphill that evening. I arrived at the previoulsy arranged rendezvous at the appointed time and my friend took me to the nest. Sure enough there was the young cuckoo in the hedge sparrow's nest. I tested to see if it was ready for hand feeding and it was - so - gently, I took the young cuckoo home to my aviary and in a specially prepared cage, the nest was fixed. The following feeding was commenced right away:- hard boiled egg beaten up with butter; I bred my own meal worms and the young cuckoo took to both these items. Water was given by a fountain-pen filler. Soon he was imitating my tap, tap into the food and taking small pieces on the end of his beak.

In a short time he was able to feed himself and drink from hiw own waterpot. He became quite tame and would happily cackle to me and sit on my wrist and eat out of my hand. Members of the British Bird Breeders Association came along and were all extremely interested in the tame cuckoo. We had managed to get him past the migration period and immediately, I went into the bird room he would cackle until I took him out of his cage, either on my arm or shoulder.

Then, late November/December time, one evening I went into the birdroom to feed the birds and - no cackle from cuckoo - but he seemed all right. I was up early next morning, but he was dead.

The experts, upon examination, said death was due to a fit - the cause may have been because I was unable to provide him with the African food, which, of course, he would have found had he migrated with the other young cuckoos in September.

I wonder if my Naphill friend would remember showing me the hedge-sparrow's nest with its' youhg cuckoo in it - would you, Mr. Herbert Stacey? I guess you would!

A.S.A.W.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

Our Society is once again taking over the responsibility for the upkeep of the Village Memorial. This involves the cutting of the small patch of grass, trimming the edges and the care of a few flowers in the narrow border - for a period of approximately 24 weeks. This means twenty four persons giving up about one hour once a year on this small, but very worth while job. A rota is now being drawn up and if you would like to add your name to the list, please let me know as soon as possible.

Just a reminder that free tickets of admission to Wisley are available to members and also, a limited number of tickets for Chelsea Flower Show - May 20 to 22nd.

Talking of outings, our friends of the Hughenden Society have arranged a Coach Trip to Hidecote Manor for Sunday, June 28th, starting at 11 a.m. Cost of Coach seats 12/- Adults; half price for children under 12. Admission to grounds 5/- Anyone from Naphill who would like to join this party, please let me have names, with cash by May 24th

Peat - 30/- size, Bonemeal in 28 lb lots at 15/-, Growmore, at 28/- per cwt., and the few remaining bags of Chasmore are still available.

Membership subscriptions are now due and new members are welcome. Our minimum subscription rate is still 2/6 and the best half-crowns' worth in the Village.

A.H.B.

G A R D E N N O T E S

We are all getting a little impatient with this late Spring. Even the grass has made a late start in growing, but now the daffodils are blooming, the buds on tree, bush and hedgerow are bursting and at last, primrose and violet are nodding their heads in approval at the call of the Cuckoo.

The big question mark is, will May - a fickle month, give us a sunny smile or a freezing stare?

Although it is now safe to sow onions, parsnips, carrots and beetroot and most other vegetable crops, it will be advisable to listen to the daily weather forecasts from now on, as it is not unknown for frost to damage those young potato shoots even late in the month.

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GARDEN NOTES Continued....

Runner Beans can be sown outdoors any time after the 7th of May, or as soon as the new fern fronds appear on the Common - this goes also for the dwarf or french beans. With what are known as successional crops, lettuce, radish, peas, etc., the mistake is often made of sowing the whole packet of seed at one time, resulting in a glut at one period and then nothing. To avoid this, sow smaller amounts at two or three week intervals, and chose varieties labelled 'early', 'mid season', or 'late'. This will give you a longer season of supply of your favourite dish.

If you are purchasing bedding plants later on this month, avoid those already in bloom, refuse those that are yellow and spindly and look out for good dark green colour, sturdy growth, that if brushed over with the back of the hand, springs quickly into position.

There is still time to plant sweet peas and gladioli; chrysanthemums can be planted out during the later half of this month, but it will be safer to delay the planting of dahlias and other tender stuff until the end of the month. To make sure of supplies, you could purchase them earlier but keep them in the boxes for a week or two, until it is safe to plant them out.

A.H.B.

EDITORS CORNER

The Village will wish me to extend its sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Winter-Taylor Senior, in the loss through fire, of their bungalow in Forge Road. A message of thanks in this issue shows how Naphill rallies round when necessary. I should also like to pay a small tribute to the memory of Wally Drake who has recently died. This was a man who never, since his youth, had known a day of perfect health, or the feeling of well-being that goes with it. Each time I met Wally he seemed a little more bent forward, his face a little greyer, but if I asked "How are you keeping?" his answer was always the same, "Oh, So-So you know, mustn't grumble." I always felt a little more humble after meeting Wally.

And to end on a cheerful note, how does this sound? - Dennis Syrett R.A. No, it's not quite right. You have to be elected to that august body before you can put "R.A." after your name, but Dennis has brought great honour to the village by having one of his paintings accepted for the Royal Academy. Great Work Den.

N A P H I L L C R I C K E T C L U B

Fixtures for May.

1st X1

May	2nd	Westbourne	Home
"	9th	Caribbean Club	Away
"	16th	Desborough S.C.	Home
"	23rd	Broomwade S.C.	Away
"	30th	Downley	Home

2nd X1

May	2nd	Radnage	Away
"	9th	Loudwater	Home
"	16th	Desborough S.C.	Away
"	23rd	Broomwade S.C.	Home
"	30th	Downley	Away
"	25th	Peppard S.C.	Away

A Tribute To The Memory Of The Late Mrs. Agnes Shoobridge Pearce
Of "Hillcrest", Naphill Common.

Mrs. Pearce was associated with Naphill for many years, from 1911 onwards. She was well known to many of the established residents of the Village, and became a permanent resident in 1938 for the purpose of helping her parents-in-law - Mr. and Mrs. G. Pearce, residing at 3 Westmoreland Villas, Naphill Common. Her husband joined her in 1940

In 1955 Mr. and Mrs. L. Pearce came into possession of the cottage known as "Hillcrest," at the north end of Naphill Common. At that time the grounds and garden of the cottage were a complete jungle, hedges, trees and scrub covering a large area of the grounds and garden. A gigantic task lay ahead but, with family help, this tangle was all cleared, the whole of the ground ploughed up, rotovated and levelled. Mrs. Pearce did a lot of this rough work and later assisted in the planning and laying out of the ground. After much labour, the lay-out became what it is today.

Mrs. Pearce became unwell in 1967 and from then on her activities were restricted. When she came from Wycombe Hospital last Easter she felt much better and had high hopes of complete recovery. During the Spring and early Summer, she was able to do quite a lot of work to her flower borders and in her greenhouse. She was fully repaid for all her endeavours, having a most magnificent display of flowers it would be difficult to equal. The entrance porch was a blaze of blooms and colour.

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TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY Continued.....

Unfortunately, her improved condition did not last but, owing to her bright and cheerful spirit, many of her friends and visitors were misled into believing that recovery was certain.

Mrs. Pearce thought very highly of Dr. Carless and fully appreciated all the attention he so freely gave during the long period of her illness. She had great confidence in him and his visits uplifted her and gave her much courage and hope.

Mrs. Pearce was very appreciative of all the kindly help and generous attention given to her and her husband by her neighbours - Mr. and Mrs. Ayres and their daughter of Jubilee Cottages.

She very much admired Mrs. Newell of No. 1 Moseley Cottages and was very grateful - as were all the family - for all her help, care and attention during difficult times. Her bright and cheerful personality had a very marked effect in helping to get through many bad mornings. She was a very kindly, gentle and efficient nurse and her attention was much appreciated.

Mrs. Pearce had a long, active and interesting life, always using her time to good advantage. She loved her home "Hillcrest", the common and woods during all seasons, and found great pleasure and enjoyment in all seasonal changes.

L.P.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

Proceeds from the February Dance at Naphill Village Hall organized by "The Thursday Club" were distributed as follows:-

Naphill Methodist Sick Fund	:	£5
Aylesbury Branch of Rheumatic Diseases Research Centre	:	£20

A letter from Dr. A.G.S. Hill of Stoke Mandeville Hospital reads as follows:-

"Dear Mr. Smith,

I was delighted to receive your cheque for £20, part of proceeds of a dance run by "The Thursday Club". It is always most heartening to have contributions like this from the local community and I should like you, if you would, to pass on my personal thanks to all those who were involved in arranging the dance.

signed

Alan G.S. Hill;
Stoke Mandeville Hospital"

"The Thursday Club" wish to thank all concerned for making the evening a social and financial success.

R.S.

CORRESPONDENCE Continued....

"Oh, Brother.

Dear Sir,

So far, it has been established that Ash Close is not in West Wycombe Parish. This partly answers the original enquiry. Are we writing a script for the above T.V. serial? Ash Close is in Hughenden Parish (Civil) January Issue, but not for sure in the April Issue, with a one in three chance of Bradenham, Lacey Green or Hughenden Parish Churches.

With apologies to "Oh, Brother" - Oh Golly, Gosh, where will it end?

W.I. Tibbles,
Ash Close.

P.S. I can see now, why no one could say "Yes," or "No."

Sorry we haven't been of more help Mr. Tibbles. It was news to me too that there are two kinds of parish boundaries.

Ed.

A T H A N K Y O U

Words simply fail us when it comes to thank all the wonderful neighbours and friends who helped us rescue our possessions during, and after the fire at "Hilton." The kindness and offers of help we have received have truly overwhelmed us. Bless you all.

Mr. & Mrs. Winter-Taylor, Senior.

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These photographs were taken on my lawn by a young scientific friend. The black line is only my telephone cable.

He fondly believes ~~that~~ he has explained them in very simple language. Well, Good Luck!

Ed.
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The two photographs on the preceding page depict the apparent movement of stars in the night sky. The camera was mounted on a firm tripod. The first photograph is an exposure of one hour directed towards Polaris (in the centre) - the "North" or "Pole" star of the heavens. The second photograph is a shorter, 10 minute exposure of the constellation of Orion (in the southwest). Here there is convincing evidence that the Earth rotates. The star trails in the first photograph are arcs of circles, concentric with the true celestial North Pole, a point very close to but not coincident with the Pole Star, as the first photograph shows. This, then, shatters any myth there may be that Polaris is truly the central point of the heavens.

Because the star trails in this particular photograph were made during a time interval of one hour, the length of every arc is exactly $1/24$ the circumference of the circle of which it forms part. In fact, any mathematics wizard with a protractor handy can easily prove that each arc subtends an angle of 15° at the central point! (15° being exactly $1/24$ of a whole revolution.)

In the second photograph, the 10 minute star trails in the southern half of the sky suggest a much faster movement and appear straighter. This is because the circles described by stars here are much, much larger - dipping below the western horizon and re-appearing in the east. These stars must, therefore, appear to travel much faster than those close to the Pole Star. All stars in the heavens appear to move in circular paths because of the Earth's rotation; and they complete one lap in 24 hours.

Technical Details:-

Film HP4; 45 mm lens open at: f2'8.
Lens Hood, tripod and cable release
used, plus a clear, moonless night sky.

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JUNE 1970

J U N E By J.H.B. Peel

Let me name in honour bound
flowers within my garden found
- roses pink and roses red;
and the catmint's azure head;
antirrhinums yellow, white;
tulips tintured with the night;
pansies yellow, like the corn;
primrose pallid as the dawn;
tall majestic foxgloves too
of red and purple hue;
and the Canterbury bell
echoing a happy knell
Let me cite for my delight
pinks that purify the night;
and the honeysuckle twining
sweetest while the moon is shining.
Gracious is the daffodil
when the winds of March are still,
painting what the lark has said,
that the winter months are dead.
Violets, and forget-me-not
and /when summer waxes hot)
marigold with burnished flower
hardy to endure the hours.
In this small continuum
dahlia, delphinium
and the sunflower's brassy face
bloom in sight of time and space.
Though it is a simple list
(many flowers will be missed)
yet it pleased me to recite
these the symbols of delight,
each within my garden found
whom I name in honour bound.

V.H.C.	1st		8.00 p.m.
Play Group	Tues, Wed, Thurs		9 - 12 noon
Dancing	Every Tuesday		3 - 6.15 p.m.
Health & Beauty	" "		2 - 3 p.m.
Welfare	3rd, 17th		2.00 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday	(B.R.)	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Conservative Association Meeting	3rd	(C.R.)	8.00 p.m.
W.I.	4th		2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday		8.00 p.m.
Art	" "	(B.R.)	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Over 60's	5th, 19th		2.30 p.m.
Gt. Bargain Sale	5th		6.45 - 8.00 p.m.
Wedding	6th		All Day
Young Neighbours	8th		7.30 p.m.
Whist	12th, 26th		7.30 p.m.
Library	12th, 26th		6.30 p.m.
Fete	13th		All Day
Naphill Friends Assoc.	19th		8.00 p.m.
Wedding	20th		All Day
W.I. Committee	25th	(C.R.)	2.30 p.m.
Village Hall Dance	27th		8.00 p.m.

V I L L A G E H A L L N O T E S

Fete time is here again! Details of the plans appear elsewhere in this issue. As always the Fete Committee's aim is to provide fun for all - young and old. This year it includes Naphill's first Donkey Derby and old and new sideshows will provide plenty of opportunity to try your luck and skill. So, see you at the Playing Fields on Saturday, June 13th!

Don't be put off if we are unlucky with the weather - there will be plenty going on in the Hall if it is wet. The Fancy Dress Parade with floats and the Halton Apprentices Band will leave Forge Road at 1.45 p.m. Children are particularly welcome to join in (assembling in Forge Road at 1.30 p.m.)

The Committee has already roped in many "volunteers", but a few more to share the load would be a real help. Would anybody we've missed who is willing to help with the preparations on the Friday evening or the Saturday morning - or to act as a relief stallholder in the afternoon - please contact Bruce Drewitt, 15 Allen Drive - Naphill 3519. The proceeds of a successful Fete and Bazaar in 1969 are at last beginning to show. By the time you read this, the Committee Room should be graced by a new floor.

R.A.L.

* N A P H I L L F E T E 1970 *

SATURDAY, 13th JUNE

To be opened at

2.15 p.m.

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N A P H I L L V I L L A G E H A L L C O U N C I L

MIDSUMMER DANCE.

The Midsummer Dance will be held on Saturday, 27th of June, 1970 in the Village Hall.

The Lincoln Green's Show Group is once more providing the evening's entertainment which begins at 8.00 p.m., through until midnight.

John Ward of The Wheel is providing a licensed bar.

Tickets cost 10/- each which also includes light refreshments during the interval.

Tickets are obtainable from:-

Judy Woodruff, Heatherlands, Downley Road, Naphill-	Tel. 3396
Joan Latham, Bowland House, Main Road -	" 3265
Betty Leaver, The Leaves, Naphill Common -	" 3046
John Ward, The Wheel, Main Road -	" 2210
Rosalind Drewitt, 15 Allen Drive, Walters Ash -	" 3519

N A P H I L L E V A N G E L I C A L F R E E C H U R C H

<u>Sunday Services</u>	10 a.m.	Family Service
	3 p.m.	The Adventurers' Class for Children
	6.15 p.m.	Evening Service.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The Lord Jesus said: Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6 : 19-21

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

Preachers for June

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

June 7th

Rev. Marcus Pattern

Mr. M. Brittin

" 14th

Sister Margaret Smith

Mr. E. Andrews

" 21st

Mr. A.E. Steevens

Mr. D. Short

B.Sc., M.A.

" 28th

Mr. B. Sutcliffe

Mr. N. Nibloe

The Sunday School outing to Brighton will take place on Saturday, the 4th of June. There are still some vacant seats. The fare is £1 for Adults and 5/- for Sunday School children. Please contact Miss S. Smith.

At the Sunday School Anniversay on May 10th, the Beginners - Primary and Junior Depts., took part in the morning service which was well attended. It was presided over by Mrs. Jarvis who held the children's attention by showing two Birthday Cakes - one eatable and enjoyed by the children who cut it, and the other, just icing on a tin which was of no use at all.

The Church was filled to capacity in the afternoon when the children gave a demonstration entitled "Our Sacrifice of Praise". Tea and biscuits were served to the parents after this service, to enable the Sunday School teachers to meet and get to know them.

At the evening service, conducted by Mr. Jarvis, the young people and the choir took part. A young friend, Robin Smith - aged 12 - was at the organ for the entire service. Proceeds for the day, which were for Sunday School work, amounted to the magnificent sum of £21 11s. 0d.

M.G.B.

N A P H I L L C H U R C H

Services.

June 21st

Evensong

3.30 p.m.

" 28th

Holy Communion

9.00 a.m.

We hope we shall see you at our stall on Naphill Fete Day, to try your luck at 'guessing things'. This year we have some fresh ideas to interest you, none of them difficult and all of them give a chance of winning a prize.

Hughenden Flower Festival and Fete.

During the weekend 26th, 27th and 28th June, it will be possible to visit the Flower Festival at the lovely 11th century Hughenden Parish Church, close to the Manor, and see the flower decorations which will have been arranged by some experts in Floral Art.

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NAPHILL CHURCH Continued.....

Never before has this been done at Hughenden, so it should be well worth a visit. A shortened Guide to Hughenden Church will be on sale during the weekend. This was a monastic establishment and should provide a wonderful setting for a flower display.

On the Saturday of that weekend, the Midsummer Fete will be held nearby in the beautiful grounds of Hughenden Manor, by kind permission of the National Trust.

Music will be played during the afternoon, teas will be served while sideshows, competitions and stalls will provide entertainment. There will be something to suit all tastes and one can be sure of a happy afternoon.

Further details will appear in the local press later in the month.

C H R I S T I A N A I D

The final result of the collection in Naphill and Walters Ash £87 6s. 10d., which includes a cheque from Strike Command.

This is a wonderful achievement and we thank all who helped in any way.

E.W. & C.B.W.

M U L T I P L E S C L E R O S I S S O C I E T Y

Thanks indeed for the help from many friends in contributing to the wonderful result of £63 from the Jumble Sale held at Naphill Village Hall on Saturday, 13th of April 1970

M.S.

B U C K I N G H A M S H I R E F U N D F O R
T H E B L I N D

The recent house-to-house collection for the above fund resulted in the sum of £24. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both collectors and contributors.

M.A.P.

N A P H I L L T E N N I S C L U B

The Season is now well underway and for the benefit of all members, the following changes in the weekly programme should be noted.

- Monday Open Night for Club Members
- Tuesday and Thursday Senior Club Nights from 7 p.m.
- Wednesday Free for Club members, except for when matches and tournaments have been arranged. (Full details of which will be displayed on the Club Notice Board.)
- Friday Junior Club Night with coaching from 5.30 p.m. Senior Coaching from 7.30 p.m.

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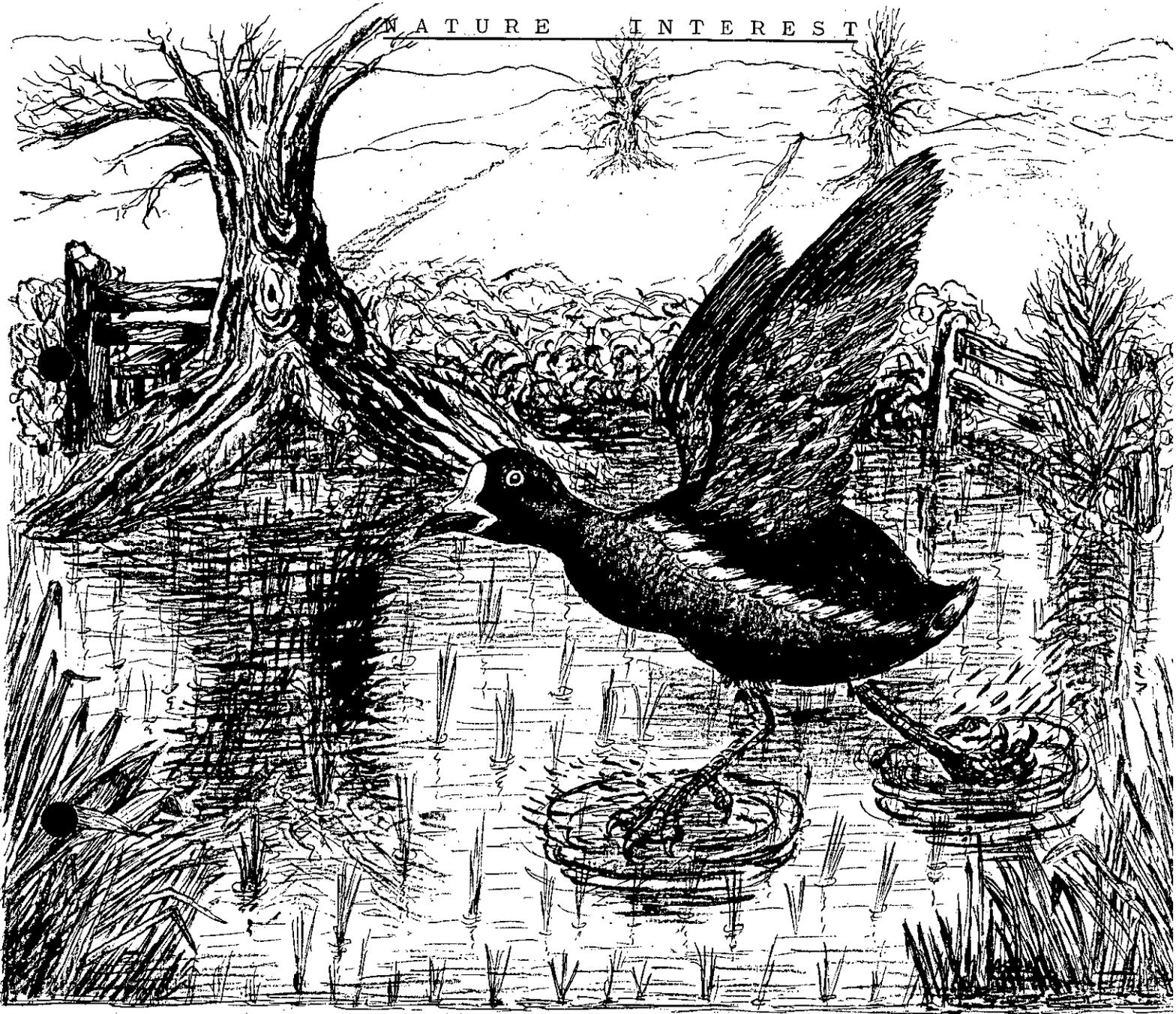
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Age



Moorhen walking on water.

The Moorhen is a member of the Rail family. The similarity in this family is easily noticeable. They each have the elongated body, longish legs with "knobbly" toes or claws with a back claw or thumb. Moorhens have smallish rounded wings, so they keep mostly to the ground and water. When they do fly they trail their legs back behind them.

The corncrake is slightly - the odd man out - for although belonging to the rail family, it is solely a land bird.

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NATURE INTEREST Continued...

The moorhen is about 13 inches in length and has a bright red shield on its' forehead and front face, extending down the cheek to the beak. Its' general colour is blackish with a slanting line of white feathers across its' flanks, just below each wing. Male and female are alike in colour and appearance, making an extremely attractive pair. They have long green legs with "knobbly" feet and a conspicuous bright red garter above the knee joint. They have a jaunty walk, with a peculiar jerky head and tail movement, the latter exposing their whiter than white undertail feathers.

The marriage ceremony of the moorhen is by chase and capture. The male chases the female through pond weed and vegetation onto the bank and eventually the female will give in and allow herself to be captured but not until she has made a sufficient exhibition of reluctance.

The moorhens are excellent swimmers and divers, especially considering they have no webbed feet. As you approach their domain, they will silently disappear, but if you are extremely observant you will see a little yellow beak projecting above the waterline, like a periscope, mingling with the pond reeds and other vegetation. The body will have been forced straight down into the depth of the pond. This operation is made possible because the moorhen is able to force all the air out of its' feathers and can then sink its' body straight down into the water in the upright position, allowing its' beak to remain above the surface for breathing and in this position it can remain motionless indefinitely.

The male moorhen is a very fierce fighter and such fights are far from sham. Accidents often happen even to breaking thighs, toes, legs or wings. However, there are other elaborately peaceful displays especially during the pairing period, when male and females will parade jauntily with head and beak erect in the air and with tails raised displaying their snow-white tail feathers. Then they commence a peculiar high stepping performance, rather similar to one of our latest human dances. This display, the moorhens carry out in complete silence.

Soon the nest building will commence and a site will be chosen usually near the water's edge, made of pond weeds and sometimes supported by low overhanging branches, from the bordering trees. The nest is always cleverly placed so that it will float, rising and falling with the level of the surface of the water.

The hen will lay 8/12 eggs, colour of stone with brownish blotches, a form of defence against predators - a perfect camouflage.

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NATURE INTEREST Continued...

When the chicks are hatched they are extremely fascinating. They are little balls of fluffy down with a red face and long green legs with long big toes. They instinctively swim and dive within minutes after hatching. They have the large back claws like a thumb and this is used as a hand to clamber out of the nest and climb up the surrounding banks.

The only limb that does not appear to develop is the wing, which remains small and rounded at the end and shows little change during the next eight weeks.

The moorhen has been the subject of a special study, and the conclusion arrived at appears to be a matter of evolution - the thumb or back claw for climbing, the long legs for speed, large long knobbly toes for swimming and diving - these all quickly develop. The wings that will seldom be used remain practically the same. These characteristics derive from a reptilian ancestry of 280 million years ago.

A.S.A.W.

GARDEN NOTES

Now that May has had her fling, she has behaved very well this year, June takes over and we should not mind if she sheds a tear or two, for if the old gardening 'tag' has any truth in it - 'A dripping June keeps things in tune.'

However, with fear of frost gone for another season, we can now plant out those dahlias, runner beans, marrows, cucumbers and tomatoes. Although some of you have already taken a chance, and got away with it some two or three weeks ago, all those summer bedding plants can now be put out without risk.

Weeds are growing well among the growing crops but before going through them with the hoe, sprinkle a little fertiliser along each side of the plants, then hoe off the weeds and hoe in the fertiliser at the same time.

Lawn mowings make a good mulch for the raspberries, black currants and other bush fruits, also peas, beans - both runner and broad.

Once again, that little problem of birds being caught up in black cotton when used as a protection for seedlings, polyanthus etc., causing distress and sometimes the death of the birds. This will not happen if the cotton is used sensibly, all that is required is a few short sticks along each side of the rows, then twist the cotton around each one - up one side and down the other - then back again in a "W" formation. The cotton should be about five or six inches above soil level. I have found that this method works and have never caused any injury to our feathered friends.

A.H.B.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

We are expecting further supplies of both Sedge and Moss Peat by the time this issue of the Gazette appears. We also have a few bags of Bone Meal in 28 lb. lots available, but there will be no more Chasmor, until the Autumn.

The Rose, Sweet Pea, Dahlia and Gladiolus Annuals are now available, on loan free to those interested and free admission tickets to these shows are also to hand.

The R.H.S. Gardens at Wisley are looking at their best just now - why not pay a visit?- free admission tickets to the grounds always available. With the co-operation of several of our members, 20 free tickets were made available to members to enjoy the wonders of Chelsea Flower Show.

You see, the best things in life are free, or nearly so! These free privileges are available to members paying at least a minimum of the now redundant half-crown annual subscription - we now accept a two shilling piece and sixpence!

A word about our July Show; one of the Childrens' Classes will be for a collection of not more than 12 Snail Shells - named if possible.

For the Ladies Floral Art Classes there will be amongst others, "Elegance in a stemmed container," "A Hand Bouquet," "Oriental Beauty" and "Elegance of Texture" - so Ladies, on with those thinking caps; get in a little practice because we are looking forward to seeing some really good interpretations of these themes.

A.H.B.

N A P H I L L & W A L T E R S A S H O V E R S I X T I E S

The versatile entertainment given by Castlefield friends on May 8th met with great approval from the very large attendance present. Our numbers increase at every meeting.

On June 5th, weather Permitting, our meeting will be held in the garden of Plum Tree Cottage by kind invitation of our President, Mrs. E. Bayley. A Bring and Buy Stall will be held, the proceeds to be given to the Village Fete. Should the weather be unsuitable, the meeting and stall will be in the Village Hall.

In spite of trying three differant firms, we regret we were unable to book a coach to convey members to Cooks Hall Farm on the 19th of May.

C.B.W.

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N A P H I L L Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

At the May Meeting of the Young Neighbours at the Village Hall, Dr. Carless kindly gave some of his valuable time to give a talk on a wide range of health topics including, care of the elderly, preventive medicine, heart diseases, etc., and of course, 'The Pill.'

A raffle- A First Aid Kit - was won by Mrs. Kate Lacey.

Do you need to shed a few pound to get into your bikini this summer? If so, why not come along to our June meeting on Monday, 8th when Mrs. Threlfall of "Weight Watchers" will be giving a talk.

The Young Neighbours will be represented at the Fete on June 13th on the Hoop-La Stall, so bring your money along and try your luck.

M.A.F.

N A P H I L L W. I.

Resolutions for the N.F.W.I. Annual General Meeting on June 2nd and 3rd were debated and voted upon. Mrs. J. Lawrence will be our delegate at this meeting. Mrs. McCue and Mrs. D. Smith will be the delegate and visitor at the B.F.W.I. half yearly council meeting in Aylesbury.

A Coffee Morning given by Mrs. Bull resulted in a profit of £7 17s. Od., and an afternoon tea-party given by Mrs. McCue made £4 12s. Od. The Spring Fair, although poorly attended made £25.

An Art Evening on May 30th, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. will be in aid of Village Hall Funds - Tickets 2/6 including refreshments, can be obtained from members or purchased at the door on the day. It was agreed to hold a dinner for members and friends to celebrate the B.F.W.I. Golden Jubilee on the 18th of October.

Mrs. John Hall will be the speaker at the June meeting and the competition will be a knitted article to be given to the W.I. Fete Stall. Tea Hostesses:- Mrs. Parslow, Mrs. Pushman, Mrs. Tweedale, Mrs. Parker or Mrs. Davies.

S Y B I L F R A S E R ' S D A N C I N G C L A S S E S

At the Royal Academy of Dancing Ballet Examinations held in May, all candidates were succesful. Congratulations to:-
Primary Grade:-

Alison Bayntun	-	Pass
Sara Alabaster	-	Pass
Melanie Taylor	-	Pass Plus
Susan Dobson	-	Pass Plus
Kate Carruthers	-	Pass Plus
Natalie Finch	-	Pass Commended
Frances Powell	-	Pass Commended

EDITOR'S CORNER

With the death of Cyril Halsey, we have lost one more of that group of men who could be called the makers of modern Naphill. You will no doubt read elsewhere of his public service since he retired from active work, but we shall remember him for his work for the village. In the early years of this century he was doing a postman's round including all Naphill and North Dean, which gives an idea of how things have changed. He was one of the group which first began to raise money for a Village Hall and Playing Field, and was still serving on the V.H.C. until quite recently. This is a length of service which no one else can quite match, and we all pay our last sincere tribute to a great servant of the village.

Once again, congratulations to the football club for winning Div. One of the Wycombe Combination. I understand the Premier Div. is being reorganized, which surely means that Naphill can no longer be denied their rightful place.

But what of the Ladies? The Drama Group not in the Finals? Well, the creaks were showing when they put their play on last winter. The analogy with football is exact. It was indeed a great team which Rose Bruford and Fanny Dowson created, but like many a great football team they have all grown old together. A football club's remedy would be the odd retirement, a free transfer or two, and a new manager. But it would be a brave man who dared suggest this to the ladies.....

News from Naphill School is that Mr. Kelloway has been promoted and goes to Mickfield - I know that Naphill children will be sorry to lose him. Congratulations to Mrs. Rolfe on becoming the new Deputy Head.

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JULY

MOONLIT TREES. by Marjorie D. Turner.

So silver, so still,
On the edge of the hill
The tall trees stand;
and the opal band
of sunset dies
From the darkening skies,
I watch the night fall,
While the owl's clear call
Is heard from afar;
and the first faint star
Is lighted at last,
and the dusk is past.
And there on the hill
So silent, so still
A last faint breeze
Stirs the moonlit trees.

From "Spirit of the Trees."

N A P H I L L G A Z E T T E No. 228
A T THE VILLAGE HALL - JULY 1970

Welfare	1st, 15th	2 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday (BR)	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Play Group	Every Tues, Wed, Thurs	9 - 12 noon
Conservative Meeting	1st (CR)	8.00 p.m.
W.I.	2nd	2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
Art	" " (BR)	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Over 60's	3rd, 17th, 31st	2.30 p.m.
Wedding Reception	4th	All Day
V.H.C.	6th	8.00 p.m.
Football Club Meeting	6th (CR)	8.00 p.m.
Dancing Classes	7th, 14th	3 - 6.15 p.m.
Library	10th, 24th	6.30 - 8.00 p.m.
Horticultural Show	11th	2.30 p.m.
Young Neighbours	13th	7.30 p.m.
Private Party	18th	3 p.m.
Whist	24th	7.30 p.m.
W.I. Committee	30th (CR)	2.30 p.m.
Healthy & Beauty	Every Tuesday	2 - 3 p.m.
Private Party	31st	8.00 p.m.

N A P H I L L F E T E D A Y

The weather was perfect, the organisation was superb and the enjoyment of the visitors was the culmination of the much hard work undertaken by Mr. Bruce Drewitt and his band of helpers.

This year the fete had the added attraction of a Donkey Derby and the several races during the afternoon maintained a considerable level of interest, no doubt due to the financial involvement of the many punters who watched their tide of fortune ebb and flow with each temperamental mount.

As usual, the opening of the Fete was preceded by the Carnival procession led by the R.A.F. Halton Apprentices Band. The Floats, colourfully decorated in the theme of "The Shape of Things to Come", had exercised the imagination of the participants. Naphill School, with the "Universe Cup for Space Football" won the rose bowl trophy with the W.I. as runners up depicting the art of test tube reproduction without any apparent need for men!

The children's fancy dress parade never fails to illustrate the ingenuity and imagination of Naphill parents and this year was no exception.

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NAPHILL FETE Continued...

Wing Commander E.J. Stainer, O.C. Royal Air Force, High Wycombe and Mrs. Stainer opened the Fete, having been introduced by the Village Hall Council Chairman, Mr. Rex Leaver. In his opening speech, Wing Commander Stainer presented the Chairman with a cheque for £20, this amount having been collected by donations from members of the R.A.F., High Wycombe. The subsequent judging of the fancy dress parade was an unenviable task.

Side shows and competitions contrived successfully to attract money from the visitors who, in turn, were able to relax from time to time to watch the exertions of three Tug-of-War teams. A "final" between a team from the Wheel and one from the R.A.F., High Wycombe, led to an exciting climax with the R.A.F. winning their just reward - a barrel of beer. The humiliation of the Wheel team was complete when they all had to partake of a glass of milk - a spectacle which will never be forgotten in the Public Bar!

A successful and eventful day with a benign sun shining down on a friendly village's perfect day of enjoyment.

R.C. Pushman

Fete Committee Chairman's Postscript:

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everybody who helped so splendidly and in so many ways in making the Fete a success; give or take a bit, the first estimate of profit is £270.

A.B.D.

PRIZE WINNERS AT THE FETE - SATURDAY, 13th JUNE, 1970

FLOATS: 1st Prize and Cup : Naphill School
2nd Prize : Women's Institute.

CHILDRENS' FANCY DRESS:

1st Prize : Paula Ann Smith : dressed as a toothpaste tube
2nd Prize : Elaine Tucker : as a Lady from Spain
3rd Prize) : Mark Collicott : Cave Man
) : The Cubs : Space Craft

LUCKY PROGRAMME NUMBER : 623

NINEPINS : Gentlemans Prize : Mr. A. Lovell
Ladies Prize : Master M. Dempster.

TREASURE HUNT : Barbara Streets, 18 Ash Close.

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FETE PRIZE WINNERS Continued...

MARBLES IN A FLOWER POT

Childrens Prize	:	Sarah Edwards with 15
Adult Prize	:	B. Morgan with 20

The following prizes from the Women's Institute raffle were not claimed on Fete Day :

2nd Prize	:	Pink Ticket No. 293
3rd Prize	:	Beige Ticket No. 141

The correct results for the "Guess the Weight" competition were:-

Value of Bag of Coins	:	11/7
Number of currants in cake	:	587
Length of Nylon Cord	:	206 feet
Weight of Grocery parcel:	:	6 lbs 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ ozs.
Number of Hairs in Donkey's Tail	:	2011
Weight of bottle of wine:	:	3 lbs 13 ozs
Number of sweets in basin	:	57
Weight of Fete Announcer	:	10 stone 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.

GRAND DRAW PRIZES

1	Stainless Steel Tea Service No.	3159	Jackson, Parkwood, Walters Ash.
2	Coffee Table	3080	Ponfret, Woodcock Avenue, Walters Ash
3	Electric Kettle	1569	C.J. Leeson, Chapel Lane.
4	Transister Radio	1202	Wiseman, Hazeldene, Naphill
5	Car Care Kit	1566	C.J. Leeson, Chapel Lane
6	Bottle of Wine	1089	F. Aldred, Watchel Lane, Holmer Green
7	Bottle of Wine	1835	Mrs. Bird, Beech Park, Walters Ash
8	1 dozen Cans Beer	435	Tickert, Mitcham Walk, Aylesbury
9	Bacon Voucher from Syretts	3368	Mrs. Doe Bryn, Battingswood
10	Petrol Voucher, Russels Garage	393	Vere, Southfield Road, High Wycombe.
11	Gift Voucher from G.E. Stevens	2351	Berry, Battingswood
12	Gift Voucher from G.E. Stevens	1064	Allan, Windmill Lane, Widmer End.
13	Basket	5938	Foreman, Oak Row, Main Rd.
14	After Shave	460	Kathie D.C.A.
15	Biotex	2386	Miss V. Clarebout C/o R. Pushman
16	Sweets	2283	Rogers, Havendale, N. Dean.
17	Goya Gift Set	2627	N.B. Dale Walls 1/c

N A P H I L L E V A N G E L I C A L F R E E C H U R C H

Sunday Services	10 a.m.	Family Service
	3 p.m.	The Adventurers Class for Children
	6.15 p.m.	Evening Service.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.

Trust God where you cannot trace Him. Do not try to penetrate the cloud He brings over you; rather look to the bow that is on it. The mystery is God's; the promise is yours.

J.R. Macduff.

N A P H I L L C H U R C H

Services:-

July 26th Holy Communion 9.00 a.m.

It has been decided that Evensong at Naphill on the third Sunday in the month shall be suspended during the summer months but will be resumed in the Autumn. It is increasingly difficult to find someone available to take the service and experience has shown that holidays and weekend visiting reduce the attendance at this service.

May we remind you that Evensong is held every Sunday at our Parish Church in Hughenden at 6.30 p.m., where Naphill people will be very welcome.

As usual, the Sunday School will also close for the summer holidays on July 12th and the re-opening date will be announced towards the end of the holidays, probably in the September issue of the Gazette.

Our helpers on Naphill Fete Day thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and we are pleased to announce a profit of just over £10.

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

<u>Preachers for July</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
July 5th	Mr. R. Ellins	Sister Margaret Smith (Holy Communion)
" 12th	Mrs. Mann	Mr. P.D. Steare
" 19th	Rev. R.L.J. Kaye	Sister Margaret Smith
" 26th	Mr. W. Parkins	Mr. F.H. Slade.

We have been very pleased to welcome visitors from other parts of the country who are staying with friends in the village.

N A P H I L L W. I.

The History of the Houses of Parliament was most ably told by Mrs. John Hall and members were interested to hear how their own county of Bucks played a large part in its' shaping. Mrs. Randall gave the vote of thanks.

The Coffee Morning at Mrs. Adams made £4 15s. 9d and the Art Exhibition and Coffee Evening in aid of the Naphill Village Hall Funds realized £30. Mrs. McCue gave an account of her visit as delegate to the Council meeting at Aylesbury and Mrs. Piercy, her impressions as delegate to the N.F.W.I. Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall.

The Competition of a knitted article was won by Mrs. Hayward. Members were asked to support the stall at the Village Hall Fete. Tea Hostesses were Mrs. Parslow, Pushman, Tweedale and Davies.

M.P.

A R T E X H I B I T I O N R E V I E W

Mr. Piggot takes classes for a lively Art Group at Naphill.

On Saturday, 30th of May, the W.I. put on a very enjoyable social evening in which the main feature was a show of the Artist's work. The work was varied and interesting including, remarkably fine pottery by members of the W.I. The artists are obviously gaining a great deal from Mr. Piggot's tuition and all appear to be progressing towards some personal ideal. This group is not content to sit back and admire their work with their friends, but I got the impression that they are continuously agitating and seeking criticism, looking for assistance and ideas to improve their work, and widen their horizon for creating a picture.

I thought one most interesting artist was Douglas Riggs whose work was admirable, particularly a beautifully painted green picture of Moseley Barn. Other works of interest were Muriel Piercy's reclining nude - well painted and forthright. Daisy Leek's 'Fleets Barn'; Ken Stuart's 'Henley' and 'Grandma'; and several very fine pictures of Dennis Syrett, whom we must congratulate for exhibiting at present at the Royal Academy.

A. Reyntiens.

MRS. HALSEY deeply appreciated the letters and messages of sympathy received on the death of her husband from friends in the village. After 49 happy years living and working in the district, she realizes how fortunate they were to choose Naphill for their home.

Thank you all.



THE TAWNY OWL

T H E T A W N Y O W L

This is the owl frequently heard, but less often seen, since, though more plentiful, it is very nocturnal and a more vocal species than most of the other owls.

The Tawny Owl, sometimes called the wood or brown owl is heard in the late evening. The common call of the male is the familiar hoot. It is suggested that the call:- Ke-wick-too-woo often heard is possibly a duet between male and female. The female gives the Ke-wick and immediately the reply from the male is Too-woo, and from this follows a continuation of conversation from one bird to the other, giving the impression of just one bird.

The Tawny Owl's nest is usually to be found in the hollow of a tree, mainly evergreen, but another habit of the Tawny Owl is to steal the nest of the magpie or the carrion crow - and as these nests are usually well lined, the Tawny owl becomes a very satisfied squatter. It puffs itself out into a terrific size when approaching these nests, snaps its' bill loudly, alters its' facial expression to something extremely ferocious and, either magpie or crow are glad to give in.

The nest usually built by the Tawny Owl is rather a rough old thing; 'here's a hole, put a few pieces of soft hay in it, and that will do'. But unlike most of the other owls he will not use regurgitated pellets for his nest lining. The eggs, usually two in number are white and very round - not the usual oval egg shape.

Young Tawny Owls swallow their food whole, it is not unusual to see a nestling tawny with the tail of a fair sized mouse hanging out of its' beak, waiting patiently until digestion has softened the anterior portion of the body.

Most owls are brave for their size, especially the Tawny. On one occasion, a young tawny was enjoying its' first view of the world and was perched blear-eyed, blinking on an old fruit tree. About fifty yards away, the parent sat bolt upright on a branch, her side pressed up against the trunk of the tree. Her sleepy eyes seemed tightly closed and although her face was turned towards us, she did not appear to be the slightest bit interested in the young owl or my friends and me. A boy with us at the time, started to climb up the tree and was soon reaching out to lift the small owl when - from out of the blue- at a terrific speed came the adult owl, swooping straight down out from the trees above. The boy's father had a walking stick with him and he struck the tree trunk, and also in the direction of the adult owl. This was sufficient to send the owl and its' babe scuttling away, and the boy quickly retreating down to earth again. The adult owl and its' young were now safely perched on a higher branch, nearer to the top of the tree.

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NATURE INTEREST Continued....

Recently, while staying in the Orkney Islands, I was hunting for the Hen-Harrier's nest, when, I was lucky enough to find a Shorteared owl's nest. The parent Owl was sitting on the nest. The shorteared owl makes its' nest on the ground, so I was able to take a photograph and almost immediately she left and there were 5 pure white eggs in a feather lined nest. A few days later I visited the nest again to see how things had progressed. There were - with open beaks - 5 young owls, white and fluffy. Almost as soon as I looked over at the youngsters, three of them turned over on to their backs, putting up their claws and opening their beaks in a real fighting attitude, even at this tender age. Since my interest in owls, I have read that the Tawny Owls' young will do exactly the same thing.

All owls come within the scope of the Protected Birds Act 1954. They feed mainly on small rodents, insects, lizards and some nestlings from smaller birds nests. Tawny Owls are great fliers, ringed birds have been found over 100 miles away from the place where they have been ringed.

A few years ago I had a young Tawny Owl brought to me. It was thought to have something wrong with it, but we found nothing serious, so we put the owl in a shed and "Tawny" did very well; became very tame and ate everything that was brought to him. The shed door was left open, always day and night and "Tawny" would often go out into the garden, but was always back before night.

One evening after some discussion, my wife and I decided to take him back to the woods, so quite late we put him in the car and took him up towards Lane End. The car was stopped and "Tawny" was picked up and gently thrown into the trees; neither my wife nor I said a word, but how we felt? Still, he was born to be free and the woods were the place. We returned home and, sure enough, "Tawny" was in the shed, home before we were.

This could have been a really good excuse for keeping him, but no, the next night we tried again, this time much farther away. That was the last we saw of our pet "Tawny", but pets are not so easily forgotten.

A.S.A.W.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T

Load of Denner Hill Sets for Sale : Offers : Naphilll 2323

EDITOR'S CORNER

Although they have not been with us for more than a few years, Geoff & Joan Mitchell will be very much missed now that they have moved to Cornwall. The chief sufferers will be Naphill Girl Guides who will find Mrs. Mitchell almost impossible to replace. Geoff was a most efficient auditor of the Gazette accounts and worked in great harmony with Treasurer Doug Tooby. His replacement is Pete Miles, who has recently moved into Woodbine Cottage.

Even as I was writing about Naphill Football Club last month, the Premier Div. Wycombe Combination was being reorganized, and I understand that Naphill have been placed straight into the top group. So, after many years we shall once more see Napple- v. Frackell, if you know what that means! I hope they can live up to it. Meanwhile, the Cricket Club are fighting to regain their place in the first Div., but that is always extremely difficult to accomplish, although that hoary veteran John Evans is well among the runs. I am a little out of touch with the Tennis Club these days, but a contemporary of mine was suddenly overcome by a rush of adrenalin recently and rejoined the Club. He played for two hours one evening and is now under the doctor. I shall take the lesson to heart.

I attended a very pleasant occasion in Naphill recently when Phill Bowell's Risboro Music Soc., gave a performance of "Merrie England" in Mr. Huggard's delightful old barn. Nearly all the hundred tickets were snapped up in Risboro of course. But I thought you would like to know what's going on. I shall be on holiday at the relevant time in July, so would all contributors please send their efforts to Mrs. A. Lawrence, Downley Road. Anything sent to me and not clearly marked "Naphill Gazette" is unlikely to get published.

*for July, read August.

N A P H I L L & W A L T E R S A S H O V E R S I X T I E S

We were favoured with ideal weather for the Garden Meeting at Moseley Lodge Farm when competitions and a treasure hunt proved very attractive pastimes.

An interesting talk about Old Buildings given by Mr. Rose recently was very enjoyable, particularly when reference was made to buildings in Bucks and Oxon. At this meeting a surprise was given to us all when large portions of Ice Cream Cake were served, which had been provided by a founder member of the Club to celebrate her 80th Birthday. On July 3rd, we look forward to a Play to be given by Hughenden Drama Club.

C.B.W.

Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

At our June meeting Mrs. Claire Grierson of Weight Watchers came to give us a talk. She explained how the organization started in this country only a few years ago, and of their aim to help people with their 'over weight' problems by putting them on safe, strict diets.

The Young Neighbours would like to thank everyone for their generous support at the Hoop-La stall on Fete Day and thanks also to the ladies who helped to run it on a very hot afternoon.

Our next meeting on July 13th will be a Dress Party, presided over by Mrs. Wakeling. Members and guests will be most welcome at what promises to be an interesting evening.

M.A.F.

G A R D E N N O T E S

The big talking point amongst gardeners recently has been rain, or the lack of it, which has hit Naphill even more than some of our immediate neighbours.

Flood conditions at Hampden and Risborough, a nice rain at Wycombe, Booker and even Lacey Green, but Naphill narry a drop, or hardly so. What to do about it? Well, of course, water is the only real answer; rain for preference (which might have come by the time these notes appear) or if not, the watering can. It is practically impossible to water the whole garden under present conditions, so the best plan is to concentrate on the recently planted bedding plants, and the brussels, cabbage and other greenstuff.

Perhaps the best method of doing this is by using the watering can without the rose; another valuable aid in these conditions is mulching with grass cuttings, hedge trimmings and similar material. When cracks begin to appear in our hard clay soil, the use of the dutch hoe in forming a dust mulch on the surface will fill in these cracks and slow up the transpiration of moisture from the lower levels. However, looking on the bright side, the rains should arrive by the time you are reading this.

There are usually three main jobs to do this month:- complete the planting of greenstuff, celery, leeks etc., keeping down the weeds (it may sound a little Irish, but the best way of controlling these is to hoe the ground before you see them), and then there are the pests:- aphids, slugs and earwigs amongst others.

Perhaps the most effective sprays are what are known as Systemics: sprayed on the plants they enter the system and sucker insects, such as aphids take up the poison when attacking the plants. However, some plants could be damaged by its' use, so before using these sprays, carefully read the instructions. Not quite so effective, but entirely safe, are the Pyrethrum sprays and dusts; but these are much more effective than just plain soap and water.

A.H.B.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y .

Once again our July Show Date is almost upon us - remember the date - July 11th, and as the time draws near we are keeping an anxious eye on the weather which as all gardeners know, plays an important part in the success, or failure of many garden crops. Although this has been a little trying up till now, we are hoping that things will be alright on the day. As with all such efforts, if we each play our part, we shall have an enjoyable day.

Our usual exhibitors, we know will again be showing, the best their gardens and their skill can produce. To those who have never shown something from their garden, why not make at least one entry this time?

The Schedules are now available and the classes cover a wide range. The committee have asked me to appeal to all exhibitors to take note of the Entry Form which states that entries should be in the hands of the Secretary by Wednesday, July 8th, although they are quite prepared to take entries on the morning of the Show. But it would be a great help in the staging of the exhibits, to the satisfaction of both exhibitors and public alike, if they could be handed in at least the day before the Show. If you cannot manage to do this until the morning of the Show, we will be pleased to accept your entries, but shall be even more pleased if you can inform us at least the day before.

Show something if you can, and if you have something for the Gift Stall, we thank you. Visit the Show anyway and if you are on holiday at the time, how about foregoing one ice-cream and make it conscience money donation to the Show funds.!

A.H.B.

N A P H I L L C R I C K E T C L U B

Fixtures for July.

<u>1st X1</u>	July 4th	Westbourne	Away
	" 11th	Caribbean Club	Home
	" 18th	Desborough S.C.	Away
	" 23rd	Broomwade S.C.	Home
<u>2nd X1</u>	" 4th	Radnage	Home
	" 11th	Loudwater	Away
	" 18th	Desborough S.C.	Home
	" 25th	Broomwade	Away.

G.L.B.

F O O T B A L L C L U B

A long time has passed since we made a report of the Football Club's progress. During the past three years, we have won the Wycombe 1st Division twice, finished runners up in 1968/9, won the Wycombe Junior Cup and been losing finalists, and won the Chesham Charity Cup.

As a result of these performances and our ground facilities, we have been elected to the Wycombe premier A. division - the top league in local football. This has all been done by a committee comprised almost entirely of players, with the exception of two non-playing members.

This has put undue pressure on the members concerned. We need more responsible people to help run the Club. The village has some 600 households now; where is the local interest and support for your club? We have many critics! - none of whom will assist in anyway in the running of the club. Believe us, a football club entails possibly more committee work and organization than the rest of the village activities put together. Over 70 matches to arrange, each one with 12 players to notify and organize. Expenditure compared with other activities, is astronomical, costing some £500 to run the club each year.

We want committee members who will give a couple of hours each Saturday and attend a monthly meeting. How about some support from the village? There must be a nucleus of people who will give us some support. We need help to consolidate the tremendous amount of hard work put in by the few in the past few years. If you are prepared to help please contact our secretary Mr. R. Flower, "Lark-Rise", Stocking Lane, Hughenden Valley, Telephone Naphill 3118, and come to the A.G.M. in the Billiard Room of the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday, the 6th of July.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

The recent R.S.P.C.A. Flag Day amounted to approximately £18 10s. I am most grateful to the collectors and contributors for helping to make the day so successful. Later in the season, I hope to arrange a Rummage Sale, also a Bring & Buy Sale - dates will be announced later.

Have you ever thought of becoming a member? An annual subscription of £1 (or more) makes you a member and you can help the Society in so many ways. May I appeal to all animal lovers to report cases of suspected cruelty, either ill treatment or neglect, to the nearest R.S.P.C.A. Inspector, or the Headquarters of the Society, or the Police. The source of information is not divulged during the subsequent investigation.

Please help the R.S.P.C.A. to work for all unhappy animals.

L.M. Sharpe, Aux. Hon. Sec.

CORRESPONDENCE Continued....

The Editor, Sir,

All the readers of the Gazette will know that I am leaving Naphill School to take over the Headship of Micklefield C.P. School, High Wycombe.

I leave Naphill with mixed feelings. Naturally I am eager to take on the responsibilities of my own School, something I have looked forward to for many years. However, I leave many friends behind - my colleagues on the staff, the Managers, parents and I hope, all the children.

May I say how happy I have been at Naphill. It is a wonderful school in which to serve. The year I had as Acting Head was a real joy, and I appreciated the help and co-operation of all in the village. I believe my promotion was due to this year, so I am indebted to you all.

I shall always have a place in my heart for Naphill. Thank you for 2½ years of real happiness.

Yours sincerely,

signed Ivor Kelloway.

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Welfare	5th, 19th		2.p.m.
Conservative Meeting	5th	(C.R.)	8 p.m.
Eingo	6th		8.p.m.
Whist	7th, 21st		7.30 p.m.
Library	7th, 21st	(C.R.)	6.30 - 8 p.m.
Young Neighbours	10th		7.30 p.m.
Over 60's	14th, 28th		2.30 p.m.
Football Rummage	14th		7.30 p.m.
Wedding Reception	22nd		All Day
Drama	25th		8 p.m.
W.I. Committee	27th	(C.R.)	2.30 p.m.
Golden Wedding Celebration	29th		All Day

N A P H I L L E V A N G E L I C A L F R E E C H U R C H

Sunday Services:	10 a.m.	Family Service
	3 p.m.	The Adventurers Class for Children
	6.15 p.m.	Evening Service.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Life's heaviest burden is to have
nothing to carry."

N A P H I L L C H U R C H

Services:

August 23rd Holy Communion 9.0 a.m.

By the time this is published, the corn in the fields will be turning colour and we shall be thinking about the forthcoming harvest. Harvest, of course, is synonymous with Autumn; and Autumn brings a period of Rummage Sales in the village.

Naphill Church has booked the Village Hall for a Rummage Sale early in October, so please keep the church in mind when you are turning out unwanted goods. We already have a bicycle, a lawn mower and some other goods, but there are not nearly enough for a first class Rummage Sale.

Will you please do what you can to help?

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

<u>Preachers for August.</u>		11 a.m.	6.15 p.m.
August	2nd	Mr. H. Harradine	Mr. E. Barnett
"	9th	Mr. W. Osborne	Sister Margaret Smith (Holy Communion)
"	16th	Mrs. Ing	Mr. S. Prudden
"	23rd	Mr. A.J. Smith	Sister Margaret Smith (Section United Service for Overseas Missions)
"	30th	Sister Margaret Smith	Naphill Preaching Group.

Naphill Methodist Sunday School Outing.

Eighty-six people, including children, parents and friends left the Village Hall on Saturday, July 4th at 7.30 a.m. en route for Brighton. The outlook was rather damp, but the rain cleared as we arrived in Brighton and gradually the weather improved. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

The party had a brief re-union with David Taylor - ex-Naphill Sunday School teacher, who has just completed a year with a furniture firm in Brighton. Old friends of his will be interested to hear that he is going to a Teacher Training College for one year, starting next term.

M.G.B.

Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all at our July meeting when Mrs. Eva Webb, representing Home Fashion Parties, brought along a good selection of fashionable dresses and trouser suits for us to see and afterwards to try on.

Due to holidays, there will not be a meeting of the Young Neighbours during August. Our next meeting will be held on the 14th of September.

M.A.F.

N A P H I L L W. I. (D R A M A G R O U P)

The Naphill W.I. Drama Group would be very pleased to hear from any lady or gentleman living in the village, who would be interested in joining the Group.

Would anyone who is interested please get in touch with the W.I. Drama Group Secretary:- Mrs. Kathleen McCue, "Seven Winds", Downley Road, (Naphill 2213), or with any W.I. Member.



BUSY PARENTS - THE CHAFFINCH

NATURE INTEREST

Of all our beautifully architectural nests, I put the chaffinch nest in the top three, with those of the goldcrest and the long-tailed tit; all three birds being expert nest builders. They all use the light and dark grey coloured lichens with different types of mosses. The nests are then bound with spider's web.

The birds cleverly weave fine grasses within the moss. The nest is then lined with soft hair and wool, becoming a beautiful, compact ball-shaped cup - a wonderful camouflage within the nest site chosen. The hen chaffinch - that is the one at the top of my sketch - does all the building of the nest, but the male will collect material and bring it to the hen for her to put in place.

The chaffinch will feed mainly on seeds from weeds and trees, small berries and small insects, such as aphids and also, small moth caterpillars. The hen will lay 4/5 eggs, bluish green with dark brown blotches and scribbles.

The male adult chaffinch is a very handsome chap. He is the lower bird in my sketch. He has a steel grey beak, blue-grey head and pinkish-brown breast, double white flashes on each shoulder and white outer tail feathers. The female lacks the bright colours of the male but is recognizable by its' similar pattern of white flashes on shoulders and outer tail feathers.

The chaffinch is looked upon as a common bird and we, in the south, see them in large numbers. They are extremely friendly creatures, and certainly very desirable birds to encourage in our gardens because of their choice of feed.

At one time the chaffinch could have been our most common bird, even outnumbering the house-sparrow or blackbird, but sad to record, during the past few years, there has been a considerable decline, probably due to the spraying of the fields and fruit trees with highly toxic chemicals. Some of the garden insecticides, too, may have contained a serious risk to the young chaffinch.

The chaffinch is really a grouping bird out of the breeding season and they can be seen very early in life grouping together in the fields and on the hedges. The groups will almost always consist of one sex - either all male or all female.

In the Autumn, a certain type of chaffinch migrates. Expert ornithologists who have studied this aspect state: "They are a type of chaffinch much paler in colour than our 'stay-at-home' bright coloured British bird." They leave for the continent in very large groups and return in the Spring. They are our very early songsters, sometimes as early as March. The song is bright and very cheerful, in a sharp, short spasm - but very pleasant.

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NATURE INTEREST Continued....

The key-day of the country chaffinch was undoubtedly before the advent of our modern combine-harvester. Its name suggests that it was a forager of weed seeds amongst the chaff winnowed from the threshing-floor in the days of the flail. The era of the stack-yard and threshing-machine attracted a truly great congregation - thus, the chaffinch.

In the adult courtship display, the cock bird will give full view to its' snow-white patches and posturing himself, he will sway from side to side to attract the hen and in some cases, will try to feed his intended, but will always put his offering down on the ground. If not taken by her, he will go off again to find another offering. He is very attentive to his hen during the incubation period and after hatching will help feed the young by bringing insects, etc., but almost always will give the food to her for it to be fed to the young.

I hope you will be pleased with my sketch this month. It was inspired by the nest shown to me by Mr. R. Piercy, which was in the fork of an old yew tree in his garden.

A.S.A.W.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

Our July Show was rather disappointing, expectedly so, not because of lack of interest but because of that hot dry spell, earlier on, that brought out the Roses and Delphiniums. Owing to these dry conditions, the flowers were over and gone in no time.

However, most of the exhibits on display were of good quality, such as the vegetables, soft fruit and particularly, the sweet peas. Once again, we must thank Mr. Len Grey for staging an interesting display of Bonsai - the Japanese art of growing dwarf trees. We are always on the look out for anyone who has a collection of plants or anything of Horticultural interest, and who would be prepared to stage similar displays at any of our Shows. So if you know of anyone, please put us in touch.

Our next Show is Saturday, September 12th and the Floral Art classes will include an Autumn Arrangement, another advertising a well-known product, a miniature arrangement and another using one flower only. Of course, foliage and accessories may be used, and there will be one we call Holiday Abroad, which could include England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and of course, any other country.

Before that date there will be the Hughenden Valley Show on Saturday, August 15th, which will include the Bucks Group of the British Gladiolus Society's Show; and on September 5th, the Wycombe Show on the Rye - not forgetting the Wycombe Dahlia Society's Evening Show in our Village Hall on September 16th. More details about this Show next month.

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H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y C o n t i n u e d

Here is another date for your diaries - Wednesday, November 4th, when Mr. John Humphrey who not long ago left our village to take up the position as Warden of the Gwenffrwd Reserve, will give an illustrated talk:- "A Bird Sanctuary in the Welsh Mountains."

A.H.B.

G A R D E N N O T E S

Although the recent and most welcome rains haven't yet caused the mud to stick to our boots and shoes, they have certainly given a boost to things growing in the garden, including the weeds. These, or course, are dealt with much easier in their young state, by the use of the Dutch Hoe.

Another job that often gets left for another day is the removal of spent crops such as early peas and broad beans, or the remainder of the spring cabbage beds. If this stuff is put on the compost heap and the soil lightly forked over, you will find you have room for a row of lettuce, some radishes, onions, endive, spinach etc., according to your fancy and incidentally, improve the appearance of the garden.

Another worth-while job is dead-heading, going over the flower borders and cutting off dead flower heads which will not only give them a fresher appearance, but will help to prolong the flower display.

Talking of flower display, one often hears complaints of how costly it can be to fill a flower border, but I have had the pleasure of seeing at close quarters, a long border of annuals packed tight with dozens of varieties all for the cost of a 4/6 packet of seed which were sown in situ - no greenhouse and the consequent pricking out and transplanting - and at the time of writing, still putting up a grand show in Ron Bull's front garden at "Alvanlea", Coombe Lane. The seeds were obtained from Alexandre and Brown and are misleadingly called "Wilderness mixture." They should certainly be re-named "Colour Panorama."

Don't forget those Hyacinths for Christmas flowering, and the Freesia and Cyclamen corms that were put out to dry off last Spring.

A.H.B.

ANTIPODEAN R E Q U E S T .

Would it be possible to state where the photographs used on the Front Covers are taken? This is a heart-felt plea from the Naphill contingent in Australia, and would save much argument and speculation.

N A P H I L L & W A L T E R S A S H O V E R S I X T I E S

No Club meetings will be held during August. Meetings will re-
commence on September 11th when Mrs. Davies has promised to speak,
and on September 25th we hope to have a visit from Mrs. J. Hall.

We are hoping to arrange a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
during August, posters will be displayed in due course.

C.B.W.

F O O T B A L L R U M M A G E S A L E

Friday, 14th August - 7.00 p.m.

Any person wishing to donate articles for the above event,
please contact any of the people listed below. If anyone would
like to bring their own rummage, it would be appreciated if it
were deposited at the clubhouse any Thursday evening.

K. Timberlake	Naphill	2396
T. Fendon	"	3456
T. Riches	"	2522
J. Ward.	"	2210

This season sees the start of a new era for the football club,
as they have been promoted to the Premier Division. Your support
and cheers would be greatly appreciated on Saturday afternoons, so
why not come along and join us?

A vote of thanks to those people who came to the Annual General
Meeting to offer their services to the club.

As can be appreciated, a fixture list is difficult to arrange
owing to cup matches taking precedence over league matches, but we
will endeavour to give the matches to be played monthly.

P R I N C E S R I S B O R O U G H E V E N I N G I N S T I T U T E - D E T A C H E D C L A S S .

L A D I E S K E E P F I T

This class will be held at the Naphill County Primary School.

There will be a course consisting of three terms, Autumn, Spring
and Summer. Each Term consists of 12 classes of 2 hours duration
7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Activities: will include static exercises, move-
ment to music and apparatus work. Ladies interested can enrol at
the first class of the Autumn term, which commences on Tuesday,
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FEE\$:-	1 term (12 classes)	35/-
	2 terms(24 classes)	55/-
	3 terms(36 classes)	70/-

Instructor: Mrs. L.C. Cotter.

T H E B I G D R O P

It's a question of the hem-line, gentlemen, so forgive this piece of feminine frippery while the editor is away. Don't pass on to the next item quite yet. Even if you are not interested in the length of your wife's skirt, the big drop is going to concern your cheque book. There's much more to a midi than a mini. A mini-slip is not worn under a midi-dress, no more is a midi dress under a mini coat. Shoes are different, boots are many, various and necessary. It's going to be an expensive autumn. Last year's dress allowance simply won't be enough.

The question mark that has long hovered over our hem-lines seems finally to have vanished. For months now, we have been wheedled, lured, cajoled, bullied into acceptance of the new length. Of course, there could be an election thing, with the mini winning against all odds, in spite of all forecasts.

"The mini is dead." they say. Long Live The Midi? No, fashion is not like that, and before long will be reaching for its' scissors again. All things having been changed, must be changed.

Gentlemen, we cannot strike, but we shall need more money.

A.M.L.

N A P H I L L W . I .

In the absence of the Speaker, Mr. Mayes, members entertained each other with their reasons for coming to reside in Naphill. This proved to be quite complimentary to the village and its' inhabitants; and what could have been a chairman's nightmare turned out to be an afternoon full of interest.

Vice President Mrs. Pearson welcomed Mrs. Mines as a new member. Coffee Mornings at Mrs. Adams and Pearson made £4 15s. 9d., and £5 9s respectively. Profit on the Drama Area Teas £12 and Drama Picnic at "Seven Winds" £6 5s 9d., Fete Stall realized £29.

Mrs. Valerie Pushman will give a tea-party at her home "Umtata", Naphill Common on August 6th at 3 p.m., this will be instead of an August Meeting. Admission 1/6.

Tea Hostesses for September:- Mrs. Boothroyde, Gillies, Tooby and Pushman senior. Speaker:- Mrs. Hayward "Introduction to Chinese Cooking". Harvest Festival Produce to be auctioned in aid of the Adopted Family.

M.P.

R.S.P.C.A.

"HOLIDAY THOUGHTS.

The holiday season is on us. For many this means the sunshine of foreign shores or the beauty of Britain. For the R.S.P.C.A. it means too often the distress of the abandoned animal.

Most animal owners will make suitable arrangements for the welfare of their pets at holiday time. We sometimes hear of a person who, rather than being parted from a pet, will forego a holiday trip and will be happy to stay at home. This is a sacrifice that will be gladly made by a few. No one who has overlooked the welfare of the pet at holiday time can really enjoy the break from routine.

What is important is that just as hotels and boarding-houses accept full bookings at peak holiday times, so do kennels catering for the pet that must be left behind. The holiday maker who has not made a kennel booking well in advance may be tempted to have a pet put to sleep or may even go to the callous limit of abandoning the animal.

Abandonment has been an offence in this country since 1960. It is often difficult to trace the person who has abandoned an animal, but, despite this, the R.S.P.C.A. has obtained more than 1,200 convictions in this decade since this Act has been in force.

The ownership of an animal involves a responsibility: Responsibility means planning. Without this the welfare of the pet can never be ensured.

The R.S.P.C.A. has a list of boarding-houses and hotels in this country where dogs are welcomed with their owners. A stamped, addressed envelope sent to the Secretary, R.S.P.C.A., 105 Jermyn Street, London S.W.1., will bring to anyone applying for this list, a free copy.

A good and reliable friend may take care of the dog or another animal, but this person must really have an affection for the pet and must accept all the responsibilities of ownership even though the arrangement is only for the holiday period.

It is not good enough to leave the pet in the house with food for the holiday period. Food will turn bad and water will evaporate and may be fouled.

Kindness to an animal means thoughtful planning."

EDITOR.

Quoted from "Animal World" - the official magazine of the R.S.P.C.A.

L.M. Sharpe,
Aux. Secretary.

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SEPTEMBER

S E P T E M B E R

Pear and apple on the tree
ripen rosey, fair and free,
lolling high to catch the eye
of a hungry passer-by.

Hedges off the beaten track
glow with berry bright and black,
blooming on a desert air,
languishing untasted there.

Nuts are lined along the lane
all without a thought of gain,
humble hips and haws as well,
fodder for a winter spell.

What a giving month indeed,
ministering every need.
Nature's in a loving mood,
and the earth is draped with food.

by J.H.B. Peel; from "Mere England".

N A P H I L L G A Z E T T E N o . 2 3 0
AT THE VILLAGE HALL - SEPTEMBER, 1970

Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
Dancing	1st, 9th, 14th, 15th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th	4.30 - 6.30 p.m.
Welfare	2nd, 16th	2 p.m.
Conservative Assoc.	2nd (C.R.)	8 p.m.
W.I.	3rd	2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8 p.m.
Play Group	Tues, Wed, Thurs mornings	9 - 12 noon
Whist	4th, 18th	7.30 p.m.
Library	4th (closed 18th)	6.30 - 8 p.m.
W.I. Rummage	5th	2.30 p.m.
V.H.C.	7th	8 p.m.
Health & Beauty	Every Tuesday	2 p.m.
Art	" Thursday (B.R.)	7.30 p.m.
Over 60's	11th, 25th	2.30 p.m.
Horticultural Show	12th	All Day
Young Neighbours	14th	7.30 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday, commencing 16th	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
H.W. Dahlia Soc.		
Exhibition	16th	6.30 p.m.
Village Hall Dance	19th	8.00 p.m.
Scouts & Guides		
Rummage Sale	19th	2.30 p.m.
W.I. Committee	24th (C.R.)	2.30 p.m.
Naphill Friends	25th (C.R.)	8.00 p.m.
Tennis Club Rummage	26th	2.30 p.m.
Private Party	26th	7 p.m. onwards
Private Party	27th	2 p.m.
Conservative Party		
Supper Evening	25th	7.30 p.m.

N A P H I L L E V A N G E L I C A L F R E E C H U R C H

Sunday Services:	10 a.m.	Family Service
	3 p.m.	The Adventurers Class for Children
	6.15 p.m.	Evening Service.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.

The Ten Commandments:-

They are Commandments, not suggestions.
 They were given by God, not made up by man.
 They are binding on all men, not only those who are
 "religious."

In breaking them, we break ourselves.
 There are ten of them, not less to suit our convenience.
 They are thousands of years old, but still relevant
 as ever.

The basis of them is the love of God, Who desires the
 happiness of all.

N A P H I L L C H U R C H

Services:

September 27th	Holy Communion	9.0 a.m.
" 6th	Sunday School recommences	10.30 a.m.

All children, not already attached to a Sunday School in the village, will be made very welcome at the Church of England Sunday School at the corner of Louches Lane and Main Road. The class lasts about forty minutes which is not too long for the children to get bored, so parents:- please bring, or send your children along.

The Church Rummage Sale will be held at the Village Hall on October 3rd. We hope our usual helpers and friends will come along, and as usual too, bring plenty of jumble.

Please 'phone Mrs. J. Simmonds - Naphill 2274 or Mrs. Wood - Naphill 3163 if you have anything you wish to be collected. Alternatively, call on Mrs. Parslow, 1 Blenheim Cottage, Main Road.

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

Preachers for September

	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
September 6th	Mrs. W. Dodd, B.A., B.Sc.	Mrs. Pike
" 13th	Sister Margaret Smith (Holy Communion)	Mrs. Cooper
" 20th	Mr. D. Gregory	Miss Hayter
" 27th	<u>Harvest Festival Services</u>	
	Sister Margaret Smith	Rev. R.L.J. Kaye

A Children's Gift Service will be held at 2.45 p.m., presided over by Mrs. H. Church.

On Monday, September 28th, there will be a Harvest Supper at 7 p.m. We give a hearty invitation to all to attend these Harvest Celebrations.

N A P H I L L W. I.

Naphill W.I. recommences on the 3rd of September at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. New members are welcome.

There will be an "Introduction to Chinese Food" by Mrs. Haycroft. Members are reminded of the Harvest Festival which will be auctioned.

Tea Hostesses for September:- Mrs. Boothroyde, Gillies, Tooby and Pushman (Senior).

Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

No meeting was held during August due to holidays.

The main item of our September meeting on the 14th will be the Annual General Meeting, when members will have a chance to nominate their candidates for Committee work over the next twelve months. There will be a "Bring and Buy" Stall as well as our usual Thrift Stall and for this evening, coffee and biscuits will be free of charge. We hope to see a nice large number of both members and friends at this important meeting.

On the evening of Saturday, October 3rd, a coach outing to see the Southend Illuminations has been arranged. This has proved great fun in previous years and tickets and further details will be available at the September meeting.

Another date for your October diary:- The Young Neighbours are holding a Hallowe'en Dance on Saturday the 31st of October. Here again, tickets and further details at the September meeting.

M.A.F.

N A P H I L L & W A L T E R S A S H O V E R S I X T I E S

Grateful thanks to all who helped to make our Coffee Morning a success and especially, to the stalwarts who turned out on such a dreadful morning. At the time of going to press, the proceeds are £13 12s. 1d, but there may be a little more expense to be met.

We resume our fortnightly meetings on September 11th, when Mrs. Davies will be the speaker.

On September 15th which is a Tuesday, a coach will leave the Village Hall at 1.30 p.m. for a Mystery Trip and tea. On September 25th, we hope to have a visit from Mrs. J. Hall and we are also holding a Harvest Festival to raise funds. This was suggested by one of our members - so please bring along any produce you have to spare.

Those members who visited Ludgershall Club received a warm welcome and spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

We regret the passing of one of our oldest members - Mr. Tweedale Senior and sympathize with his relatives. We also note the insertion in the Bucks Free Press of Miss V. Hoing's death. Miss Hoing was a member of the Club, when living in Naphill.

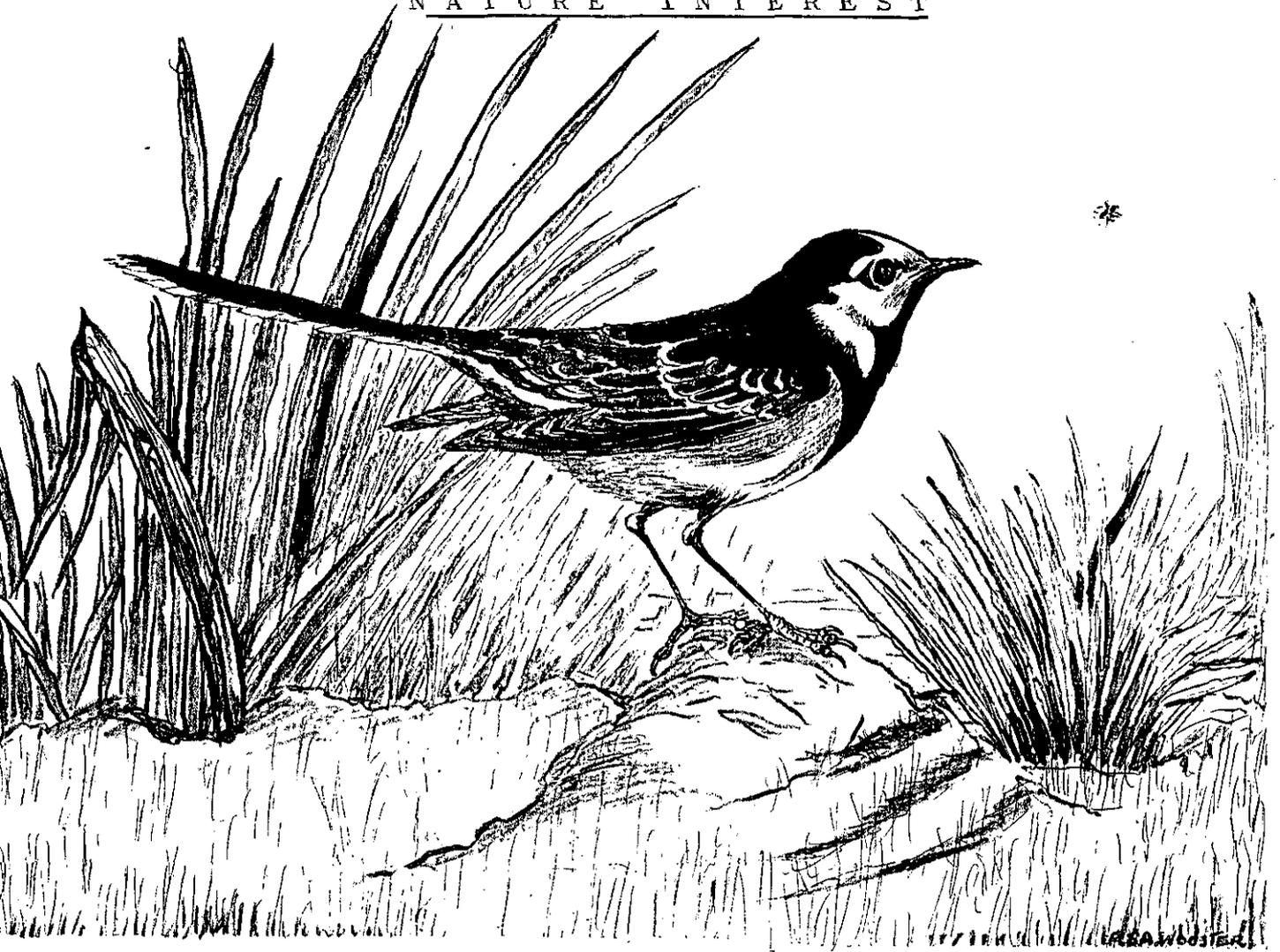
C.B.W.

T A B L E T E N N I S C L U B

The Club will start again in the Village Hall on Wednesday, the 7th of October at 7.00 p.m; and will go on each Wednesday during the winter months. I am looking forward to seeing all those who came last winter and shall be pleased to welcome anyone else who enjoys, or wants to play a game of table tennis. See you on the 7th.

A.G.L.

NATURE INTEREST



PIED WAGTAIL WITH EYE ON FLYING INSECT.

Debating what subject I would choose for our September issue, I saw a rhythmic spot of "black and white" streaking across the lawn. How very attractive he looked, walking, then running, and occasionally skipping almost vertically - still at speed to catch a disturbed flying insect. Whilst he seemed to cover almost every foot of the lawn, I watched. He is a proud, elegant, graceful bird with an air of conceit as he struts around with his bobbing head and beautiful long bobbing tail with its' jet black inner tail feathers and white outer feathers. The wagtail walks rather than hops. His deportment is perfect with his slender body supported by his beautifully shaped slender legs - surely he must be, in the bird world equivalent, to our modern fashion model.

Although The Pied Wagtail is a perching bird (a passerine), it spends most of its' waking hours on the ground. It is some seven inches long, including its' long bobbing tail - which gives the bird its name.

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NATURE INTEREST Continued....

Some of our pied wagtails migrate in the Autumn to Western Europe, while some stay with us the whole year round. This bird can become very friendly and will feed quite close to you, if offered insectivorous food. Although wagtails are mostly seen feeding alone during the day, they will usually flock together for roosting during the night, especially during the winter months.

It is known that nearly a thousand wagtails roost together in a certain place in the south of England and one book records as many as three thousand roosting together in O'Connell Street, Dublin; but this is exceptional.

The pied wagtail builds her nest in various types of cavities: - holes in old walls, in piles of large stones, old thatch, timber stacks where the varying lengths of timber cause a recess at the end of the stack. The nest is rather untidy but very comfortable - being lined with soft hair and feathers. She will lay $4/5$ eggs, incubation taking fourteen days and then both parents will become very active in finding suitable food for their chicks.

I remember visiting several pied wagtail's nests built in the ends of timber stacks, usually more than arm's length inside the recess. When the young were old enough they would come to the open end of the recess to meet the parent birds for their day's food supply, but at the approach of human beings, the chicks would rapidly return to the bottom of the recess.

It has been suggested that the Pied Wagtail returns yearly to nest in the same vicinity and this could be so, because each year they would come back to the timber yard, make their nest and rear their young.

There are nine species of wagtails known to visit Britain. The pied and the yellow being the most common. During the catastrophic winter of 1962/3, the grey wagtail suffered heavily and at one time doubts were expressed as to their survival, but recent reports are encouraging. Many "watchers" have reported nests and young and the survival of the grey wagtail appears to be now fully assured.

A further danger to our birds, now definitely established, is the use of insecticides in farming and gardening, but progress has already been made to lessen this danger; although it may be too late to save some of our birds-of-prey. Then again, more and more field hedges are being removed to make larger fields, to accommodate the farmers new methods of mechanization. ~~The traditional farm yard is now on the way out; hygienic cow sheds, the greatly increased use of piped water and the efficient methods of insect control, bring very bleak prospects for the pied wagtails.~~

Before I leave you, it would be a serious mistake to omit reference to the pied wagtail's nickname - "the dishwasher", but I am unable to give you the slightest reason for it. So, if anyone could inform me how this nickname came about, I should be very appreciative.

A.S.A.W.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

Saturday, September 12th is the date of our next Show; schedules for which are now available. These are being distributed to all those people who have exhibited at any of our recent Shows. Owing to their cost, we do not feel justified in handing these out to all and sundry, as they are of interest mainly to exhibitors. However, if you would like a copy, we shall be more than pleased to let you have one. They are free of charge, so if you haven't exhibited at our Shows previously and are interested in vegetables, flowers, fruit, cakes, jams, preserves or floral art, we shall welcome your enquiries.

All classes are open, which means that you can exhibit whether or not you are a member.

The Wycombe Dahlia Society Show.

This is an educational Show with Naphill residents in mind. At this evening Show on Wednesday, September 16th, staging will commence at 6.30 p.m., and judging at 8 p.m.

Anyone interested will be welcome to come along during the evening to watch the staging of exhibits and the judging, followed by a question and answer session as to how and why the awards have been made.

There will also be a Flower Arrangement Demonstration. To make the evening even more interesting, why not bring along an exhibit - anyone may enter - and see how you compare with the experts. You have nothing to lose.

For further details, see the advertisements column in this number of the Gazette. (There will be no charge for admission)

A.H.B.

G A R D E N I N G N O T E S

With Autumn upon us, the garden is beginning to take on a weary look and we begin to speculate on how long it will be before the frost comes.

However, we hope to enjoy some weeks yet, the display of colour from the dahlias, chrysanthemums, rudbeckias, the michaelmas daisies and other autumn flowering subjects; and despite a rather trying season, many of the summer bedding plants are still putting up a brave show.

It is still worth while to carry on with dead heading, particularly with the dahlias, and to pull up any dead plants in the flower borders that haven't quite lasted the course. These little jobs help to keep up appearances for a few more weeks.

Don't let up on the lawn mowing just yet, remember you were let off several mowings this season owing to the dry spells of weather!

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GARDENING NOTES Continued...

Cut out the old fruiting wood from raspberries, loganberries and blackcurrants. Pull up those spent rows of peas and broad beans, and during the next few weeks, dig up potatoes and put into store; also the carrots and beetroot - except for any late sowings these may stay in the ground for a bit longer.

With all this rubbish left over from these operations, there will be quite a bit to go on the compost heap, or the bonfire and you will have room for a row or two of spring cabbage. Remember they like a good firm soil so don't dig the plot, just rake level and don't add any fertilizers which would only encourage soft growth - unable to stand the winter.

Bird Note:- The acorn crop seems lighter this year, so not as many pigeons might be expected.

A.H.B.

N A P H I L L F O O T B A L L C L U B

Fixture List

1st X1.

Tuesday, September	1st	Prestwood	Home
Saturday,	" 5th	Sands	Away
Tuesday,	" 8th	Prestwood	Away
Saturday	" 12th	Sands	Home

2nd X1

Thursday,	" 3rd	Prestwood	Home
Saturday	" 5th	Sands	Home
Thursday	" 10th	Prestwood	Away
Saturday	" 12th	Sands	Away

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Rummage Sale for making it a great success, and a special thanks to all who contributed and helped.

Our first match of the season will be on the 1st of September. For those interested in the fixtures and news of the club, notices will be posted weekly on the Village Hall Notice Board. Don't forget to come along and support us.

T.R.

N A P H I L L N U R S E R Y P L A Y G R O U P

Would any mother like her child, aged 3 - 5 years inclusive, to attend a Friday morning only playgroup from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m., for 4/6 per session? If so, please contact:-

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One Vase : Large Decorative, Large Cactus or Semi-cactus.
One Vase : Medium Decorative, Medium Cactus or Semi-cactus.
2. One Vase Dahlias, Three Blooms.
Medium Decorative and/or Medium Cactus and/or Semi-cactus.
Any variety or varieties.
3. One Vase Dahlias, Three Blooms.
Small Decorative and/or Small Cactus and/or Semi-cactus
and/or Ball Dahlias. Any variety or varieties.
4. One Vase Dahlias, Three Blooms.
Miniature Decorative and/or Miniature cactus and/or Semi-
cactus and/or Miniature Ball Dahlias. Any variety or varieties
5. One Vase Dahlias, Five Blooms; Pompon. Any variety or varieties.
6. One Vase Dahlias, One Bloom; Medium Decorative, Medium Cactus
or Semi-cactus
7. One Vase Dahlias, One Bloom; Small Decorative, Small Cactus
or Semi-cactus.

MEN.

8. An arrangement of Dahlias in an unusual Container - Driftwood
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LADIES.

9. Autumn. An arrangement of bright Autumn coloured Dahlias in a
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C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

Re Antipodean Request:-

"April Owl"

This owl decided to come down the bedroom chimney at Stonefield House, Clappins Lane.

After frantic attempts to try and get it out, by opening every window in the room, it decided to alight on the dressing table, taking off again and again, and always flying into the mirrors.

We had in the end to seek the aid of Mr. Geoff Mitchell. He came armed with large leather gloves and his camera. He and my husband then had a chance to photograph this lovely bird. He then got it cornered, and was able to catch it. He then took it home; one wing was damaged. He took it to a man at Speen, who excels in healing damaged birds, and who nursed the Owl back to flight. This went on for a number of weeks, and his two sons went out each evening to catch field mice for the Owl's meal.

The picture on the tree is in the garden at Speen, when it was just beginning to feel its' wings again. We went up with Mr. Mitchell and watched(his or her)flights.

The gentleman told us when he eventually took off, he circled around their house for a few nights staying close in the trees, then later took off, since then we have only heard the "Owl" call.

Mrs. Gilson.

CAR PARKING AT NAPHILL SCHOOL

The school managers are very concerned about the dangerous situation outside the school which has arisen because many children are brought to school and collected afterwards by car.

Purssell's Meadow is inadequate for this volume of traffic and I have therefore, been asked to request that parents do not turn into this road but stop their cars on the Main Road, when bringing and fetching children.

We are lucky to have had only one accident outside school in recent years and this request is made in the interests of the safety of the children.

W.A. Bradley,
Headmaster.

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Monday	:	10 a.m. - 1.p.m. 3 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday	:	as above
Wednesday	:	closed all day
Thursday	:	10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 3 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
Friday	:	as above
Saturday	:	10.30 p.m. - 1.45 p.m.

Art Classes

Every Thursday Evening:- 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.
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Dressmaking Classes

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W.I.	1st		2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday		8 p.m.
Play Group	Every Tues, Wed, Thurs		9 - 12 noon
	($\frac{1}{2}$ Term 27th, 28th, 29th		
Art	Every Thursday	(B.R.)	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Horticultural Soc:	1st	(C.R.)	8 p.m.
Whist	2nd, 16th, 30th - M.W.		7.30 p.m.
Library	Cancelled on 2nd, as usual		
	16th, 30th		6.30 - 8 p.m.
Naphill Church Rummage	3rd		2.30 p.m.
V.H.C.	5th		8 p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday		7.30 p.m.
Dancing	6th, 13th, 20th		3 - 6.15 p.m.
Health & Beauty	Every Tuesday		2 - 3 p.m.
Welfare	7th, 21st		2 p.m.
Conservative Assoc:	7th	(C.R.)	8 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday	(B.R.)	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Table Tennis	Every Wednesday, commence		
	7th		7 p.m.
Dancing	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th		4.30 - 6.30 p.m.
Over 60's	9th, 23rd		2.30 p.m.
Multiple Sclerosis	10th		2.30 p.m.
Rummage			
Tennis Club Dance	10th		8 p.m.
Young Neighbours	12th		7.30 p.m.
Horticultural Soc:	14th	(B.R.)	8 p.m.
W.I. Jubilee			
Celebration	17th		7.30 p.m.
W.I. Whist Drive	23rd		7.30 p.m.
Wedding Reception	24th		All Day
W.I. Committee	29th	(C.R.)	2.30 p.m.
Young Neighbours Dance	31st		8 p.m.

V I L L A G E H A L L N O T E S

The extensive programme of repairs to the Hall planned for this year is now virtually completed and the negotiations for a grant for the improvements are proceeding. Incidentally, it is rather sad that no sooner have we had the broken tiles replaced, than children are climbing on the roof again.

Thoughts are already beginning to turn towards the Christmas Bazaar which is to be on November 28th this year. Those who have helped in former years can expect a request to do so again - within the next few weeks, but if there is anyone else willing to lend a hand, would they please telephone Naphill 3046

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES Continued...

The telephone at this number still awaits a call from any keen whist player who is prepared to help us to continue the valuable source of revenue for the Hall funds, represented by the Whist Drives held in the Hall. The appeal earlier this year for someone to take over the running of this fortnightly activity has so far, met with stony silence. Help is already offered for the preparations and the job is largely one of acting as "M.C.", which could be shared on a roster basis, if more than one volunteer stepped forward.

R.A.L.

N A P H I L L E V A N G E L I C A L F R E E C H U R C H

<u>Bunday Services.</u>	10 a.m.	Family Service
	3 p.m.	The Adventurers Class for Children
	6.15 p.m.	Evening Service.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.

Peter lent his boat to save Him from the press.
 Martha lent her home with busy kindness.
 One man lent a colt. Another lent a room.
 Some threw down their garments. Joseph lent a tomb.

Simon lent his strength the cruel cross to bear.
 Mary brought her spices His body to prepare.
 What have I to lend? No boat. No house. No lands.
 Dwell Lord within my heart, I hold it to Thy hands.

N A P H I L L C H U R C H

Services:-

October 18th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
" 25th	Holy Communion	9.00 a.m.
Every Sunday	Sunday School	10.30 a.m.

On October 3rd, we shall hold a Rummage Sale at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. The helpers will be at the Hall soon after 10 a.m. and will be glad to receive any goods you may have for us.

EILEEN OSBORNE is now home again from hospital and would like to thank the Over 60's Club, the W.I., the Naphill Church Committee and friends for cards and gifts.

Anyone passing "April Cottage", Main Road, who would like to drop in for a 'natter' and a cuppa, would be very welcome.

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

<u>Preachers for October</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
October 4th	Mr. K. Peatey	Film Service (Mrs. Holt)
" 11th	Mr. D. Church	Mr. W. Attwood
" 18th	Mr. P. Syson	Mr. J. Crossley
" 25th	Sister Margaret Smith	Mr. B. Rixon

A Rummage Sale will be held in the Schoolroom on Saturday, October 17th at 2.30 p.m.

On Saturday, October 31st, a combined Overseas Missions evening will be held at Cryers Hill Methodist Church at 6.30 p.m.

M.G.B.

N A P H I L L W. I.

Members were given an "Introduction to Chinese Food" when Mrs. Hayward gave her own experiences of Chinese hospitality. Mrs. Weeks thanked her.

Letters of thanks were read from the Over 60's Club, Horticultural Society and Naphill Village Hall Council for donations sent from money raised by the Art Evening and Coffee Morning.

Mrs. R. Pushman's Tea Party in August made £7 0s 3d. Mrs. Lawrence's Coffee Morning made £4.

The Golden Jubilee Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 17th tickets 10/- from Mrs. Brill. A Whist Drive will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, October 23rd in aid of W.I. funds. The Autumn Group Meeting will be held on Monday, October 26th at Downley.

The Social Time took the form of a Harvest Festival. Produce was auctioned by Mrs. Weeks and made £6 3s. Od, which will be used for charitable purposes.

M.P.

T A B L E T E N N I S C L U B

Just a reminder that Table Tennis is starting again on 7th October in the Village Hall at 7.00 p.m., and going on all through the winter months. I'm hoping to see all our old members, and bring your friends along too. How about some of the older community joining in?- the more the merrier.

See you all on the 7th.

A.G.L.

NATURE INTEREST



A Pair of Coal Tits feeding on Privet Berries.

N A T U R E I N T E R E S T

For a couple of weeks past, I have been favoured with regular daily visits from a pair of coal tits, and sometimes two pairs. Some books refer to them as cole tits, but which ever you prefer it makes no difference, they are very exciting to watch. They are really energetic little busy-bodies and are accomplished acrobats - swinging as easily upside down as in the upright position. They are most fascinating to watch. You cannot mistake them.

They are the smallest of our breeding tits, only $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches long from tip of beak to the tip of the tail - about the size shown in my sketch. Male and female are almost identical and easily distinguished from other tits by a distinctive white patch on the head reaching from forehead over the nape of the neck, almost to the shoulders. Their further colourings are - blue/black head with black neck and throat, with white checks. The upper parts are olive/brown and the under parts white, shading to buff. The wings show double white bars. The beak is jet black.

As I write this, a pair of these delightful little birds has just come into the fir trees and are now making for the bird table. It is early morning, but I have managed to get them a few chopped nuts and grated cheese. I have put a piece of $\frac{2}{8}$ wire netting over the table to stop the larger birds from carrying away the larger portions. The coal tits are now sitting on the edge of the bird table and I see their little beaks are in and out very quickly. I'm satisfied they have found enough to invite them to come again, and as they leave the table, they turn as if to say "We'll be back!"

I noticed starlings coming onto the table and from behind the fir-tree spines the coal tits, with ruffled head feathers and wide open beaks, flew straight at the starlings and away flew the starlings - really scared of those two tiny birds.

The coal tits build their nests in holes in tree trunks or in walls and I have found, and watched them entering a crevice in the rockery. They will also take readily to a deep nest box in the garden. Some years ago, I firmly planted a piece of 4 inch metal pipe in the fork of a small fir tree in the garden. I was disappointed the first year, but the following year there was a nest. I watched to find out what tit had favoured my invitation and was delighted to discover it was the coal tit. Soon there were eggs so, I went into my bird room and found a nest of the border canary with three eggs. I then took two of the eggs from the coal tits nest in the pipe and replaced them with two false eggs. Now the two coal tits eggs were put under the border canary and the canary eggs were distributed around in the nests of other canaries. In a short time the coal tits eggs were hatched and the border canary fed them as her own. They were small - very small - but I was able to ring them with my own numbered ring.

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NATURE INTEREST Continued...

The following show season, I was able to show my coal tits in the "Any Other British Bird" class using a white budgerigar show-cage. I painted the inside back with brightly coloured flowers, whilst the perches were mossy twigs from conifer branches, with small lengths of ivy. Yes, they won many awards and were very much admired. They were always very tame and happy. I was naturally delighted with my very successful experiment.

The usual number of eggs laid each brood is 8-12 and quite often, two broods each year.

In the winter time, they will join up into groups, consisting of other tits foraging through the beech woods for nuts, insects and berries. They can often be seen in fir plantations, running up the trunks almost as well as the tree creepers - hunting diligently every inch of the bark for trapped insects. In autumn/winter - they will also feed on berries in gardens and parks.

Now, can I leave you with the thought that winter is not far away and do please make a bird table and load it with chopped nuts, old sultanas, currants and hard cheese gated up with soaked bread and a shallow waterpot close by, off the ground if possible, because of the cats.

Coal tits stay with us all the year round; they do not migrate and in winter time when the frosts are very severe, many fail to survive.

A.S.A.W.

EDITOR'S CORNER

At the time of writing, we are in the throes of another bus go-slow and as I had the good fortune to visit Budapest this summer, here are a few comparisons with a communist bus service.

First, there are no conductors to object to standing passengers. You buy a handful of tickets from a tobacco kiosk at about 3½d each and can go anywhere with one of them. Secondly, the buses are built with only a few seats and lots of standing room. As you get on, you are supposed to take out a ticket and punch it on a machine provided. If an inspector finds you without a punched ticket, then brother, you are an enemy of the people and look out! One day our bus broke down and we all got out and waited for the next. Both buses had seemed full up and yet with a great deal of good humoured pushing and shoving, we all got on and the automatic doors closed. There must have been eighty odd people on that bus. This is the kind of subsidised service which has been advocated for London's traffic problem, and there were no traffic jams in Budapest. But all is not perfect behind the Iron Curtain. There were times when the streets seemed littered with broken down buses.

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Naphill's sport is on top of the world just now with both cricket and football in the top local league. I doubt if it has ever happened before, perhaps some reader will inform us, but there are few villages that can make a similar boast. Cricket promotion was won in the last match. I went along after tea and found that Naphill had been dismissed for a moderate 76, and the opening bowlers had done their best, by getting 3 Tylers Green wickets for 10 runs. But they were a spent force and in a few moments, the score was 40 for 3. At which point John Evans took the ball. Now the days are long gone when John could immodestly describe himself as "the best all round sportsman in Naphill!" Nowadays, he prowls around sedately at centre forward for the reserves, distributing good advice and waiting for the ball to come to him. But at cricket, he still gets more runs than most, and for 4 overs, is quite a good bowler. In the next 4 overs he bowled Naphill back into the 1st Division. But I find the general feeling amongst supporters is that they will have a job to stay there.

Lastly, I have to remind readers that October is the month of the Gazette collection. We hope that someone will call on every house, though we know that not quite every house gets a delivery; but copies are obtainable from the newsagent's counter.

G A R D E N N O T E S

Winter draws on, and if you don't know the rest, then probably someone will tell you!

Seriously, every effort should be made to get everything under cover that needs winter protection, and for greenhouse owners, this will mean those tomatoes will have to be cleared to make room for geraniums, fuchsias and similar top growth plants. Gladioli, Dahlias, Begonias should be thoroughly dried off before being stored away in a frost proof place; and this applies to potatoes which are perhaps best stored in sacks and sufficiently covered to keep out the light which would otherwise turn them green and unfit for eating.

Carrots, beet and turnips can be put in boxes with just moist peat between the layers; and before putting anything in store, make sure that they are free from damage and disease. Any eatable crops that are slightly affected, should be used up at once - apples should be laid out in trays to allow them to sweat.

If it is intended to plant bulbs, wallflowers, polyanthus and other spring flowering subjects, these should be got in as soon as possible to allow them to get established before winter sets in. This, of course, means that the summer annuals will have to go but they are beginning to look rather tired by now. Spring cabbage should now be planted, and a look around the other greenstuff for caterpillars and grey aphids will be of benefit, if any that are seen are sprayed or dusted with the appropriate insecticide. At the same time, remove any yellowing leaves and weeds, as these only harbour insect pests.

A.H.B.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

It seems generally agreed that our Show was a good one, despite high winds and heavy rains during the previous week, right up to the morning of the Show.

Chrysanthemums, dahlias and gladioli were well up to standard and entries were higher in nearly all sections, compared to last year. In spite of the bad weather, attendance was also good and although the auction results were a little disappointing, the real "black spot" was the Gift Stall - and this will need reorganizing next year.

It would appear from preliminary figures that the loss on our two Shows this year will be in the neighbourhood of some £40. However, we are hoping to replenish the funds with some good sales of Peat, Chasmor and other goods during the coming months.

It was rather disappointing that so few of our members turned up at the Dahlia Show on Wednesday, the 16th of September. This free show gave those present a real insight to the usually - behind the scenes preparations - for these events, plus some first class dahlias and a personal visit from Miss Mid-Week!

Winter Programme.

On Wednesday, October 14th at 8.00 p.m., we are holding another of our popular Transparencies Evenings in the Billiard Room, and if you know of anyone who has interesting collections of their own, or other gardens, please put us in touch, so that they may be included in the programme.

Don't forget Wednesday, November 4th, in the Main Hall at 7.45 p.m. - our own Mr. John Humphreys of the Gwenffrwd Reserve will be giving an illustrated talk on "A Bird Sanctuary in the Welsh Mountains."

A.H.B.

N A P H I L L & W A L T E R S A S H O V E R S I X T I E S

Most people were kept really guessing as to where we were going on our Mystery Trip, as our driver really baffled us by taking a very round about route through lovely country - stopping at Caversham Bridge Hotel for tea and after having had a week of strong winds and rain, we were very fortunate that the weather held good until we were almost home - after a most enjoyable afternoon.

On October 9th, we hope to have Mr. Kelloway (late of Naphill Primary School) who will tell us about Naphill School children's holiday - illustrated with transparencies and movie film (with commentary by the children), which we look forward to. On October 23rd, we expect about thirty members of the Ludgershall Over Sixties to pay us a return visit when the entertainment will be given by The Wesley Ladies. They will give monologues, readings, also a little sketch, as well as singing - so we expect our numbers to be about 100 and trust that we shall have a very happy time.

C.B.W.

Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

At the A.G.M. in September, the Chairman and Committee retired, and a new Committee was appointed under the chairmanship of Mrs. Eileen Croxson. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the retiring Chairman and Committee for their excellent work in the last 12 months.

Owing to lack of support, it was decided that the outing to Southend Illuminations should be abandoned.

The subject for our next meeting will be "English Country Cheeses" There will be the usual Thrift Stall. We hope to see a lot of new faces, as well as 'old' familiar ones.

A Time to Remember.

The meetings will, in future, start at 7.45 p.m. and not 7.30 p.m.

A Date to Remember.

31st October - Hallowe'en Dance in the Village Hall. Dancing from 8 - 12 p.m. to the Peter and Paul Discotheque. Excellent refreshments inclusive. Licensed Bar. Tickets are 10/- and can be obtained from Mrs. S. Harvey, Gables Cottage, Main Road - Tel. 2107, or any Committee Member.

F O O T B A L L C L U B

On our recent collection of Rummage, many people seemed interested in the Club and so we decided to form a Vice-Presidents Association. We have had great response and if anyone else is interested, would they please contact Mr. Mitchell of Naphill Mini-Market, Telephone Naphill 3105.

The start of the season for the 1st X1 has been very successful, having won against Prestwood and drawn, respectively 8-0 and 3-3. Drawn 0-0 at Sands and having a 1-0 victory - after extra time - against Hazlemere took them through the 1st round of the Chesham Charity Cup.

The 2nd X1, after a shaky start due to injury and holidays, have picked up and beaten Broomwade Reserves: 5-1 in the Reading Junior Cup. A home win against Hazlemere Reserves of 3-2 renewed their confidence.

L A T E E X T R A ! T O E D I T O R ' S C O R N E R .

.....Now I hear that Naphill is represented at quite a different sport. Stephen Brill has won the Bucks & South Midlands Schoolboys Weight Lifting title at 48 kilos, and will be competing for the National Title at Swindon on October 3rd, 1970

R.S.P.C.A. - AUTUMN FAIRE

Will be held in the Methodist School Room (by kind permission of the trustees) on Thursday, October 22nd at 2 p.m.

Admission: 1/- Light refreshments will be served

Stalls of toys, christmas gifts, white elephant, homemade cakes and jam. An opportunity to buy Christmas gifts at reasonable prices.

The Society is greatly in need of funds to carry on and extend its' great work. It is important therefore, that the kindhearted and generous public should remember that the R.S.P.C.A. is the ONLY SOCIETY WORKING FOR THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS which maintains, in addition to its other activities, a corps of UNIFORMED INSPECTORS to carry on the work of prevention. In addition, the Society is maintaining a large number of clinics where animals of poor people are treated by fully qualified veterinary surgeons - free of charge.

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L. Sharpe, Aux. Hon. Sec.

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NOVEMBER

A U T U M N - T H E B E E C H T R E E

The Beech is very dignified
So tall and straight she stands,
Her satin gown comes sweeping down,
She waves enchanting hands.
In spring she's dressed in pale green lace,
In Autumn, brown and gold;
In winter, though her boughs are bare,
The moon gets tangled in her hair,
and though December's cold
Each little, slender, branching twig
Has brave brown buds, not very big,
But pointed sharp. Till April skies
Turn buds into green butterflies.

M.H. Noel-Paton.
From:- "The Spirit of Trees."

N A P H I L L G A Z E T T E No. 252

AT THE VILLAGE HALL - NOVEMBER, 1970

V.H.C.	2nd		8 p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday		8 p.m.
Dancing	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th		5 - 6.45 p.m.
Health & Beauty	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th		2 - 3 p.m.
Play Group	Every Tues, Wed, Thurs		9 - 12 noon
Welfare	4th, 18th		2 p.m.
Conservative Assoc.	4th	(C.R.)	8 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday	(B.R.)	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Horticultural Soc.	4th		7.30 p.m.
Dancing	4th, 11th		4.30 - 6.45 p.m.
W.I.	5th		2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday		8 p.m.
Art	Every Thursday	(B.R.)	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Over 60's	6th, 20th		2.30 p.m.
Discotheque	6th		7.30 p.m.
Methodist Church			
Bazaar	7th		2.30 p.m.
Young Neighbours	9th		7.30 p.m.
Table Tennis	11th		7.00 p.m.
Whist	13th, 27th		7.30 p.m.
Library	13th, 27th	(C.R.)	6.30 - 8 p.m.
Dancing	13th		4.15 - 6.45 p.m.
Discotheque	14th		7.30 p.m.
Private Party	15th		All Day
Conservative Supper			
Evening	16th		7.30 p.m.
Dancing	16th		10 - 6.30 p.m.
Drama Rehearsal	18th		7.30 p.m.
Discotheque	20th		7.30 p.m.
Scout & Guide			
Autumn Fair	21st		7.30 p.m.
Dance (Private)	21st		7.30 p.m.
Drama Rehearsal	25th		7.30 p.m.
W.I. Committee	26th	(C.R.)	2.30 p.m.
V.H.C. Christmas			
Bazaar	28th		2.30 p.m.
Private Party	28th		8 p.m.

V I L L A G E H A L L N O T E S

We are still awaiting the response to the Council's application for a grant to help with the improvements planned for the Hall. Meanwhile, the Council is continually concerned with the maintenance of both the Hall and the Playing Fields.

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES Continued....

At the October meeting, it was reported that the redecoration of the Committee Room had been completed. The Council expressed satisfaction with the results of contracting for the grass-cutting and hedge-trimming in the field this year, and it is hoped to make similar arrangements for next year. Moves are also in hand for replacing and protecting some of the trees along the frontage to the Main Road which are dead or damaged. The Council agreed arrangements for Christmas lights to be hung on the tree outside the Hall again this year. However, the big coming event for the Hall is the Bazaar on November 28th - details appear on another page of the Gazette.

H A P H I L L E V A N G E L I C A L P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

Sunday Services	10 a.m.	Family Service
	5 p.m.	The Adventurers Class for Children
	6.15 p.m.	Evening Service

TRIBUTE FOR THE MONTH.

In the forests of northern Europe and Asia, lives a little animal called the ermine. It has snow-white fur. In some countries the robes of judges are lined with this fur. The ermine takes great pride in protecting the whiteness of its fur against anything which would soil it. Some huntsmen take advantage of this trait of the ermine. They daub the entrance of its home - a cleft in a rock or a hollow log - with filth. Rather than soil its snow-white fur, it faces the dogs. Soon its snow-white fur, is red with its life's blood! The ermine deems purity dearer than its life!

H A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

<u>Preachers for November</u>		<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
November	1st	Mr. P.W. Bowker	Miss Riggs
"	8th	Chapel Anniversary Services	
		Sister Margaret Smith	Rev. G. Rirth
"	15th	Mr. K. Lewis	Mr. C. Davies
"	22nd	Mr. A. Cooper	Mr. N. Brittin
"	29th	Mr. H. Lord	Film Service

Annual Bazaar

In the Village Hall on Saturday, the 7th of November at 2.30 p.m.
To be Opened by Mrs. Davies.

N A P H I L L C H U R C H

November	8th	Remembrance Day Service	3.0 p.m. Village Hall
"	15th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
"	22nd	Holy Communion	9.0 a.m.

We would like to thank all those who helped us in any way with our recent Rummage Sale. The afternoon's effort resulted in a profit of just over £43, which was rather more than we had hoped for.

EDITOR'S CORNER.

It is unfortunate that just as the Gazette collection is taking place, we are receiving a lot of complaints from people who are not getting a copy. The newsagent will only deliver where he takes a daily paper, and if you don't get one in your paper, you must take it up with him. In other cases, the system of delivery by schoolchildren often breaks down, and we feel the extra work and expense of posting should be reserved for absent friends. For remember that all who work for the Gazette give their time quite freely. So next month we are going to experiment by putting a few copies on every shop counter in the village, so that those who have missed their copy may take one. Thank you, all shop-keepers for collaborating. It is an experiment which we hope will not be abused.

It is the wish of the Village Hall Council that every household should receive a copy, and to this end, they have guaranteed the Gazette against financial loss. I hope we never have to take them up on that.

Speaking of willing workers, the members of the Methodist Choir who have done the stapling on Thursday evenings (it has to be Thursday) for many years, are getting a bit tired. I may have to ask for volunteers. Our grateful thanks to the choristers. And thanks also, to Audrey Russell who has done the typing for so long - lately as a reserve for Ann Turner. I know that my predecessor John Holmes would wish to be associated with these remarks - for like me - he found Audrey always willing. There has been a good response to Ann Turner's appeal for help, and there are now a few typists in reserve!

ON SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, the village once again will remember those who gave their lives in the two world wars. A Service of Remembrance will be held at 3 p.m. on that day, followed by the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial.

The Rev. S.A.C. Dickins, Vicar of Highbenden, will conduct the service and it is hoped that as many as possible will attend.

Mr. & Mrs. K.Pipe wish to thank all friends, especially those from our Methodist Church, for the lovely flowers, cards and congratulations sent to them on the Anniversary of their Golden Wedding.

N A P H I L L W.I.

Naphill W.I. members celebrated their 48th birthday with guests from Downley, Hughenden, Lacey Green and Hampden. Committee members acted as Hostesses and a birthday cake made by Mrs. McCue and iced by Mrs. Piercy was cut by two new members Mrs. Mines and Mrs. Fenden. Holiday slides of Australia and Tasmania were shown by Mrs. Brazil and after tea committee members entertained with their own version of the "Hay-seeds". Final arrangements were made for the outings to the "Q.B.2" at Southampton and the Old Vic theatre. On October 17th, a dinner to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Bucks Federation was held in the Village Hall. Guests included 3 founder members, Miss Becton - County Secretary, and Mr & Mrs. Leaver. Lady Burnham - County President was unable to attend due to illness.

The entertainment was given by the Aylesbury Operatic & Drama Society. The Hall was tastefully decorated with flowers and a very enjoyable evening was spent. We now await Naphill's own Golden Jubilee in two years time.

November 7th is the W.I.'s A.G.M., when a new committee will be elected. The V.C.C. is Mrs. Savidge. There will be 1/- parcels and the-competition - My Favourite Piece of Brass.

M.P.

Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

At the Cheese and Wine Evening on October 12th, we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Sharples of the National Dairy Council who gave a very interesting talk on cheese making - followed by a film entitled "Mousetrap is Out", which showed the various factory processes used to make the different kinds of cheese. This mouthwatering presentation was appeased by a delicious sampling session of the choicest cheeses on display, rounded off by glasses of your know what! What else could one want besides bottles of rosy wine and frizzling glasses - but of course - a bottle opener! Sorry for the delay ladies - at last! - a cool refreshing drink to toast the cheeses of the day.

Mrs. Seymour won the weight guessing contest and the cheese; and the lucky raffle prizes of wine went to Mrs. Latham and Mrs. Catchpole.

For the Christmas get-together, the popular choice was for a Dinner and this will be arranged at a cost of around 25/- per head. Will those who have not yet entered their names for the dinner, please do so at the next meeting or alternatively, ring Naphill 3566.

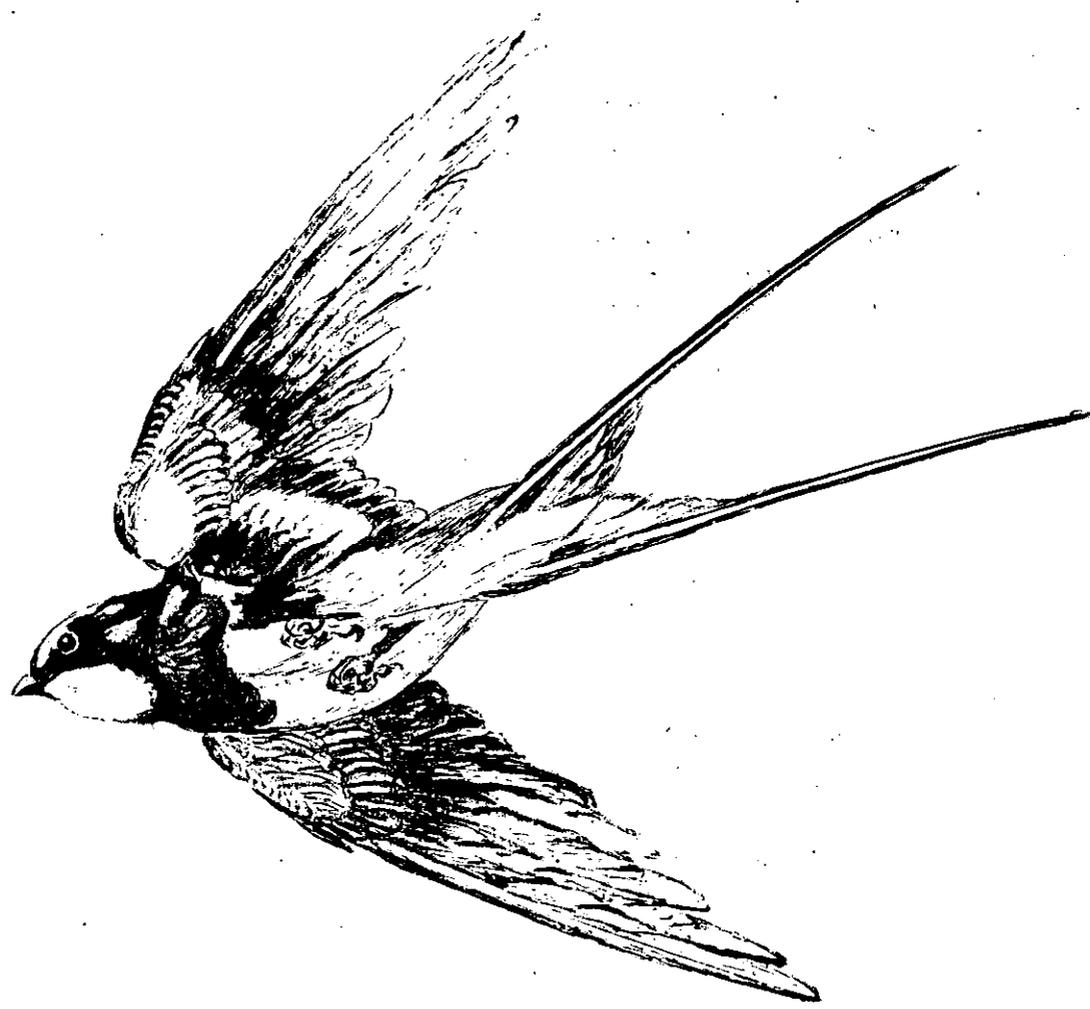
BAZAR.

At the Village Hall Bazaar on November 28th, the Young Neighbours will be having a Home Produce Stall and will once again, rely on you for contributions of cakes, sweets, pickles, pies, fancy goods or any other saleable produce you may like to bring.

TEA HOSTESSES

The tea hostesses for November will be Mrs: Leaver, Hussey, Visick and Alabaster.

J.F.



H.S. RIDGWAY

FLYING HIGH - THE SWALLOW

NATURE INTEREST

THE SWALLOW

Just as the call of the cuckoo is the most welcome and widely recognized sound of Spring, so is the sight of the swallow - its' visual counterpart in summer.

I think every human being regards the swallow as the herald of summer.

This month, I am grouping together our three birds that very much resemble each other in habits and in their way of living. They are, of course, the swallow, the house martin and the swift. Ornithologically speaking though resembling each other they are not related. The swift, though similar in shape and habits is much nearer related to the nightjars and woodpeckers. I am sure you will find interest in reading about these extraordinary birds as a group. They are only with us a few months in the summer, then "love us and leave us" to fly across the English Channel through France south of the Alps, down the leg of Italy and across the Mediterranean to the Nile delta. They then follow the Nile valley down through Old Tanganyika through the African continent, until they reach South Africa and the more modern dwellings in Cape Town. A journey of thousands of miles.

Their summer stay with us here in Britain is most probably because of the insects here being much smaller than those found in Africa and therefore, much more suitable for their nestlings. Their stay is undoubtedly for the purpose of reproducing their species because, immediately they have hatched out their young, they straightway make this long journey, only to return again the following year; phenomenally to the same place, the same nesting site - and in the case of the swift - often to the same beam as the previous year.

The first to arrive with us are the swallows in late March/early April, followed by the housemartins about the same time. The last to arrive are the swifts. In all three cases, the males arrive first. The swifts stay is the shorter for they only stay to hatch out one brood and generally leave in August. The martins and swallows usually hatch out two broods and occasional reports have been received where swallows have tried a third brood, but often when this happens, the migration urge becomes the priority and the chicks are forsaken, and away go the adults and the youngsters from the first two broods; leaving the last brood to die. Of our three birds, the martins are really the most devoted parents and will often foster any youngsters of their own species needing help. It has been recorded that as many as thirteen chicks have been crammed into one nest, at the end of the season and seven adult martins have been attending them. Sometimes this sort of behaviour will delay the departure and this will be seen when late martins are collecting on the wayside wires.

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THE SWALLOW Continued...

It is usually the rule for martins and swallows to leave together for their long distance migration and the very late chicks get very little flying practice before they leave. The swift and swallow pair for life. The martin may also pair for life, but I have not so far read of the proof of this.

All three birds eat, drink, sleep and mate while on the wing. The swift will fly over 6,000 feet high when in need of sleep and swallows and martins will rise to a height of 5,000 feet to "roost" on the wing. The three birds all have wide gapes with a fringe of bristles inside both at top and bottom. This enables the birds to catch the insects and once caught the insects cannot escape.

For building their nests, both swallows and martins use mud pellets, collected from mud pools or river edges. Martins have no difficulty in rising from the ground and are often seen collecting their mud pellets from the road side pools and when disturbed they rise easily at speed. Not so, the swallow whose wings are longer and whose legs are quite short and so, the swallow will use a small mound on the bank of a stream - it is a matter of gliding off the slightly higher perching place and then flapping its' wings to enable it to rise. The swift is an entirely different story. Its' legs are short and almost useless and its' wings are very long, so that very seldom - if ever - do they alight on the ground. When leaving the nest the swift must have a fair distance to glide before its long wings will take it back into "space" and up a ain.

The swift collects its nesting material from the air while flying; small feathers, light pieces of hay, hair and wool. The nest is rather an untidy affair and usually on a beam inside a building for easy access and exit.

The flight patters of our three birds are particularly attractive and exciting to watch, especially when they are on the hunt for flying insects; they twist and turn, rise and fall, roll from side to side, in terrific rapidity and always without pause. They are all wonderfully acro-acrobatic. When flying low, especially the martins, you can almost feel them flit by at a terrific noiseless speed.

The swallows and martins have a preference for human habitations for their nest building sites and often come in conflict with the house sparrow. Fighting until death, during nesting time, is by no means unknown and some fierce fighting takes place against the unintended squatter.

The house sparrow will wait until the martin's nest is almost completed before she feels she is entitled to the improved site and then the conflict for possession will commence. In Oxford it was recorded, a fight of this sort continued for 5½ hours.

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A further recorded occasion, two swifts were picked up from the ground locked together in combat, both clinging to each other with beak and claw. After being released by pulling them gently apart, they were thrown into the air and each went its' own way.

Well, such are the wonders of nature. We will look forward to their return next summer.

A.S.W.

GARDENING NOTES

During the next few months, there will be little to do in the open garden except for winter digging and manuring.

That is, of course, assuming you have kept in time with the usual clearing up operations in October; such as storing winter vegetables, fruit and flowers, making a compost heap of all waste material and planted all those spring flowering subjects, etc.

However, now is a good time to prune apples, pears, currants and gooseberries, and burn the prunings on a suitable day when there is no wind and the weather is dry - spray them with a tar oil winter wash. Cherries, plums and peaches can also be sprayed at this time.

Keep an eye on all stored roots and fruits and remove any rotting specimens: and a light dusting of lime or sulphur will help check any signs of mildew.

If you want to save those outdoor chrysanthemums to provide plants for next year, they should be placed under the cover of a cold frame, cloches or cold greenhouse - cutting all top growth to within a few inches of soil level - then put down some slug bait if these pests are known to be around.

On heavy clay soils, lupins, delphiniums, pyrethrums and other plants in the herbaceous border are liable to damage and even loss from the attacks of slugs - so a few slug pellets around such plants would be a wise precaution, or the covering of the crowns with weather cinders will be quite effective.

Watch that water can in the green house from now on. Plants coming into flower need more water; those going out of flower - geraniums, fuchsias - should be kept almost dry, and those with bulbs or corms that have finished flowering, can be allowed to dry out completely.

A.H.E.

NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

On such a lovely October afternoon we were all reluctant to black out the sun on the ninth but this was soon forgotten when Mr. Kellaway and Mrs. Leeson showed such lovely slides and film of Naphill school children on holiday in Devon last May. Doubtless some members recognised their own grandchildren and heard their recorded voices giving the commentary, and other members had awakened memories of holidays they had spent in the same vicinity. It was certainly a most enjoyable afternoon.

In November we are expecting the North Thames Gas Board to show various films and one is a new film entitled 'The Flame of the Future'.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

The Transparencies Evening proved to be quite a pleasant and interesting one, and our Treasurer Ken Lunnon had collected some first class slides portraying a high standard of photography, which included some shots of our Shows, wild orchids, wild birds, National Parks and local gardens.

By the time these notes appear, it is hoped that fresh supplies of "Chasmer" Sedge Peat and Moss Peat will have arrived, also Bone Meal and some John Innes No. 1 Potting Compost.

Now to Wednesday, November 4th - when we look forward to an interesting evening from our one-time Assistant Secretary John Humphreys. It will be remembered that John left our village some two years ago to take over as Garden of the Gwenffrwd Reserve near Llandoverly, Carmarthenshire, under the auspices of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. He will be telling us of his work there, illustrated by slides. Don't forget the date - Wednesday, November 4th at 7.45 p.m. in The Village Hall.

Owing to the impending resignation of our Secretary as from the A.G.M., you committee would be pleased to receive any nominations for this position by December 31st.

A.H.E.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

Copy of a Letter sent to Wycombe Rural District Council.

"Kamerun", Main Rd.,
Naphill.

Dear Sirs,

Proposed Footpath Extention - Barracks Cottages and adjacent properties, Main Road, Naphill.

The Association has been advised that you intend, or are considering the above project. Inhabitants of the properties concerned and elsewhere, have expressed opinions to the effect that the plans be shelved.

We therefore, enjoin with our Parish Council, and request that you do not proceed with the project. We believe, as rate payers, that the funds available could be used more effectively in other areas where there are more critical needs.

The "Barracks Cottages", at present add considerably to the rural aspect of the Village. They are virtually the only good examples of their type visible from the main road. The gardens and houses are extremely well kept, and as such, they substantially do much to preserve the village atmosphere. To reduce the garden areas would seriously impair the undoubted charm of the cottages. In addition, the inhabitants would certainly suffer a serious loss of privacy and amenity.

The Association is prepared to obtain, if required, a consensus of village opinion. We look forward to receiving your agreement in due course.

(signed) R.A. Morgan, Secretary,
Naphill & Walters Ash Residents

Association

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DECEMBER

Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
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Health & Beauty	Every Tuesday	2 - 3 p.m.
Play Group	Every Tues, Wed, Thurs except Thurs 10th	9 - 12 noon 2.30 - 5.30 p.m.
Welfare	2nd, 16th	2 p.m.
Conservative Assoc	2nd (C.R.)	8 p.m.
Drama Dress		
Rehearsal	2nd	7.30 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday (B.R.)	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
W.I.	3rd	2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	7.30 p.m.
Art	" " (B.R.)	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Over 60's	4th, 12th - Christmas Party	2.30 p.m.
Drama - Play		
Production	4th, 5th	7.30 p.m.
V.H.C.	7th	8 p.m.
Cricket Club A.G.M:	7th (C.R.)	8 p.m.
Table Tennis	8th, 16th, 23rd	7 p.m.
Whist	11th	7.30 p.m.
Library	11th (C.R.)	6.30 - 8 p.m.
Private Party	12th	6 p.m. onwards
Over 60's R.A.F.		
Entertainment	17th	2.30 p.m.
Private Party	18th	6 p.m. onwards
V.H. Dance	19th	8 p.m.
Christmas Carol		
Service	20th	3 p.m.
Party	30th	1.30 p.m. onwards
W.I. Committee	31st (C.R.)	2.30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE:- No Bingo on December 24th, but as usual on the 31st of December.

V I L L A G E H A L L N O T E S

Every so often a voluntary body like the Village Hall Council needs to reconsider its' organization in the light of changing circumstances. For such a voluntary body, the range of responsibilities represented by the Council's functions is fairly large - particularly when the majority of Council members are representative of other organizations to which they have prior commitments. These responsibilities have tended to grow in recent years and have also tended to become concentrated on the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. As the Council was constituted, acceptance of the Vice-Chairmanship has meant taking the Chair in the following year, and it has become more difficult to find people willing to accept nomination for office. Another trend resulting from the changing composition of the village has been that more of the officers tend to work away from it and are less readily available for day-to-day decisions in managing the Hall.

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES Continued...

After considerable discussion of these problems at the October and November meetings, the Council received and accepted two proposals. It was agreed that in future it should elect up to 3 vice-Chairman each year, one of whom would normally be expected to be elected as Chairman the following year. The Vice-Chairman would share with the Chairman the responsibility for organizing the Fete, the Bazaar and other Council sponsored activities, and for planning and carrying out improvements and maintenance of the Hall and Playing Fields.

The second proposal accepted was that the Council should seek a Hall Manager to whom they would be prepared to pay a modest honorarium. He (or she) would be concerned with the day-to-day management of the Hall and dealing with the smaller issues which arise between Council Meetings. It was thought that a retired person was most likely to have the necessary time available during the day and could well find the job worthwhile and interesting without being too arduous.

It was hoped that both these proposals would be aids to continuity in Council affairs which have been more difficult to maintain recently with changes in Council membership.

Having decided on these changes, the Council turned to the election of officers for 1971. Mr.Drewitt, this year's Vice-Chairman was elected as Chairman. Under the "new rules", 6 nominations were accepted for Vice-Chairman, and Mrs.Grafham, Mr.Gabbitas and Mr.Holland were elected. Mrs.Moor, Mr.Tooby and Mr.Turner were re-elected as Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, respectively.

R.A.L.

N A P H I L L E V A N G E L I C A L F R E E C H U R C H

Sunday Services:	10 a.m.	Family Service.
	3 p.m.	The Adventurers Class for Children
	6.15 p.m.	Evening Service.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

For years it was the custom of a great Chicago daily newspaper to print on Christmas Eve on the front page, a cartoon which conveyed a searching, solemn sermon. Beneath a beautifully-decorated Christmas tree was a lone package which was labeled "Eternal Life". The title of the cartoon was "The Untaken Gift."

N A P H I L L C H U R C H

Services

Christmas Day Holy Communion 9.00 a.m.
(The Revd. Victor Carpenter)

The Collection at this service will be divided between Dr. Barnardo's and The Children's Society.

Evensong will not be sung on December 20th, as we shall be joining in the Carol Concert at Naphill Village Hall at 3.0 p.m., the same afternoon. The Collection at the Concert will be given entirely to Christian Aid, so we shall indirectly be sending money to East Pakistan where help is so desperately needed following the recent flood disaster.

A Yuletide Party is being arranged for Hughton and Naphill Church people and their friends - for Monday, December 28th. Later in the month, tickets will be available, so look for details in the Parish Magazine or at Naphill Church.

The usual service of Holy Communion on December 27th is cancelled. Will parents please note that the Sunday School will also be closed on December 27th.

Finally, may we wish you a Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

Preachers for December

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

December 6th Mr. E. Leigh

Sister Margaret
(Holy Communion)

" 13th Sister Margaret

Mr. A. J. Smith

" 20th Rev. H. Hadwen

(United Service of
lessons and Carols
at Lacey Green
Methodist Church.)

Christmas Day A Service at 10 a.m.

December 27th Mr. A. Goodearl

Mr. E. Pullen.

The Annual Bazaar on November 7th was a very happy and successful event. The opening ceremony was very ably performed by Mrs. H. Davies who made a very inspiring speech. A bouquet was presented by Catherine and Elizabeth Pushman and thanks were expressed by Rev. R.W.J. Kaye to Mrs. Davies and to all helpers and donors.

The Bazaar realised a profit of £159.

M.G.B.



The Green Woodpecker or "Yaffle".

N A T U R E I N T E R E S T

The Yaffle, as I have heard it called in my younger days, gets the name from its' loud laughing, yelping, squealing cry as it moves rapidly in its' undulating flight.

The wings of this lovely bird, when in flight are very broad and strong, moving with ease and speed. It is most colourful, with its' crimson crown and bright green and gold plumage. Indeed, a very handsome bird to watch. The upper parts of the back are soft dark green, the under parts are greyish-green, with bright yellow rump. Nape and crown - vivid crimson; the tail black with green bars. The adult male also has a black patch over the eye region and a crimson moustache-like stripe; in the female this stripe is black.

The powerful pointed beak is necessary for its' main food supply as also is its' wonderful tongue probably its most outstanding feature. The tongue is four times longer than the beak and carrying bristles or barbs slanting backwards, this means there is no escape for insects once captured. The bird feeds mainly on insects which it seeks in the trunks and branches of trees, particularly where the wood has rotted.

The Green Woodpecker ascends the vertical tree trunk in a series of jerky hops always pressing its body close up to the tree trunk, clinging to the bark with its' specially formed claws, two hooked claws facing front and two facing backwards. Then with rapid head movement it will tap, tap, tap, on the bark of the tree. Immediately, something of interest is located, it quickly bores a hole with its' beak, darts out its' long sticky tongue and devours its' victim. Similar methods are adopted on the ground particularly on ant-hills, this diet is freely augmented with seeds, grain and berries.

The Green Woodpecker's nest if one can call it a nest, is merely a hole drilled into a tree trunk. The entrance is narrow and straight into the tree for some few inches, then descends perpendicularly for about a foot to eighteen inches. No nesting material is used, just merely a few wood chips left at the base of the passage and 5/7 eggs are laid amongst the wood chips. It is small wonder that the wood-pecker's nest is seldom explored.

When the young are hatched out, they are fed with regurgitated food in the form of milky paste.

You can find the green woodpecker in all kinds of woodland country open heaths and commons, especially such as our own Naphill Common, where I have watched the woodpecker on several occasions, this year. If you should see a green woodpecker on your lawn, it is probably performing a useful purpose by ridding it of ants and leatherjackets. The woodpecker is no friend of the Bee-Keeper, for they have been known to damage beehives, trying to get at the bee-grubs.

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NATURE INTEREST : The Green Woodpecker, Continued....

It will defend its territory against all other birds, especially its own species. They will sway their head from side to side, spread out their wings, fan out their tail feathers and raise their red crown feathers. Usually this is sufficient warning to the other bird and no further objections are needed. The woodpecker is not a quarrelsome bird.

During courtship, the male and female will chase each other round and round a tree trunk going up the tree in a spiral form uttering guttural sounds in the chase.

When the young are hatched, both birds feed the chicks, incubation taking about 19 days.

The woodpeckers stay with us here in Britain the whole of the year. They are not very friendly to your bird table, but during the snowy winter weather, they will enjoy pecking and eating unwanted apples or even apple peelings, so just sweep a clean spot in the snow and watch for the feathered visitors.

At one time the green woodpecker was the most numerous of his species, but I am sorry to record, now it is the rarest. This may be due to the long period of snowfall during the winter of 1962/63. Another possibility is that one of its main sources of food supply - e.g. ants, leather jackets and earthworms may have accumulated lethal doses of the insidious farm and garden insecticides of modern times.

We were taking a walk over the Common only a few weeks back. I had my binoculars at the ready when suddenly we were startled by the loud laughing "yaffle" quite near to us. Then it was repeated and seemed almost overhead. I lifted the glasses and there flying towards us was our beautiful green woodpecker - flying in that easy undulating, dipping and climbing see-saw flight. I could see his cardinal's cap in its deep crimson, his olive-green and bright yellow body feathers, without doubt one of our most beautiful woodland birds. So, we have a combined beauty and ingenuity within a very special bird, and that bird is within easy reach, on our own Naphill Common.

A.S.A.W.

R.S.P.C.A.

The proceeds of the Autumn Fayre amounted to £51 16s. Od.

May I offer my most grateful thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the Fayre such a success;

Lucy M. Sharpe,
Aux. Hon. Sec.

N A P H I L L & W A L T E R S A S H O V E R S I X T I E S

Unfortunately, for those unable to see too well, we have had films and transparencies consecutively this month. This is sometimes unavoidable, but nevertheless was very much enjoyed by those present - when Mr. Strevens projected films of sugar, Jersey, and The Flame of the Future (Gas). Also, Mr. Gould's transparencies of his visit to New Zealand were very interesting and colourful.

In December we shall hold our usual meeting on December 4th and our Annual Party on Saturday, December 12th. This year we are making an experiment and having a lunch instead of tea. Will members who usually have transport to our meetings, please be ready at 12.30 p.m. as we hope to have lunch about one o'clock. Please will everyone bring a knife, fork and two spoons.

Then on Thursday, December 17th, the R.A.F. Strike Command have offered to entertain us at the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. Again, will those needing transport please be ready at 1.30 p.m. In this case, transport will be given by R.A.F. - this will take the place of our meeting on December 18th.

Our first meeting in 1971 will be on January 15th.

The Committee wish all members "A Very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Thank you all-your contributions to the Bring & Buy Stall realized £4 13s. 10d., in aid of Village Hall Bazaar Funds.

C.B.W.

Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

On November 9th, we were very pleased to welcome the Reverend Firth from High Wycombe, who gave a most interesting talk on Missionary Work in Burma - where he and Mrs. Firth have done good work for many years on behalf of the Methodist Church. After the vote of thanks by Mrs. Stratford, the evening was rounded off with a musical quiz with Mrs. Daley at the piano. The raffle for the basket of fruit was won by Mrs. Leaver.

The Hallowe'en Dance was held on November 7th, but unfortunately after the good work put in by the previous committee in decorating the hall and providing lovely refreshments, the evening was somewhat marred by the breakdown of the group's amplifying equipment for which they have tendered their apologies.

CHRISTMAS DINNER:- The Christmas Dinner has been arranged for Monday, December 14th at the Buckinghamshire Yeomanry. Please meet at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. to board the coach. Members living in Walters Ash will be picked up at the corner of Ash Close.

The Tea Hostesses for January will be Mrs:- Elliott, Williams, Hayens, Ayres, White and Chamberlain.

J.F.



Wing Commander Steiner lays the wreath at Naphill's Remembrance Service, watched by the Reverend Dickins.

EDITOR'S CORNER

The Gazette collection this year will probably be a record as the first count produced a total of £85 which is exactly the same as last year. There is usually a little more to come in, and if anyone has been out when the collector called, we shall be pleased to receive donations. This result is especially pleasing as the collection coincided with many complaints from people who were not getting a copy. The practice of putting some copies on shop counters seems to have been appreciated. Grateful thanks to all the collectors; with a special word for Mrs. Moore of Beech Park who covered a large area, and collected almost £20 in one tin.

Our series of 12 cover photographs have now served for two years and will be given a rest. The hope is that we shall use 'Bertie' Wooster's nature drawings as a cover, and these will include subjects other than birds. As the fees we pay our artists are very small Mr. Wooster has been co-opted onto the Gazette Committee.

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EDITOR'S CORNER Continued.....

And now the sad news is that the members of the Chapel Choir have definitely resigned as staplers, and volunteers are requested to form a pool for this job. Six people are the ideal number, taking about an hour and a half on the last Thursday evening of each month, and probably taking place in Lawrence's furniture factory in Downley Road - where the Gazettes are printed. Volunteers, please ring Naphill 2134 or 2137.

The opposition to completing the footpaths through the village seems to me a bit late. I have great sympathy for the people of Moseley Cottages who will lose half their gardens, but I personally will be very glad to step out onto a footpath - especially as the surveyors have agreed to leave my trees. I planted a new hedge to replace the present one two years ago, and if anyone shares my dislike of walls, I advise them to plant their new hedge immediately.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

The attendance at most of our functions is good, but the very gratifying support for John Humphrey's illustrated talk on "A Bird Sanctuary in the Welsh Mountains" broke all previous records - over one hundred came along and the result of the collection which was shared between our Society and the R.S.P. Birds amounted to just over £10. It would be unfair to John to try to summarize this fascinating talk in the small space we have at our disposal; all we can say to those who did not attend it - 'Sorry you missed it'.

Talking of records, it was reported in the local press that a Horticultural Society not 10 miles from Naphill had broken two records at its' A.G.M. - one that its' Balance in Hand was £97 and the other that there was an attendance of 17.

Our A.G.M. will be held in the Billiard Room on Monday, January 25th, commencing at 8 p.m., and although the accounts for 1970 are not quite complete, Ken Lunnon seems quite cheerful, and our Secretary says that if the attendance is nearly as good as at John Humphreys' talk, we are almost sure to be making records for our own meeting. If this could be achieved it would be a fitting climax to the first 25 years of our Society's existence.

Peat, Chasmor and Bone Meal are now available.

As we shall not be meeting again until 1971, may we wish all members and friends every Good Wish for a Nice Christmas.

A.H.B.

G A R D E N N O T E S

With most of you getting more and more involved with preparations for the festive season and with the few weekend hours available for perhaps a spot of winter digging, being further curtailed by bad weather, it might be more in line with the approaching festivities to look on the lighter side of our hobby.

In spite of the moans of those who only do it because of the compelling influence of the head of the house, there is a lighter side apart from the neighbouring health authority's dictum on lawn mowing and deafness. It's fun finding out the common names of flowers, which are usually descriptive of the habits or appearance of the plants, such as 'batchelor's buttons', 'morning glory', 'love in the mist', 'Job's Tears', 'bleeding heart', 'flame nettle', 'Granny's bonnets', 'dancing fairies', 'Bird of Paradise' flower and lots more.

Then there are flowers that open or close at varying times of the day or night, starting with 'jack go-to-bed at noon'. See how many more you can think of that have this peculiar habit.

Then there are the entertainers, such as the 'obedient plant' whose flowers seem to work on a ball socket and stay in any position that you put them; the 'sensative plant' that collapses at a touch but returns to normal after about 10 minutes; and the 'burning bush' that on a warm, humid summer evening gives off a kind of gas that on being ignited, lights up the whole plant in a warm glow.

History, Romance, Medicine - all have close connections with the plants in our gardens. It's fun finding out.

"Merry Christmas."

A.H.B.

FORTHCOMING E V E N T .

The Christmas Dance of the Village Hall Council will take place on Saturday, 19th of December at 8 p.m. until midnight. Dancing to the Mel Rose Band. Admission 12/6 which includes refreshments. Tickets are available from:-

Mrs. Flett, 6 Wellhouse Way	-	Naphill	3566
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Mrs. Leaver, The Leaves, Naphill Common	-	"	3046
Mrs. Woodruff, Heatherlands, Downley Road	-	"	3396

N A P H I L L C R I C K E T C L U B

The Annual General Meeting of the above Club will be held in the Committee Room of the Village Hall on Monday, December 7th at 8 p.m. Come Along and Support The Club. All Are Welcome.

N A P H I L L W. I.

The 48th A.G.M. was well attended when Mrs. Savage, V.C.O., gave members an interesting and informative talk on the international side of the N.F.W.I.'s work through the A.C.W.W. She also urged members to take up their Denman College Bursary.

The Treasurer's report showed a healthy financial statement and the Secretary's report gave a lively account of the years' work.

Voting for a new committee took place and Mrs. Balls was once again elected as President; with a new committee consisting of:- Mrs. Balls, Bull, Brill, Butler, Leek, Leeson, McCue, Pearson, Piercy, Randall, Robertson, Smith.

The Coffee Morning at Mrs. Piercy's made £3 0s. 3d., and the Whist Drive in the Village Hall £2 0s. 0d. Winners of the Competition for the best piece of Brass were:- 1st Mrs. Weekes and 2nd Mrs. Hayward.

Next month's meeting on December 3rd will be a talk on "Arctic Alaska", by Mrs. Westmacott. Competition:- Christmas Table Centre; Tea Hostesses:- Mrs. Adams, Hussey, Parker and Tooby.

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Mr. & Mrs. Bannister of Bexhill-on-Sea send Christmas Greetings to all friends in Naphill.

Mr. & Mrs. Tooby, "Abbotsbury," Naphill send Christmas & New Year Greetings to all friends in Naphill and Walters Ash, and state that they will not be sending cards.

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