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A big thank you to everyone who sent in a donation for the new lights, and to the team who put them up!

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Editorial

Happy new year! A delightful edition of the Gazette this month, it is full of thank you letters. The snow seems to have brought out the best in people.

Can I add my personal thanks to everyone who kept services going through the cold spell, especially Ian Kelloway who never failed to deliver my milk, to Julian for wading through the snow to deliver my

post (slowed him down a bit though didn't it!) and to the staff at the Co-Op (what would we have done without them).

I must also thank my neighbours who several times helped me when my car was stuck, and the lovely man in the National Trust Landrover who saved another lady and I a long, cold, dark walk up the hill from Bradenham. Bless you all.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday - Forge Road	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Village Hall	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30 am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

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- 3rd Men's Club AGM - 8pm Club Room
- 6th Fund Raising Bingo Evening - Scout Hut 7.15 tickets required
- 18th Climbing Wall - Village Hall Car Park 2.30pm - Teens Only
- 19th Blood Donors - Village Hall
- 26th Quiz Night - 7pm Village Hall tickets required

March

- 5th Horticultural Society Dinner - Village Hall 7.15 pm tickets required
- 6th Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale - Village Hall 2pm

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Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Lesley Hamer	473502	Mondays 6pm
Community Police Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146
County Councillor	Richard Pushman	564152	richard.pushman@btinternet.com
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District Councillor	David Carroll	716967	david_carroll@wycombe.gov.uk
District Councillor	John Gibbs	565544	johngibbs@skymarket.org
District Councillor	Richard Pushman	564152	richard.pushman@btinternet.com
Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332	
Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	562845	
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Gazette	Judy Whitehouse	562742	judy@judyq.demon.co.uk
Guides (Naphill)	Toni Green	562089	Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.45pm
Guides (Walter's Ash)	Toni MacDonald	565926	Thursdays from 7pm
Horticultural Society	Cathryn Carter	563233	www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770	
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888	Every 2nd Monday of the month at 8pm
	Hazel Vickery	563977	
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Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634	glorialeflaive@msn.com
School	Kerenza Gwynn	562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Mondays & Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash			Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
Surgery Pharmacy	Enquiries	565458	8am to 12.30pm 1.30pm until 6.15pm
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County Councillor's Report

These notes are written whilst Naphill and the surrounding villages are covered in snow and the access roads are again impassable. The initial falls of snow engendered the old community spirit which although sometimes latent, remains strong in our rural settlements. Along with other readers I am reminded of the winter of 1962/3 which in my opinion was more severe than this year. I well remember trying to heat our house with two paraffin heaters and my bedside glass of water freezing during the night!

There has been much criticism of the county highways road snow clearance, especially because of the difficulties on the hills at Coombe Lane and Bradenham Woods Lane. I do know that our gritting crews worked ceaselessly through the snow period to get their lorries out onto the agreed primary salting routes. In many instances their progress was hindered by parked cars who had attempted to drive on impacted snow and consequently had to abandon their cars along the roadside. I am aware that many drivers under 40 years of age have probably not driven in such conditions and do not have the necessary experience which engenders caution when driving on snow or ice. Hopefully, by the time this Edition is delivered, our winter snow will be but a memory. There are however, lessons to be learned from these past difficulties. One could be the provision of salt bins at strategic points on the hills where volunteers can add to the mechanical spreading by treating specific patches of ice. These bins cost around £400 each and I am proposing to fund one of these from my community funds. Perhaps the parish council and another organisation might be prepared to provide others. Once in situation the county highways will keep them filled with grit and salt specifically for the use on roads and not for private use.

I would also congratulate our waste collection teams, who under very difficult circumstances did manage to maintain some form of refuse collection over the extended holiday period.

Our schools have again achieved high results in the National league tables and congratulations to our hard working students. This year, as county chairman, I have been privileged to see many of our young people at awards ceremonies and I have been encouraged by many of their achievements in serving their communities. Unfortunately the press tend to dwell on bad news but I am confident that the great majority of our young people make a very worthwhile contribution to society.

There has been an increase in incidents of offenders posing as plain clothes police officers in order to gain entry into victim's homes. The offenders inform the victim that they have seen someone breaking into their house and need to get in to arrest the fictional burglar, or variations on this theme in order to gain entry to the property. Readers are urged not to allow anyone reporting to be plain clothes Police Officers into their home without being totally confident with the identification shown. If any doubt exists, you are

encouraged to phone Thames Valley Police on 0845 8 505 505 to double check the Police officers identity.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Happy New Year! Despite Christmas being long gone, the snow has been less keen to leave us of late, which I am sure you would not disagree with. However, spring is nearly here with a General Election to look forward to with both challenges, and I believe, optimism for 2010.

There have been obvious delays to the waste collections, of which I thank you for your patience and consideration. I do hope that the revised collections have not caused too much inconvenience, although the residents I have spoken too have taken it very much in their stride. I received only a couple of complaints, which astounded me, because the crews have worked hard. For example, during the last two Saturday mornings, they were ordered to collect in Naphill to look out for any missed collections or additional ones. Well done to the team.

Despite being under the auspices of County, I would also like to congratulate the gritting crews, who I believe have also done a good job. In one long day, I saw three trucks along Main Road.

I have received further correspondence regarding the land concerns at Clappins Lane and wait to hear the views and decisions from the neighbours and other stakeholders. I have also received concerns over the return of the Ambulances at Cryers Hill. I have referred this onto the planning officers who are now liaising with County and the Police, in particular the parking on the verges, which is unacceptable.

Finally, I have a small amount of community fund left for local initiatives. I would like people to contact me by the end of February latest with their requirements.

There is a special Council on 21 January with the full Council, where the Council tax rate will be set on 25 February. I will also be canvassing with my ward colleagues and David Lidington, MP, on 11 February.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The end of December and the beginning of January are quiet times for the Parish Council. It has been particularly quiet this year due to the hazardous weather conditions which have led to the postponement of the January Council meeting and also the Planning Committee meeting scheduled for January 7th. Moving the dates is a bit of a nightmare due to busy diaries. However, we are getting there, which is more than can be said for those of us in side roads!

Construction of the new play areas at Great Kingshill

has begun but progress is slow due to rain, snow and ice. We hope both areas will be ready for the spring.

Parish Council contracts for hedge and grass cutting are due for renewal and letters and specifications were dispatched in December inviting tenders. These are large contracts costing upwards of £15,000 per annum. In addition, the Council has several local firms working for it on an ad hoc basis.

The newly constituted Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) has held its initial meeting and the second is scheduled for January 14th. Local residents will be consulted formerly about priorities for action in due course. Now that the NAG area has the same boundaries as the Parish we anticipate greater participation and relevance to our needs. PC Lee Turnham, as the designated local officer, is working very hard to promote the NAG's success; he nearly always attends meetings of the Parish Council and is well known to us all. Parish Councillors from each ward now attend NAG meetings as a matter of course.

I hear dripping! The thaw has started at last! It will be wonderful to get out and about again in our lovely area, and to see friendly faces once more! Best wishes to you all.

Peggy Ewart - Chairman

Hughenden Parish NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group)

At the end of March 2008 Thames Valley Police went live with the rollout of Neighbourhood Policing, Hughenden Parish became joined with 2 other Parishes, Chepping Wycombe and Hazlemere, thus creating the largest NAG in Thames Valley Police, and possibly the Country. The area covered a population in excess of 36,000 people. These 3 parishes all had slightly different demographics, but the 3 main priorities that came from the initial public consultation were along the same vein, speeding motorists, anti-social behaviour and parking issues. The Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) was formed with representatives from all 3 parishes, but a large contingent from the Great Kingshill Ward became one of the driving forces of the NAG.

Following consultation in September 2009 with the District Councils and the Hughenden Parish Council it was decided that Hughenden was to break away from the established group and allowing 2 NAGs to run side by side. Stan Jones, the Chairman of the established NAG stood down at the October meeting and a replacement was found immediately.

On 26th November after 2 months of intense organisation the first Hughenden NAG meeting was held at the Parish Council Offices, Great Kingshill. The attendance was excellent with the meeting being opened by Inspector Ray Wilks, the Neighbourhood Inspector for High Wycombe Rural. There was a short introduction and Stan Jones was elected as the Chairman, he was praised for his ability and

Naphill

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determination to succeed within the old NAG.

Numerous subjects were raised, one being the intentions of this new NAG. My main emphasis on Neighbourhood Policing is to listen to the public and engage with them on issues that concern them and the community in which they live. How do we do this? There will be a survey sent out to all Parishioners with a return envelope so that your views can be relayed to the team here at the Hazlemere Police office. Once this is done the top 3 priorities for the NAG can be set and the group can work on strategies to address the concerns. Working groups within the NAG will be set up to address specific topics.

The NAG is **NOT** driven by the Police. It has a driving force from the public through already established channels. This is grass roots driven, public upwards. We the Police will work with our Partnerships to address issues on your behalf, with monthly/6 weekly meetings as well as publications showing progress and results.

Should you wish to contact me, please feel free to do so, I will endeavour to meet all who have concerns, I can drink tea for England, my contact details are;

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham - Neighbourhood Specialist Officer
01494 736773 or 08458 505 505 and be prepared to leave a message. Lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk*

NAG - Speeding Working Party

Your local representatives on the newly formed Neighbourhood Action Group are myself and Julie

Gibbs, representing Hughenden Parish Council, and Sue Wood, representing the Residents Association. We will shortly be organising the first survey of residents (through the gazette and other local organisations) so be prepared when this arrives, it is really important that you tell us what you think the main issues are in our villages.

Meanwhile a working party has been formed to look specifically at speeding and we need a volunteer to represent us on this. The working party will meet once every 8 weeks, in the evening, and its aim is to identify priority areas to target. If you would like to volunteer for this working party please could you let me know as soon as possible. Great Kingshill, Hughenden Valley and Widmer End have already nominated representatives and I do think it essential that we ensure that we get our share of any available resources.

Judy Whitehouse - 562742 judy@judyq.demon.co.uk

Naphill Evening WI

The Arctic conditions of late caused much disruption to our daily activities with the main preoccupation being to keep warm and safe, and to feed the birds. We hope that everyone survived the severe cold spell without harm. The upside to all the inconvenience was to see how the snow and ice had transformed our surroundings into a magical landscape, and for a time it was so quiet everywhere, apart from some whoops of delight from children on their sledges. It has been heartening to see the evident community spirit in Naphill, with many residents checking on their neighbours, and helping out with snow clearing, shopping and other tasks.

Looking back through all the snow and ice to early December, when we held our Christmas Party. There was plenty of food and drink to be enjoyed, and this was followed by an entertainment and a spot of carol singing. At the Christmas Fayre held at the Village Hall, we had our usual tombola stall. Thanks to all who helped run the stall and provided prizes. Thanks also to those of our members who helped in the kitchen.

Because of the inclement weather, the trip out for tea by the 'Food Appreciation Group' had to be abandoned. A new date will have been arranged by now, but if any of our members have not heard, and would like to come along, please contact Juliet Shortall. The Reading Group has also had to delay meetings, but there has been plenty of opportunity to curl up in the warm with a good book. There is an outing to look forward to on the 11th March, to the Mill at Sonning, and thanks to Marion Lawrence for arranging this for us.

An interesting programme of speakers and events has been lined up for 2010. On the 21st January, we will welcome a ray of warmth and sunlight, with Mrs. J Patience's talk on 'Western Australia in the Springtime'. On the 18th February the speaker is Mrs Kay Bedford, and 'Interpreting Body Language'. Competition – A

handmade Valentine card. Flowers: Eleanor Ferguson. Teas: Eileen O'Neill, Hazel Vickery and Carol Dunthorne. We look forward to seeing our members again at our meetings, and hopefully we can entice others to come and join us.

A former member, Ann Bull, celebrated her 90th birthday on the 9th January. Ann had been a member of Naphill WI for over 60 years and we send her our love and congratulations.

Nancy Hussey - 563767

Naphill Neighbours

First wishing everyone a happy new year, with an apology for having to cancel the January meeting for the safety of our members on the snow and icy roads.

We enjoyed our Christmas dinner, the caterers and the committee did us proud. David Ball with "Magic and the Magic Circle" gave us a very good show and a big thank you to the member who assisted him.

We meet again on Monday 8th February when our speaker will be Mr. G. Burnett with "The Four Seasons Sound, Vision and Music", very relaxing.

The tea hostesses will be Yvonne Cook and Lesley Potter.

Betty Jones - 564469

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

Happy New Year to you all. As I write we seem to have started the year with a bang with all this freezing weather. Makes you wonder what else the year has in store for us.

There seems little to report from this month's meeting. We went through all the usual topics and had a good attendance, but the poor weather meant that a lot of the work is "ongoing" and waiting for the better weather. We had a discussion about the necessity of the pay phone in the hall. It is an expensive item, but with the poor mobile phone reception it was felt that we had to keep it in case of emergencies. We will keep the situation under review and if and when the mobile reception improves then maybe the need for it will no longer apply.

The microphones seem to work off and on. Usually work beautifully when testing and then not when they are really needed. We do apologize if you have been inconvenienced by their temperamental nature. We hope to sort them out and have them in working order with a new stand. It has been pointed out that we are in need of some sugar bowls and milk jugs. These will be duly purchased to make our sets of crockery complete. Let's hope it warms up soon and we can out get out and about again.

Sarah Bacon - Chairman, Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Naphill Men's Club AGM

The AGM will be held in the Club room, to the right of the village hall main entrance. The club has 2 snooker tables and any gentleman who lives in Naphill or Walter's Ash is eligible to join and play snooker or billiards. We are not too serious so if you are a little rusty, do not be embarrassed. Come along to the AGM which will be held at 8 pm on Wednesday 3 February 2010.

Andrew Wilmot - Chairman, Naphill Men's Club

Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

Weren't the lights spectacular this year? A huge thank you goes to the team, led by Mike Mason, who brave the elements each year to bring us all such joy, and cheer up the dark evenings.

Thanks also go to everyone who contributed towards the lights by putting a donation in one of the boxes that were in all the local pubs and businesses. The total in the boxes this year was a fantastic £337.56, which helps towards the running costs and insurance for Mike and his team.

I think we can safely say that our tree's future is bright!

Cathryn Carter

Naphill Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

Well, what a surprise! The new lights were so different to the previous filament ones – which we had used for about 50 years. From afar the tree had a purplish glow. People who gave me their opinion said the new lights were better. Instead of having 280 filament bulbs we had 800 LED bulbs, each having 6 individual LEDs, so we had 4,800 LEDs on the tree. The LEDs (Light Emitting Devices) consumed in total about one-seventh of the electrical power of the previous filament bulbs, so we did our bit to counter global warming as well as saving on electricity bills.

The team this year was larger than previously, because with 800 bulbs to put into sockets rather than 280 we needed many more pairs of hands. The lead climber, for the 19th year, was Mike Leggett and he was assisted up the tree by Stephen Fountain of Widmer End. Arbourtech Services Ltd of Downley Road kindly lent us a cherry-picker this year, which was driven by Mark Blamey of High Wycombe. Gary Putnam of Homer Green and Mark Christian took turns to accompany Mark Blamey on high. The team on the ground consisted of Robin Stubbs of Amersham, Greg Swordy of Hughenden Valley, John Harris, Ron Collins, Peter Brown, Glenn Gavin, Peter Davis, Kevin Oxnard, Tom Oxnard, Henry Oxnard and myself. Ron Collins showed extreme devotion to duty in assisting with the lights – he had had a hip replacement only weeks earlier.

We had to use a completely new method to put up the lights this year, so we were all learning. With the old method Mike Leggett would have been up the tree for 2 ½ hours. This time it was 5 ½ hours - quite a feat of endurance for Mike. It was cold and Mike said it was about the windiest he had known. The tree is about 70 feet high. The cherry-picker went up to 50 feet and enabled the 20 garlands to be placed rather than being pulled up through the branches, which reduced the strain on Mike and reduced the potential damage to the garlands. The team on the ground were freezing for 6 hours. Mark Christian distributed chocolate bars at one point and then Claire from The Wheel brought out rounds of sandwiches which were much appreciated – and devoured rather than simply eaten.

What a response from the public to the appeal for funds! £2,963.97 was spent on the new equipment (the tax man would not let us off the VAT, despite the work being for charity). The WI, led by Juliet Shortall, raised an amazing amount at their auction. The Lamphouse Singers, in a superb concert arranged by Beryl Gossage, raised an enormous amount. Village organisations made donations, individuals purchased garlands and the public gave generously in the collection boxes. Thank you everyone; your generosity was overwhelming. The total raised was more than sufficient to cover the cost of the new equipment, the insurance and the cost of electricity, so the Village Hall treasurer is opening a separate account for the lights so we can keep track of the finances. The big unknown at this stage is the reliability of the new equipment and thus how much we shall need to spend next time. I must thank Gary Putnam for his generous donation of about 800 feet of rope. Thank you also to Marlène Mason who supplied fresh mince pies, coffee and tea for the team at the completion of the work.

The old cable, 900 feet long, was only our second one and lasted 26 years.

We hope everyone liked the lights, which are such an important part of life in Naphill.

Mike Mason

Christmas Tree Lights

I am sure all villagers will be delighted with the effect of the new Christmas tree lights on our Village Hall tree. As a member of the team who helps to put the lights on the tree I have somewhat more knowledge of the amount of work involved in organising this annual event than perhaps most of you. This year has been particularly onerous as the decision was taken to purchase new lights. Mike Mason is the team co-ordinator and he spent a great deal of time sourcing the new lights which I know was not an easy task. He eventually managed to find suitable lights in France and having obtained the cost implications he submitted a detailed bid to the Village Hall Committee for the necessary funding. This was approved and Mike made the purchase. Work did not, however, stop there as a new socket outlet system had to be designed and constructed for location at the top of the tree in order to

allow for the twenty new pendants to be plugged in. Mike did this work along with another member of the team. Each of the pendants then had to be tested before they were ready for display.

Mike has been responsible for managing the entire process of displaying the Christmas tree lights for more years than I care to remember and this year I know was particularly difficult and indeed worrying as we were all concerned as to how the new lights would look. The result has been a tribute to Mike and we owe him a debt of gratitude for all he does on our behalf. Due thanks are also due to the other members of the team particularly Mick Leggett who spent some five hours at the top of the tree this year - double that normally spent on the exercise. Well done to the team on an excellent result.. Finally one should not forget Marlene - Mike's wife - who kindly prepares coffee and homemade mince pies for the entire team.

Ron Collins

The Village Hall Quiz – Friday 26th February

The annual Village Hall Quiz will be held on Friday 26th February 2010. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The entrance fee of £8 includes a Ploughman's and Clive's Bar will be available as usual. Teams of four (or more if you are willing to forgo the chance of walking off with a prize). As well as prizes the winning table has bragging rights which last for one year.

This is a great fun evening. The questions are not too hard and the Question Master has to be very brave to tell the jokes that he does. Make a note of it in your diary now and 'phone Ted Chapman on HW 563034 to book your table. We look forward to seeing you there.

Naphill Horticultural Society

<http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk/>

Our next event is our **Dinner & Entertainment on Friday 5th March**
Doors open 7.15pm
Wine & Soft Drinks Bar

Tickets are now available, and cost just £15, including a glass of wine and Society Membership for 2010. So if you would like to join us in the Village Hall for this popular event, give me a call.

The menu will be a choice of Beef Hot Pot or Chicken, Ham and Leek Pie with a Vegetarian alternative of Dolcelatte and red Pepper Tart all served with New Potatoes, Carrots & Roasted Vegetables. For dessert there will be either Brandy Snap Basket with Lemon Mousse or Cheese & Biscuits. Tea and Coffee will follow.

After Dinner we will be entertained by Steve Mac singing a mixture of classic crooning, swing jazz and

big band numbers. Members and non-members are all very welcome, but I **must** have final numbers and menu choices by February 26th. Tickets always sell fast – so don't wait to be invited, just pick up the phone!

On Monday March 15th we hold our AGM at 8.00pm in the Small Hall. As always, all are welcome to come along and air their views, and we would love to see some new faces.

Looking forward to seeing you all on March 5th.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning: The letters MINAMD following an application number means Minor Amendment. The following plans are reported without comment since the Res. Assn. committee has not had an opportunity to discuss them.

09/07196/ MINAMD of 20/11/09. 279 Main Rd, Walter's Ash. Proposed non-material amendment to permission for "Demolition of existing chalet bungalow and construction of 1 x 4 bed and 1 x 3 bed detached dwellings, creation of new access to each dwelling and blocking up of existing access" granted under planning ref: 08/06132/FUL. (Application withdrawn).



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Few foils	£15



Katherine Smith
High Wycombe

Same application appears as **09/07342/MINAMD** on 09/12/09 and has been **allowed**.

New application **10/05026/FUL** on 11/01/2010 Revised house type for Plot 1, 1 x 4 bed detached house, to include the insertion of 3 x dormer windows in rear elevation. (Alternative scheme to that approved under **08/06132/FUL**). (Pending consideration).

09/07213/FUL Naphill & Walter's Ash Combined School, Kilnwood, Walter's Ash. Erection of Tensile fabric canopies over the reception class playground for outside activities. (Pending Decision).

09/07431/FUL (Part retrospective). Charity Cottages, Downley Road, Naphill. Erection of 3 x 3 bed terraced houses with associated car parking and landscaping and alteration to existing access following demolition of existing dwelling (Alternative scheme to pp **01/05178/FUL**) (Pending consideration)

Land for a Lay-by near Co-op, Main Rd, Walter's Ash. The Defence Estates, with the agreement of the RAF, have generously offered to make a narrow strip of land available for a lay-by in front of MoD Building 5 adjacent to the Co-op. The Team Leader for Transport Development Control (BCC) will contact us as to the technical feasibility of the lay-by facility, once he has received a site plan and examined the area. We hope for further progress in the near future.

Obstruction of Pavements We have received reports that several householders have cleared their drives of large quantities of snow and heaped the snow on pavements, rather than within their own properties. This has forced pedestrians, including children, to walk in the road through slush or on ice, putting themselves at risk from passing vehicles. These large piles of snow take a long time to melt so continue to cause a hazard well after a general thaw is underway. We are being urged to bear this in mind when we next experience a prolonged snowy spell.

Date of Next Meeting: 8pm Thursday 11th February 2010 at Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

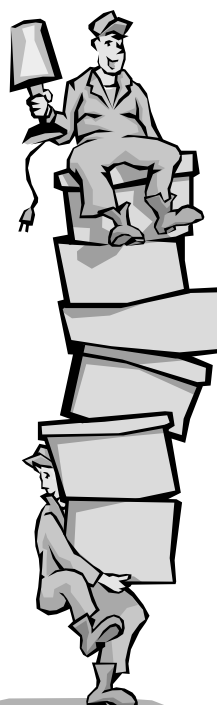
We have now completed our first year and by the time this appears we will have held our AGM, and the new committee will be formulating our programme of events for 2010. If anyone has some suggestions there is still time to let us know. Many thanks to all those involved throughout 2009 – both the organisers and those who attended. Overall it was a very successful year – more so than we could have predicted. We have over a hundred members and managed to arrange a series of events that attracted a goodly number of people.

Again by the time this appears the snow will have melted away and we will be approaching spring. However, thinking back to the long snowy period each side of Christmas it may be worth recording an instructive incident. It concerns our poor remnant

juniper bushes. As I have mentioned before, in the early 1900s, Naphill Common was renowned for its forest of huge junipers. Since then the inexorable march of the trees has killed all but five specimens, because juniper cannot survive being over-shaded. There is one healthy bush on path H2/bridleway BW 85, over towards the Clumps, and four struggling remnants near the centre of the common.

This decline mirrors what has happened all over the country. England has lost over 46% of its juniper since the 1970s, and the Chilterns have seen an even worse decline: 84% of its juniper bushes have disappeared over the last 30 years. When a species is under threat in this way we are left with isolated individuals or small groups and they become very vulnerable. What happened over Christmas illustrates just how vulnerable.

The one healthy specimen was flattened by the snow prior to Christmas. It has been propped up again but we have to wait to see if there has been any permanent damage. The struggling remnant junipers in the centre of the common are badly over-shaded by the surrounding trees. After Christmas the weight of snow brought down a large oak bow which fell, with fiendish precision, along a row of three specimens, crushing them. At the time of writing we hope to remove the bow using a chain saw, but what the damage has been done remains to be discovered. That is four out of five specimens damaged.



Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale

Saturday 6th March
Naphill Village Hall
2.00pm

We will be collecting items for the sale around the village on the morning of the sale, and would also welcome any items you wish to bring to the Village Hall.

No furniture or electrical goods please.

This sad tale illustrates how important it is that there is a scheme for taking cuttings from the remaining junipers and growing them on in a nursery for eventual re-planting in the Chilterns. The County Countryside Officer, Andy McVeigh, who led our tour of the junipers, is to take cuttings from our struggling specimens because it is important to preserve the local genetic stock which is adapted to the acid soil of the common.

The experience also illustrates how important it is for the Friends of Naphill Common to organise working parties to care for the remaining junipers and clear around them in the hope of keeping them alive. We must also consider making new clearings where the species can be re-introduced when plants are available. All this is not merely to preserve the historic vegetation, it is also to encourage a more diverse ecology in the future. All this explains why it is so unfortunate that we cannot get permission to proceed: but we will prevail.

A new programme of events will be published as soon as possible on the web site and in the next Gazette. Meanwhile we can announce that **Ron Collins** will lead the first **Walk for Health** of the year on **Monday 15th February 2010, starting from the Village Hall at 10 am**. The walk will last between 2 and 2½ hours.

Trevor Hussey - 563767

The Wheel

Happy New Year to all in Naphill and Walter's Ash! With the festive season behind us and a new year ahead I feel we should briefly look back on the past year and what an eventful one it has been. 2009 was a full year that seemed to fly past, with our normal two beer festivals that were great fun and a sell out as usual, we also saw the introduction of live music which will be carrying on in 2010. We had numerous fancy dress nights, quiz nights and the dog day, that were all very entertaining. We cannot forget the fete in June which was an amazing day although slightly soggy but excellent fun as always. So thank you to everyone who has helped support the pub over the last year.

December was a busy month with all the Christmas parties and of course all the snow which brought the area to a grinding halt. Thankfully all my deliveries made it to us so everyone could enjoy their snow days in the pub eating and drinking and generally having fun. Local children (and staff) helped make various snow men in the gardens of different sizes. The best snow man stood in the car park at about 5ft and even held his own beer and mysteriously vanished over night. He didn't melt (no time), and he wasn't knocked over, the whole snowman was gone with no trace if anyone has any information please contact us so we can solve this mystery. Thanks to all our customers who helped raise £111.19 for the Christmas tree lights which can I say they were spectacular! We also had a fabulous response to the Christmas draw which saw first prize of £250. The barrel sweep was won by one of our regular customers (a larger boy) with the grand total of 680 firkins sold, which as many of you would know, is a

new pub record! New Years Eve was celebrated in style! It was great to see everyone make the effort to come in their best suits and gorgeous dresses, with the exception of the two cowboys behind the bar! We even had staff imported from Australia to help us cope on the bar and to keep the beer flowing which I must thank Peg and Claudia immensely for all their help and kindness. On behalf of all the staff, I thank each and every one of our customers who were kind enough to make a donation to the staff tip boxes throughout the festive period. We are now able to put all the money together and organise a belated staff Christmas party for the near future to celebrate all their hard work this year.

Due to the on-going snow, 2010 has gone off with a flying start for us at the pub. With no one being able to get to work, or school the pub has seen a record number of people enjoying our food and various beers during the day. This has been absolutely fantastic and with my staff happily doing extra shifts to lend a helping hand and to organise mass snowball fights in the gardens with the local children! But the madness does not stop here! Quiz Nights are back up and running on the first and third Wednesday of the month, which has been a good giggle for all who have participated. If you haven't attended before, grab a team, answer the questions to the best of your ability and even if you don't happen to be the winning team, you are still in for a chance to win a cash prize or best team name for a bottle of wine. All in all, it's a good laugh for everybody! Live Music made a triumphant return with the familiar face of Ben Lee taking centre stage on the 23rd Jan. If you did miss this incredibly talented musician, he has confirmed more dates with us. Speaking of upcoming events, here is what you will expect from us in the near future:

- 6th February – Start of the Rugby Six Nations- which will be shown in the pub
- 13th February – Flower Power themed Valentines Party
- 17th February – Quiz Night-8pm
- 20th February – Live Music – Ben Lee
- 19th March – St Paddy's Party
- 12th June – Fete Day

And much, MUCH more! Please check either our boards in the car park or inside for further dates and even more upcoming events and parties!

With the successful Valentines party we had last year (Superhero Theme), we have decided to go all out and have a Flower Power themed party as mentioned above! Expect a host of vibrant colours, scary flares, and crazy 60's music all evening! So dig out your costumes and come and make this extra special Valentines party even bigger than what it was last year!

Once again I wish to thank all of our customers, old and new, family and friends and the staff for their continued support. Here's to another exciting year at The Wheel! Cheers!

Claire

Fete Tombola

As I sit at the computer writing this letter Christmas has just passed - and we survived despite our grandchildren's best efforts!! - and we are awaiting New Year and the likely impact of yet more snow. The benefit of bad weather is that one is confined to barracks and as a result we have managed to fold all 3000 of our tombola tickets ready for the fete in June. All we need now is 600 prizes so that we can stick winning ticket numbers to them. There will be many of you who will have received Christmas presents that for one reason or another are not suitable. If you would like to dispose of them in the knowledge that they will benefit the village then why not donate them to our tombola stall. We will accept any new item whether it be a toy, toiletries, food item (as long as it is within date by 12 June) or any other gift. Alternatively if you do not have any unwanted Christmas presents then do feel free to donate any other item - we will be pleased to receive it. Items can be left at our house or we will gladly collect. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Last year as a result of all 600 prizes being donated we raised £500 for the fete. With your support we hope to do the same this year. Best wishes to you all.

*Helen and Ron Collins, Michaelmas Cottage,
2 Lacey Drive, Naphill. Tel 01494 562240*

Dear Editor

Having moved to Naphill in August of this year, we would like to say how much we have enjoyed receiving the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette each month. It has helped us to feel part of the community and has been very useful in informing us of local events. Thank you to all involved in its production and distribution.

Thank you also to those who helped with the wonderful decoration of the tree by the Village Hall - it looks beautiful and shines out in all directions.

Geoff and Sue Lovell

Hi Children

I was really delighted to see so many of you at the Naphill Christmas Fayre. It was my best and busiest year so far. I trust you enjoyed your visit to my grotto and that you got all the presents on Christmas Day that you asked me for.

It was really hectic this Christmas and my reindeer, little elf helpers and I were really exhausted at the end of the day. I have since had a nice rest and am now getting ready for next Christmas. I believe you have had a lot of snow in your area recently and it has been really cold, but I bet it has not been as cold as where I live! Have a great year and I look forward to seeing you all again next Christmas.

With love from Santa

Charity Bridge Day

In aid of Help for Heros and Prestwood Village Hall

**Prestwood Village Hall
Wednesday 17th February**

Cost £20 per person to include: Coffee, Bridge, Lunch with a glass of wine and Afternoon Tea.

Coffee from 9.15 am Bridge from 10.00 am Lunch 12.30 - 1.30 Tea and prizes at 3.45pm.

Applications to Mary McConnell, 14 Honorwood Close, Prestwood HP16 9HH Tel: 01494 863084

Dickinson's Real Deal - Wycombe Town Hall

The day I went to the Town Hall 100s of people were queued right up to the High Street. I could not believe how after my Chinese silver spoons were value I was wired up for television and after all of chatter was offered £40 for them by one of David Dickinson's dealers. I did not accept this and decided to go for auction thinking this would be at Amersham or Bourne End but no, it was in the Chiswick Auction Rooms, London, 2 weeks afterwards and I was asked to wear the same outfit I wore at the Town Hall. It was really an enjoyable experience. The auctioneer got £120 for them.



The Wycombe event at the Town Hall was on the TV 3 different times. I was on the first showing.

Pam Smith

Christmas Spirit

I do not think that anyone living in Naphill and Walter's Ash will be unaware of the problems many of us had on the afternoon of December 21st. when all the roads leading up to Naphill were closed with the heavy snowfall that disrupted the whole area of the Chilterns. Along with a fair number of others my wife & I were stuck half way up Clappins Lane, front wheel drive notwithstanding. Returning from a short walk home to fetch a shovel, my wife was given a lift by a lovely lady "Sharon" from North Dean, who said, on dropping my wife off at our very stuck car, "If you have a tow-rope,

I'll give you a tow" this she promptly did and towed us to right outside our gate. Not content with one deed of help, she then asked to borrow the tow-rope and proceeded for the next hour and more, to rescue some further half dozen stranded motorists. If that is not the true Christmas spirit, I do not know what is.

On behalf of my wife & I and the other 6 or more rescued motorists, to Sharon, a very big thank you and bless you.

Richard Field

Blood Donors - January

Many thanks to those sixty five people who braved the weather to donate blood on that cold, icy Friday, well done. We normally average between ninety and a hundred donors so that was a remarkable number. Thanks also to the volunteers who cleared a large area of the car park on that morning so that the Blood Donation vehicle could get into the car park. Unfortunately the team, who are based and live around Oxford, left at 6pm, an hour earlier than normal, simply because of the weather conditions. Apologies to those who had appointments between 6 and 7pm and perhaps arrived to donate, I would assume you will hear from Oxford. There is another session at the Village Hall on Friday the 19th of February when you could attend. I understand that blood stocks are low at the moment, so please make an appointment by calling 0300 123 23 23. You can still of course just turn up on the day. Thanks again to all involved.

Bob Davis

A Thank You from Naphill & Walter's Ash School

The most enormous thank you to parents, children, teachers and governors who turned out on Sunday 10th January to take part in a major snow clearing exercise. The photo shows just how many people came along and how much they achieved. Thanks also to the Station Commander, who not only allowed us to use the RAF snow plough to clear the drive and rear car park but also lent a hand with ice clearing. The



biggest thank you of all to James Campanini, who organised the whole thing, and his wife Helen, who kept the volunteers supplied with hot drinks.

Thank You

I would like to thank my dear family, friends and neighbours who looked after me and my needs during this prolonged snowy period. I am sure that there are several other "oldies" who have been looked after similarly helped and who appreciate this very much. With thanks to them all.

Daisy Leek.

The Incredible Milkman

He's done it again! In spite of all the snow since before Christmas, our milkman, Ian Kelloway, has battled his way through to deliver our milk to the doorstep. He anticipated the first heavy fall of snow and delivered two days milk the night before. He even phoned us one day to check on the condition of Clappins Lane as he has to drive from Lacey Green to Prestwood in the early hours to load up his float, drive back to Naphill to make his deliveries, return the float to the depot and then drive home. Although he was told that there was a lot of compacted snow in the lane, he persevered and managed to get through. Where a side road was particularly bad he would park up at a suitable place and carry the milk to each house in a hand crate. Of course not so many people have their milk delivered to the doorstep these days preferring to buy from supermarkets, but they have had their problems with milk deliveries not getting through. However we know that we can rely on Ian to do his utmost to make sure we get the milk we have ordered, even if it is a day in advance. What a man!

Pauline and Mike Pool

Of Snow and Sponduliks

Despite my hopes and Nature would treat us kindly in 2010, she (feminine surely) has not only bedevilled the Christmas of 2009 but has given us a very rough start to 2010. How long will it last? The last long, cold spell was way back in 1963, we are probably overdue one. So let's hope that it does not last until the end of February! It becomes very boring drawing the bedroom curtains in the morning and viewing a Christmas scene.

Of course everything is relative. In 1971 I was the C.O. Of the RAF Unit at Goose Bay in Labrador, in Canada. The annual average snowfall there was 168 inches. For good measure, in my year there was just a little extra and we amassed 172 inches. Usually the first snow fell in early November and ended in April. In 1971 the first snow did not arrive until 24 November but it then fell en masse, all 26 inches of it! I well remember setting out at 3am on to the airfield with the troops to sweep the snow off the wings of four Vulcans. How odd you may think. However the Centre of Gravity of the Vulcan was such that with more than 4

inches of snow on the wings it would tip up on its rear wheel, which was highly undesirable.

The reaction of animals to snow is interesting. Dogs appear to revel in it whilst cats are less than enthusiastic. Our Frazer asks to go out but usually returns home looking miserable. But he does enjoy a roaring log fire!

Now we shall have to see what a prolonged cold spell does to the economy, which is already shaky. The Government must feel that even the elements are against it. Fortunately the Gazette is largely immune to such challenges. Our financial year ends on 31st January 2010 and the annual financial report will appear in the March Gazette. At this stage I can say that, unlike the government's, our budget will balance nicely for 2009. Consequently there will be no change in the cost of the Gazette. It remains at £3 for the ten issue year. There will be a minor increase in advertising to give the Editor a little more flexibility in the use of colour, which so adds to the appearance and interest of the Gazette.

David Leith

PS For those who are baffled by "Sponduliks" it is U.S. Slang for money. I find it an amusing word; origin unknown.

From Hair 2 Dye For - To All My Customers

I am now working from home Monday to Saturday in a purpose-built, heated and double glazed log cabin which is only 7 minutes from Naphill & Walter's Ash. I have full facilities including a back wash basin, hood dryer and other amenities with good off road parking for several cars. Can't wait to see you all - business as usual.

Sam - 07843 257689

Alf Ward

Mrs Ward and family would like to thank all neighbours and friends in the village for their kind thoughts, messages and cards on the passing of Alf on the 12th December.

Alf was born in a cottage at the top of Coombe Hill in Naphill in 1925 and then returned to Naphill Common in 1979. Alf was the Managing Director of a Mazda main dealer in High Wycombe, Ward International Motors, who held the back page advert of the gazette for many years.

It was Alf that first introduced adverts into the Gazette and he and Jean were also at one time in charge of Gazette distribution.

Jean has now settled comfortably in her new home in Thame but misses her friends and neighbours in Naphill very much. If anyone would like to get in touch

with Jean then contact the Editor who has her new address.

Debbie Ward

Climbing Wall

Thanks once more to Hughenden Parish Council the climbing wall is back! It will be in the Village Hall car park on Thursday 18th February 2010 between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. This time it is for the teenagers in the villages so make sure you all come along.

Judy Whitehouse

Project Trust - Gap Year

Since writing the first article about my gap year I have raised £1,694, mainly through kind donations, so thank you everyone for your support. I have a long way to go to reach £4,850 though. The odd jobs service is still happening so please ring 07854135788 if you need anything doing in return for a donation.

If you have any old mobile phones or iPods which are no longer of use, then I can turn these into cash for the gap year! Please contact me and I can arrange to collect them.

Do you shop online? If so, by going through www.easyfundraising.org.uk/register, internet companies will donate to me at no extra cost to you. Over 600 sites do it. All you have to do is register and select the charity 'Project Trust - Lizzy Bedder.' Then find your retailer from the list on the website, and shop directly with that retailer. It's only a few minutes extra to you but may mean many pounds more for the gap year. All you have to do is remember to return to that site next time you are shopping online!

For more information about the project go to www.justgiving.com/lizzys-off-to-guyana or www.projecttrust.org.uk

**Bingo Evening with an optional
Fish and Chip Supper**
(sausage and vegetarian option available)

6th February
Naphill Scouts hut - 7.15 for 7.30
Adults - **£3.50** Children - **£2.50**
Fish and chips - £5.00 extra
Raffle Many Games Fabulous Prizes
Please bring your own drinks

Please ring Lizzy Bedder for tickets on 07854135788, or email - lizzybedder@hotmail.co.uk. Come and beat the post January blues for a worthwhile cause!

Village History

Back in the October Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette I wrote an article about our local cricket team who in 1946 held a benefit match against the Middlesex team. I included the photos of Bill Edrich and Leslie Compton who took part in it. Mr Stan Morris was our village team captain. His son Tony Monks came over from

Australia on holiday and came to visit me. Since returning home he has kindly sent me a letter giving me his Dad's achievements and a photo of his trophy he was awarded. I thought you would like to read this as I think it outstanding.

"Stan Monks was born in Rochdale, Lancs in 1909. He was very good at soccer and cricket. He developed his cricketing skills in his back alley where he and his friends would spend hours bowling at wickets painted on a brick wall. At the age of 16 he joined the RAF as an apprentice and served for about nine years. For five years he served in the Middle East, in Jordan, Palestine and Egypt. During this period he played a great deal of sport; athletics, tennis, soccer and cricket, a sport in which he excelled.

On 3rd and 4th August 1931, at Chezireh, Cairo, he played for the Royal Air Force Middle East against the Army in Egypt. This was a very high standard of cricket. In the first innings of that match he took eight wickets for 24 runs. This included two hat tricks and the taking of four wickets in four balls. All the hat trick wickets were clean bowled. His trophy is proudly displayed in my snooker room, surmounted by the ball that did the damage.



After leaving the RAF he considered playing cricket professionally but in those days such a path was not easy for a married man. He was unable to play for a season on account of injury so he turned to another career. I am sure that in another era, with reasonable luck, he would have played County cricket and even for England.

After settling in Naphill, he played cricket for the village. He was captain for many years and played well into his 50s. He twice took all ten wickets in a match. Against Booker on August 27th 1949 he took 10 wickets for 14 runs and against Reading Old Boys on 14th May 1951 he took 10 wickets for five runs.

There has not been a cricket team in Naphill for many years. When visiting the village I always walk across the Crick. Until the last couple of years it was possible to identify the site of the old wicket. The grass was finer there. Over the last couple of years the area has become a football pitch and the old wicket area is no longer identifiable. I think back to those halcyon days

of the 50s and 60s. On a Saturday and often on a Sunday afternoon eleven good men and true would battle away. The standard of cricket was quite reasonable and the matches keenly contested. On a sunny day there would often be 40 or 50 spectators enjoying the game. It is sad that a village the size of Naphill no longer fields a cricket team. I enclose a photo of my Dad's "Three Hat Tricks" trophy and hope that this information may be of some interest to you."

In the same article I mentioned how I met a relative of mine who was tracing Joseph George Newell (died 1870) and his wife Sarah who in 1861/1871 were living in Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill and happened to be my great, great grandparents who she also shared. She has since been to visit me three times and with the help of Arthur Johnson the Hughenden Church Verger we have traced their gravestone perfectly preserved, hidden under the grass three feet down in Hughenden Churchyard.

Pam Smith

Little Ash Pre-School

Naphill and Walter's Ash Pre-school had a very busy and very enjoyable Christmas period. Big thanks to all those involved in the Christmas Grotto, especially Tracy for organising the activities and the ponies! Santa made an appearance to the delight of many children who hopefully enjoyed their presents

The Nativity play was also a huge success. Thank you to all the staff for your efforts in making this a highlight for so many children and their parents. Well done to everyone. Finally before the Christmas break the kids had the chance to meet Santa again at the Christmas party! Ice cream, Yule log and Mince pies. Nice!

Fund-raising and donations are very important to the Pre-school and we would like to thank everyone who has helped out over the last year. Many thanks to Steve McKeown and Tom Eddleston for your help in getting 2 computers for the children. Looking to the future we are hoping to use some of the fund-raising money to purchase sunshades for the outdoor play area. Nice sunny days seems a long way away in freezing Walter's Ash right now. Well done to all the staff for last year, keep up the good work!

Finally a big well done to the committee who volunteer their time to help with the smooth running of the pre-school. It may seem a thankless task at times but it is appreciated.

Calendar of Events

Annual Spring Dance - date TBA

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John Delaney

Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette



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Editorial

I do hope that by the time you read this that spring is well and truly on it's way. Please therefore forgive me the indulgence of including Mark Dell's stunning snow pictures on the cover this month. I just couldn't resist them.

Mike Mason has asked me to let you know that the team who took down the Christmas Tree lights on 23rd January was augmented by Terry Aldridge.

This happened too late for inclusion in the February edition.

This month is the start of our advertising year and we have several new advertisers and some of our existing ones have added new services so please take some time to familiarise yourself with them all. You will see from our Treasurer's article that the gazette depends on their support so thanks to them all.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday - Forge Road	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Village Hall	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30 am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

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- 5th Horticultural Society Dinner - Village Hall 7.15 pm tickets required
- 6th Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale - Village Hall 2pm
- 10th Rural Affordable Housing Open Day - Hughenden Parish Council Offices 3pm - 8pm
- 15th Walk for Health - Mett Village Hall 10.00am
- 28th FONC Clearance meet Common End Chapel Lane 10.00am

April

- 19th Walk for Health - Meet Village Hall 10.00am

May

- 7th WANSA Race Night - School Hall, tickets required
- 22nd Little Ash Pre-School Dance - Village Hall 7.30pm. Tickets required.

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Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Lesley Hamer	473502	Mondays 6pm
Community Police Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146
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District Councillor	David Carroll	716967	david_carroll@wycombe.gov.uk
District Councillor	John Gibbs	565544	johngibbs@skymarket.org
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Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332	
Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	562845	
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Gazette	Judy Whitehouse	562742	judy@judyq.demon.co.uk
Guides (Naphill)	Toni Green	562089	Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.45pm
Guides (Walter's Ash)	Toni MacDonald	565926	Thursdays from 7pm
Horticultural Society	Cathryn Carter	563233	www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770	
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888	Every 2nd Monday of the month at 8pm
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Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634	glorialeflaive@msn.com
School	Kerenza Gwynn	562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Mondays & Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
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Tennis Club	David Fletcher	532195	david@tvemf.org
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Funerals, Finances and the Future

The weather has provided a harsh introduction to 2010 and indeed continues to upset fuel budgets for everyone. The chilling easterly wind is reluctant to make way for a soft south westerly. Furthermore, on a personal note, June and I have lost two good friends in January: advancing years do have their perils and one wonders about the psychological effect on the elderly of cold winds and sombre grey skies. But no matter how miserable the weather may be, daylight is increasing by 2 minutes per day, which may not seem much, but how it adds up! Indeed by the time you receive the March Gazette, we shall be marching on towards the Spring Equinox with progressively generous hours of daylight giving life in the garden an injection of vigour and bright mornings to encourage one to leap out of bed full of joie de vivre!

Thankfully the Gazette's financial state is far from sombre as the following table shows:

Income	31.01.10	31.01.09	Expenditure	31.01.10	31.01.09
Adverts	5277.00	4784.00	Printing	8327.30	8208.53
Collections	2214.50	1813.00	Computer	18.98	51.08
Cash in Hand	35.40	-	Postage	20.69	29.95
Small ads	577.00	639.00	Petrol	35.00	30.00
Donations	495.00	527.89	Phone	2.10	2.10
Interest	1.41	42.70	Refunds	-	34.00
TOTALS	8600.31	7416.59		8404.14	8355.66

Surplus 196.27

Deficit 939.07

For 2010 the cost of some advertising has been slightly increased with the aim of giving the editor a little more scope with colour, otherwise it is a neutral financial scene. However, glancing at the last edition of the Gazette, the combination of good quality paper, skilful use of colour and a goodly cover of village activities seems to me to suggest that Naphill is a lively village with many activities available for the young and the not so young. A happy thought to offset the chilly weather.

David Leith - Treasurer

PS. You will note the downfall in the interest earned by our cash in the bank; but we are all suffering in this way.

PPS. The red collection boxes will be distributed with the April Gazette. And a reminder that the cost of the Gazette remains at £3 for the year.

County Councillor's Report

Winter seems to have been inordinately long this year, we can only hope that Spring is not too far away. The snow and ice have played havoc with the county's salt and grit stocks and readers are well aware of the damage done to our roads. Hopefully by the time this article is published we will have got up to date with the pothole repairs. A more serious problem is how do we prevent a similar situation arising next year without considerable expenditure? Although we have increased the budget for 2010/11 it is nowhere near the amounts required for overall road maintenance.

During my year of office as chairman of the county council, I have had the additional honour of being the President of the Buckinghamshire Ambassadors, whose remit is to support and encourage the economic well-being of the county. Readers may be surprised to learn that Bucks has the largest number of start-up companies in the

country. It has the largest group of small manufacturing enterprises in the south east and is in the largest three authorities for gross domestic product in England. Our economic health is good and appears to be withstanding the recession better than most counties. Having said that it will be no comfort to the increasing numbers of unemployed in some areas of Aylesbury and High Wycombe, although their chances of getting new employment are better than elsewhere in the UK. I recently attended an awards ceremony and was impressed with the level of entrepreneurial activity in our county.

It is to be hoped that a new government will address the problems of planning. Both main parties claim that garden development will be curtailed, this is long overdue. I just hope that the centralised direction of housing numbers will be left to local decision rather than Regional dictation. Enforced large scale housing development, without the provision of proper infrastructure of roads and

services, are a recipe for increased congestion and transport frustrations.

The decision regarding the routing of High Speed Two, the rail link between London and Birmingham and the North, should be known by the end of March. All four route options pass through the Chilterns AONB, some having greater impact than others. Let us hope that the route chosen will not be along the Bradenham Valley but I fear that wherever it is proposed, it will attract much public anxiety and protest.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

At last the bin collections have returned to normal. Do remember that material from the green bins is being composted again.

The expected District Council Tax increase for 2010/2011 has been set at 1.75%. This is down from 3.2% in 2009/2010. At the time of writing, this was subject to full Council ratification.

The Council has decided to opt out of the shared support services between the Councils, which formed part of the Pathfinder scheme. The risks and costs outweighed the savings and we are now looking at implementing our own outsourcing systems, either singularly or with the other Councils. Good work is in progress with the sharing of Building Control and Waste.

The Council is now looking at the Stadium project to accommodate the needs of Wasps and Wycombe Wanderers and we are near the end of the consultation period regarding the running track.

Wycombe District Council's Skillscentre has launched an executive network club to help unemployed local professionals, executives, graduates and self-employed people who are looking for new and future career ideas and opportunities.

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John Gibbs

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Hughenden Parish Council

The Parish Council continues to maintain and improve facilities for the young. Work on the new 'teen' area at Great Kingshill nears completion, and the refurbished and extended playground for young children will be finished when weather permits. The Parish is providing much of the funding for, and organizing, a new item of equipment for the play area on the Crick. The old 'sleepers and slide' has been removed; this was nearing the end of its working life. It will be replaced by a 'control' tower, bridge and slide in a style which reflects the village's association with the RAF. Grant funding of £2500 is coming from Bucks County Council, £2000 from the Village Hall, and the balance from the Parish. The new structure may be in place by the time you read this. In half term week the climbing wall will be back for the use of teenagers in the area.

It is hoped to assist with the housing requirements of members in our community. The need for affordable homes was identified in the Parish Appraisal and also in a housing needs survey. The Parish is now working in partnership with the English Rural Housing Association to provide ten two and three bedroom homes for rent and shared ownership. These will be built in the Hughenden Valley because, after exhaustive enquiries, this site was deemed to be the most suitable for the purpose. An information day will take place March 10th from 3pm to 8pm in the Parish office at which draft plans will be

displayed, comments received and questions answered. This will also be an opportunity for people with a strong, provable, local connection to register for the properties. These homes are for the benefit of all the villages in the Hughenden Parish. More detail will be provided on the Parish website: www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

We shall be hand delivering flyers throughout the Parish providing more information, and advertising the arrangements for the open day. Please treat as useful information, not junk mail! Personally I am hoping for more warmth before my delivery round starts!

Peggy Ewart - Chairman

Hughenden Parish NAG

(Neighbourhood Action Group - January Newsletter)

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 0845 8 505 505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office. Alternatively you are welcome to send us an email at the following address (please copy and paste the e-mail address for ease of use):

hughendenhazlemereandcheppingwycombenhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

The team would also love to hear from the community regarding any positive or negative feedback that you may have or any issues or concerns that you may wish to raise.

Burglary

Great Kingshill and Widmer End has recently had a number of house burglaries and shed & outhouse breaks in the last few weeks. Patrols by the NHPT will be increased in the area and crime prevention literature will be delivered to neighbouring properties to try and prevent further offences occurring.

If you are elderly, disabled or vulnerable Anchor Staying Put in conjunction with the Police and Fire Services are running a "SAFER HOMES" project, offering advice and FREE essential security equipment including installation. The project will run until March 2010 and will be free of charge to those residents who meet the necessary criteria. Please call 01628 526367 for information.

Recently a male from the High Wycombe area has admitted to a Burglary on the Parish and is now being dealt with via the Criminal Justice System.

Finally, please record the make, model and serial numbers of any electrical items that you have at home, in your car or at work on the www.immobilise.com website. This is a website that

the police have access to, so if any property comes into the police's possession, it can be checked to see if it has been stolen, help secure evidence and convictions against a suspect and reunited the property with its lawful owner.

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

The team are continuing to focus upon ASB problems within the area.

The Common Road car park at Great Kingshill is still attracting ASB driving in the evenings where car drivers are congregating and using the area as a mini racetrack. Any vehicle details can be sent to Pc TURNHAM and warning letters will be sent to the registered owner, continuance will result in action being taken against the owner and driver with the possibility of the vehicle being seized and disposed of, using the **POLICE REFORM ACT 2002**

Even though ASB at specific locations may have been reduced, the NHPT do not want the problem to then materialise itself elsewhere, so the team will continue to focus its efforts to reduce the ongoing issues associated with the problem when and where it arises.

The HNPT and the representatives from the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) are currently trying to look at creating local initiatives to try and resolve ASB which has been associated with the local "Young People". We are therefore open to suggestions from the community regarding the arrangement of any locally run events, but more importantly we would also looking volunteers to become involved and arrange and run such events.

Speeding

The new NAG has setup of a speed-working group, this will concentrate on specific locations and then allow Officers and the Speed Enforcement Team to target and enforce limits. PCSO HALL will be the Police representative on the working group.

The team is trying to obtain speeding data from all of Thames Valley Police Departments regarding speed enforcement and education that has occurred upon the area and will provide any updates in the forthcoming news letters.

The team also now have access to a Speed Indication Device (SID) which will allow my staff to collate current and accurate speeding data from a location whilst also providing a visible deterrent at the same time.

Planned speed enforcement information will be updated in the March newsletter.

Another issue

"COP Cards" – Thames Valley Police have been running a sticker collecting scheme, called "COP Cards" in other force areas, which is aimed at year 6

school pupils. The scheme is to be extended to Hazlemere & Chepping Wycombe areas and will be rolled out in the near future. The idea of the scheme is for the children to collect stickers (24 in total) and fill up their "COP Card". Each sticker can be collected by completing a different task or challenge, or by attending an event. Every officer from the local policing team will have a sticker which the children must collect by finding and speaking with them. For the sticker to be issued by the officer the "Cop Card" holder must have their card with them. The other stickers to be collected are designed to encourage children to try out new activities and learn about their community. For example, stickers involve attending a sporting event, helping in a community clear up day and learning about road safety.

The scheme is centred upon getting the best out of young people and encouraging them to be aware of their responsibilities and the opportunities in their local community. The police hope the scheme will enhance communication and familiarisation between local children, local police teams and partnership agencies. The police hope that the collection of the stickers will encourage children to try something different in the community. To help children find the stickers a clues page can be located on the TVP website, <http://www.chilterncopcards.co.uk>. This site has information about "Cop Cards" and will also give the children tips as to where police team members will be in the forthcoming weeks, where activities and events are taking place and where they get help to achieve the stickers.

The HNPT hope that this scheme will be another way of making contact with local young people and make them aware of local policing and community issues and also provide them with the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns.

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham -
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and be prepared to leave a message.
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NAG - Speeding Working Party

At the time of going to print no one has volunteered for this working party. I know there are people who feel very strongly about speeding through the village and if no one comes forward then Naphill/Walter's Ash will not be represented and we may miss out on any police resources that might become available. So if you do feel you would like to make a difference on this important topic please let me know.

Judy Whitehouse - 562742 judy@judyq.demon.co.uk

Bradenham Parish Council

The Parish Council met on the 18th January. The recent bad weather was a big feature on the agenda. The Parish Council thanked the RAF for all the support they had offered and given the community. They had not only cleared Bradenham Wood Lane of stranded cars, but had offered to bring supplies down the hill to local residents who were not able to leave their homes. The National Trust warden was also thanked for all the support he had given local residents during the severe weather conditions. The weather has caused some serious potholes, which are slowly being filled.

The Parish Council had hoped to "adopt" the red phone box opposite the Red Lion pub, but this is a listed building and Wycombe District Council opposed the removal of the telephony. They felt the building would lose its function.

Speeding through the village is a major problem, which the Parish Council is trying to address. They have reviewed the County Council's Traffic Calming Portfolio and are searching for the best solution for the village. The National Trust is providing assistance and a public meeting was held on the 24th of February to which local residents were invited to give their views on the problem and possible solutions. The police have not been able to assist. The RAF also sent representatives.

A group of residents have volunteered to tidy up the pond and take on the maintenance of the pond area.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 15th March at 7.30pm in the Cricket club. The meeting is open to the public and the press. You can always contact the clerk: Deirdre Hansen on clerk@bradenham.org.uk or Tel: 01494-562254

Deirdre Hansen

News from 'Christians in the Community'

At a recent meeting we discussed the following year and decided that visiting the sick and needy was a priority together with, of course, the Easter printing of times of services in the local churches. Some of you may not know that the Pastor of the Naphill Free Church Bob Semple is receiving palliative care and that we are all praying for him and his family.

We are going to have a Fellowship Safari on the 20th April starting at Judith Camplisson's house at 9 South Maudlin, Hughenden Valley at 7.30 pm. We start off with a coffee or tea and then pray for local or indeed international needs. At 8.15 pm we are at Joan Blunden's house at 4 Louches Lane, Naphill and at 9 pm we are going to Howard Atkinson's

house which is 1 Heath End Close, Great Kingshill. Please join us for this lovely, lively session at one, two or three venues.

Other venues that are being considered are the Naphill Fete and the Hughenden Valley day and of course a united service on the 17th October at Hughenden Church. More details later.

Norma Clarke

Naphill Evening WI

Snowdrops have emerged, birds are singing and the days are getting longer - spring is on its way, even if there are still a few snow flurries around. After many bleak days of wintry isolation our monthly meeting on January 21st, was a welcome opportunity to meet up with our friends again. Members were out in force to pay their annual subscription, in anticipation of another interesting, action-packed WI year. There are various speakers lined up to entertain or enlighten us, and we have also some inviting social events to look forward to, including a coffee morning, a ploughman's lunch, a games evening, and a ramble to a pub. We also hope to have some trips out for tea or lunch.

Coming up on the 18th March, Mr G Roberts will give a talk on 'Westminster Abbey. This is an OPEN EVENING. Bring along husbands, partners, friends or even second cousins - once removed. All are welcome.

The spring meeting of the Disraeli Group will be held on the 23rd March, and is to be hosted by Downley Village Evening WI. The speaker on this occasion is Mr Philip Littlejohn and 'The Titanic Disaster'.

Unfortunately, some of our members have been laid low with various wintertime 'bugs'. One of our oldest members, Dorothy Butler, has been poorly since Christmas. Thankfully she is gradually improving, and we wish her and everyone who is unwell, a good recovery.

Nancy Hussey - 563767

Naphill Neighbours

After a rather snowy and hectic start to the year - cancellations, umpteen telephone calls and re-arrangements, things seem to be back on schedule once again. Even the sun is shining in a clear blue sky and the snowdrops are in bloom as I write this!

WE met again at our February meeting when Mr. Burnett returned to entertain us with another of his "Journeys in Vision and Sound" - THE FOUR SEASONS. The slides were breath-takingly beautiful and the only sound was of very fitting background music. We couldn't help but wonder at

the glorious land we live in.

Our President, Sheila Rolfe, has been working hard planning our 2011 programme and she has booked some varied and intriguing speakers, so our future meetings look good.

The committee has given much thought to our 2010 outings and has managed to plan them on different days of the week this year so we hope all our members will be able to enjoy at least some of them. The first will be on Thursday, 15th April when we visit Guildford Cathedral and have coffee in the Refectory there and time to look around before travelling on to PARHAM HOUSE AND GARDENS south of Pulborough in West Sussex. If you haven't already put your name down for this outing and would like to do so, please phone HAZEL (563977) as soon as possible.

Another outing is planned for Tuesday, 15th June when we go on an afternoon MYSTERY TOUR IN THE COTSWOLDS (with a cream tea!). Names will be taken at our April meeting.

We are now looking forward to Monday, 8th March when Mr. R. Cherry will talk to us on THE OLDEST ROAD - THE RIDGEWAY - EXPLORED. Tea hostesses will be Margaret Bracey, Evelyn Neville and Ruth Isaac.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

We welcomed Claire Christian to our meeting this month. Claire, as most of you know is the landlady of The Wheel who has agreed to help organise the summer fete. She came to meet us all and to ask us for our support. It is a big undertaking - but if we all work together it will be yet another great day. Do pop in and see her at The Wheel and pledge your support and help.

Have you noticed the two new mobile phone masts. They have certainly made a difference to the reception I get on my phone. I don't know if it helps all the networks - is yours better?

The Christmas tree lights have now been dismantled - a much quicker and easier job than putting them up - and we lost a much lower percentage of the bulbs than we did with the old system. The response to our appeal for help in funding the new lights was fantastic and our thanks to go out to all of you who donated. Our especial thanks go to "Izay" a young member of our community, who took an envelope with some money in it into Floreat. Izay was so impressed by the lights she made a collection herself and passed it on to go into the fund. Another example of our great community spirit. We have covered the cost of the

HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

RURAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- **Do you require affordable housing?**
- **What do you think about providing homes for parishioners?**

Hughenden Parish Council in partnership with
English Rural Housing Association and Commu-
nity Impact Bucks
is holding an Open Day on:

**Wednesday 10th March 2010 at
Hughenden Parish Council Offices
from 3.00pm to 7.30pm**

This is an opportunity for you to let us know
what you think, and raise any questions that
you may have about the proposed
affordable housing scheme in the Parish
as well as **register your housing need.**

**All views are welcome.
Please call in and see us.**

HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

The Parish Council, in partnership with the English Rural Housing Association, is considering the provision of ten affordable homes for local people. There would be a mix of two and three bedroom homes in both rented and shared ownership. The need for such homes has been identified through surveys and in the Parish Appraisal.

After an exhaustive search, a small area of land has been identified in Warrendene Road, Hughenden Valley, as being suitable for building such homes. Draft scheme layouts and basic sketch designs have been produced, which are acceptable to Wycombe District Council planners, the Parish Council, and the landowner. It is intended that this will be a small, attractive development (see similar examples below), provided in perpetuity for the use of parishioners with a strong, provable, local connection. The Parish would have ownership of, and manage, the surrounding land; there would be no further built development.

The properties would be for the benefit of parishioners in all the villages within Hughenden Parish.



Rural exception scheme Hambleden, Bucks. English Rural Housing Association

Interested parties are welcome to attend an open day, which will be held in the Parish Council Offices, The Common, Great Kingshill on 10th March 2010 between 3pm and 7.30pm to -

- View the provisional plans
- Ask questions of the Housing Association and Parish Councillors
- Make comments on the project
- and take the opportunity to register for the properties

Hughenden Parish Council
Council Offices, The Common, Great Kingshill, Bucks HP15 6EN
hughendenpc@btconnect.com

new lights and thanks to your generosity we have enough to purchase extra bulbs for next year so we can cut down the number of blue bulbs by half. They did dominate didn't they. Heartfelt thanks to you all.

The recent bad weather has caused chaos with the blood doing sessions and they are consequently running short of blood. Thanks to those of you who braved it out in the snow for our January session. Do please look out for the next session in the Hall and come along to donate if you can. It might be one of your loved ones that needs a donation.

We have been advised that the floor near the stage is getting a bit splintery and needs sanding. We will have this in hand as soon as we can.

The village website is being refurbished. Work has started - watch this space for further information as it develops..

Next events:

Quiz	26-02-10 - 7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m. Contact Ted for tickets
Fete	12-06-10
UTTC play	22-10-10

See you there.

*Sarah Bacon - Chairman, Naphill Village Hall and
Playing Fields Council*

Village Web Site

After creating the village web-site over 10 years ago it is now time to pass the mantle on to someone else. I am out of touch with modern tools, and web design has changed immensely over the last 10 years. The site will be completely redesigned and will be hosted on a different server where there will be no adverts.

I will let you know the new web-site address in due course, but the plan is to have it up and running before the village fete in June.

Andrew Wilmot - Web master (retiring in April)

More On The Village Web Site

I would just like to follow on from Andrew's article and introduce you to the new web site team. However before I do that I would like to thank Andrew, on behalf of everyone in the village, for the eleven years that he has spent as our web master.

The new team are:

Chris Smith, from Main Road. Chris has a computer business The Communication Gateway Ltd that advertises in the Gazette. You may also have seen

him about the village as our Community First Responder. Chris has very kindly donated the hosting facility for the new site, and will be doing the coding.

David Kidger, who lives off Forge Road, moved in to the village with his wife Cathie at the end last year and was very quick to contact me to offer his services. David is a freelance web designer and will be doing the specification and site design.

I have agreed to co-ordinate the project until it is up and running. We will let you know more about our plans next month!

Judy Whitehouse

Fete Day 2010

Important Diary Date for everyone. The Naphill and Walter's Ash Fete will be held on **Saturday 12th June 2010** and the theme is **Pyjama Party**.

We would like to apologise for the date being later than usual but, due to the school holidays and the Whitsun weekend it would have meant that a large number of people will be on holiday. This will hopefully ensure that we will see everyone out for one of the best days the village holds on an annual basis,



Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale

Saturday 6th March
Naphill Village Hall
2.00pm

We will be collecting items for the sale around the village on the morning of the sale, and would also welcome any items you wish to bring to the Village Hall.

No furniture or electrical goods please.

and have another fantastic day that will be enjoyed by all.

So what will be happening on the day?

- Procession starts from Forge Road at 12pm – with The Pipe Band, Majorettes, The Village Princesses, various floats and various walking tableaux. **So start planning your floats and fancy dress and join in the fun.**
- On The Crick – Wycombe Hospital Radio will be providing music and all announcements.
- The Stalls – tombola's, teas and cakes, candy floss, bar, bric-a-brac, bouncy castle, slides, classic cars, RAF, tennis club and much, much more.....
- We are also hopefully going to get a fly past again from the RAF so watch this space and I will update you each month.
- **Best Neighbour Award** – Please can we start receiving your **nominations as soon as possible?** I am sure you all have a nomination especially after the support during the snow.

Please do come and support your village day and ensure the 12th June is in your diary. We would also appreciate help and volunteers on the day as the more help we receive, the more special the day will be! I will be in contact with everyone who is normally involved but if you want to join our merry team please come and see me in The Wheel.

Thanks to everyone,

Claire Christian and Ian Bond - Fete Committee

Naphill Horticultural Society

<http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk/>

If you have not yet booked to come along to our annual dinner on March 5th, pick up the phone immediately- I might just be able to squeeze you in!! After dinner we will be entertained by Steve McCormack singing a mixture of classic crooning, swing jazz and big band numbers. Full details can be found on our website or in last month's Gazette.

Looking ahead, we have an outing planned to the Malvern Spring Show on Saturday 8th May. The cost will be £24 per person which covers the cost of the coach and entrance to the show. If you would like to look at what the show has on offer, then go to their website at www.threecounties.co.uk/springgardening. It promises to be an excellent day out, so please call me if you would like to come along.

Our Plant Sale is on May 22nd, so if you are planting seeds or dividing perennials (not easy given the weather at the moment!), how about nurturing some extra plants that you could then sell in May?

Hughenden Church Teas

Why not come and sample our home made cakes with a cup of tea or coffee whilst enjoying the views from the historic Church House in Hughenden Park.

Open every Sunday and Bank Holidays from 4th April through to October 24th

2.15pm - 5.15pm

Midweek group teas by prior arrangement

Finally, a reminder that our AGM will be held on Monday 15th March in the Small Hall at 8.00pm. You are more than welcome to come along and air your views or raise questions – we would love to see you. The meeting usually only lasts about an hour. Alternatively, if you have any suggestions or ideas, but cannot make the meeting, please feel free to 'phone me and I will pass on your comments.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning Appeal Naphill

Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane. Erection of 3 Pylons to Provide Lighting to Manege - horse exercise area - (6 lamps in total) until 8pm each evening. AONB/GREEN BELT

WDC rejected this Application for floodlighting after opposition by Chilterns Conservation Board (AONB), Hughenden Parish Council, Naphill & Walter's Ash Res Assn, and more than 90 residents including horse owners. Objections were raised against the pylons, and light pollution in the AONB/GB adversely affecting wildlife, the special night time character of the village, the visibility of the night sky, and the valued amenities of Naphill residents, also the setting of a precedent.

WDC cited seven Local Plan policies (GB2, L1, G3, RT17, CS9, CS17, CS19), which this scheme contravenes, and the AONB officer cited several more.

Hunts Hill Farm argues that (a) the 5 livery horse owners can only care for their horses in the evening during the week but exercising and moving the horses in the dark is unsafe (b) that lighting, equivalent to 641 x 100 watt bulbs at an elevation over 600 ft in the unlit AONB, would be less than a local football ground, less than the Handy Cross sports ground, and would not be conspicuous when residents draw their curtains, (c) they say lighting

has been allowed at sports grounds in London, Surbiton, Marlow and Brentwood, and that Naphill is not a rural hamlet but a “substantial” residential village with “many facilities” (These places are in no way comparable. Naphill is not lit at night. Facilities are a chapel, village hall, small shop, estate agent, take-away, **unlit** playing field and no street lights.)

The full Appeal text is on the WDC Website. Type *Wycombe District Council Planning*. Click *Public Access v 7.4 @ Wycombe District Council Planning Application*. At top of *Application Case Reference* box, type *09/06395/FUL* then click *Search* at the bottom. Click *To View*, then *Associated Documents* (top right), then *View Associated Documents*. The Appeal material is dated 11th February. See pp 4&5 before the two black pages. Ring or e-mail me if you have a problem.

The Appeal is not decided by WDC but by the Planning Inspectorate at Bristol.

This is a time when every household who is concerned about creeping urbanisation of the Chilterns AONB and Green Belt, light pollution, and loss of amenity, can write asap to say you wish to oppose the floodlighting and support the objections made by Chilterns Conservation Board (AONB office), Hughenden Parish Council, and Naphill & Walter's Ash Res. Assn, and that you support Wycombe District Council's decision to refuse consent.

Post letters in triplicate marked

APP/K0425/A/10/2121746/NWF, by 18 March to The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/15 Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN or use email: teamp6@pins.gsi.gov.uk If problems ring Kerr Brown 0117 372 8730.

If possible send a copy to glorialeflaive@msn.com

Pot Holes. Concern has been expressed at the unprofessional “repairs” being made on the potholes on Main Road, which are showing further damage less than a week after being done. We have contacted Highways.

Planning to 11th January 2010

No new applications in the past month.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

We start the new year in buoyant mood after a successful AGM and with a membership of over 120. It is particularly gratifying to see such a high proportion of our members renewing their membership. Thank you.

The first task of the committee has been to work out a programme of activities and events for 2010. We

are particularly keen to start making a difference to the common, especially its accessibility. To this end one of our first tasks is to replace the dilapidated notice boards at the chief entrances to the common with new information boards in durable oak, complete with a map of the common. The money is being raised and the boards are underway. We should have all five in place in late March or early April. We hope to organise working parties to clear some of the overgrown paths and undertake other urgent tasks such as removing some of the holly that is shading out the few remaining junipers. There will be a **working party** to clear a path on **Sunday 28th March at 10 am**. Meet at the common end of Chapel Lane. Hand tools such as secateurs and loppers would be useful.

Ron Collins has kindly offered to continue with the **Walks for Health** which proved so popular last year. They will be held on the following **Mondays: 15th March; 19th April; 17th May; 21st June; 19th July; 16th August; 20th September; 18th October; 15th November and 20th December**. All will start from **Naphill Village Hall at 10.00 am** and will be of varying lengths and on different routes. If you would like more information please contact Ron on 01494 562240.

The programme will eventually include botanical and insect surveys, a bat detecting expedition, tree identification, archaeological surveys, a fungus foray and possibly a sculpture trail, but the dates for these remain to be fixed. Three events can be announced now. **Beating the bounds** – a walk around the boundary of Naphill Common will be held on **Rogation Sunday, 9th May, starting at the Village Hall at 10 am**. This will involve an approximately 4½ mile walk and take between 2 and 3 hours. You will need walking boots and a suitable stick if you want to do any beating. The Friends of Naphill Common will have a stand at **Naphill Fete on 12th June**. We will also be holding a **Mid-summer picnic on Sunday 20th June at the Umbrella Tree**. Meet at the common end of **Forge Road at 3.00pm** for a walk to the Umbrella Tree. Bring your own picnic; children welcome. Take a look at the Umbrella Tree: the National Trust has now trimmed it back to something close to its traditional size and shape. It is a rather radical change but it should survive and be more manageable in future.

Suggestions and comments are always welcome. By-the-way, in the last Gazette article, where I wrote ‘bow’ I meant ‘bough’ – blame the spell check.

Trevor Hussey, Chairman - 563767

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

Winter snow does not stop Tennis

Even though the weather has been particularly bad this winter season, people have still turned up to clear the snow off the courts and have a game of tennis which is a great way to warm yourself up in these cold times and keep fit at the same time. Why don't you come up and give it a go?

Non-Members

We are becoming rather concerned about the number of non-members, mostly juniors, who play without being members. We of course welcome new members and under 18s can join for quite a modest fee - only £25 for their first year or £20 for the under 7s. This will entitle them to free coaching during the summer term and free use of the courts. I hope that these costs will encourage more of our young children to join the club and increase the fun.

Come and be part of Naphill Tennis Club - you will find a bunch of energetic and social tennis players who enjoy playing fantastic tennis with loads of social activities in and around Naphill!! All new members are welcome and we would love to introduce you to our club. Please call Chris Keats
Tel: 07979 574458

Thanks again & see you soon.

Chris Keats

The Wheel

2010 seems to be moving very quickly and we can't believe this editorial is for the March edition. We have had a busy couple of months what with the snow and the 6 Nations Rugby, long may it continue (not the snow)! By the time you are all reading this we will have had our Valentines Party. The theme this year was 60's/Flower Power and if anything goes by the fancy dress costumes I have already seen it will have been a very entertaining evening. We will try and get some photos in the next edition so you can all have a good giggle.

Well as always we need to let you know what's happening over the next few months.

- More 6 Nations Rugby
- Quiz nights – 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the month
- Mothers Day 14th March
- Live Music – Ben Lee – 27th March
- Easter
- Live Music – JJ Newman – 10th April
- Beer Festival 16th-17th April
- St Georges Day – 23rd April

With all this going on we should be keeping busy, and hopefully there is something there for everyone. If on the other hand it's all a bit lively please don't forget we do food, so you can come and enjoy a meal without having to cook, in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Talking of menus we are currently looking at the spring/summer menu of which we will give you more detail on when we have finished it.

Hopefully you all noticed that the next beer festival will be Fri 16th–Sat 17th April. As usual we will have 20+ Ales and ciders and a theme is still to be confirmed. Les Roots delicatessens will be here selling his beautiful cheese on the Saturday between 1pm and 5.30pm. James Henton will also be playing on the Saturday evening. So hopefully it will be another amazing couple of days.

Just a quick reminder to everyone this year's Fete will be held on the 12th June which is a week later due to the change in school holidays and the theme is Pyjama Party.

Thanks to all who come along and support us, and we will see you all soon.

Claire and Mark

Letters

Help, Help, Help

Following our appeal in the last edition we only received two donations for our tombola stall so that leaves a further 598 prizes yet to find!! I am sure there must be many of you that have put some unwanted Christmas presents away in the cupboard but even if you haven't you can always donate a bottle, tin or box of something or other as long as it is new and within date!! Edible items, perfume, soaps, booze, games or any unwanted gifts will be welcome. Your benevolence will be greatly appreciated and remember all proceeds from our stall contributes towards the fete profits. If you would like your donation collected we will gladly do so or alternatively you can deliver to our house. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Helen and Ron Collins, Michaelmas Cottage, 2 Lacey Drive, (off Chapel Lane). Tel. 01494 562240

Badminton

Are there any ladies interested in joining us for some not too serious games of badminton?

We are a small, friendly group who meet on Tuesday afternoons (1.15 to 3.15 pm) at Hughenden Village Hall).

Please contact: Jenny on 563085 or Nancy on 563767

Brief Encounter of the Absurd Kind

8-15 am Sunday 31 January, walking the dog past the entrance to the RAF Headquarters. I hear loud revving in the distance in front of me, a hatchback accelerates up to at least 50 mph as it approaches me. I wave to the lunatic to slow down. He slams on the brakes, stops just past the RAF entrance and starts to reverse towards me. Before I can answer his question "What's your problem?", I am subjected to a torrent of foul-mouthed abuse. He accelerates off towards the blind bend at the Co-op.

If this imbecile is (capable of) reading this article, perhaps he would like to explain to the rest of the residents of Walter's Ash, preferably in words of more than one syllable, why he believes he has the right to put our lives at risk. Recklessness and sheer arrogance beyond belief. Believe me, Stirling Moss he ain't. Maybe one of the Council's potholes has stopped him in his tracks ... something has to.

Name and address supplied

"The Flower Lady"

Alison Shales (nee Tweedale) affectionately known to many as "the flower lady" because she advertised hanging baskets and cut flowers at her garden gate along Main Road, has died at the age of 72 years.

She came to live at Naphill in 1945 and went to the old village school which was situated at the corner of Louches Lane. From there she went to Wycombe High School and then on to study Horticulture. She became a teacher and was appointed to be the first Head of Rural Studies at the newly opened Wellesbourne School. Later she became responsible for Rural Studies at King's Wood Middle and then teacher of English to Pakistani children at Priory Road School.

Alison's love of the countryside and open air was probably developed and encouraged at an early age in the Naphill Girl Guides where she became a Patrol Leader. She excelled in many sporting activities and with the family, became well known in the archery world.

She leaves Roy, her husband, and three grown children, Sue, Simon and Jon.

John Veysey, 156 Main Road

Mollie Bowler

Mollie died on 11 February at Rock House Care Home, aged 99 years. Mollie moved to Naphill in

1964, following the death of her beloved husband Albert. After a short period of adjustment she started to build a new life, taking on an office job at the "Lawrence" factory whilst becoming increasingly involved with village activities.

Much of her life at that time and in later years revolved around Naphill Methodist Church, where she became a regular speaker, organiser and chorister. Her other activities included involvement with various village organisations including the Women's Institute, Over 60s, etc., playing piano for the Pre-School and for many years she was an active member of the Village Hall Council.

Even into her 90s she could still be seen collecting for charities and sick visiting around the village, often with a basket of "goodies" that she had provided herself. Although she never sought praise, one of her most cherished memories was when she received the "Naphill Good Neighbour" award.

Mollie's health and mobility began to deteriorate in 2006 and she moved to Rock House in Chalfont St Peter. This period of adjustment was very difficult for her, but she gradually adapted and began to accept and love Rock House as her home, becoming a firm favourite with the staff and carers who proved to be second to none.

Mollie desperately wanted to receive her letter from the Queen, but unfortunately she developed a chest infection soon after Christmas and never really recovered. However the care she received during those last few weeks was exceptional and our sincere thanks go to all at Rock House.

Thanks also to all those in the village who have maintained contact with Mollie and to the Naphill Methodist Church and Christians in the Community for their kind wishes and sympathy.

Jean and Tony Bowler

WI Auction in Aid of Fund for Christmas Lights

Way back in the Autumn last year, as we know, the WI held an auction in order to raise funds for the new Christmas Lights. My husband made a successful bid for one of the items for sale which was an hour's flight in one of the most advanced Flight Simulators in the world at the Flight Training Centre, Farnborough Airport.

The trip has recently taken place. We were kindly transported to the airport and then treated to over an hour's worth of flying and a tour of the training centre. We 'took off' and flew to Lake Geneva in Switzerland which demonstrated how difficult it is to fly over mountainous regions. We were then transported to JFK in New York, flew over the

Statue of Liberty, through the skyscrapers and then flew very low over the Hudson River to experience how passengers and pilot must have felt when their aircraft had to land on the river in January 2009. With all the controls in front of you, it makes you realise just how complex it all is and how much is taken for granted when flying to our holiday destinations. Michael took the controls but it was lucky that Bill Mackenzie was close at hand otherwise we may have crashed a few times! Thank you Bill and Christine for a great experience.

Isobel Lane

Charity Bridge - Change of Date

The Charity Bridge in Prestwood Village Hall in aid of Help for Heroes (as advertised on the February Gazette) will now take place on Wednesday April 14. Cost £20 per person to include: Coffee, Bridge, Lunch with a glass of wine and Afternoon Tea. Coffee from 9.15 am Bridge from 10.00 am Lunch 12.30 - 1.30 Tea and prizes at 3.45pm. There are still a few tickets remaining. Applications to Mary McConnell, 14 Honorwood Close, Prestwood HP16 9HH Tel: 01494 863084

Field Off Clappins Lane

Over the past month or so, I have had numerous requests for "any news about the field", so herewith an update valid at 7th February.

In fact there is very little to tell, we know that the field is owned by three members of the Smith family and a Smith family trust. Firstly two facts:- One of the family owners has threatened a court injunction if Fine and Country go ahead with the sale. The vendors, if such there-be, are demanding, in addition to an unrealistic high price of about ten times the price of agricultural land, an additional "overage" i.e. should the land at some time be sold for building, they want a slice of the action, for example it could be 30% of the sale price as building land.

In view of the above, we have ourselves e-mailed and also solicitors on our behalf have written, to Fine and Country, to seek confirmation that the land is in fact for sale and if so, what are the terms? So far, nearly two months later we have had no reply other than "We will get back to you when we have consulted the trustees".

As they say "Watch this space" We still believe that on the right terms, the purchase would be good for the village.

Richard Field

Advertising Manager Wanted!

As I seem to be getting involved in more and more village projects I am hoping that we have someone with advertising experience in the village who would help me out by becoming our Advertising Manager.

Having just completed the annual renewal process, now is a great time for someone to join the team and get to know how we work before next year's renewals. The job involves:

- Being the first point of contact for all advertising enquiries
- Drafting adverts and agreeing placement/artwork (using a desktop publishing application)
- Controlling Invoicing
- Working with the Treasurer to collect money due
- Managing the waiting lists
- Setting advertising rates
- It may also expand to include advertising within the new village web site

Some advertisers produce their own, very professional adverts. Others require more support and you would be producing the advert for them.

It does involve working to tight deadlines around 15th of each month and the busiest period by far is Jan/Feb. If you are interested in joining the Gazette team then do let me know.

Judy Whitehouse

High Wycombe Tae Kwon-Do

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Early Days in Gardening

It is hard to remember one's first experience of gardening, especially where it is as far back as the 1940s. I was aged 10 months when my father, knowing war was inevitable, joined the army as a territorial soldier in April 1939. He became a full-time soldier three months later and we saw very little of him for nearly 7 years (he was out of the UK for over 4 years, and hundreds of miles from where we lived when he was in the UK). My mother had had to give up her job when she married in September 1936, as was the convention until the Second World War. So there she was in 1939, not allowed to work, with a baby to look after (and another in 1942), hardly ever seeing her husband and not knowing whether he would ever come back. The Germans had mounted a sea blockade to stop our

imports of food - they tried to starve us out. Food was rationed so there was every incentive to "grow your own". My mother grew vegetables in the back garden. My grandfather, who died before I was born, had had an allotment and I believe my mother acquired her skills from him – and passed some of them on to me. I like to think I have "allotment genes"!

As one might expect, as a youngster I was an enthusiastic helper in growing vegetables. I was very curious, wanting to experiment. I wondered what would be the result if I crossed a potato with a pea. So I made a hole right to the centre of a potato, popped a pea inside, and planted the potato. Both vegetables grew, firstly the pea, then the potato. Soon the potato swamped the pea and my experiment was over. I had failed to hybridise the potato and the pea. I don't recall how old I was at the time, maybe 6 or 7. But I do remember one crucial thing in those very early days when food was short – I feel sure that one of the reasons for those growing their own fruit and vegetables today must be the concept of free food. As I grew up I continued to help my mother grow vegetables until I left home.

My next experience of growing vegetables was in Norfolk, where my wife and I lived in a caravan in an orchard with no neighbours – somewhat idyllic. The owner of the orchard had kept free-range hens in the orchard for years so the soil was very rich. The nettles were up to 8 feet high. I cleared the nettles and planted potatoes, many potatoes. I knew that potatoes were the best to clear the soil of weeds. The crop was simply massive. As soon as the crop was harvested we had to move to Lincolnshire.

After 9 months in Lincolnshire we moved to Singapore. Most days there the temperature was 95°F, the relative humidity was 95% and the heavens opened at about 4.0 pm each afternoon for about 20 minutes. I thought, what an ideal climate for rapid growth! I cleared a small patch of lawn for an experiment. I sowed French beans and cauliflowers. Within 5 days the beans were a foot high and about to flower. The cauliflowers also had very rapid growth. Then, disaster. As soon as the beans flowered the plants collapsed and died. A similar fate befell the cauliflowers. They just could not take the climate. I had thought that since the seeds were on sale locally they would grow locally – Neat, Plausible, and Wrong!

A subsequent gardening experience was in the suburbs of Paris, where we had a small garden. For a few years I successfully grew outdoor tomatoes (variety Marmande). I also contacted the main nurseryman in France for asparagus, Le Blevenec, and bought several plants. They were of the variety "asperge d'Argenteuil" – a real winner. They grew very well in our garden in Paris. A few

years later we moved to Norfolk in the depths of winter and I took my asparagus plants with me. They were huge monsters – imagine giant spiders a yard or so across each with a hundred legs. I planted them in the sandy soil of Norfolk where they grew very well indeed for a few years. Having more space in Norfolk I also grew a range of the more common vegetables. Then came a move to Buckinghamshire in August. I took my precious asparagus plants but.....they all died. They did not take kindly to being transplanted in August. That was in 1973, when we acquired our present house and I acquired my allotment. The latter had been left derelict for at least 10 years, chock-full of couch grass, with nettles and brambles to keep the couch grass company. I scythed down the weeds, raked them up into 10 huge piles and put a match to them. It was August, everything was extremely dry and I thought the gigantic flames would result in little smoke. However, I had not reckoned with some moisture still being in the straw, and vast clouds of water vapour and smoke enveloped that part of the village. For several hours I was not very popular.....

I then tried to dig my allotment, to turn over the soil to a spade's depth to bury the couch grass roots. Even jumping on the spade with all my weight I could make no impression on the earth, which was a mat of couch grass roots in soil hardened by an August drought. So I hired a large commercial rotovator and went up and down for 12 hours. Even with that mechanical aid I penetrated the soil only to a depth of 2 inches, but that was enough to get me through the couch grass roots, then I could dig. It took me 3 years to dig the whole plot, growing crops progressively as I cleared the ground. The soil was excellent – a foot of clay loam on top of clay. I have always been completely organic, using no chemicals whatsoever, so my allotment soil has been completely organic since at least 1963.

In the year 2000 I was introduced to no-dig gardening by the Good Gardeners' Association (www.goodgardeners.org.uk) and have not dug since. My crops have been better and there do not seem to be any drawbacks to the no-dig method – apart from ever-proliferating chickweed. Since acquiring my allotment in 1973 I am able to experiment to my heart's content. I have even gone back to "asperge d'Argenteuil", acquiring some seed in 1987. Most of those plants are still growing, producing large quantities of the most tasty asparagus you can imagine. I continue to experiment. Perhaps one day I will hybridise the potato and the pea! Good gardening!

Mike Mason

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

Well Easter is nearly upon us; mind you I think it was possible to buy your Easter Eggs on the 26th December in some places! This term certainly got off to a staggered start with all the snow days! Closing the school because of snow is controversial and is one of those no-win situations for head teachers; open and then not have enough staff to look after the pupils would mean then having to close the school again; close and then parents have to take time off work or find alternative child care (both of which have cost implications). We also have to consider health and safety in terms of slipping etc. I do know a school that is still being sued from last year because a child slipped and broke their arm on some ice. Had she slipped on her own drive I'm not sure legal action against the parents would be taken! I heard local business leaders talking about letting teachers go to local schools and I could have easily walked to my local school. But as I'm not CRB checked to work there I wouldn't have been allowed anywhere near the children.

School though has settled back into its routines and as I type Year 4 are outside my office window peering into the soil. I hope they are not looking for signs of animal life because I think it's a bit cold and their dulcet tones will have scared most things away. Year 6 had some first aid training this week and so if you find yourself injured in the village they will know how to put a bandage on you. Year 4 are off to Dorset soon for a week's residential visit and Year 6 are going to North Wales at the end of the term. These trips, although being exhausting for everyone, are a vital part of the children's' education and it gives the staff a chance to see some of the children in a totally different light. Year 1 have performed a circus show to their parents following on from a visit they had earlier in the term from a circus performer. Year 5 went to the 'Living Rainforest' as they are currently studying this as their topic. At least they were warm.

The school uniform is going to change from September. The children will have to wear shirts or blouses with collars as they are going to wear ties. Apparently someone thought I'd mentioned wearing blazers. That hadn't crossed my mind but thinking about it . . . straw boaters for the girls, caps for the boys . . . capes and mortar boards for the staff!

Well I am going to go and have yet another Strepils and some flu and cold stuff as otherwise my half term will be fun. Decorating is on the plan as is visiting my dad who lives in Norfolk. He is very kind and insists on feeding me up whenever I go which is brilliant; he is a very good cook so no doubt I'll return a few pounds heavier.

Kerenza Gwynn - Headteacher

Little Ash Pre-School

Hopefully by the time you are reading this the winter is behind us and spring has well and truly arrived. If so then the children at Naphill and Walter's Ash pre-school will be let loose upon the outside area! Over the last year a lot of work has gone into creating a safe and exciting outside area for the children to use including a new safer rubber flooring to help prevent those scrapes I for one remember all too well when I were a lad!

Perhaps the social highlight this May will be the Spring dance. The dance is on Sat 22nd May 2010 from 7.30pm to 11.30pm with a theme "At the Movies" tickets will be priced at £15 and the theme will be "At the Movies" & will include a curry supper. Fancy dress is optional but encouraged! So drag out that old leather jacket and practice your best "I'll be back" or will that be me? Tickets will go on sale on 01/03/2010 and can be bought by contacting jane@dynaband.co.uk or 07919026328. Tickets sold out fast last year so get yours NOW! (Unless you are reading this before 01 April in which case you will have to wait, sorry!).

John Delaney

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2.00 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling).

Events 2010

1st April Easter Party: This will include a special tea and of course an Easter egg hunt with every child going home with an egg. There will be a £5 charge for this party.

22nd July Teddy Bears Picnic: A normal toddlers afternoon and depending on the weather tea with teddies in the garden.

23rd September Photographer: Barbara from Anne Statham Photography will be in attendance for mums to pop in and have their children photographed.

7th October Party Pots: Ruth Jones will be joining us for the normal Thursday afternoon session where you or your child can paint pots, plates, mugs etc - prices available on the day.

16th December Christmas Party: The infamous Christmas party to include Mr Marvel, a Christmas tea and every child will receive a present when Father Christmas visits the playgroup. There will be £7.50 charge for this party.

Any queries please call Louise on 01494 488255 or

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Editorial

Apologies to anyone who tried to ring me in late February. I switched back to BT and in the process managed to lose about a week's worth of messages on my answer phone. So if I haven't called you I am really sorry. All back to normal again now so please ring again.

Dennis Lynch and Sue Fryer both came forward in

response to my requests for volunteers in last month's Gazette.

Dennis will represent us on the NAG Speed Reduction Working Party and Sue has joined the Gazette team as our Advertising Manager. My heartfelt thanks to them both.

Have a lovely Easter.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday - Forge Road	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Village Hall	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30 am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
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May

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9th FONC "Beating the Bounds" starts 10.00am Village Hall

17th FONC Walk for Health - Meet Village Hall 10.00am

21st Blood Donors - Village Hall

22nd Horticultural Society Plant Sale - Village Hall

22nd Little Ash Pre-School Dance - Village Hall 7.30pm. Tickets required.

June

12th SUMMER FETE - The Crick

18th Blood donors - Village Hall

20th FONC Midsummer Picnic - meet 3pm end of Forge Road

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Welcome to New Member of the Gazette Team

Welcome to Sue Fryer from Louches Lane who has very kindly volunteered to take over management of the Gazette advertisements. We are in the process of a handover but all new advert requests should be passed to Sue from now on.

Sue can be contacted on 01494 564530
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Judy Whitehouse

County Councillor's Report

Recently I witnessed the driver of a Porsche driving along Main Road at a speed well in advance of 30 mph probably, in my estimation, nearer fifty. It rather proved that drivers with a certain mentality will break the law whatever signed speeds are in place. I mention this because I have received many letters requesting speed limits where there is the belief that the placing of a sign will limit the speed of cars. I am afraid that the Porsche driver proves this is not the case.

The much awaited publication of the government's preferred route for a new high speed rail line will now be known to most readers. It will run along the Misbourne Valley through the Chalfonts, Amersham, Great Missenden and Wendover, through some of our most beautiful Chiltern countryside. Although we can be thankful that the Bradenham Valley was spared, our thoughts and sympathy must be with the residents at Great Missenden and Wendover, who will have many uncertain years fighting these proposals.

Some road surfaces are in a dreadful state particularly near to the top of Coombe Hill Lane. I have requested that this is treated as a major work and not just the case of pot hole filling. The gang who carry out this work may well have visited by the time this Gazette is read, if not then the work will be imminent. The costs of this last winter's ravages to our county road surfaces is enormous at a time when public finances are under pressure to meet efficiency cuts and by the competing needs of community care.

I have now distributed my community leadership fund with grants to Widmer End for its sports field and play area gates. To the Guides for safety aids to canoeists, to the school for outdoor activities. A grant for Naphill play area and a salt bin for Widmer End. I received very few requests from village based organisations this year, perhaps next year will see a better take up by our village organisations.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Spring is here at long last.

I hope you received the new collection calendar, which for our area takes effect from week commencing 23 March. This has been a good move because probably like me, you found having two or three charts was a little confusing as well as wasteful. What is clear is that the kerbside collections of both the plastics and paper will be on the same day as the green bin collection. If you did not receive one, please take a look at the Wycombe District Council website or call the waste team on 01494 421118.

I have received a great deal of communication regarding affordable housing and in particular, the insert you may have seen in the March Gazette regarding Warrendene Road in Hughenden Valley. This is very early stages and although a Parish Council initiative, rest assured both Parish and District are communicating regularly.

On a wider District level, the proposed running track and stadium discussions are ongoing and next full Council will be at 6.30pm on 12 April.

Finally, I have donated £150 from my community fund to the Friends of Naphill Common for the provision of new signage and maps.

Both Julie and I Wish you and your families a Happy Easter.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The Parish Council is very grateful to the Gazette for publishing its notices about the possible provision of rural housing in the Parish. This saved a great deal of 'leg work' and ensured that most households were aware of the Open Day on March 10th. Anyone who missed the day is welcome to visit the Parish Office, view the draft plans and write comments and suggestions. The Parish website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk will contain updates on the process in due course.

The Open Day created a great deal of interest; from people wishing to register an interest, those opposed to any development in Warrendene Road, and some just interested and supportive. It is acknowledged that some people are very much against the proposals. This is fair enough but it is a pity that parish councillors are being criticized by some people because it is thought they are politicians. They are not.

The work of parish councils is voluntary and non political. Parish councils are very different from

residents' associations in that they are elected every four years, and publicly accountable. There is a Code of Conduct to which all councillors agree to conform. We are a group of unremunerated local people whose service to the community costs each of us more than the £40 pa of printing cost reimbursement! We have collective responsibility and do not act alone. Once a decision is taken by the full Council then even those opposed to it have to abide by that decision. In the case of Rural Housing, the vote to continue the process of consultation was unanimous. The Council is well aware that the issue is controversial but has a duty to try and serve the whole of the local community. The next step is to consider the information gathered on the Open Day. Once the data is available the continuation of the process will be considered.

On a lighter note, the climbing wall was used in the Village Hall car park and enjoyed by over a dozen intrepid teenagers on a very cold day in half term. A similar number used the facility in the Great Kingshill car park on the same day.

The new piece of equipment on the Crick play area, replacing the old metal slide, is almost finished as I write. It has been funded by the Parish Council, with donations from the Village Hall Council, Bucks County Council, and our County Councillor's Community Fund covering about half the cost. The new youth area and the refurbished children's playground at Great Kingshill are to be formally opened on April 8th by the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Mr Allan Westray.

Peggy Ewart - Chairman

Hughenden Parish NAG

From February/March newsletter)

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 0845 8 505 505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office.

Burglary

There has been a reduction in burglaries and other crime in general since the last newsletter. Of those isolated incidents that have been reported, tools from sheds or garages are used to commit the crimes. Local DIY stores have a large range of shed and garage alarms which are cheap to purchase, and very easy to fit. Alternatively you can contact your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, who will in turn contact Geoff PEGG and he can advise and supply, if needed an alarm that would be suitable for your requirement.

Finally, mark and record the make, model and serial numbers of any electrical items that you have at home. UV pens and literature are available from the NHPT. Please call us and we can supply them direct to you. Please note that, the more people who mark their items and if then fall victim of a crime, the chance of the items being returned to its lawful owner are increased.

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

Anti-social behaviour has also been very low but with the evenings becoming lighter, more and more people will be out and about. Should you see any ASB please call the team on the above number.

Speeding

The new NAG speed-working group will concentrate on specific locations allowing Officers and the Speed Enforcement Team to target and enforce limits. PCSO HALL is the Police representative on the working group.

The team did have access to the Speed Indication Device (SID), but due to software problems this has ceased to work and is currently with the suppliers. My staff will collate current and accurate speeding data from identified locations whilst also providing a visible deterrent at the same time.

Planned locations have been identified by the NHPT but unfortunately, like February, been affected by the adverse weather conditions.

Dates have been planned for March and by the return of the SID will allow a further High Visibility presence.

Good News

A young male from the Flackwell Heath area has been arrested following the theft of scrap metal from a premise in Binders Yard. Many thanks to the owners of the metal who sat and waited every night until the male came to carry out his act. They informed the Police who shortly afterwards attended and made the arrest. Working together in the community provides results.

A young male has been arrested following the damage to a water mains pipe in the Walters Ash area. The youth is being dealt with via the Criminal Justice System.

Following telephone intimidation to a resident in the Great Kingshill area, a male has been arrested and is currently on Police bail.

A Warrant under the Wildlife Act has been executed, in conjunction with the RSPCA. The resident from Widmer End had been trapping and keeping wild birds. Also at the same premise firearms were seized due to non compliance to the storage of the licensed weapons.

Two further weapons have been seized from a property in Walter's Ash. The weapons, although old, were not licenced and therefore have been seized. The owner wishes the items back, this can only be done if the weapons are either de-commissioned or a licence is applied for in the correct manner.

Other Matters

The first HAVE YOUR SAY meeting was held at the café on the RAF base with a few returns bringing positive and negative feedback. There was a low turnout at the meeting but the issues raised were constructive and are being assessed. The main reason for holding the meeting at the RAF café was to try and engage with the non serving personnel from the two large housing quarters that are within the parish. This is an initiative that has been implemented throughout the Thames Valley Policing area, enabling members of the public to come and address Police officers of concerns and any issues that may affect them on a daily basis.

*PC 3146 Lee TURNHAM,
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer.
lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk*

NAG - Speeding Working Party

Many thanks to Dennis Lynch who has come forward as the village representative on this working party.

Bradenham Parish Council

Bradenham Parish Council met on Monday 15/03/10 as usual in the Cricket Club. Ken Hale chaired the meeting.

The Parish Council had decided to enter the Best Kept Village Competition again. Once we know the timing of the inspections the church, residents and the National Trust will be informed. A lot of tidying up around the church has happened, which should make the village look better come the summer. The Parish Council will respond to Buckinghamshire County Council's "Winter Maintenance Survey for Parishes" on the whole the Parish Council had very few complaints about the way the County council had responded to the severe weather conditions. Of major concern had been that Bradenham Wood Lane is on County Council's gritting route, but had not been gritted causing some serious problems for the community and the RAF. We are also aware of the numerous potholes.

Traffic calming was discussed at length. The speed at which vehicles travel through Bradenham village is a long standing problem. The police had observed speeding vehicles and advised the Parish Council to consider Community Speed Watch, but this will require volunteers who are willing to be trained. Through the NAG we will get the use of a SID.

A public meeting had been held 24/02/10, which had been well attended. This provided the Parish Council with information as to what villagers wanted. A number of proposals are now being investigated with Transport for Buckinghamshire, the Police, the National Trust and outside transport consultants. We will also be collecting data on the number of vehicles travelling through the village and the speed they are travelling at.

The next meeting will be held Monday 17th May @ 7.30pm in the Cricket Club.

*Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council
Tel: 01494-562254*

Naphill Evening WI

We begin on a sad note with the deaths of two of our old members, Mollie Bowler and Dorothy Butler. Many of us can look back and remember Mollie playing the piano to accompany the singing of Jerusalem. Dorothy was a member of Naphill WI for over 60 years, and up until a couple of months ago was still active, helping to run the sales table at our meetings. They will be remembered with great affection by their many friends.

At the February meeting Mrs Kay Bradford gave an enthralling talk called 'Interpreting Body Language'. We can learn much about a person not just from how they talk and what they say, but also from observing how they stand, sit, move and gesture. There are cultural differences worldwide, and Mrs Bradford mentioned some of the various ways of greeting each other. Two examples are the Inuit people who rub noses, while apparently the men of New Guinea focus on their fellows' nether regions.

March may have arrived with the hope of warmer days, but alas winter still has us firmly in its icy grip. There was however much warmth and cheer to be had at various social events held recently. Thanks to Carol Gillian for kindly hosting a coffee morning, and thanks also to Marion Lawrence for organising a successful and enjoyable outing to the Mill at Sonning. There was also much appreciation for the ladies who helped provide the food for the Village Hall Quiz evening.

The next main meeting is on April 15th when Mr M O'Neil will talk about 'Mr Career in the CID'. Competition: A Spring Bloom. Flowers: Cynthia Rothwell. Tea Hostesses: Betty Leaver, June Leith & Valerie Pushman.

Reminder: A Ploughman's Lunch to be held at the home of Jenny Price on April 26th.

Nancy Hussey - 563767

Naphill Neighbours

We "travelled" THE OLDEST ROAD - THE RIDGEWAY - on foot with Mr. Russell Cherry at our club meeting last month, stopping en route to visit things of interest - hill forts, burial mounds, villages and a white horse.

Our journey will be further north when we learn about DERBYSHIRE WELL-DRESSING from Mrs. Joan Harrison when she visits Naphill on Monday, 12th April. The tea hostesses will be Brenda Pears and June Belsham.

In reality we will be travelling southwards on Tuesday, 15th April to visit GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL & PARHAM HOUSE & GARDENS and hoping for spring-like weather - Sheila has ordered it!

Thinking ahead to June - our outing will be on Tuesday, 15th - an afternoon MYSTERY TOUR IN THE COTSWOLDS. We leave Naphill at 12.30. Tickets (including a cream tea) are £11 for members and £13 for guests. Names will be taken at our April club meeting and paid for in May.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

We were very grateful to receive a donation of £100 from Trada in thanks for us letting their staff use the Village Hall car park during the bad weather when Stocking Lane was just a sheet of ice and therefore too dangerous to drive along. We were more than happy to help out and thank them for their community spirit in giving us the donation. Emphasizes the great village we are privileged to live in.

The climbing wall visited us again during half term. The weather was dreadful but it was still enjoyed by several youngsters. We look forward to the next visit and hope that it comes on a better day so it can be accessed by a greater number. Thanks to the Parish Council for organizing this for us.

You have probably noticed the new developments in the play area. I trust that "control tower" is completed by the time you read this and is being enjoyed by our children during the spring and Easter holidays. The willow tunnel is also receiving expert attention and so should be putting out its new spring shoots in all the right places.

The meeting with the police in February had a disappointing attendance but more such sessions are planned. Do look out for the posters and go along if you can. If we don't make use of these meetings we will lose the opportunity and the police

will assume we have no causes for concern and put their limited resources elsewhere. Another case of use it or lose it. Please make sure you complete the questionnaire in this copy of the Gazette to make sure we get our fair share of the resources available. The latest incidents have been thefts of gardening tools from garden sheds. Do check that yours is well locked and padlocked or your tools will be beautifying someone else's garden and not yours.

The quiz was another great evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, winners and losers alike. It must have been entertaining as I had been up all night on a long haul flight and still kept awake all evening! Many thanks go of course to Ted for all his hard work and to his band of helpers. It was a great night both socially and financially.

The next great event will be THE FETE on 12th JUNE. It will come round quickly now that spring is at last in the air. Do help out as much as you can and make sure you are there. Fingers crossed for good weather.

Sarah Bacon - Chairman, Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Naphill Horticultural Society

<http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk/>

Our recent Annual Dinner marks the start of the Society's year, and the evening was a huge success with 90 of us sitting down to a fabulous meal, beautifully cooked as always, by Lucy from Main Event Cuisine, and followed by wonderful entertainment provided by Steve McCormack, who put together a programme of Big Band, Jazz and numbers from some of the famous crooners. A huge thank you goes to Lucy, Steve, and all of you who came along on the night. The whole event was most enjoyable.

Malvern Spring Gardening Show

Looking ahead, we have a coach booked to the Malvern Spring Gardening Show on Saturday 8th May. The cost will be £24 per person which covers the cost of the coach and entrance to the show. We will leave the Village Hall at 8.00am, with a journey time of about three hours (we will include a "comfort break"!) and leave Malvern for the return journey at 4.00pm. The show includes stunning show gardens, an RHS Floral marquee with over 100 displays, plus various trade stands offering numerous retail opportunities!

If you would like to look at what else the show has on offer, then go to their website at www.threecounties.co.uk/springgardening. It

promises to be an excellent day out, so please call me if you would like to come along.

The gardening year is now well under way after a slow start, so it is time to remind you of our annual **Plant Sale** which takes place on **Saturday May 22nd**, where we hope to have a good selection of flowering plants, vegetable plants and herbs. If you are a keen seed sower, like myself, or are busy dividing perennials, or have too many self-seeded plants, why not consider nurturing a few extra plants and bringing them along to the Plant Sale? We charge just £5 for a table, the rest of the money you keep for yourself- a bargain! If you are at all interested, please give me a call.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning:

10/05211/REN Bailiffs Cottage, Hunt Hill Lane, Naphill. Proposed extension to time limit for permission granted under PP 06/08037/FUL for cart shed.

10/05303/FUL 19 Battingswood Gardens, Naphill. HA for single storey side and rear extensions and construction of detached garage on demolition of existing garage. (Concern: Possible over-development). **1**

0/05429/ADV The Co-operative Food, 312, Main Road, Walters Ash. Installation of one internally illuminated free-standing totem sign. (This bright green 2ft 4in x 10ft 6in tall, internally lit, advertising totem sign would stand on the southern front edge of the Co-op car park, close to the pavement, where it is likely to be hit by cars. Co-op Head Office appears to have overlooked the facts that Walter's Ash has no street lights, is in the middle of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and 3 Public Meetings have taken place, with Co-op representatives present, to try and resolve the traffic hazard caused by the serious shortage of parking spaces in front of the Co-op. This proposal would further reduce parking space and increase traffic hazard, at a popular store that needs no advertising. NAWARA Objection: Totally inappropriate.

If you would like to express your own views please write "For the attention of Ms Alexia Dodd", to Planning & Sustainability, Wycombe District Council, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1BB or email planning@wycombe.gov.uk Make sure to head email or letter **10/05429/ADV** with Co-op address. You can find the coloured image on Wycombe District Council planning Public Access website for 10/05429/FUL in Associated Documents.



Fouling by Dogs: In November Gazette Richard Marshall of Silverbirch Park, strongly condemned local people who allow their dogs to foul our open spaces and pavements and fail to clear it all up. Those who bag up the faeces often throw the bags onto the nearest verge or hedge or tree, where they will adorn our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for many years to come. Since November we have had many more complaints. The bus stop opposite the garage in Walters Ash, where children gather in the mornings, the hedge bordering the Walter's Ash allotments, the pavement outside Naphill PO are just a few of the places mentioned. This is all very unpleasant for users of the pavements in the villages and the open spaces. We have been asked to request dog owners, please, bag up your dog faeces and take them home.

Pot Holes: Local residents who travel far afield tell us the pot holes in Naphill and Walter's Ash are the worst anywhere in the country. Come on Highways, fill up those holes, please.

Date of Next Meeting: 8pm Thursday 8th April, 2010. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

Our programme is slowly taking shape. We will be Beating the Bounds of Naphill Common on Rogation Sunday, May 9th, beginning from the Village Hall at 10am. It will take about 2½ hours to walk the 4½ miles. There will be a trip to visit Moorend Common on Sunday 6th June to see what they have done there and to admire the early marsh orchids. We will be at the Fete on 12th June and have a Midsummer picnic at the Umbrella Tree on Sunday 20th June, starting from the common end of Forge Road at 3 pm. We will have another Fungus Foray on Sunday 3rd October. (There may be some exciting news about the last one!)

Ron Collins' Walks for Health will be held on the following Mondays: 19th April; 17th May; 21st June; 19th July; 16th August; 20th September; 18th October; 15th November and 20th December. All will start from Naphill Village Hall at 10 am and will be of varying lengths and on different routes. If you would like more information please contact Ron on 01494 562240. All welcome but if you decide to join us you should understand that you walk at your own risk. If you wonder what the walks are like this is what Ron reports about the one in February.

Our first walk for health in 2010 was on Monday 15 February and was approximately 4 miles long. The walk commenced at the Village Hall and took us down Stocking Lane. We branched off left at the bottom of the first hill by the detached bungalow and made our way across two fields to some woods. We then entered another field and emerged on Clappins Lane from where we proceeded towards North Dean. A footpath between some houses took us up Piggotts Hill which was perfect for getting the blood circulated and certainly warmed us up! Stopping at the top Philip Hussey told us that the field in which we were present had been the location of a De Havilland Mosquito aircraft crash towards the end of the Second World War. Philip thought that the crew managed to bail out safely. He added that Edward Nuttgens, a worker in stained glass, lived in The Studio, a house located on the hill. He also remembered a fire at the studio towards the end of the war. The family still live there and have continued the craft to this day. Philip mentioned Piggotts Farm which is beyond The Studio and is occupied by Nick Wheeler-Robinson., and is the location of the celebrated music centre. Between 1928 and 1940 this was the home of Eric Gill, a sculptor who had a commune and his own resident priest. Gill amongst much else, designed Gill San-Serif lettering which is used on the London Underground. He is buried in Speen Chapel graveyard. Finally Philip mentioned a rule of thumb that his father used regarding banks running down steep hills between fields (at the time we were facing down Piggotts Hill). As we looked down he explained that the ground to the left of the bank would be higher than that to the right because ploughs from earlier times turned the soil to the right as they could only plough downhill on steep hills. Of course fields were ploughed across and this created lynchets running along the contours of the hill. Philip said that he had never found an exception to the rule and would be interested to learn of one.

We continued on our way by climbing a stile and entering woods where we walked below the ridge of the hill. At a cross point we descended through fields to join the road alongside the Beech Dean ice cream factory. We then climbed up the opposite hill

back towards Walters Ash and entered the woods. When we were behind the RAF living quarters we separated company with those wishing a slightly shorter walk turning left and returning to Clappins Lane whilst those taking advantage of a longer walk turned right and headed towards the Lacey Green direction. We emerged onto the lane where Coles and Blackwell are located and then crossed into Bradenham Hill Lane. Proceeding down the lane we turned left onto a public footpath – opposite the entrance to the RAF married quarters – leading into the woods and emerged by Forge Road. We then made our way back to the Village Hall via the footpath behind the houses.

This was a most pleasant walk and a good social occasion judging by the amount of chatter!

Trevor Hussey, Chairman - 563767

The Wheel

Well the 6 Nations have come to an end, and we would like to thank all our rugby fans who came to support their teams through the highs and lows and the hair raising 'last moments' throughout the whole tournament. So with the cold weather slowly disappearing and the warm sunshine starting to emerge, and the chickens are getting back into routine, it can only mean one thing... spring is here at last! To accompany the weather setting in, we are delighted to tell you that our new summer menu is being finalised as you read this. The new menu will include the pub favourite such as scampi will be making a triumphant return to our menu and along with our ever more popular jacket potatoes and salads stacked with various toppings. We are also introducing a range of new products to tease your taste buds, such as chicken pies, chilli con carne and much more. The plan is to start the new menu after the beer festival on 16th-17th April.

Way back in February we travelled back in time to the wonderful swinging sixties and the crazy flower power days for our themed valentine's party, and we must say it was groovy baby! It was fantastic to see our customers taking part in such a wacky and vibrant event. We think that we can speak for everyone who participated, that the decor and costumes that evening were as psychedelic as anyone could imagine! So we thank each and every one of you who participated for making our night a spectacular one!

Also in February, we finally managed to go on our belated staff Christmas party! Needless to say, it was very messy with the consumption of a lot of various cocktails and great food from TGI Fridays. We do feel slightly sorry for the waiter who was serving us for the majority of the evening, but they did join us back at the pub for more mayhem! On behalf of all the staff, We must say a big thank you to all the



HUGHENDEN PARISH Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Your Neighbourhood Action Group needs you now!

The group was set up to meet recommendations of good practice in April 2008. Since this time it has met on a regular basis to discuss and address issues from the community.

Three main issues highlighted from a resident survey last year were;

- **Speeding motorists**
- **Anti-social behaviour**
- **Burglary**

Speeding

Working with the Roads Policing Speed enforcement team and the Safer Roads Partnership, numerous checks throughout the area have resulted in education as well as prosecution of offenders. Financial penalties as well as licence endorsements have been issued.

Anti-social Behaviour

Many operations in all indicated areas have been addressed by Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers, added patrols at the indicated times, prevention and education, working with youths and engaging them with football and basketball tournaments have proven a success.

Burglary

This area has been, and will remain, a focus of Police patrols, we are fortunate within the Parish that Burglary has not been a large contributor to the Crime Statistics. Although a small amount have taken place, generally residents have taken measures to protect their properties. Neighbourhood Watch is very active within the area and this deters cold callers as well as individuals attempting to commit Crime within the Parish.

Consultation

We need to know what you think the three priorities are that your Neighbourhood Police Team and its partners need to address within the next year. The results of this consultation will provide the basis for the coming year's policing priorities.

We can only adopt what is reported to us and so participation by as many residents possible is crucial to the success we all wish to achieve.

Do please therefore take a couple of minutes to fill in the questionnaire that follows then remove the whole centre section of this month's Gazette and return it to us using your nearest drop off point from the list below.

You can also contact the Neighbourhood Police team on 08458 505 505 and ask to be directed to the Hazlemere office.

Naphill & Walters Ash School,
Kilnwood, Walter's Ash
(post through door or hand in to Reception)

Guard House
Entrance to No. 3 Site, RAF
Off Main Road

Judy Whitehouse
Langstone, off Forge Road
(next door to Black Lion garden)

Cathryn Carter
236 Main Road

Hazel Vickery
Irving Cottage, 89 Main Road
(just past entrance to Chapel Lane)

Gloria Leflaive
7 Wellhouse Way, Naphill
(off Louches Lane)

The Wheel
100 Main Road, Naphill

Joy Stroud
53 Main Rd
(next to Louches Lane allotments)

Andrew Wilmot
Fermain, 8 Main Road
(opposite entrance to Hunts Hill Lane)

Lynda Russel
Sherbro House
(second last house on right going down
Coombe Lane)

Or post to:

Thank you all those people above for your help!

HUGHENDEN PARISH N.A.G.

Policing Priorities Questionnaire for Residents of Naphill & Walter's Ash

**What are your top THREE Neighbourhood Policing Priorities in your local Community?
Please indicate 1, 2 or 3 in the boxes below.**

Litter	<input type="text"/>	Theft of vehicles	<input type="text"/>	Theft from vehicles	<input type="text"/>
Graffiti	<input type="text"/>	Gangs of youths	<input type="text"/>	Off road motorcycles	<input type="text"/>
Burglary	<input type="text"/>	Criminal damage	<input type="text"/>	Abandoned vehicles	<input type="text"/>
Speeding	<input type="text"/>	Dog fouling	<input type="text"/>	Anti-social behaviour	<input type="text"/>
Parking	<input type="text"/>	Other	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>

Please indicate the reasons for your choices below:

1)

2)

3)

What do you find positive in the area that you live?

Which street/area do you live in?

If you would like to be updated on, or become involved in, Neighbourhood Policing please enter your details below.

Name E-Mail..... Tel No.....

Address.....

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What age category do you fit? Please circle ONE category.

13-16

17-24

25-34

35-44

45-64

65+



- **Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) are a key part of Neighbourhood Policing in Thames Valley.**
- **A NAG is a multi-agency, problem-solving group that consists of relevant partner agencies, key stakeholders and, most importantly, members of the local community.**
- **NAGs focus their work around the main priorities that are identified after consultation with the local community. Members, who are all volunteers, take on responsibility for achieving certain tasks on behalf of their neighbourhood.**

Your Local NAG Representatives are:

Thames Valley Police

PC Lee Turnham

PCSO Natalie Hall

PC Turnham and PCSO Hall are responsible for Walters Ash, Naphill, Bryants Bottom, North Dean, Hughenden Valley, Great Kingshill and Widmer End areas

Residents' Association Representatives

John Wood/Gloria Leflaive

Hughenden Parish Council Representatives

Judy Whitehouse/Julie Gibbs

Speeding Reduction Working Party Representative

Dennis Lynch





customers over the festive period who contributed to the staff tip boxes, without you, our Christmas party would never have happened. Also thank you to Tim and Simon from The Whip who looked after the pub for us, while we were out were having fun!

Talking of mayhem, for the beer lovers amongst you, it is that time of year again when we hold our Spring Beer Festival on the **16th-17th** April. We are happy to confirm that this year we are holding a Celtic themed festival with 20+ beautifully crafted Ales and Ciders from independent breweries in Cornwall, Scotland, Wales and the Isle of Man. Les Roots will be here again offering a fine selection of cheese on the Saturday afternoon from 1.00 – 5.30pm. Also the talented James Henton will be playing in the marquee during the early evening, and we are sure he will be as lively and entertaining as he always is!

So what is happening here over the next few weeks?

- 2-5th April – Easter Weekend
- 10th April – Live Music – JJ Newman from 8.30pm
- 6th-17th April – Celtic Beer Festival - from 12pm Friday
- 23rd April – St Georges Day
- 3rd May – May Day (BH open 12 noon – 11pm)
- 8th May – Live Music – JJ Newman from 8.30pm
- **12th June – FETE DAY!!! – Pyjama Party**

As you can see, we still are not stopping for a break!

Whether it is the lively and welcoming atmosphere we have, the fantastic local and national range of beers that we sell, the new improved menu ideas, we thank everyone who continually shows us support as their village pub, and we hope to see you all soon. Cheers!

Claire and Mark

One for the Roads

I suppose that we drivers tend to take it for granted that the roads we use to get to work and for pleasure will be properly maintained. We may occasionally feel that there are too many road signs, that some speed limit signs are poorly placed and that speed limits occasionally do not seem to have been correctly set. We are also acutely aware of the volume of traffic and the very heavy loading of many roads which, progressively over the years, have been forced to sustain traffic levels for which that were never designed.

Now a new factor has been introduced, with local councils cutting back on road maintenance to save money. Pressure on council services has led to money spent on the roads to be limited, with few re-surfacings and the filling of bad patches only. The aim, of course, was to catch up on road repairs when budgets were under less pressure. Sadly this is a specious theory because in such circumstances something unexpected will surely intervene. In this case it is the intervention of Mother Nature herself. She gives us the snowdrops and the daffodils and the niceties of early Spring but also the snow and ice of Winter. And this year in a vengeful mood, perhaps because councils have ignored her savage potential, she has decided to treat them a sharp lesson. Thus we now find ourselves with a road system that is dangerously below standard. I have been driving for over 65 years and I cannot remember roads suffering from pot holes and general decay to such an extent.

So how do we deal with this situation? In practical terms, if the traffic is light one can manoeuvre to an extent to avoid pot holes but if the traffic is heavy during the day, such action could be dangerous. At night, it is all too difficult. It seems to me that many cars will be damaged by pot holes, leading to legal action and that accident rates must rise. Councils will now be anxious to take urgent (but expensive) action to cope with this situation at the very time when they are forced to cut services because of the banking scandal. Furthermore the weather continues to inflict further adverse conditions on the roads, tending to delay appropriate action.

Looking back over the years, I well remember the severe winter of 1947 when in the company of a large number of junior aircrew officers, I was invited(?) to clear the snow (8 inches of it) from the main runway of RAF Lindholme. We laboured manfully for a day, only for the weather gods to deliver a further 6 inches overnight. At this stage a higher authority decided sensibly that Mother Nature had won and our backs were spared more agony. It was 6 weeks before we flew again. Today of course airfields are equipped with proper snow clearance equipment.



Naphill Tennis Club - Your Village Club



Why sit at home moping around and worrying about the weather and the economy, when you could be enjoying a great game of tennis at your local tennis club. We have a great club in Naphill for all young and old and even those going through the middle part of life! Why not come and join us, keep fit and meet some lovely people at the same time.

We have all sorts of activities running throughout the year and you will be kept informed through the gazette and other notices around the village.

JUNIOR COACHING NIGHT - FRIDAYS

From 23 APRIL to 16 JULY 2010 (excluding 5 June)
Last session on 16 July may be a Junior Tournament

Group 1: 5 - 5.45pm Group 2: 5.45 - 6.30pm Group 3: 6.30 - 7.30 pm

UNDER-SEVENS' CLUB - SATURDAYS

From 24 APRIL to 10 JULY (excluding 29 May and 5 June)
Last session on 10 July may be a Mini Tournament

9 am – 10 am

NB: Please note earlier time than last year!

Thursday 15th April

Our 1st official Club night from 6:30pm until Dark – This is open to all members new and old. Please come along and try and show all what you're made of, if you think you have what it takes. This is an opportunity to see if you can join the many tennis teams that we have.

JOIN NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB - SUBSCRIPTIONS 2010/1

Category	Member-ship Code	Fee	Reduced Fee (if paid before 1 April 2010)	New members fee **
1) Seniors	A	£90	£80	£50
2) Semi-Seniors	B	£58	£48	£30
3) Mid-Week	C	£58	£48	£30
4) Husband & wife/partner	D	£170	£150	£85
5) Family membership	E	£210	£190	£105
6) Junior (under 18 at 1.4.10)	F	£50	£45	£25
7) Junior (under 7 at 1.4.10)	G	£20	£20	£20
8) 3rd & subsequent Junior in any one family	H	£10	£10	£10

Membership definitions:

- a) to qualify for the ****new members' fee**, you must **not** have been a member of Naphill LTC during the preceding 5 years (senior) or 2 years (junior).
- b) Mid-week members are entitled to play Monday-Friday.
- c) Semi-Senior = 18-25 years of age or a full-time student.

For information please contact Sue our Membership secretary on 01494 562539

In 1962 I was stationed in East Anglia at RAF Feltwell, with the family, when on 1 January 1963 I was sent to the United States for 6 months leaving June and our 2 small girls in the depths of East Anglia for 3 months of snow and ice. Fortunately when I returned in July we could look forward to the delightful and quite unexpected compensation of 2½ years in Paris, where it rarely snows and has many charms to enjoy, especially if you actually live there.

Finally a brief word about the weather. As I write (9 March) the cold spell continues. When it began I thought that it would last until the end of March which earned me no plaudits from June. I therefore suggested the end of February in the Gazette. However the axis of the high level Jet Stream which governs our weather is still not 'normal', so there is still no positive indication that we shall soon experience regularly the joy of a south-westerly wind and a warm rain. Actually, if the present situation continues we will probably have a very wet summer, because we have already had more than a normal share of high pressure. There is very little justice in Meteorology: it is quite happy to hit you below the belt!

I am absolutely fed up with the cold weather and look forward to the simple pleasure of leaving the bedroom window open to enjoy fresh air and the exciting, animal noises of the night. So let us all "think warm" and see if the power of massed brain waves can tilt the Jet Stream axis in our favour.

David Leith

Free Fire Safety Checks

Free safety checks to help reduce the risk of a fire or other emergency in your home are available from Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service. Free smoke alarms are fitted where required, and firefighters will also help you find out more about other useful local services if you are interested.

The checks take about 30 minutes each, depending on the size of the house, and are usually carried out



by firefighters. The householder needs to be present to answer a few questions.

Firefighters will offer fire safety advice, based on any potential fire risks that they may have identified during the check, and answer questions.

They will then fit as many smoke alarms as they think necessary. Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service currently fits British Standard smoke alarms

with a sealed battery that should last 10 years in normal use.

To book one of these free checks, ring 01296 744477 or email cs@bucksfire.gov.uk

Community safety manager Terry Ridgley said: "When fires break out, smoke alarms provide a vital early warning sign. If the fire happens at night, they are often your only warning."

Here are Terry's top tips to ensure you and your family stay safe from fire:

Fit and maintain a smoke alarm: You should have one on each level of your home and test it weekly. The ideal position is on the ceiling, in the middle of a room, or in the hallway and landing. Test it weekly.

Plan your escape route: Make sure you and your family know the quickest way out in the event of fire. Consider an alternative route in case your usual one is blocked.

In the event of a fire, get out, stay out and call 999: Don't delay for valuables, and don't investigate or try to tackle the fire. Use a mobile, a neighbour's phone or a phone box to call 999. If someone needs to be rescued wait safely outside for the firefighters who have the equipment and training to do it. Never go back in.

Check on others: When you visit relatives or friends, look out for safety hazards in the home. Offer to help test their alarm and plan escape routes together.

Keep internal doors shut: This will slow down the spread of fire.

Four key safety messages - Fit smoke alarms; Test them every week; Plan an escape route; Get out, stay out and call 999.

The Soldiers, Sailors , Airmen and Families Association



The Soldiers, Sailors , Airmen and Families Association, SSAFA Forces Help, the oldest of our military charities, reached its 125th anniversary on 13th February 2010. It was founded in 1885 to support the second expeditionary force to Egypt.. Over the course of more than a century SSAFA has adapted and evolved to meet the changing needs of

our armed forces and their families, not least in incorporating the RAF soon after the end of World War I.

As the number of fatalities and serious injuries sustained in Afghanistan, the latest of more than twenty military conflicts since WWII, continues to rise, SSAFA still plays a vital role in helping service families to come to terms with loss and life-changing injuries. Our two Norton Homes allow injured troops to spend time with their loved ones away from the hospital environment, giving them the chance to enjoy something akin to normal family life together - dining, watching films, short outings, talking and planning for the future.

Other forms of support include teams of social workers and health professionals, respite homes for families in difficulty, a housing advice service, holidays for disabled children. Anyone with any length of military service, however long ago, and any of his or her dependants, qualifies for help throughout their lives.

SSAFA shares responsibility for this national provision with other military charities, including some, such as the Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes, with very high profiles. SSAFA's unique, if lower, profile contribution is in the direct contact between our volunteer caseworkers and individuals in difficulty. Caseworkers are expertly trained in the specific knowledge and skills needed to respond sensitively to a wide range of problems, whether practical, financial or emotional, and to secure appropriate help.

Teams of caseworkers are located in every county and city area in the United Kingdom. In Buckinghamshire, we currently have about 45 caseworkers who handle some 350 to 400 clients a year and probably help more than that because relief for one person very often means relief for other members of the family. SSAFA Bucks is here for Buckinghamshire people.

We need help - in three ways:

1. More clients. Despite our constant publicity we suspect that there are more people in our communities who would qualify for help but who do not come forward. Any help from readers in bringing our service to the attention of potential clients would be much appreciated.
2. More volunteers - for casework or for other roles in publicity, fund-raising, counselling or general help as a home visitor - would be welcome.
3. Donations supporting the work of the Bucks team would be gratefully received.

Cheques should be made payable to SSAFA Forces Help Bucks and sent to Edward Pepper, 7 Horn Street Winslow, Bucks MK18 3AP

For all other queries please call 01844 218349, in confidence.

John Lambert - Publicity Officer, SSAFA Bucks

Emily Stallwood (Pem)

Emily Stallwood one of Naphill's oldest residents, died recently on 13 February at Wycombe Hospital aged 99. Emily was born Emily Smith in High Wycombe, but moved to Naphill with her family as a young girl. She attended Naphill School on the corner of Louches Lane.

After leaving school Emily went into service with the Oakeshott family who lived in Walters Ash, their house called 'the Firs' is now the site of Fir Tree Cottages in Main Road.

Emily married Bill Stallwood at the Methodist Church in Chapel Lane in 1933. Her employers the Oakeshotts agreed to them having their wedding reception at 'the Firs'. They lived in West Wycombe for a few months and then moved into 163 Main Road (2 St Anne's Cottages). She lived here for nearly 77 years.

Emily and Bill's three children: Bill, Betty and Brian were all born at 163. All three children still live in the village.

Amongst a number of jobs, Emily worked cleaning offices at Bomber Command and cleaning for a family at Lacey Green.

During the war and the austere post war years, Emily and Bill took in a number of lodgers at 163, who were welcomed into the family.

Bill her husband, who had been a french polisher at Birches in Wycombe, died in 1988.

Emily continued to live an active life, she loved to hear local news and gossip, and enjoyed many local activities such as jumble sales, coffee mornings and the annual fete.

She looked forward to and loved holidays in Wales, and loved her own village as well particularly the common, she had a special affinity with Bluebell time.

She had many friends and neighbours who regularly popped in to see her, she greatly enjoyed these visits.

She had 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren who all still live in the area and will miss their visits to see her, bringing their digital cameras and lap tops with them, which she loved.

Thanks to all those in Naphill who attended her funeral.

Emily will be very much missed by her family and her many friends.

Bill, Betty and Brian Stallwood

Letters

Those readers who enjoyed the Lacey Green Singers concert version of the musical *Below Stairs* last June may be interested to know that the Hitchin Young Thespians – who are aged 10 to 18 – are staging a four-performance run at Woodside Hall, Hitchin on 15–17 April, with a matinee on 17 April. Tickets cost just £6 (£4 concessions) from Ann Crook on 01462 434181 and, as with all productions of this feel-good show, proceeds are going to Cancer Research UK.

Alan Lewis

A Suggestion

As the weather improves and days are getting longer, I wonder how people feel about agreeing voluntarily to not using noisy garden equipment on certain days of the week? I was thinking that if we could all mow the lawns and cut the hedges etc at similar times of day it would leave other times free for us all to enjoy the peace of our gardens without being disturbed by each other.

My suggestion for a quiet period would be after 1pm on Sundays and bank holidays, however I realise it is not always easy to get these jobs done, especially when working during the week and am open to other suggested days or times. The key thing for me is not the specific day or time, simply an agreement from which we would all benefit; one in which we would be able to arrange in advance to sit in the garden with family and friends in a peaceful environment.

Graham Murray , 3 Westmoreland Villas , Naphill Common

Brownies and Guides Jumble Sale

The Guides and Brownies would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported us at our recent Jumble Sale. We raised over £800 for Guide and Brownie funds, which will allow us to do outings and activities with the girls, which we otherwise could not do. We would like to thank everyone who helped whether it be by donating jumble, helping on the day or coming to buy. Apologies if we failed to collect any items of jumble left out for us, we do endeavour to spot your donations as we drive around the village and do appreciate all offers of jumble. Thank you all.

Ruth Daly & Toni Green

Planning Appeal @ Hunts Hill Farm, Application no. 10/00009/REF

I am writing to the gazette for the first time as I feel I need to put residents' minds at ease. It is only fair to have all the facts regarding the planning application and hear both sides of the story.

Firstly, it seems that most of the information that residents have had regarding the application at Hunts Hill Farm has been one sided and inaccurate. There have been many details omitted from the information, which has been in the form of flyers through the door and Chinese whispers. Unless residents have managed to access the information on the WDC web site, unravelled the jargon and had the time to sit down and go through it all, then they may not have had clear impartial information on the subject.

So here are some important points:

- The lights have been categorised under the term 'pylons' when in fact they are poles or lamp posts that are just 3" in diameter. A lot slimmer than telegraph poles.
- They are no taller than a telegraph pole.
- They were designed at this height to cause minimum light 'spill' and therefore minimum impact on wildlife and residents; they are capped and shine down to light only the floor area rather than anywhere outside the ménage fence.
- They face away from the residents in Louches Lane and there is thick scrub land between the ménage and the nearest house in Hunts Hill Lane, but they would not be shining into that area anyway due to the **downward-facing** design.
- They would **only** be used between the months of November and March. Before and after this time there is sufficient natural light in the evenings.
- The application implied they would be on each night until 8 o'clock. This would not be the case. It would be rare for them to be on until 8 o'clock in the evening; in fact it would be rare for them to be on after 7 o'clock. Don't forget this is a residential property too.
- Due to weather conditions in winter months i.e. frozen ground, heavy rain, high winds or snow it will be very unusual for them to be on every night.
- They **would not** be needed at weekends.
- Development in the area of Naphill and Walters Ash is unfortunately inevitable. This is the way of life. How many houses and other developments have popped up here in the last 30 years..? Wellhouse Way and other properties would have encroached on farmland when they were built. Just look at photographs of Naphill

the early 1900s. There were very few houses in Naphill compared to today. If it wasn't for development the village wouldn't be what it is today.

- There is absolutely no comparison to Handy Cross Sports Centre in size, number of lights, light output or usage. Handy Cross use older less efficient lighting methods.
- The lighting will have no effect on residents while in their homes, they would have to be sat in complete darkness by the window with the curtains open to be affected by it.
- Although there is no 'street lighting' in Naphill there are still hundreds of security lights that come on at all manner of times. You only have to walk down the main road at night to realise that it is actually quite a challenge to not set any off as you walk past!
- Hunts Hill Farm itself is overlooked by houses with bright security lights that illuminate much of the fields at dark.
- There **are** other lit areas locally. There are already ménages in small villages with lighting, i.e. in Speen, Bryants Bottom and Lacey Green that have little impact on locals.
- Downley village and Downley Common have lighting.
- The conference centre in Four Ashes Road is illuminated at night.
- Hughenden Valley, between the roundabouts, is still lit by streetlights at night.
- There is a football pitch at Cryers Hill that is illuminated at night in the winter.
- And don't forget the RAF base that is lit up like a small city at night...all night, every night and has a floodlit pitch.
- There is certainly room for compromise.
- The farm is in a lot better condition than it was some 8 years ago, it is maintained regularly and it looks better aesthetically. Diversification is the only option for farms of this size these days as they cannot be self-sufficient by 'farming the land'. Surely it is better to keep the land for some sort of countryside usage, albeit horses, for the use of local people.

C. Wright, - Hunts Hill Farm, Naphill

Google Street View

Readers may be interested to know that Naphill and Walter's Ash are now available on street view.

Trevor May

Naphill in the 40s & 50s

I would be very interested to hear from anyone who remembers life in Naphill in 40s and 50s. It was a very varied experience for me as I lived in the village until I was 16. The common was a constant source

Hughenden Church Teas

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of delight with the birds and wild flowers, but through going to the old Naphill primary school and contacts through my mother, Kathleen, belonging to Naphill W.I. and drama group, I knew absolutely everyone. Even at the age of 4 years old, I would stand and watch various wood turners.

There were lots of people with skills around the village, Mr Thompson, the hairdresser who cut hair in his garden when the weather was good. Mrs Janes who was brilliant at sewing. A group of the W.I. used to can fruit in the Village Hall kitchen. Farming was far more people friendly in those days and maybe this welcome is coming back now with more small animal visitor centres opening on farms. Many more activities that could be easily seen and so much learned in the process.

Children need to be able to visibly see adults' occupations, to become naturally curious and inspired. My website shows how many children's lives have been changed with this simple understanding. <http://www.creative-inspirations.co.uk>.

I hope to hear from you. Best wishes,

*Margie McGregor (nee Margaret McCue),
West Wing, Hordley House, Wootton,
WOODSTOCK. OX20 1EP.*

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Apology

An apology to Richard Holroyd, whose advert Richard Holroyd Photography contained an error in the last edition. All now corrected I hope!

Richard's web site can be found at

www.richardholroydphotography.com.

Judy Whitehouse

Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway

The railway is pleased to announce that Pannier Tank No 1369 from the South Devon Railway will be operating the Steam service on the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway from Mother's Day until Halloween. We will be running a normal service on Sundays throughout the year, unfortunately due to the refurbishment of the Restaurant Miniature Buffet coach, we will not be able to offer our popular cream teas service until the end of April. New for 2010 are Sherlock Holmes Murder Mystery Evenings, Wine and Dine Evenings and Quiz Nights.



This year sees the third Open Day on 8th May, so if you want to take a look behind the scenes, have a look in a locomotive's engine compartment, see how the signals work, and take a short free ride on this entirely volunteer run railway, then come along and see us. You'll be very welcome!

Events in April/May:

- Fri 2nd - Mon 5th April - Easter Specials (Easter eggs for children, hot cross buns for adults)
- Sun 11th April - Chinnor Railway Steam & Diesel Service
- Sat 17th April - Wildlife on the Move
- Sun 18th April - Chinnor Railway Steam & Diesel Service
- Sun 25th April - Chinnor Railway Steam & Diesel Service with cream teas
- Sat 1st - Mon 3rd May - Teddy Bear Days
- Sat 8th May - Railway Open Day

For full details about all these events please visit the website at www.chinnorrailway.co.uk.

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Scouting for 14-18 year olds

Explorer Scouts are the section of Scouting for 14-18 year olds with the Viper Explorer Scout Unit covering Naphill, Walters Ash and the surrounding villages. We aim to provide many outdoor activities especially traditional Scouting skills, the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme and also link in with the local community.

Since moving the Viper Explorer Scouts base from Walters Ash to the Naphill Scout & Guide HQ last September we have doubled the size of this section to be one of the largest in the area with an equal mix of boys and girls. Additional new members are welcome, even with no Scouting experience at all. Also, any adults who would like to get involved with supporting the leaders team are very welcome - especially former Scouts or those with experience of expedition planning.

The Explorers ran a quiz evening at the Scout & Guide HQ on 29th January raising £750. Half of the money was donated to the Scout & Guide HQ for the maintenance fund with the rest to be used by the Explorers for new equipment. Many thanks to all who supported this successful event.

*Nick George - Explorer Scout Leader, Viper ESU.
562846*

Naphill Brownies

This term at brownies we are working towards our 'Entertainers' badge and so have been trying some new songs and skills such as juggling and puppet-making (with rather interesting results!).

We had a very closely fought Quiz night with only 2 ½ points dividing first and last position. I have to say I was most impressed at the knowledge and the teamwork displayed by the girls.

As ever we have tried our hand at a variety of crafts including Origami, sweet-making (Armpit fudge-yummy!) and painting plant pots for Mothers Day

Our new brownies formally joined the Guiding family at their enrolment last week. We also had several leaders making or renewing their promises as they move into new roles within the organisation. Well done to all!

Later in the term we hope to present a short show to finish our Entertainers badge and close the term with a cinema visit.

Girls may join Brownies once they are 7 years old, but spaces tend to fill up very quickly, so even if your daughter is still quite a long way off being 7 it is

worth putting her name on the waiting list so that she will not be disappointed when the time comes.

Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) 565571

Little Ash Pre-School

I remember when I were a lad and computers were something in Star Trek that had funny voices. Later on computers were something to try to play games on when the teacher wasn't looking in your direction. I write this as I had the pleasure of popping into the pre-school this week, it's really amazing how good the children are with computers especially when they are used as education tools to help them develop. It was good to see the children and staff having fun especially as the weather is allowing the kids out into the play area for some fresh air.

I would like to remind you all of the upcoming Spring Dance on the 22nd May 2010. The dance starts at 19.30 until 23.30, price for a ticket is £15 and will include a Curry supper. Fancy dress with the theme "At the Movies" is optional but encouraged and I am looking out for a Daddy sized Spiderman suit. Tickets available from Jane on 07919026328 or Jane@dynaband.co.uk. Tickets sold out last year so get them now!

Everyone involved with the pre-school would like to thank Kate Worthington for all her hard work over the years. She is going to run the London marathon this year and we're sure you will beat the deep sea diver! Good luck Kate.

John Delaney

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2.00 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling).

Our next event is the Easter party on 1st April 2-4pm, including tea. Every child goes home with an Easter egg.

Any queries please call Louise on 01494 488255 or Emma on 01494 488603. Alternatively join us at any Thursday meeting between 2pm and 4pm at Naphill Village Hall during term time.

Louise Lucas



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Editorial

Spring at last - and what a superb one, it must surely gladden the heart of all gardeners. Having now featured all the local village organisations on our covers I have been searching in true Gazette tradition for another theme. Then it came to me, for the next few months we should celebrate the talents of our local gardeners with a series of cover photos

featuring a different garden or allotment in Naphill & Walter's Ash each month. So if you would like your garden or plot to feature then all I need is one or more good quality digital photos emailed over.

Can't believe it is only another month or so until the fete - have my pyjamas at the ready....

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00 - 8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday - Forge Road	10.30 - 11.15am
	- Village Hall	12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30 am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

* Boys FC training sessions held at RAF sports field

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- 17th FONC Walk for Health - Meet Village Hall 10.00am
- 21st Blood Donors - Village Hall
- 22nd Horticultural Society Plant Sale - Village Hall
- 22nd Little Ash Pre-School Dance - Village Hall 7.30pm. Tickets required.

June

- 12th **SUMMER FETE - The Crick - Theme Pyjama Party**
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County Councillor's Report

As part of the County's upgrade of village nameplates, both Naphill and Walter's Ash will benefit from new ones, which are about to be erected at the entrances to the villages. They will be smaller than the present oversized ones, green in colour and more in keeping with a rural settlement. Similar ones can be seen on Cryers Hill and Great Kingshill. There is now a greater awareness that too much road signage can be counter productive and we are taking steps to try and reduce its use where it does not affect safety issues.

My post box, both actual and electronic, has been inundated with concerns about the government's announcement of the High Speed rail routes through the Chilterns AONB. The preferred route along the Misbourne Valley will have a dramatic and damaging effect on the landscape appearance. Residents groups along the proposed route are already forming a formidable and strong opposition to the scheme. In joining the opposition to this route we must not lose sight of the government's alternative scheme HS2.5 which moves the route from Great Missenden to the Hughenden Valley. The suggested 220 metre viaduct from Hatches Lane to Bryants Bottom Road across Warrendene Road would have a disastrous effect on Hughenden Valley and all the villages that surround it. The upheaval of construction works and the ensuing heavy traffic does not bear thinking about.

The County Council and the Chilterns AONB Conservation Board both object to the routes HS2 and HS2.5 in that they violate the AONB, an area with a similar ranking to that of a National Park, a government designated area of protection because of its high scenic value. There are other alternatives which would reduce the impact of high speed rail on our Chilterns countryside. We must await the outcome of the Election to see if commonsense prevails. Consultation will not start until later in the summer and that will be the time to make constructive suggestions and co-ordinated objections. For my part, I would rather see the money invested in improvements to the existing intercity rail network from which we could all see a benefit.

Astute readers will note that I have not mentioned potholes in this article hopefully, by the time this is read all category 1 holes will have been filled. At the time of writing the road teams are working on Cat 2 and general road repairs.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

With the General Election called on 6 April, at District Council work continues as normal. You may have seen that the application for the running track in Hazlemere was refused at the recent planning committee. The work continues with the feasibility of the stadium. It is still early stages.

I have seen both repairs and improvements on the

potholes in the last couple of weeks, in particularly the top of Coombe Lane to approximately half way down. Richard Pushman will cover this separately.

People have continued to lobby me regarding the proposed affordable housing in Warrendene Road. Again, this is at early stages. No decision has been taken nor has a planning application been lodged with the Council. I will keep you posted.

Please note that from 6 April new guidelines are in place for HMO (Houses of Multiple Occupation). The law has changed for new tenancies granted where it is requires permission for three or more sharers whom are not related from the original five. The law forms part of Planning.

The proposed HS2 rail project is receiving a lot of publicity and concern. The proposed alternative route, HS 2.5 would have an even bigger impact for our ward, with a proposed 720M viaduct through Hughenden Valley. The proposal is just that. As yet, it is both unproven and uncoded. My own view is why can't we use the existing West Coast route via Watford Junction, Milton Keynes?

I attended Council on 12 April and whilst writing should be attending the Naphill Playground opening on 24 April on the Crick with a special Regulatory and Appeals committee on the 27th. On the 29th ward Councillors will be meeting with stakeholders regarding the lorries in Warrendene Road.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The sun is shining as I write and the children's play areas throughout the Parish are being well used and appreciated during the Easter holidays.

The new piece of equipment on the Crick is proving very popular and an official opening is being arranged. The willow tunnel has been renovated after the winter snow and is looking good.

The High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Mr Allan Westray, opened the Great Kingshill play areas on April 8th. We are very grateful to him, and to Mrs Westray, for helping to add a special sense of occasion to the opening. It was possible to celebrate the completion of these projects on a warm spring day. Invited guests included Councillor Richard Pushman, the current Chairman of the County Council, representatives from Bucks County Council and Wycombe District Council, the contractors, local residents and councillors. The refurbishment of the old play area and the creation of a 'teen' area were major undertakings requiring a great deal of hard work, as well as co-operation with BCC and WDC in order to qualify for a central government grant to cover about half the cost. Children from Naphill and Walter's Ash may like to visit and enjoy these facilities.

It is nearly time for the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

This year it is the turn of North Dean Village Hall to provide the venue so access for Naphill and Walter's Ash residents is easy. Jim Foy, the General Manager for the National Trust at Hughenden Manor, has kindly agreed to give an illustrated talk on changes and plans in the local area. His responsibilities also include Bradenham and West Wycombe. Those of you who have visited the Manor recently may have noticed some of the improvements and innovations that have been made since Jim Foy's arrival in 2009. The meeting is on **TUESDAY MAY 25th** starting at 8pm; there will be some formalities to deal with in addition to Jim's talk. This is an opportunity to meet Parish Councillors and to ask questions. It would be a pleasure to see you.

Peggy Ewart - Chairman

Hughenden Parish NAG

Burglary

Once again the Parish has seen a great reduction in Burglaries, to date there has been only 1 reported crime of this nature. This was in the Naphill area. There has also been the introduction of a new Neighbourhood watch scheme in the Templewood area of Walter's Ash, this scheme will strengthen the community as well as look after the immediate area. Once again, with the lighter evenings now upon us and the Garden shed being used more frequently, please lock and alarm the door, in order to safeguard your property.

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

Anti-social behaviour has risen slightly, with the evenings becoming lighter. The youths that caused concern a few years ago have now managed to pass their car tests and are out and about with their newly acquired vehicles; needless to say they all think they can drive like Jenson Button. They are gathering in groups and therefore cause disturbance to the community. If this is happening near you please try and gain registration numbers and report them to the Neighbourhood team. Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 can be used to bring this to a halt. The new play area at Great Kingshill will be open for use after the 8th April and therefore most of the youths will have facilities to use. Hopefully they will respect the area and also the residents surrounding it. Should you see any ASB please call the team on the above number.

Speeding

The new NAG speed-working group has met and a strategy on targeting the worst roads has been drawn up. There are three locations within the Parish that will have the T-SID erected within the next few months. These will be monitored as to the speed reduction that they cause. There is NO data that can be taken from these devices. The team now have access to the Speed Indication Device (SID). My staff will collate current and accurate speeding data from identified locations whilst

also providing a visible deterrent at the same time. Dates have been planned for April for enforcement and the deployment of the SID device will allow a further High Visibility presence.

Good News

The young male arrested following the damage to a water mains pipe in the Walter's Ash, has been dealt with via the Criminal Justice System.

The male who used telephone intimidation to a resident in the Great Kingshill area has been 'Cautioned' in relation to the Communications Act. A youth from the Great Kingshill area has been issued a section 59 Police Reform Act 2002 warning for the Anti-Social use of a motor vehicle.

Another youth from the Great Kingshill area has been issued with a 'yellow' card for Anti-Social behaviour within a motor vehicle.

Other Matters

The last HAVE YOUR SAY surgery was held at the Great Kingshill School, there was little turnout, but the feedback was positive and a few people expressed their concerns re the school parking but none were able to offer solutions that had not already been considered.

What Next?

The questionnaire is now on its rounds, giving you the opportunity to tell the NAG what priorities you feel the Police should be concentrating their efforts on. **If you have not yet filled a copy in please do so, there is still time.** The top three will become the main aims for the forthcoming year. You will be informed of the outcome via newsletters and the Police website.

*PC 3146 Lee TURNHAM, Neighbourhood Specialist
Officer, lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk*

NB: Questionnaires are available from the Editor.

News from Christians in the Community

It is with a heavy heart that I have to report that Pastor Bob Semple died on the 4th April. Bob and his church, The Father's House, was part of our organisation since he moved to the area and until recently was very much part of all our decisions and ideas. Our thoughts and prayers are with his widow Polly and their children. His funeral has since taken place.

We are planning to be at the Naphill Fete on the 12th June with a children's puppet show and face painting - so do visit us - and we are hoping to be at the Hughenden Village day.

We have had Fellowship Safari which was a real treat!

Norma Clarke

Naphill Evening WI

Our glorious springtime was well worth waiting for. It is lovely to have the energising warm sun on us, and everything is raring to go, including us in the WI.

It was a good turn out for an open meeting on March 18th, for a most interesting talk on Westminster Abbey. Mr G. Roberts was the surveyor during a 20 year restoration of parts of the Abbey, and he brought along an array of photographs, press cuttings and artefacts that were discovered during the work.

Some of our members attended the spring meeting of the Disraeli Group that was held at Downley on March 25th. Mr Philip Littlejohn gave a talk on the 'Titanic Disaster'.

The Food Appreciation Group met for lunch at the Black Horse, Lacey Green on March 30th. Future events include: April 21st – Lunch at the Red Lion, Kingshill. May 27th – Tea at Church House, Hughenden. July 20th – Lunch at Hartwell House, Aylesbury.

The Book Club still meet at monthly intervals for discussion, chat and some glasses of wine. The latest book is 'A Short History of Tractors in the Ukrainian'.

There are various 'sizzling' summer social events planned, including on June 9th, an Afternoon Tea Party, and on July 30th, a BBQ Friends Evening – both of these events will be held at Beryl's home. We will also be having the popular Games Evening, in Valerie's garden on June 24th.

Preparations have started on the float for the fete procession, thanks to Juliet – we just hope that the rain keeps away this year, as many of us will be in our pyjamas!

Each year we have a draw for a bursary, so that a member can attend a course of her choice at the WI College at Denman. The lucky winner last time was Valerie Pushman, who has just been on a computer course that she found most helpful. Hot off the press: this year's draw has just taken place and the lucky winner is Fran Pool.

Next Meeting: May 20th. We will be discussing the resolution that is to be debated at the NFWI AGM in June. 'This meeting urges HM Government to introduce clear and mandatory country of origin labelling on all meat, poultry and fish products sold in this country'.

Nancy Hussey - 563767

Naphill Neighbours

As I write this Naphill has shed its winter cloak (even most of the potholes have been filled in!) and the blossom and spring flowers are a delight to the heart and the eye!

On a mild evening in April we were entertained by Mrs

Joan Harrington, who talked to us about DERBYSHIRE WELL DRESSING. It is a local tradition going back to Roman or Celtic times and has now become a community activity and tourist attraction during the spring and summer. The "dressing" takes the form of a wooden frame filled with moist clay into which any natural material (petals, leaves, bark, seeds etc) are packed to make a colourful picture which can take up to 300 man-hours to create and only lasts about three days!

Two days later we had our first outing of the year when we travelled to GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL and then on to PARHAM HOUSE AND GARDENS. As we had hoped, someone, somewhere had carried out Sheila's orders and we had lovely sunny weather. The West Sussex countryside was really beautiful.

Our next club meeting is on Monday 10th May when Mr G A R Davis will be entertaining us with his intriguingly entitled illustrated talk BIRDS, BEAUX AND A GREAT BIG BANG - the Regents Canal explored. The tea hostesses will be Jessie Higham, Jo Keattch, Juliet Shortall and Daisy Leek.

Everyone is most welcome.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

Our April meeting is always rushed through as it is followed by our A.G.M.. This concentrates our minds and makes us wonder why the other meetings take up so much more time!

The erection of the new equipment in the play area has now been completed and the Willow Tunnel has been replanted. We are to have a formal opening of the "new" play area on Saturday 24th April to which you and your children are cordially invited. Richard Pushman will be officiating and we will have the opportunity to thank both the Parish and District councils for their input to make the new equipment possible. It has certainly been well used during the recent improved weather.

I do hope that you completed and gave in your questionnaire that was in the middle of last month's Gazette. This should help us to get the Police response that we feel we need so it is important that the Police have a good idea of our issues.

The A.G.M. followed the usual format. Ken, our Treasurer gave his report which showed a healthy balance at present. This will obviously be blown away when we finally sort out the heating and the insulation of the building. Our income is very dependent on the weather with our two major fund raisers being the summer Fete and the firework display. Last year we were lucky with the fireworks but not with the fete. Fingers crossed for this year. It makes a lot of difference. The chairman's report outlined the events we had held, the progress we had made in refurbishing



Naphill & Walter's Ash Fete Day

Saturday 12th June 'Pyjama Party'

Help Help Help! We need....

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- ❖ **Tombola Prizes**
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- ❖ **Good Neighbour nominations**

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the hall and gave thanks to all those who had made it all possible. The officers and village representatives were re-elected unanimously and we then retired for a well earned drink.

Our next event is THE FETE on 12TH JUNE. Be there - the theme is pyjama party, so you don't even have to get dressed! See you there.

*Sarah Bacon - Chairman, Naphill Village Hall and
Playing Fields Council*

Fete Day 12th June 2010

Here is the latest update for our amazing Fete Day.

For those who may have forgotten or need a reminder please put the 12th June on to your calendars, into your diaries or even into your mobile phones. The theme as I am sure you will all be aware is Pyjama Party, so hopefully we will see everyone joining in and wearing their PJs for the day, so please add to the fun and make the effort in dressing up.

I am very please to let you know that have a **Hurricane and Spitfire** fly past on the day. We are also now receiving various prizes for the grand draw from our sponsors and that the advertising for the programme is now complete. The RAF will be showing their usual support and are kindly letting us use the fire engine and police car for the procession and they will also have a stall on the crick.

We are really pleased to re-introduce the dog show this year. The classes planned are as follows:- Golden Oldies, Child Handler, Most Wagging Tail, Best Rescue Dog, Fancy Dress and then Best In Show (from the winners from each class). So for all you with four legged friends please come and support the show.

I would also like to thank the volunteers that have agreed to man the stalls on the day, and also the committee for helping to organise the day. I still need more volunteers and also your nominations for the **Best Neighbour Award**.

Help we need donations for the Book Stall, Bric-a-Brac Stall and the Tombola. We really need everyone's support and help with these three stalls.

Claire and Ian - Fete Day Committee

Desperate Ron

Firstly a very big thank you to those of you who so generously answered my appeal for help in the March edition. I received a total of 143 donations to our tombola stall. Secondly HELP HELP HELP please as I still need another 450 prizes and the fete is only a couple of months away now!! Yes we need 600 prizes in total as we have 3000 tickets to sell and there is a one in five chance of winning. The size of prize in terms of value is not material so any new item be it a book, game, toy, sweet, food item, toiletry, alcohol etc

etc will be gratefully received. So do please look in your cupboards to see if you have anything that you could donate. If all prizes are donated then our stall will make £600 for the fete.

If you would like me to collect from your home I will be pleased to do so or alternatively you can deliver direct to me at the address below. Thank you so much in anticipation of your support. Michaelmas Cottage, 2 Lacey Drive - off Chapel Lane. Tel. 01494 562240

Ron Collins

Book Stall

I will be running a book stall at the Summer Fete again this year and will be pleased to accept paperback adult and children's books, in GOOD condition, from mid May.

Pauline Pool - 564226

Naphill Horticultural Society

<http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk/>

After a very slow start, spring has very definitely sprung and thoughts turn to the garden and making it fabulous for the summer. To help you with this our **Plant Sale** this year takes place at the Village Hall on **Saturday May 22nd** from 9.00 – 11am. This is the perfect opportunity to buy all the plants you need to make your garden flourish this summer, whether you think you may need drought tolerant or water loving plants!. There is always a good range of flowers, vegetables, herbs and some shrubs, all locally grown and at very reasonable prices, so do come along and have a look. We are doing our best to provide more bedding plants!

Should you be inundated with plants you have grown yourselves and be interested in having a table to sell your surplus stock, you can book one through me at a cost of just £5.

It is also time to start planning your exhibits for one (or both) of our shows. Our shows are for all those with an interest in gardening and we welcome all entries. When people do pluck up the courage to enter for the first time they are often pleasantly surprised at how much fun it is, and often win prizes. In the last two years we have had several new entrants and some of them were delighted when they won a prize.

You do not have to be a professional to exhibit in either of our shows. Above all exhibiting should be fun! So, to try and help you, we have put together a page on our website with guidelines to help any potential exhibitors, explaining exactly what is required for each class. You can also contact us for any advice you may require- we are all only too happy to help.

If you have exhibited previously, you should already have received you copy of this year's schedule. Alternatively, you can pick one up at the plant sale, or from Peter Davis, The Post Office or me. If you prefer, you

can download the schedule from the website. So, no excuses- have a look and have a go!

Membership subscriptions are now due for those who were not at the annual dinner, and remain at £1 per person. Again you can pay at the Plant Sale or via any Committee Member. See you all at the Plant Sale.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning:

10/05462/FUL The Hollies, Holly End, Naphill. HA for single storey rear extension.

10/05505/FUL Chiltern Cottage, 101 Main Road, Naphill. HA for installation of 2 high level Velux style windows on south-west elevation.

10/105410/MINAMD 238 Main Road, Naphill. Proposed non-material amendment to permission for erection of 1x1 bed attached dwelling with associated parking.

10/05571/FUL Land Adj. to 40 Main Road, Naphill. Proposed erection of 2 x 4 bed dwellings with integral garages and new vehicular access. (Objection – over development).

10/05583/FUL 8 Oakshott Avenue, Naphill. HA for construction of pitched roof and rear dormer over existing garage and conversion of garage to living accommodation ancillary to main dwelling. (Possible concern over parking).

10/05617/FUL 14 Ash Close, Walter's Ash. HA for single storey front porch and side car port to house.

High Speed Rail Link – HS2 – London to Birmingham through Bucks AONB.

The three possible routes run through Bucks without stopping, so are of no use to any of us, but carve up miles of our beautiful County. The route that will do the most damage to the AONB, Green Belt and environmentally sensitive areas is the one preferred by the present Government and HS2 Ltd. called Route 3. Route 2.5 goes through High Wycombe. If need for HS2 is justified, the route preferred by all Councils in Bucks is Route 4, the West Coast Main Line, which goes via Milton Keynes, but again cuts through AONB. The Chilterns AONB officers are opposing all three routes. The case for HS2 has not been justified. The first consultation is planned for the Autumn. To find out more go to www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport. Click BCC Transport. Click the High Speed 2 box. For detailed maps see end of 2nd para. Click web address for Chapter 5, route engineering, and see 5,6 and 7. For key facts click "Our Leaflet..." under "Related files". Here Route 3 is in black/red, Route 4 is mauve and drawn in the wrong place! Louise Witney at Bucks CC on 01296 383751 is able to help with enquiries.

Date of Next Meeting: 8pm Thursday 13th May 2010

Gloria Leflaive 563634

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On Sunday 28th March we held our first working party. Eight of us spent the morning clearing the scrub – mainly holly – from an area along the footpath at the end of Chapel Lane. We used only hand tools. It was hard work but very satisfying to see the wide swathe of open ground and two narrow, muddy paths opened out to several times their original widths. Of course, the morning demonstrated to us just how much remains to be done. There is to be another working party on Sunday 25th April, hopefully to install the new information boards which are under construction.

On a more sour note we could see the destructive effect of cyclists churning up footpaths when they should stay on the bridleways. Please be considerate to others: the paths are bad enough without this misuse. Another very apparent blemish was the dog mess. Perhaps it is inevitable that the entrances to the common will be marred in this way, but there is no excuse for the practice of picking up the dog's droppings, putting them in a plastic bag and then using it to decorate the path and bushes. It is evident that someone is doing this regularly and we appeal to them to stop. What it says about their taste and sensibilities is too obvious to state.

We have been contacted by Margie McGregor who lives near Woodstock. Old inhabitants will remember her as Margaret McCue. Her family lived at Four Winds and were very active in the village. The three children, Anne, Ian and Margaret went to the village school. Margie is an artist and sells paintings from her home. She has fond memories of the Common and has very kindly offered to make a donation to the Friends of Naphill Common from her sales. I believe that there will be a notice in this month's Gazette giving details. We are very grateful to her.

Our programme of events is rapidly taking shape. Please join us on Rogation Sunday 9th May at 10 am. Starting from the Village Hall we are going to "beat the bounds" of the common. This will be a walk of about

4½ miles and will take between 2 and 3 hours. Ron Collin's Walk for Health will be on Monday May 17th at 10 am from the Village hall. In June we will make a visit to Moored Common on Sunday 6th June to see what they have been able to achieve in opening up areas of their common and to admire the beautiful displays of southern marsh and heath spotted orchids. Assemble at Naphill Village Hall at 10 am. Car sharing will be necessary. We will have a tent at the Village Fete on Saturday 12th June and a Midsummer Picnic on Sunday 20th June at the Umbrella Tree. Ron's Walk for Health will be on the following day: Monday 21st June. Everyone is welcome to all we do.

Trevor Hussey, Chairman - 563767

Naphill & Walter's Ash Lunch Club

Naphill & Walter's Ash Lunch Club Meetings are held in the village hall on the second Wednesday of every month when we all get together at 1pm for lunch at 1:15pm. The menu varies each month, are very reasonable in cost, and are held in an informal atmosphere. It is a great opportunity to come and chat to friends and meet new people. Currently our numbers have decreased and we would really like to welcome more senior citizens to come and join us.

Lunches are prepared by volunteer local residents, and we would be delighted if there is anyone out there who could help us to cook the food (the food can be cooked in advance) and each volunteer does a small part of the meal.

For further information please contact Jan Gaunt - 562282.

Naphill Tennis Club - Your Village Club.



Well the spring has come and gone summer is almost here, join Naphill tennis club and have a laugh and a lots of fun. We are a happy and fun club filled with young and old members, some great players and some not bad players, why not join in and give it a go.... We can't wait to see you soon.

For Membership Fees please see the April Gazette or contact the Tennis Club or the Editor.

Events in May 2010

- 8th May – Club annual Dinner 7.30 for 8pm at the Grouse & Ale in Lane End. Please look out for details on the notice board.
- 12th May – Rusty Racquets **7pm** for 1 hour. All standards welcome. NO CHARGE for members or non-members
- 26th May - Rusty Racquets 9.30am 1 hour. All standards welcome. NO CHARGE for members or non-members.

Chris Keats

The Wheel

Firstly, we hope that everyone had a great Easter Weekend and have enjoyed the beautiful weather we have had over the last few weeks. If you were here, you would know that we had a fantastic turnout and we would like to thank all of you for your custom. Chloe has asked me to thank the residents next door to us who very kindly helped her to catch an escapee chicken now nicknamed "Houdini" on Easter Sunday (of all days!), and again wishes to apologise for running around your lawns and driveways trying to catch her!

We also have had some great news; we were runners up of the CAMRA Pub of the Year for Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe for the second year running, and we would like to thank all of the CAMRA members for their support and it is great to be recognised for all of the hard work that we put into the pub, and not forgetting how brilliant the staff have worked to ensure that we always welcome each and every one of you and always serve you the best beer physically possible. Long may it continue!

By the time you read this we will have had our Celtic Beer Festival on the 16th/17th April, however because we cannot predict the future, we will give you all the details soon as it has not yet happened at the time of writing this article!

If you have been in recently you will know that our new Summer Menu is finally here and has gone off with a flying start, serving from 12-2.15 /6-9 Monday to Friday and 12-3/6-9 Saturday and 12-3 Sundays. We would also like to mention that recently it's been fantastic to see new quiz teams turning up to try and knock off the staff team's winning streak!

John James Newman played here on Saturday 10th April and was fantastic as he always is! Although he did surprise all of us by inviting his Dad, (Sandy Newman of Marmalade fame) to come and play with him, and we can speak for everybody who was there that evening, by saying he is an incredible guitar player, and we are extremely privileged to have them both playing! Thus, we are delighted to tell you all that they will be both playing here on Fete Day if you did miss them a few weeks back!

As always, here are a few dates for your diaries of our upcoming events!

- 3rd May – May Day Bank Holiday – open 12pm-11pm – Food 12-2.15pm/ 6-8pm
- 8th May – Live Music – JJ Newman – from 8.30pm
- 14-15th May – The Whip's Beer Festival
- 31st May – Bank Holiday – open 12pm-11pm – Food 12-2.15pm/6-8pm
- 12th June – FETE DAY!!!! – If you don't know by now, the theme is Pyjama Party!!

We hope to see you all soon!

Cheers,

Claire and Mark

Letters

Dorothy Butler

Dorothy Butler died peacefully on the 12th March in Wycombe Hospital at the age of 95.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the friends of our mother who attended her funeral and to those who let us know that they were unable to, it showed great support from Naphill and further afield.

Dorothy and her husband Stan moved to Naphill in the mid 1940s and she soon became active in many local organisations, WI, Naphill Neighbours, U3A, Drama Group, Ramblers Association, and various art groups, plus others. She was always keen to support and contribute to many of the village events. She was often on the floats at the Fete and later on serving teas in the Village Hall. She always enjoyed the annual bonfire and fireworks and also until recently delivering the Naphill Gazette at the age of 94.

The village was like an extended family to her and this gave her so much pleasure. The countryside was so important to her and gave her an inspiration for her many paintings, autumn being her favourite time with all the colours of the beech trees. She knew she was lucky to live in such a beautiful area.

We would like to say a special thank you to her close friends and neighbours who were so good to her in her later years.

Our Mum enjoyed a healthy and happy life with many friends in a very special village.

Paul and Mark Butler

Planning Appeal for Floodlighting on Manege at Hunts Hill Farm

People were surprised by Ms C. Wright's letter last month, asserting that "development at Naphill and Walter's Ash" (and at Hunts Hill Farm) "is unfortunately inevitable."

The floodlighting proposal has met widespread opposition. However, the Appeal is now in the hands of an Inspector. Residents have already put their points in writing to him so there is little point in taking up Gazette space going over it.

What does need to be said is that in 1965, the Chiltern Hills were designated by Act of Parliament as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with policies to protect its scenic beauty and wildlife interest from intrusive development.

In these terms AONB's are ranked as of national importance, equivalent in planning status to National Parks, and Naphill lies at the very centre of the Chilterns AONB.

Hughenden Church Teas

Why not come and sample our home made cakes with a cup of tea or coffee whilst enjoying the views from the historic Church House in Hughenden Park.

Open every Sunday and Bank Holidays from 4th April through to October 24th

2.15pm - 5.15pm

Midweek group teas by prior arrangement

It is not correct that residents did not have full information on the proposal. The WDC web site address was printed in the March Gazette giving everyone the chance to study in detail both the Application and Appeal correspondence, including Ms Wright's case in full. 100 people objected to the Application, and 51 letters of objection to the Appeal reached the Inspectorate by 23rd March.

Gloria Leflaive

Have You Ever Been a Guide or a Brownie?

If so, we would love you to join us in this year's fete procession to celebrate 100 years of Girlguiding.

In this our centenary year, we would like to recognise how many of us are part of the World Guiding family. On Fete Day, Saturday 12th June 2010, we meet at Forge Road at about 11.40am (Time to be confirmed). If you have guiding clothing or badges that you would like to wear that would be great, but if not please try to wear a blue top, and in support of the 'Pyjama Party' fete theme, bring a Teddy. Even if you don't make it to Forge Road, but would like to join us en-route in the procession, that would be great. (For more information please contact Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) 565571).

From all the Naphill Brownies and Guides

Field Off Clappins Lane

Many of you will have noticed that since my last report, mid February, the field has been "mown" to get rid of the many bramble bushes and other growth that were quietly taking over. By good chance, shortly after the mowing, Mike Pool and I had the opportunity of having a very brief meeting in the middle of March, with Mr Adrian Laird Craig, one of the part owners, who has been responsible for re-fencing and managing the field, during one of his infrequent visits to Naphill. (from his home in Edinburgh).

During the above meeting, we were advised that the field will be ploughed, sown with grass and then grazed to keep the field in order. This is managed under a

"Gentleman's Agreement" with three months notice on either side, by a local contractor from Speen way.

On the subject which concerns us all, we still have heard nothing directly from Fine & Country nor, indirectly, via the solicitors, Bignalls, who are acting on our behalf. Adrian's view, along with that of one of the other co-owners, is that the field is an asset that if not sold with planning permission (P.P.) in his lifetime, is to be kept and handed down as an inheritance until such time as P.P. is granted and the land sold for development. As with anything like this, there is no guarantee that the family will not receive and consider offers of interest, as it has done several times over the years, and his view may be outvoted. However he is adamant that any such possible consideration will be made with a unified front and communicated clearly to local interests. With this in mind, we can only assume that the land is currently **not** "on the market", and that any such future offer to sale would not be deleterious to the community.

For the record, this "dispatch" has been checked and approved by Adrian himself.

Finally, I would like to express my personal thanks to Mike & Pauline Pool, Mike and Lynne Robinson and Lois Akhurst for their support in all this, the team of volunteers who distributed leaflets, also to all the residents of Naphill who attended the meetings, and expressed interest in being financially involved if necessary and those who so kindly contributed towards the expenses fund.

Richard Field

Canning Machine?

Margie McGregor (McCue) who lived in Naphill in the 50s and 60s would like to know what became of the canning machine at the village hall. She would also like to know what happened to the drama costumes of the 50s and 60s? If anyone knows please contact the Editor who will pass on the information.

Judy Whitehouse

Growing Your Own Fruit and Vegetables - Getting Started

For those of you that are new to growing your own fruit and vegetables or have just taken over an allotment, there is an article now available on the Naphill Horticultural Society web site:

<http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk>

You can find it under Articles, Vegetables, Getting Started.

Mike Mason

Around the Local Area

Chiltern Way Walking Festival Programme - 2010

This walking programme has been set up to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Chiltern Way, it offers a wide range of walks to suit all abilities, and aims to encourage more people to walk the Chiltern Way.

The Chiltern Way is a circular walking route of around 200 km (125 miles) and there are now three optional extensions taking the total route to a maximum of 278 km (172 miles). It is a wandering, varied and mostly rural way stretching around the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and passing through many pretty Chiltern villages.

These walks are open to the public – all are welcome, please come and join us on these walks – there is no charge

If you would like to walk the whole route, please note that Chiltern Society volunteers are leading a series of linear walks on Sundays between May and September which give you the opportunity to walk the whole of the original Chiltern Way and receive a certificate when you complete the final walk in September! All walkers join the walks at their own risk and are advised to carry their own first aid kit, in addition please bring a packed lunch on longer walks as it is not always possible to plan a lunch break near a local pub! If you are planning to join a walk, it is helpful if you could phone the walk leader in advance so they have some idea of numbers. Please be aware there may be limited parking in some locations.

For the latest information about the walking festival and the work of the Chiltern Society please see our website www.chilternsociety.org.uk – more walks are being added to this programme all the time so please see our website for the latest details

*The Chiltern Society, White Hill Centre, White Hill,
Chesham, Bucks HP5 1AG tel 01494 771250
Registered charity 1085163*

Speen Spring Clean

Join the **Village Wide Charity Garage Sale on Sunday 2nd May 11:00 – 3:00pm**. This is your opportunity to clear the clutter, convert it into cash and donate to a charity of your choice. What could you sell? Perhaps Plants, Cakes, Toys, Books, Games, Clothes, Household Items, Garden Furniture, a lawnmower; in fact anything you can get out onto your lawn! If you would prefer to use the Village Hall there will be tables available; does your organisation want to serve tea and coffee or have a book stall there? The organising committee from Speen School PTA will do all the advertising for you, you just need to **sign up now** at www.speenspringclean.co.uk and start that Spring Cleaning to load up your lawn.

Lacey Green Windmill

Lacey Green Windmill will be open to the public from 2.30 to 5.30pm on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 2nd May to 26th September in 2010. On Sunday 9th May we hope to have the sails turning (weather permitting), as part of National Mills weekend.

The windmill is the oldest smock mill to survive in the country. It was built around 1650 and was in use until 1915. The mill retains its original massive mid 17th century wooden machinery. Restoration to preserve the mill and bring it back to working order has been carried out since 1971 by members of The Chiltern Society.

The mill is located 2 miles south of Princes Risborough, or from Naphill, at the far end of Lacey Green village. The 300 bus from Naphill stops opposite the end of the footpath to the mill, which is beside 'The Whip'. If you are travelling by car, please park in Pink Road. Admission is £1.50 for adults and 75p for children. A booklet about the mill is available for £1.50.

For enquiries, please telephone 01844 275871. You can see further details on the windmill's own website: www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk

Chinnor Railway May 2010

Following our successful start to the season with well attended Mother's Day and Easter events, we now look forward to the start of our new evening events. The railway is holding the first of its Murder Mystery Evenings on the 8th May, which promises to be an exciting evening with a mixer quiz to start, a 3 course meal on board the train combined with a Sherlock Holmes murder mystery!

On the 8th May, we are holding another Open Day, where you can come and look behind the scenes, get up close to a loco's engine compartment and see how the signals work; chat to the many volunteers who help to keep the railway running and have a free ride on us!

The 22nd May sees the first fish and chip Quiz Evening, with 10 rounds of general knowledge questions, a fish and chip supper whilst travelling the line, a fun evening out for all.

And finally, on May 30th and 31st, we have Family Fundays at the Railway, with children's entertainers, face painting, beer tent; cake stalls a pig roast and more.

For more details on any of our events please phone 07979 055366.

LEVEL CROSSING INCIDENT EXERCISE

The Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway was pleased to play host to Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue last Saturday (10th April) by recreating a full scale major incident at the railway. The scenario saw one car

ignore the warning lights and proceed over a level crossing as a train approached. Unfortunately the car hits the train spinning off and colliding with an innocent vehicle which gets propelled into the path of the oncoming train trapping the occupants.

The incident which involved fire appliances from Thame, Stokenchurch and Princes Risborough as well as the Thames Valley Police and St John Ambulance was very realistic and highlighted just how easily life can be lost for just trying to save a few seconds. When setting up the incident it was scary to see just how fragile a car is when compared to a train. The Fire service placed a car across the track and a train was edged very slowly up to the car. Even the lightest touch at 1 mile an hour with the locomotive shattered the side windows and twisted the roof supports. Even knowing the incident was staged, being close to the car was actually quite scary with the front buffer of the train being considerably larger than the cars windows. Trains are much bigger and heavier than people often realise and they cannot stop quickly like a car.

Everything was made safe before casualties with pre prepared injuries were placed in the cars and on the train. The incident was dealt with in a very professional manner with both the injured and uninjured passengers being evacuated from the scene in good time. Extracting the injured train driver through the narrow train doors proved an interesting challenge. The seriously injured occupants of the car were dealt with carefully, calmly and with great care, not so the car which is now minus a roof.

The simulation was an excellent training exercise for both the emergency services and the railway. It clearly highlighted that it is just not worth even trying to compete with a train at a level crossing.



Drivers may not be aware that most level crossings are monitored by CCTV. It is worth noting that if a driver is found to have failed to comply with the lights or barriers at a crossing then they can be banned from driving and fined regardless of there being an actual collision with a train. A driver was recently fined £650, plus costs and banned from driving for doing just that.

DON'T RUN THE RISK!

John Flynn – Chinnor Railway Director of Safety



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Naphill & Walter's Ash School

Hola! Thanks to the internet I got the reminder for this issue whilst on holiday, so having decided which cocktail to have next I have been able to email this to the Editor. The internet is great but it does mean that you can be reached wherever you go!

The spring term is often thought of as being the least busy but that rarely turns out to be the case. Years 4 and 6 went on residential trips and everyone had a great time. It is always good to hear about those children who often find the academic side of school a struggle but who shine on such trips. Year 5 presented Yanamamo, a show about the Amazon rainforest which was thoroughly enjoyed by their parents. All of these events take a huge amount of planning and preparation by all the staff involved.

The netball teams finished with two victories as did the football team who eventually came second in their league.

The summer term is always hectic and seems to drag on. May is SATs time, this is when Year 6 and Year 2 teachers in particular start crossing lots of fingers. The Year 6 papers are opened on the day of the test often to much disbelief. Two years ago their reading test was longer and they had less time to complete it than the one given to fourteen year olds. I could write a lot more about SATs but the sun is shining and I can hear the sea so I will stay calm.

So roll on the summer term oh and of course the World Cup. No doubt I will share a few thoughts on that when it happens. We are going to have a World Cup week in school, although for lots of the boys - and a few girls - it will be a football month.

Well the cocktail glass is empty so I might have to go and get a refill. Hope you all had a good Easter and enjoyed the chocolate.

Kerenza Gwynn - Headteacher

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2.00 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling).

Any queries please call Louise on 01494 488255 or Emma on 01494 488603. Alternatively join us at any Thursday meeting between 2pm and 4pm at Naphill Village Hall during term time.

Louise Lucas

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Editorial

Apologies for the later arrival of the May Gazette, which was due to circumstances beyond our control and which will hopefully not be repeated.

This edition is full of information about the fete. I do hope the sun shines brightly for us. Looking forward to seeing everyone in their pyjamas!

You will see that the event is widely supported by many of the organisations in our two villages. Their efforts depend on your support on the day, so please put the date – 12 June – in your diary NOW!

Thank you for your garden photos - keep them coming in as we have plenty of covers to fill! Ideally I would like to plan a full year of garden covers.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2–3.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30–7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4–8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8–9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8–9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1–2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday – Forge Road	10.30am–1.15pm
	– Village Hall	12.15–12.50pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2–4pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30–11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7–8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30–11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8–10pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45–10.45am
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10am onwards
	Each Thursday (April–September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April–July)	Group 1, 5pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April–July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8–10pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm

* Boys FC training sessions held at RAF sports field

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June

12th **SUMMER FETE - The Crick - Theme Pyjama Party**

18th Blood Donors - Village Hall

20th FONC Midsummer Picnic - meet 3pm end of Forge Road

21st FONC Walk for Health - Meet Village Hall 10.00am

July

3rd WANSA Summer Fete - 11am - 2pm Naphill & Walter's Ash School

3rd Horticultural Society Summer Show - Village Hall

19th FONC Walk for Health - Meet Village Hall 10.00am

August

16th FONC Walk for Health - Meet Village Hall 10.00am

September

10th Blood Donors - Village Hall

October

15th Blood Donors - Village Hall

November

6th Firework Display - The Crick

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County Councillor's Report

Let us hope that "flaming June" will live up to its name because May has been a particularly cold month especially the middle part and whilst writing this report the outside temperature has not exceeded 6C all day – colder than days in December!

There have been several comments about the closure of Coombe Hill Lane for two days to facilitate major resurfacing work which I had requested back in February. This was the only satisfactory way to eliminate the many surface holes that had appeared during the winter. The contractors needed to work on the full width of the road rather than individual carriageways which would have meant a centre seam, a potential for frost damage should we have another hard winter. Also modern contractor's plant works on a wider width to accommodate dual carriageway resurfacing, so we had little choice but to close off the full road width rather than one carriageway at a time. Fortunately the road will not close until 09.30 am and re-open at 5.00 pm on each of the scheduled days. It was unfortunate the planned road closure came after the closing date of the last Gazette and readers have learned of the disruption from the press and road notices. I hope that by the time this article is read we will be enjoying a much improved road surface.

My Chairmanship of the County Council ends on the 27th May and once again I will have control of my own diary. With five or six events per week, many at the weekends it is a demanding role but with many wonderful experiences meeting dedicated people in education, the armed services, social care and the voluntary sector. I have been particularly impressed by the standards of our 'uniformed' youth, young Cadets, Scouts and Guides, really a joy to meet and fulfilling a much needed framework for a future adult society. Their leaders are to be complimented on their dedication and commitment. I must mention also the carers, young and old, without which our social care system would not work. We really are fortunate that we have such dedicated people, giving of their free time to help those in need. We are indeed fortunate to live in Buckinghamshire.

With the Election now behind us the result has brought about a need for a greater understanding of the problems facing this country. I hope that the promise of 'localism' whereby we may have a greater influence on local issues will restore the sense of working for the community on issues such as planning and the environment. We can but hope.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

The General Election is now over after a very busy campaign with an unusual national government; an arrangement we have not seen for 70 years. In terms of manifestos, I am particularly keen for the Government to return planning back to local level and for local people, not Government, to decide on housing. I am also interested in the introduction of a permanent stamp duty exemption for first time buyers up to £250,000 and for the abolition of the Home Information Packs (HIPs).

We met a large number of residents on 29 April in connection with the impact of lorries in Warrendene Road. I am pleased to say that we are working with Environmental Services very closely and, although there is no quick fix, all the relevant stakeholders are speaking to each other. What is not acceptable is the noise, dust and fumes. Residents do not want to be woken from 4am.

We are also attending a meeting on 21 June in Hughenden regarding the proposed High Speed 2 link. We need to look at this very closely and will keep you posted.

I was elected Vice Chairman of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee and attended my first meeting recently looking at among several items; the requirements for Taxis to have at least 70% non-tinted screens. Very important for both the passenger and driver. I also attended Annual Council on 10 May. I am still a member of the Licensing Committee.

Looking ahead, I will be attending the first anniversary opening of the Hughenden Valley temporary shop and the Annual Parish meeting on 25 May in North Dean.

Finally, looking forward to seeing you at the Fete on 12 June.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The Parish Council met yesterday, 11 May, on the regular second Tuesday of the month. As usual, a considerable amount of business was dealt with. Minutes of these meetings may be viewed on the Council's website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk.

Two particular matters were agreed which may be of interest to local residents. Firstly, the Council passed a motion about its current position with regard to the proposed High Speed rail link. 'The Parish Council is very concerned about the proposal from the government for a new high speed rail link from London to Birmingham, the preferred route for

which would cut directly through the Chilterns AONB. The Parish Council will continue to obtain as much relevant information as possible in order to respond appropriately to the consultation which is intended to take place in the autumn of 2010. The Council will co-operate fully with Bucks County Council, the Chilterns Conservation Board, the Chiltern Society, other relevant bodies and local residents in the hope that it can support a co-ordinated and informed response to the official consultation.'

Secondly, it agreed to continue with the process of trying to facilitate the provision of some rural affordable housing for the Parish. The Council has considered the views provided at the open day on 10 March and subsequently. As part of the process, Wycombe District Council has requested that we update the Housing Needs Survey done in 2006, even though we are aware that 40 people expressed an interest on the day. English Rural Housing Association will look again at all the possible sites throughout the Parish during the summer, including those already considered. They will also look at any new sites identified by themselves, by the Housing Needs Survey or individual suggestions. Survey forms will be distributed throughout the Parish during September and will require a prompt response. The Council wishes to move the process forward with appropriate speed.

My fellow councillors have elected me to serve as Chairman for another year. I am pleased to be able to take on this responsibility and will do my best to serve parishioners well. Parish and District elections will take place in May 2011. At least councillors are non-political so there will not be a 'hung' council!

Peggy Ewart

Hughenden Parish NAG

Hello from the **Hughenden**, Hazlemere & Chepping Wycombe Neighbourhood Police Team (HNPT) and welcome to the April edition of the newsletter for Hughenden Parish. If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 0845 8 505 505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office. The team would also love to hear from the community regarding any positive or negative feedback that you may have or any issues or concerns that you may wish to raise.

Burglary

The Parish has seen an increase in burglaries. To date, there have been five reported crimes of this nature spread across the Parish. Once again, garden tools are being used from insecure garden

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sheds. Please lock and alarm the door. There are numerous ways of securing the doors with good quality locks aided by shed alarms. These can be purchased at low cost from Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators as well as domestic retail outlets.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Anti-social behaviour has remained the same as last month with very little occurring within the Parish. However, there have been several reports that youths have been causing problems at the RAF base. The possible offenders are either dependants of serving officers or local youths with connections to dependants. The Military Police are dealing with the reports at this stage.

The new play area at Great Kingshill has opened for use. The feedback from the area is that the youths love the facilities and the equipment has been a long time arriving. Hopefully, they will respect the area and also the residents surrounding it. Should you see any ASB please call the team on the above number.

Speeding

The T-SID has been deployed in three locations around the Parish, this device has shown that speed will decrease if a gentle reminder is at hand. There is NO data that can be used from this device, so we will have to act on perception of residents.

The mobile speed van has been and will be around the Parish. Figures from last year show that the mobile van had 855 activations, while the fixed camera at Naphill has no data available at this time.

The SID device has been out and about with the PCSO and early figures show that in Bryants Bottom 51% of vehicles that drove through in a set period were over the speed limit by varying amounts. Cryers Hill was also assessed.

Main Road Naphill was also targeted from the junction with Downley road, heading towards the

RAF base. The recordings were that around 44% were travelling in excess of the 30mph speed limit, all of varying degrees.

Good News

Following the damage to a vehicle caused during a road rage incident in Widmer End, an adult male has been dealt with via the Criminal Justice System. Two female youths from the Great Kingshill and Widmer End area have been issued with 'yellow' cards for Anti-Social behaviour in High Wycombe town centre. Two persons have been arrested for fraud by false representation, after they presented themselves as builders, carried out sub-standard repairs to a dwelling in Naphill and then charged extortionate sums of money for the work. Both persons are currently on Police Bail.

Other Matters

There have been reports that BOGUS builders are in the area, hence the above. These people tend to prey on vulnerable persons of any age, quoting work required to their properties. They carry out sub-standard work and the price increases day after day until the person's bank balance has been emptied. PLEASE DO NOT have any work carried out to your property unless you actively commission the work.

There also seems to be a possible scam going on via internet use. People have been contacted saying there has been a problem with the server and that by turning on the computer and the person being talked through a series of instructions, the scammer manages to infiltrate the personal details of the victim. There has been a lot of big-name dropping during the conversation, e.g. Microsoft and Apple. Please be aware of this style of call and contact your service provider if you are in any doubt.

The last **HAVE YOUR SAY** surgery was held at the Hughenden Valley Community Shop. Turnout was low but the feedback was positive and a few people expressed their concerns within the area.

PC Lee Turnham

News from Christians in the Community

We will be at the Naphill Fete with the "Lighthouse puppets" (from the children's popular local play schemes) and face painting for the children (there maybe some plants for the parents to buy!). Hope to see you there.

Norma Clarke

Naphill Evening WI

At the April meeting the speaker, Mr M O'Neil, told us about his long career, first as a local 'bobby on the beat', and then as a detective in the CID. We

heard some fascinating anecdotes about his varied experiences, and a good number of questions followed.

The BFWI Annual Meeting was held on 13 April in Aylesbury and our delegate, Jenny Price, gave an interesting account of the proceedings. The Bucks Federation now has 137 WIs, and we can be very proud that Naphill Evening WI continues to be part of this success story.

The Red Lion at Kingshill was the venue for the latest outing by the Food Appreciation Group where 17 members met for lunch, and thanks were expressed to Jessie for organising this for us. There are plans to produce a booklet of members' favourite recipes, and we look forward to receiving your contributions.

On 26 April a delicious and hearty Ploughman's Lunch was enjoyed by a large gathering of members and friends. Jenny was thanked for hosting this most congenial money-raising event.

At our last meeting, a collection was made in memory of Dorothy Butler, who sadly died in March; this has been sent to Cancer Research UK. Also, arrangements are in hand to have Dorothy's name included in the BFWI Memorial Book. Dorothy was not only a loyal and active member of Naphill WI for over 60 years, but was a good friend to many in the village, including myself. I have lovely memories of theatre trips, scrabble evenings and our rambles together, particularly at bluebell time. She will be missed.

Next meeting: 17 June – 27th Birthday Party.
Entertainment: "Talking Hats" by Mrs E. Page. Teas: Carol Gilliam, Carol O'Neill and Ginny Ratcliffe.

Reminders:

Afternoon Tea Party – 9 June – at Beryl's home.
Games Evening – 24 June – in Valerie's garden.

Fete – 12 June. We would be grateful for prizes for the tombola stall; items for bath time and for midnight snacks are required. Please bring them to the stall as early as possible on the morning.

Nancy Hussey

Naphill Neighbours

At the May meeting we were entertained and informed by Mr G. A. R. Davis's most interesting illustrated talk on the history of THE REGENTS PARK CANAL. We "travelled" on his own narrow boat "The Kathleen Louise" from Limehouse Basin on the Thames through Wapping, Hackney etc covering a distance of eight miles to Little Venice and the start of the Grand Union Canal, hearing about the architecture, history and people along the

way. A fascinating journey.

Members were reminded that home-made cakes and preserves are wanted for our cake stall at the Village Fete on Saturday 12 June. Don't let us down! If you can't deliver them on the day, please give them beforehand to Sheila (562888) or Hazel (563977) to freeze.

We meet again on Monday 14 June for a FLOWER ARRANGING FOR THE HOME demonstration given by Mrs Sally Harborne. Tea hostesses will be Helen Collins, Penny Leggett and Joan Matthews.

There are still a few places available on our afternoon MYSTERY TOUR on Tuesday 15 June, leaving Naphill Village Hall at 12.30. Tickets are £11 for members and £13 for guests via Sheila or Hazel.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

We had a sombre start to our meeting with a minute's silence in memory of Bob Semple, the Pastor of The Father's House, who passed away on Easter Sunday. Bob had been a member of the Village Hall Council until his illness made it difficult for him to attend meetings and will be missed by us all.

Unfortunately, the fair will not be able to come to the Crick this month. They had booked to come but a piece of their equipment has let them down and they are now hoping to be with us later in the year. They are welcome visitors during the summer months, provide good entertainment for families, and always leave the Crick at least as good as if not better than they found it.

You may have seen the photo in the Bucks Free Press of the official opening of the new piece of equipment in the play area. This was a very pleasant occasion when our own Councillor Pushman, the Chairman of the County Council, came to cut the ribbon and we were able to say a public thank you to Hughenden Parish Council, and Wycombe District Council who had contributed to the cost. John Gibbs and Richard had also contributed from their community leaders funds. Thanks to all. You will also have noticed that the willow tunnel has been refurbished and is looking much healthier. Now let's have a good spell of weather so the children can get out to enjoy it.

We are continuing on our quest to get the heating sorted out. It really is such a complicated job on such a maze of a building. Over the years bits have been added and cobbled on and it is now time to get



Richard Pushman and Sarah Bacon at the opening of the new equipment in the play area on the Crick.

a modern system for the entirety of the building. Let's hope I can report on significant progress soon.

We have made progress in other areas. There are new blinds fitted in the kitchen, and we have put a new gas valve in the kitchen to try to ensure a good hot-water supply with limited success. We have filled in the pothole in the path leading up to the Men's Club and have authorised the purchase of new cups and saucers.

The next big event is THE FETE on 12 JUNE. Make sure you get your raffle tickets. The programme should be coming through your door. Anyway, pray for fine weather, put on your best pyjamas and BE THERE.

Sarah Bacon - Chairman Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Naphill Horticultural Society

<http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk/>

The weather was certainly against us last month when we had our trip to the Malvern Spring Gardening Show, it was cold, damp and blowing a gale, but we hardy annuals had a good time- I was very glad that I had not asked for air-conditioning on the coach to keep us cool!

Summer Show

Naphill Village Hall

Saturday 3 July

We need Exhibitionists!

"What a whopper", "How do they get them like that?" "I would have won a prize with mine" Yes, folks, it's Show Time again, and these are the sort of comments we get from people who are too shy to enter!

Our Annual Summer Show takes place on Saturday 3 July and we want you all to show off what you can grow in your garden or allotment, your baking or flower arranging skills, or prowess with a camera.

We are hoping that the growing conditions will improve between now and then (warmer would be good), so there is still plenty of time for you to pamper your plants and talk to your veggies, between now and 3 July, so why not pick up a schedule and have a go?

Following the success of last year's list of guidelines, explaining what is required for each of the classes, we have kept this in the schedule, and the information can also be found on our website, so no excuses. Have a go – it really is easy and most of all fun, and there are always people on hand on the day of the show who are only too happy to give advice and help.

If gardening is not really your thing then what about handcrafts, photography, cookery or flower arranging? We've got something for everyone!

The children's classes were very well supported again last year, and this year we are encouraging the children from Naphill & Walters Ash School to enter, so why not encourage your youngsters to have a go this time? There are two classes for them to try:

- An edible necklace – anything at all as long as it is edible!
- Any plant grown in a recycled container

If you forgot to pick up a schedule at the Plant Sale last month, they are available from Peter Davis (569303), the Post Office or myself.

If you are not up to exhibiting you could just come along and admire others efforts, the doors open at 2pm and the ever-popular auction of donated exhibits will take place at 4pm. Refreshments are available throughout the afternoon and there is also a sales table, so if you have any contributions to this, please let Peter know.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning:

10/05754/FUL 35 Vincents Way, Naphill, Householder Appn. for raising of roof, insertion of seven dormer roof extensions and alterations in connection with creation of first-floor living accommodation, construction of side and rear extensions, detached single garage and associated

Second-Hand Emporium

Fete Day 12 June

It is now time to think about all those items in your garage, cupboards, shed, loft..... that you no longer want or need. **You** may not want them but **we do** – well, most of them, perhaps – so please donate them to the second-hand emporium.

The second-hand emporium is traditionally one of the most important elements of our fundraising efforts. In previous years it has raised over 10% of the fete's total revenue. This is a massive testament to the volunteers who help gather all the items that are donated and sell them on the day. Without the contributions from Naphill and Walter's Ash residents, there would be no second-hand emporium.

In other words, it is down to you. So get hunting round your home!

Call Ian Bond now on 01494 564 824 to arrange collection or to find out where they can be dropped off.

external and internal alterations. *Objection.* Over-development in AONB and additional vehicle access on to Downley Road.

10/05785/FUL 238 Main Road, Naphill. Application for erection of attached 1x1 bed dwelling house with associated parking (Alt to 09/06081/FUL). *Objection:* Over-development of site, inappropriate development in AONB.

10/05742/FUL 10 Louches Lane, Naphill. HA for single storey side and rear extension.

10/05826/FUL 171 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of two-storey rear extension.

10/05920/FUL 322 Main Road, Walter's Ash. HA for construction of single-storey rear extension and conservatory.

Neighbourhood Action Group

Questionnaire. Only 100 people in Hughenden Parish filled in the NAG Questionnaire, a copy of which appeared in the April Gazette. The Police will accept further completed forms up to the end of May before they set priorities. The responses so far showed that areas of concern were speeding, parking, burglary, litter and dog fouling.

Speeding. A mobile van was recently set up in Walter's Ash to monitor cars travelling towards the Air Force Base. 128 vehicle speeds were recorded. 66 were under 30mph, 40 at 31–35mph, 17 at 36–40mph, 5 at 41–45mph. None was above 46mph.

Anti-Social Behaviour, according to Chiltern Police Area Commander, includes street problems, nuisance neighbours and environmental crime. Environmental crime includes dropping litter, failing to clear up dog mess, dropping bags of dog mess on paths or hanging the bags on bushes. Recently, a mother in Naphill was observed showing her children how to attach a bag of dog mess on a bush bordering a footpath.

Once again we have been asked to request, very politely, that everyone takes their empty cans, bottles, cartons, sweet wrappings, bags of dog mess, and other litter back home, or use bins provided.

Burglaries. In Hughenden Parish there were five burglaries around April. Thefts from garden sheds are on the increase, so police advise locking sheds, putting gratings on the windows and installing shed alarms, available locally for £10. They also advise more care on securing our homes and hiding car keys, because jewellery and cars are currently the thieves' first target.

On a more upbeat note, here's a **Date for your Diary.** The annual Rock 'n' Roll Dinner Dance is booked for **Saturday 20 November** at Naphill Village Hall with well-stocked bar, live band and brilliant cuisine.

Date of Next Meeting: 8pm Thursday 10 June, Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

By the time this appears, all five of our new oak information boards should be in place. We hope you will agree that they are handsome, helpful

to raise funds for
The Friends of Naphill Common
you are invited to view
watercolours
in the beautiful hamlet of Hordley
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(nee Margaret McCue) 01993-812141
Hordley, Wootton, WOODSTOCK. OX20 1EP
Email: margie.mcgregor@ukf.net

replacements for the tatty old notice boards. They were made possible by generous grants from the Chiltern Conservation Board, Natural England, Bucks County Council, Hughenden Parish Council, Cllr Richard Pushman and Cllr John Gibbs' fund for local projects, and the Friends of Naphill Common's own funds. Thanks also to Philip Hussey who did much of the design and all the negotiations with the makers, and to those members who worked to erect the boards. The soil was full of flints but they eventually yielded when faced with the huge Australian crowbar supplied by David Greenwood. Our website has pictures of the epic task.

You may also notice that we have begun to clear scrub from along some of the paths near the end of Chapel Lane. This work has stopped now because we do not want to disturb nesting birds. Chiffchaffs and blackcaps have arrived and can be heard singing on the Common, along with residents such as nuthatches, great tits, blue tits, robins and so on. Once common, willow warblers have not been heard so far: their numbers have been getting fewer each year and it will be sad if we can no longer hear their delicate little songs. They are ground-nesting birds and it may be that they suffer from the many dogs that snuffle around the common.

Eighteen people joined our Rogation Day walk around the boundary of the Common. Some of the bounds are virtually impenetrable but we did our best to reach every corner from the wall of Bradenham Manor to Hunt's Hill Lane. There are photographs of the walk on the website thanks to Peter Davis.

Ron Collin's walks for health are still proving popular. Indeed, we would like to offer two walks each month; one fairly short – say less than four miles – another rather more ambitious – five or more miles – but obviously Ron can't lead both. So, if anyone would like to lead a short walk each month, please get in touch. We and many villagers would be grateful. Ron has given an account of the April walk:

Walter's Ash Naphill School Association



Summer Fete



Saturday 3d July

At Naphill & Walter's Ash School

11am–2pm

Admission: Adults £1. Children free

Traditional fete stalls with lots of new activities - fun for all the family

Pony rides

BBQ

Face painting

Bouncy castles

Dance displays

Football tournament

Tea & Cakes

Pimms Bar

Children's Baking Competition

Fete organiser: Amanda Hall 07778 840424
Amanda.j.hall5@btinternet.com

"Our walk on Monday 19 April saw 13 of us and two dogs meet up at the village hall. We made our way by car to The Gate public house in Bryant's Bottom from where our three-and-a-half mile walk began. We were exceedingly lucky with the weather, it being a sunny crisp morning. If anyone was cold they soon warmed up as we started the walk with a climb up a fairly steep path behind the pub to reach Denner Hill. We continued along the ridge with marvellous views across the valley and I feel sure we all were thinking how lucky we are to live in such a picturesque area. Descending into Spring Coppice Lane and out onto the Speen Road by the Scouts' Hut we continued up past the Baptist church and then entered a driveway and made our way uphill again beside Pye Cottage. Having reached the top we enjoyed a long stretch through magnificent open

countryside in what is one of the highest points in the area. We eventually descended into North Dean emerging on the road by the village hall. Walking along the road towards Wycombe we turned left alongside a house named Long Wood and made our way up between gardens and into a field where we ascended to emerge near Piggotts. A further descent through woods and via a field took us back to the road a short distance away from our starting point. Six of our number then enjoyed a beverage and ham, egg and chips at The Gate – a fitting end to a fine walk!"

We have a trip to Moorend Common arranged for Sunday 6 June to see the southern marsh and heath spotted orchids, and to investigate what the local group has achieved in clearing areas of their common. Meet at 10am at Naphill Village Hall to share cars and arrive at Moorend by 10.30am. There you will be met by a local volunteer Katy Dunn. Their Common is unique in the Chilterns because, despite its altitude, it has running streams that disappear into sink holes.

The Friends of Naphill Common will be at Naphill Fete on Saturday 12 June and, weather permitting, we will have a Midsummer Picnic on Sunday 20 June at the Umbrella Tree. Meet at the end of Forge Road at 3pm. Bring your own picnic. There will be another Walk for Health starting from the Village Hall at 10am on Monday 21 June. Others will be on the following Mondays: 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November and 20 December.

There will be a Fungus Foray on Sunday 3 October led by members of the Bucks Fungus Group. Last year's foray led to the discovery of what might be a new species or sub-species, which will be a triumph for Naphill Common – but we must constrain our excitement until Kew has spoken.

One last piece of good news: our leafleting of the village was a great success and we now have over 160 members! Thank you to all who joined.

Trevor Hussey

Naphill Tennis Club: Your Village Club



Forthcoming Events

Improvers' Coaching – starting Wednesday 9 June at 9.30am for six consecutive weeks. Members/non-members welcome. Small charge. Book your place with Mel Ebbles 07949 128195.

Strawberries & Cream Open Day – Saturday 12 June (Fete Day). Come and enjoy the activities on the courts for young and old alike and treat yourself to luscious strawberries and cream. Profits to Naphill Fete.

Further information from the Secretary, 565406.

Jenny Tench

The Wheel

I need to start by saying "Sorry" and "Thank you". As I am sure you are all aware I went on a lovely holiday to Lanzarote with my Mum just before our April beer festival, which was, let's put it this way very poor timing. Unfortunately I got stuck due to the volcanic ash cloud that brought our airways to a grinding halt. I was due to fly home on the Thursday before the festival and had to make a very horrible phone call to Mark to say that I would not be home and that I wasn't sure when I would be.

I have to say thank you to so many people who helped Mark. All our fabulous staff and customers rallied round to help ensure we had another amazing beer festival. Not only did our staff work extra hours and Chloe was left with all the kitchen duties, but we also had lots of customers helping on the outside bar and also on the BBQ. So thanks to Mark Chambers, Ross Williams, Mark Saunders and Alex the Boat for helping. My biggest apology and thanks go to my husband Mark.

Anyway I had numerous text messages to let me know how well the weekend went, and I was kindly informed by Mark that at 7.30pm on the Saturday night, once we had sold out, that it was safe and I could come home! After a flight to Bilbao and then the 29 hour ferry home, I finally arrived after all the chaos at 8.30pm on the Monday night. But I am very pleased to say that, thanks to the amazing weather, it was another very successful beer festival, and still everyone keeps reminding how busy we were.

Moving on to June, Fete day is coming, so all the fun is here again and we will all be spending a lovely day supporting the village fete. Once the day is over we will have live music outside in the front garden with John James Newman and his father and there will be the outside bar and a BBQ running throughout the day. So please come and support the village and carry on enjoying yourselves with us once it is all over on The Crick. The theme is Pyjama Party so please come in fancy dress and help make it such a special day. We are also selling tickets for the Grand Draw at the pub.

Here is what else is happening;

- 12 June: Fete Day
- 19 June: Our 4th Anniversary at The Wheel
- Football World Cup
- 20 June: Father's day

I hope we are all praying for a beautiful summer with glorious weather, so we can all enjoy a few beers or wine for the ladies in the beer garden. I hope to see

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you all soon and thank you again to all the staff and customers for all their hard work in April.

Claire

Trip to Kew Gardens

The Bradenham Ladies Group are going on a trip to Kew Gardens on Wednesday 21 July. If you are interested in joining us, we still have seats available. Please contact Yvonne Cook on 01494 563960 for full particulars.

Nice One, Squirrel

Living on the common, one is often amazed by the behaviour of animals and birds. However, my younger daughter who lives in Rutland had an experience with a squirrel which crowned all my incidents!

Alison has a Bengali cat which is very small, lively and surprisingly intelligent. Recently she was quite taken aback when the cat (Florence) entered the house through the cat flap, carrying by the scruff of the neck a small bundle which turned out to be a baby squirrel. Florence carried the squirrel to the cat food tray (dry cat food) where it tucked into the contents with gusto. Florence then gave the squirrel a thorough licking, at which time Alison realised that the cat thought that the squirrel was her baby! Alison gave the squirrel some water using a pipette after, which the cat carried the squirrel by the neck up to bed where the pair settled down for the night.

As it happened, it was planned to put the cat into a cattery for three days while Alison attended a wedding, so the small squirrel was put into a stall with a guinea pig, to which it took an instant liking. It also enjoyed the company of human beings, especially Alison's husband. Now clearly this is a tricky situation, especially as attempts to find a squirrel mother for the baby have not been successful so far. I will report on progress with this bizarre event in the next edition.

The weather continues to be a miserable topic despite the brief but delightful spell of warmth in late April. In fact, May is the month when easterly winds from the continent tend to dominate the weather giving us some warmth. Sadly this year the general shift has been from the North so the chill has continued causing grief for enthusiastic gardeners and large heating bills for householders. The jet stream axis continues to behave unfairly: surely the time has come for it to settle down into the current seasonal mode and give us some warm weather which lasts. Of course, we also need some warm rain for the seedlings.

A final helpful thought. Perhaps all the hot air generated by the politicians during the General Election and the eventual creation of a Coalition Government will have a frontline effect on the air masses which produce our weather and help to warm the general environment.

David Leith

Open Evening at Princes Risborough Bowls Club

As supporters of the Town Festival celebrations, Princes Risborough Bowls Club is once again staging an Open Evening on Friday 9 July starting at 6pm. Whether you are someone who simply wishes an introduction into what flat green bowling is about or are an experienced bowler, it matters not for all will be made welcome. There are now a surprising number of Naphill folk playing an important role in the life of this club, which continues to prosper. You can find out more by visiting its website at www.bucksinfo.net/prbc.

You will find us off New Road, at the top of the private road immediately opposite Risborough Coachworks. Our club Members and qualified bowling Instructors will be on hand to offer help. Suitable footwear and bowls will be provided free of charge for your use, making it easy for you to come and give it a go!

Ted Stratford 01494 563872

The Clare Foundation

The Clare Foundation is a new philanthropic initiative endowed by Mike Clare, the founder of Dreams plc. It was created in October 2009 to support and improve the efficiency and work of UK registered charities. It will advise, educate and train charities in best practice and operational excellence with the aim of helping them become as effective as successful private companies. Optimising a charity's social impact through business efficiency is the Foundation's core objective.

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We are looking for volunteers to come and help us. More information will follow, hopefully next month. However, if you have a couple of hours a week and would like to be involved, please visit the above website and fill out the form under the volunteers section.

Kate Worthington

P.S. Thank you to all those who sponsored Sharon Piercy and myself last month when we ran the London Marathon for The Outward Bound Trust. Together, we managed to raise £4000, so thank you to you all. We finished before a number of Rhinos and between Dick and Dom from in Da Bungalow!

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If so, we would love you to join us in this year's fete procession to celebrate 100 years of Girlguiding. In this our centenary year, we would like to recognise how many of us are part of the World Guiding family. On Fete Day, Saturday 12 June, we meet at Forge Road at about 11.40am (time to be confirmed). If you have guiding clothing or badges that you would like to wear that would be great, but if not please try to wear a blue top, and in support of the 'Pyjama Party' fete theme, bring a teddy.

Even if you don't make it to Forge Road, but would like to join us en-route in the procession, that would be great.

For more information please contact Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) 565571

From all the Naphill Brownies and Guides

Could You Be a Local Champion?

Reactive Bucks are looking for volunteers to be Community Champions, to help our local community get fit, feel healthier and have fun.

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If you are new to an activity or haven't played since school, we are now running a series of activities for you to get back into sport. Return to Sport courses available in Wycombe.....check www.reactivatebucks.org for details.

National Family Week and Playday

National Family Week (31 May–6 June 2010) is a national celebration of family and family life, encouraging families to play, learn, eat, read, be active and – most importantly – to spend quality time together.

National Family Week is endorsed by Prime Minister Gordon Brown and the leaders of all major UK political parties as well as many influential celebrities.

Monday 31 May – Family Week Picnic

RAF High Wycombe will be celebrating National Family Week with a community event in the garden of @3. **'SUN, SAND & SANDWICHES'** is a family picnic with a difference being held from noon until 3pm. We are bringing the beach to High Wycombe, with sand, seashells and paddling pools to splash about in! Face painting, fun and games, competitions, children's disco and other entertainment should ensure that there is something for everyone.

Wednesday 4 August – PLAYDAY 2010

Playday is an established, unique and well publicised national campaign that aims to raise the profile of play. This year's theme is 'Our place', a campaign that puts children at the heart of our communities, and asks everyone, young and old, to help create better places for us all to live and play.

Playful people, playful spaces
Lots of messy things to do
Always happy smiling faces
Yes, for all the family too
Dads and mums and 'oldies'
Are encouraged to take part
You really shouldn't miss it, play IS the family's heart!

Tropical beach party in the heart of the Chilterns!
Bring a picnic and play in the sand, paddle in the pools and PLAY! @3 Garden from 11am until 2pm.

Dani Bowman – CDO RAF High Wycombe

Speeding

I note in response to the new NAG Speed working Group strategies to target the worst roads in the Parish, traffic monitoring cables have appeared on Main Road Walter's Ash. If as a result of the survey the Group then deem some form of action is needed, it will be the next step that will be of most interest to the local community. In a recent edition of the Gazette, the view that "whatever measures are implemented there will always be those who ignore

them” was expressed. Whilst realistic, this is not strictly accurate as theoretically there are traffic-blocking measures that could be implemented to slow everyone down. Currently, these generally involve speed humps, chicanes and single-lane priority systems – all with their associated costs, markings and street furniture. The effect that such measures would have on the landscape of our villages and the AONB in general would be significant. Whilst wishing the members of the NAG luck with their endeavours, I am hopeful they are mindful of the old adage “*be careful you may just get what you wish for*”.



Bob Foggo

Naphill Brownies

The brownies are busy enjoying the summer evenings. We have had a go at maypole dancing – it turns out that it is harder to explain than I had anticipated, but we did have fun! We have been out on a local treasure hunt and a map-reading walk (not too lost). We have also tried our hand at bread-making and had a ‘Beetle drive’ (brownie style). Future weeks will involve plenty of outdoor fun, as the weather warms up.

We are looking forward to Naphill Fete, and hoping that lots of friends and family will join us in the procession to recognise 100 years of Girlguiding. Many of the brownies are working towards a special Centenary challenge badge – Adventure 100. This requires the brownies to challenge themselves to try things that are difficult in a variety of areas – in the dark, getting wet, cold, up high....etc

Towards the end of term most of the brownies are going to be joining brownies from all over Bucks to take part in a Brownie Circus Skills Fun Day.

Ruth Daly – Brown Owl

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

Any queries, please call Louise on 01494 488255 or Emma on 01494 488603. Alternatively, join us at any Thursday meeting between 2pm and 4pm at Naphill Village Hall during term time.

Louise Lucas

Gardens of Naphill & Walter’s Ash

When I walk through the village I see some beautiful and creative gardens that you have clearly dedicated many long hours to. Why not let others share the beauty and send me some photos to include on a Gazette cover? Gardens can look beautiful in any season.

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Editorial

Fantastic fete - well done to all the organisers for the tremendous amount of work that went in, and to everyone that helped and took part. The September gazette will have the usual centre page colour spread to remind us all of another great village event.

information boards being erected. They are splendid and I have seen so many people stop and read the one at the end of Forge Road. My thanks to Peter Davis and Brigita Bennett for the photos.

No Gazette next month so have a great summer and we will be back at the beginning of September.

This month's cover shows the new FONC

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2–3.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30–7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4–8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8–9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8–9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1–2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday – Forge Road	10.30am–1.15pm
	– Village Hall	12.15–12.50pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2–4pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30–11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7–8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30–11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8–10pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45–10.45am
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10am onwards
	Each Thursday (April–September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April–July)	Group 1, 5pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April–July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8–10pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm

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- 3rd WANSA Summer Fete - 11am to 2pm
Naphill & Walter's Ash School
- 3rd Horticultural Society Summer Show -
Village Hall
- 13th Thames Valley Police "Have Your Say"
- 10.00 to 11.00 am Co-op
- 19th FONC Walk for Health - Meet Village
Hall 10.00am
- 23rd Fundraising Tea Party - Village Hall
2.30pm

August

- 16th FONC Walk for Health - Meet Village
Hall 10.00am

September

- 10th Blood Donors - Village Hall

October

- 9th Past Times Exhibition - Village Hall
10.00am to 5pm
- 15th Blood Donors - Village Hall

November

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Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Lesley Hamer	473502	Mondays 6–7.30pm RAF Community Cent.
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Cubs - Naphill	Ed Atwell	563668	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm Scout & Guide Hut
Cubs - Walter's Ash	Rachel Brace	564679	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm RAF Comm. Cent.
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District Councillor	David Carroll	716967	david_carroll@wycombe.gov.uk
District Councillor	John Gibbs	565544	johngibbs@skymarket.org
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Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
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	Nancy Hussey	563767	
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Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Mondays & Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
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WI	Juliet Shortall	565018	

County Councillor's Report

The County Council is seeking the public's consultation on its new transport plan for the High Wycombe District. This will seek to address all matters relevant to roads, public transport and highway improvements in general. It will set the pattern of management for the next five years and give the opportunity for all readers to have their say. More information is available on the County Council website.

I have now concluded my year as chairman of council and can reflect on what has been a most interesting and enjoyable year. It has taken me the length and breadth of the county and Valerie and I have had the opportunity of meeting a wide range of residents especially those working in the voluntary sector without whom the county services would not properly function.

I have now been appointed to the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, responsible for the Fire Service throughout the county including Milton Keynes. Also I have been appointed vice chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Buckinghamshire. This is the equivalent of a Select Committee and scrutinises policies of both health and social care within the county. It involves a wide ranging survey of all matters pertaining to health care provided by the health authority and social care by the county council. Very interesting and very challenging with a lot of reading to catch up on!

I have had a letter from British Gas and county Highways to say that they are undertaking the essential replacement of 3.5 kilometres of gas main in the Wycombe Area, starting mid June and affecting Missenden Road and Cryers Hill Road over a period of nine months. This will also involve the upgrading of links with domestic properties. Although this will not affect Naphill & Walters Ash residents directly there will be difficulties with traffic congestion on some of the main approach roads.

The Office of Fair Trading is an important part of the county councils service to its residents. Advice is free and can be helpful where there has been misrepresentation in product or service performance. We also make recommendations where there is any doubt of services being offered especially by unregistered traders. Please remember that any rubbish or waste removed by a carrier who is not licensed, if subsequently illegally dumped, becomes the responsibility of the house holder who can be liable for a substantial fine. Please always make sure that anyone offering a cheap service for cash is a bona fide trader and vat registered, especially if removing waste matter.

The County has launched an online one-stop shop

for residents and road users, the first of its kind in the country. The new Service Information Centre will host all the critical information for transport and highways delivery for the County Council. It will allow members of the public to report defects on the highway, monitor progress of our planned and emergency works, track where our gangs are working on a day to day basis, view the winter maintenance in real time as well as act as our main communications channel for school travel planning, public transport and consultation on the development of the county council's Local Transport Plan 3.

Residents and road users can sign up to 'tfbalerts' on twitter and receive up to date information on where there is disruption on our network and keep them abreast of the latest news from the service, pointing back to the Service Information Centre. Visit www.twitter.com/tfblaerts to sign up.

I hope all readers have a pleasant summer break with some good weather.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

I was grateful for the excellent weather at the Fete on June 12. Did you manage to get to the Crick?

In my last report I was anticipating an announcement on the Home Information Packs. I am delighted this wasteful bureaucracy has been abandoned and perhaps a little confidence and common sense for both buyers and sellers will finally prevail. Of course, sellers are still required to commission an EPC (Energy Performance Certificate).

I await to see hear peoples views regarding the new academies for schools and delighted that regional planning will be abolished together with the garden grabbing system so used in the last administration. Locally, of course, residents do not want a continued erosion of our green belt. You have made that clear. We must listen to you. Importantly, building targets have been abolished and it will be up to the people and not developers what is built in this ward. Furthermore, with less money being available for affordable housing, this will have an impact on plans. Importantly, residents are very determined that no one will force affordable housing or any other inappropriate development on green belt land.

There is a lot of new legislation being announced and this will take time to digest for the impact it may have on this ward. We also have the emergency budget on 22 June to contend with.

I attended a Regulatory and Appeals committee on

7 June where amongst agenda items we agreed to a farmers market in Princes Risborough on Sundays, to be reviewed in two years. I expressed concerns regarding actual demand and parking in Risborough, bearing in mind the recent High Wycombe farmers market closed due to lack of demand.

I will be attending an update on the stadium project for Wycombe Wanderers/Wasps on 20 July.

Wishing you a happy summer.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting on May 25th was memorable!!!

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Some of you may have seen recent reports in the Bucks Free Press about the vociferous activities of a group of Hughenden Valley residents at Council meetings. It is extremely unfortunate that a group of people has chosen to disrupt proceedings because of objections to the possibility of a small development of rural affordable homes in Warrendene Road. 'Discourteous' is putting it mildly. I wonder why it is that, in our current society, people feel the need to shout very loudly about something they dislike, to the detriment of the interests of the wider community. The emphasis in the press reporting could have been more balanced but, to be fair, much of the information contained in the reports was about right. I hope that, by the time you read this, the Council will have been able to clarify some of the issues around this matter in a letter to the BFP.

The purported vote of no confidence in the Parish Council on this issue has no validity in law. This is for the fairly obvious reason that, if it did, any group of protestors could bring down a council at will. Hardly democratic!

The process of consultation about rural affordable housing continues with the parish wide survey in

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September. We hope for a high response. The aim of the Parish Council is to serve all its parishioners well. This includes trying to help local households which are unable to access adequate, secure and affordable accommodation on the open market within their own community.

For more information on the Parish Council's approach to rural affordable housing, and its response to those raising objections, please visit the website: www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk.

Peggy Ewart

Neighbourhood Police Newsletter

Contact: 0845 8 505 505

Burglary

The Parish has seen a decrease in Burglaries, during May. To date, there have been NONE reported within the Parish. Once again this is encouraging; however there seems to be a growing trend that garden ornaments are disappearing overnight. In the past this has become a problem. The ornaments are later sold on at car boot sales.

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

Anti-social behaviour has increased during the last month within the Parish. There have been several reports that youths have been out and about in their vehicles causing problems at set locations. They are sat with friends with the doors wide open and playing loud music till the early hours. The main offender in the Kingshill area seems to be a youth in a white vehicle that has orange wheels and a very large noisy exhaust. Details of the vehicle are requested by Police so that robust action can take place. Also another youth has managed to acquire a moped with a noisy exhaust and started to race (slowly) around to the detriment of villagers. ASB with the use of vehicles can be dealt with by use of the Police Reform Act 2002 and using section 59 of the act, vehicles can be seized and destroyed by police. Should you see any ASB please call the team on the above number.

Tea Party

Friday 23rd July

2.30pm to 4.00pm

Naphill Village Hall

In aid of the Stroke Club and M.S.

Tea and cakes £3.50 at the door

Raffle and Gift Stall.

Your support would be appreciated.

Sheila Veysey

Speeding

Two T-SID locations have been utilised, Bryants Bottom was used between 20/04 and 14/05 with the perception that speed has reduced since the usage. The other was Brimmers Hill, for a 4 week period as the road works and the school holiday had different impacts on the use. The remaining T-SID will be installed at Great Kingshill on or before 7th June. This will coincide with the healthy schools week. The Sid device has been used along the Missenden Road, (Red lion) at Great Kingshill with a total of 266 vehicles passing within a 37 minute timeframe, the vehicles were travelling towards Cryers Hill. The results confirmed that 39% of the vehicles were above the permitted limit of 30mph. There is **NO** data that can be taken from these devices. Dates have been planned for June. Enforcement and deployment of the SID device will continue allowing further High Visibility presence.

Good News

Dan Jenner, from Hughenden Valley has been convicted for Drink Driving, and disqualified for a period of 12 months. He was also fined £250 and a further £100 in costs.

A female from the Little Kingshill area was arrested following a collision near the Black Lion public house at Naphill. She was arrested for Drink Driving.

A resident from the Widmer End area had his vehicle broken into in a High Wycombe car park, the offender was caught by officers and admitted the offence. Other similar offences have been taken into account. He was bailed to the Magistrates court in High Wycombe.

A male from the Naphill area has been arrested for the Possession of a Prohibited article he was charged and will be dealt with via the Criminal justice system.

A male from the Kingshill area was arrested for an Assault that took place within the home environment; he was later released without charge.

Other Matters

There also seems to be a possible scam going on via internet use. People have been contacted saying there has been a problem with the server and that by turning on the computer and the person being talked through a series of instructions, the scammer manages to infiltrate the personal details of the victim. There has been a lot of big name dropping during the conversation, i.e. Microsoft and Apple. Please be aware of this style of call and contact your service provider if you are in any doubt. This matter has been re-entered as there have been further calls to Police.

Hughenden Manor Park has seen an increase in people walking dogs and the general walking public, Police have received several reports that a female with a large 'PACK' of dogs, allows them to run off the lead. One of the dogs has already bitten a child, it is not known to what severity but NO hospital treatment was needed. However, this does not detract from the fact that this individual needs to cease her activities in this manner. Information as to her identity should be directed to the Neighbourhood team.

The last HAVE YOUR SAY surgery was held at Widmer End shops, Georges Hill. There was little turnout, feedback was positive and a few people expressed their concerns about youths in the area. The next will have taken place by the time you read this article, it is at Great Kingshill in June.

What Next?

The questionnaire has now been finalised. The NAG priorities will be set, following the meeting in June. The top three priorities will become the main focus within the forthcoming year. You will be informed of the outcome via newsletters and the Police website.

PC 3146 Lee TURNHAM

Neighbourhood Specialist Officer.

lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Lots of NAG news for you this month so I will try and keep this update brief. 126 people in total responded to the questionnaire out of 7000 in the parish. The NAG priorities have now been agreed for the year. They are:

1. Speeding (82 people)
2. Litter (49 people)
3. Parking (46 people)

Just for your interest, priority 4 was burglary (44 people) and priority 5 was dog fouling (30 people).

The police will take the lead on speeding, with various initiatives being put in place around the parish. It has already been proved by work done elsewhere in the area that the majority of people who are over the limit

are local people, so with this in mind be aware of your speed at all times. Volunteers are requested to assist in the Community Speedwatch initiative, see article below.

Residents' Associations have been asked to take the lead on the problem of litter and various suggestions have been put forward such as community "litterpick" days or by asking each resident to keep the area in front of their own houses clear. The first task is to identify if we have any particular problems in Naphill & Walter's Ash so I am putting together an action list. Please let me know if you want to nominate any target areas, or of course if you have any ideas as to how this particular issue can be creatively tackled.

The police are also leading on parking problems, and they are commencing random morning and evening checks at our local schools, issuing warnings and then parking tickets on a zero tolerance basis.

Judy Whitehouse - 562742 judy@judyq.demon.co.uk

Community Speedwatch

The Neighbourhood Action Group have been investigating various tools to help educate drivers about speeding through the Parish. We have the possibility of borrowing a Community Speedwatch machine from a neighbouring Parish Council or NAG. These machines have been deployed successfully in local areas such as Princes Risborough. The device monitors speed and the community volunteers take a description and note of the registration number. The drivers receive a warning letter from the Police who log the car numbers and details of persistent offenders. After a driver has been logged as speeding on a number of occasions, the Police may prosecute and even, in severe cases, may impound the vehicle. Other community groups tell us that it has been successful in reducing speeds amongst persistent speeders.

If you have any views on this initiative, would like further information and/or would like to see the machine in action and potentially volunteer for a session please contact Judy Whitehouse on 562742 or Dennis Lynch on 566129.

News from Christians in the Community

What a great day Saturday (Fete Day!) was. Congratulations to Claire and her team. At our gazebo we sold plants and painted children's hands and faces – wasn't it lucky most children wanted the England flag painted on – the Union flag would have been a trifle difficult!

We hope to have the gazebo at the Hughenden Village Day on the 10th July but at the moment have



It's time to.....



HAVE YOUR SAY

Come and speak to your local Neighbourhood Police Officers –

PC Lee TURNHAM & PCSO Natalie HALL,
and talk to us about any local concerns or comments that you may have regarding local policing.

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Tuesday 13TH July 2010**

no-one to run it. The gazebo can be put up in the morning but the team from Naphill are all on holiday. Leaflets will be available as will plants or books to sell but we do need people there on the day. Are you available? Phone me for more details.

Our next Fellowship safari is on Tuesday 13th July starting at 7.30 pm at Judith Camplison's house, 9 South Maudlin, Hughenden Valley, at 8.15 pm at my house – Santos, Stocking Lane, Hughenden Valley – and then at 9 pm (or thereabouts) Howard Atkinson's house, 1 Heath End Close, Great Kingshill. Do join or phone me for more details.

Have a lovely summer – see you in September (or before!!)

Norma Clarke - 563116

P.S. Let's hope the police catch the driver and car which ran into the Naphill Free Church frontage and the house next door on Sunday 13th June.

Naphill Evening WI

At the WI AGM in Cardiff on the 2nd June, 99.3% of delegates passed the resolution calling for the mandatory clear labelling of food with its true country of origin. We dealt with this briefly at our May meeting, and members present were unanimous in favour of the resolution. After the formalities of the evening were over it was time for a glass of wine, nibbles and a 'beetle drive' – some of us were a bit rusty but it was good fun.

On the 27th May the Food Appreciation Group met at Hughenden, in the delightful 17th Century, Church House - formerly the almshouses. There was somewhat of a contrast in the attire of the members: there were those looking very smart in their best frocks, and some kitted out in walking boots, as they had trod the scenic route from Naphill. They all enjoyed a refreshing cream tea that was greatly appreciated, and Jenny Price was thanked for organising this for us. Another tea is to be arranged for August and details will be announced later. On the 20th July members of the group will be having lunch at Hartwell House.

The Tea Party held on the 9th June was a great success, with a good number of people attending. Thanks were expressed to Beryl Gossage and June Lynch for their hospitality, and for providing an array of sandwiches, cakes and various beverages. Half of the money raised will go to our WI funds, and the other half will go towards a fund for a bursary at Denman College to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the WI.

When fete day dawned and it was actually fine, what a sigh of relief for all the pyjama clad participants on the floats and in the procession; for the stall holders; the expectant fete goers, and especially for the organising committee. We would like to thank all those who helped and supported the WI activities; our tombola stall did well and sold out very quickly; as usual we were busy all day in the kitchen providing various refreshments, and our float won the 'Best Adult Float' award.

Next meeting: 15th July. Speaker: Mrs C R Riley on 'Graphology, the study of character through handwriting'. Competition: A specimen of your handwriting. Flowers: Heather Budsworth. Teas: Judy, Joan Latham & Margaret Stallwood.

- **30th July - BBQ Friends Evening, in Beryl's garden**
- **19th August, walk and pub supper – further details at the July meeting.**

As it is coming up to the main holiday season we would like to wish everyone a very enjoyable sunshiny break.

Nancy Hussey

Naphill Neighbours

First of all, a big thank you to everyone, both members and non-members, who were kind enough to supply us with home-made cakes for our cake stall at the Fete last month. We made a total profit of £491 and it is good to announce that one of our members, Daisy Leek, won the hamper this time.

Space left for Alpha Duplication advert

At our June club meeting, Sally Harborne demonstrated her skills as a flower arranger, showing us how "easy" it is to create delightful arrangements from a few bunches of supermarket flowers and garden greenery for very little money.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed our afternoon mystery tour in the Costwolds - hopefully in pleasant weather.

We meet again on Monday, 12th July when Mrs W. M. Black will be telling us about REMOTE S.W. CHINA - TRAVEL AMONGST THE ETHNIC MINORITIES, THEIR CUSTOMS AND TEXTILES. The tea hostesses are: Penny Leggett and Helen Collins.

In August, on Wednesday 18th, instead of our usual club meeting at the Village Hall we will be visiting HATFIELD HOUSE, leaving Naphill at 9.30am. Tickets are £17 for members and £19 for guests, to be paid for at the July meeting. If you would like to join us on this outing, please contact Sheila (562888) or Hazel (563977) - you don't have to be a member, everyone is welcome.

With no Gazette published in August, a reminder that our September meeting takes place on Monday, 13th with a return visit by Mrs. Jean Purdy on the topic MY PROFESSIONAL COATHANGER, about her collection of theatrical costumes. Tea hostesses will be: Anne Thomas, Jean Fortescue, Val Gibbs and Janet King.

Wishing all our members and their families a pleasant summer break whether home or abroad.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

I write this the day after the fete, still excited by the success, the camaraderie, and the sight of so many members of our community pulling together,



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working hard and providing such a great day out. I have still to find out how it worked out financially, but judging by the crowds it must have added to our funds considerably. We have a lot of expensive items in the pipeline to keep the Hall up to scratch so we just thank the Lord for the fine weather, and the committee for all their hard work in organising the day. Thanks to everybody for working so hard and for turning up in such great numbers and supporting us.

We also have a number of “unsung heroes” who come along regularly to help out in and around the Hall. Where would we be without you. You know who you are and just how much you do to help out. Thank you so much, your efforts are really appreciated.

We preceded our meeting with the annual litter blitz around the Hall and Crick. Our job was easy this year with little rubbish to pick up - a blessing as it was spitting with rain. It's not the highlight of our year, but gets the place looking good for the fete when we have so many visitors. Thanks to those of you who turned up with your rubber gloves and pitched in.

The next consultation session with the Police is on **Tuesday 13th July from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Co-op store in Walters Ash.** This is your chance to raise any concerns you may have with any issues or antisocial behaviour or local policing.

Do make good use of the occasion, if we don't raise issues then the Police can't be expected to deal with them.

We do apologise for the erratic flow of hot water in the kitchen. It appears that we have a leak from the mains. We will address this, but in the meantime it may be necessary to boil up water if you are doing a substantial amount of washing up. Sorry.

Pam Smith has agreed to hold another of her **Historical Exhibitions** on **9th October.** Put the date in your diary now. Pam has such a wonderful collection and her knowledge of the village and its families is amazing, it gives us all such an insight into the development of our community.

We are lucky to live here.

Sarah Bacon - Chairman Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Fete Day

I would like to start by thanking Ian Bond, Barbara Chambers, Kat Dunlap and Paul Jenkins (Bristol) for all their help and hard work on the build up and the actual Fete Day and for helping make it such a success whilst also holding down full time jobs. I also need to apologise to Naphill Neighbours who ran

the cake stall, I'm sorry for the mix up in the programme.

As always we need to thank all the amazing stall holders and volunteers on the day, and for the day before for set up who help make our fete one of the best in area. This also includes all my staff that had to put up with me over the last 6 months.

This year we had a fabulous amount of adverts for the programme and an amazing amount of prizes for the Grand Draw, so thanks to all the companies who help make the day happen. There were some new stalls, and original stalls, the fly past was amazing as usual. The RAF helped us with extra stalls and also with the safety during the procession, along with Hospital Radio, the Pipe Band, Majorettes, and so much more.

Once again thank you to everyone who came and supported and to everyone who helped. Here's to next year.

Winners/Nominees

Best Junior Float	Walter Ash & Naphill Pre-School
Best Senior Float	Women's Institute
Best Walking Tableau	The Guides
Best Senior Fancy Dress	Ruth Bond
Best Junior Fancy Dress - Under 5's	Mary Vallence
5- 8 Years	Harry Cooper
Over 9 years	Andrew Cooper
Best Stall	The Second Hand Emporium
Good Neighbour	Mike Mason
Nominees	Andrew Wilmot
	Bill Price
	Bill Stallwood
	Judy Blofeld

Winners of the Dog Show

Most Handsome	Floyd	(Charlotte Bendle)
Prettiest Bitch	Jasmine	(June Hatt)
Golden Oldies	Barney 15yrs	(John Evans)
Best Rescue	Toddy	(Gwyneth Brown-Lowe)
Waggiest Tail	Oatis	(Angie)
Fancy Dress	Casper	(The Stig aka Jason)
Judges Choice	Chaz	(Erin Jones)
Best In Show	Jasmine	
Reserve	Chaz	

Book Stall

Once again we have had a tremendous time at the fete and there are many 'thank you' to pass on. A very big thank you to all you wonderful people who donated books. They get better every year. To Mike and Cameron who organised the tables and gazebo, then put out the boxes of books. Then to my 'sellers', Eileen, Rosie, Alan (who later took charge of the Swingboats), Matthew and Mike, and Dick who took away the books not suitable for passing on. These get sold to an outlet and the

Walter's Ash Naphill School Association



Summer Fete



Saturday 3rd July

At Naphill & Walter's Ash School

11am-2pm

Admission: Adults £1. Children free

Traditional fete stalls with lots of new activities - fun for all the family

Pony rides

BBQ

Face painting

Bouncy castles

Dance displays

Football tournament

Tea & Cakes

Pimms Bar

Children's Baking Competition

Fete organiser: Amanda Hall 07778 840424
Amanda.j.hall5@btinternet.com

money goes to Bucks Hospice. Last, but by no means least, you the buyers. You helped us raise in excess of £551 for the Village Hall.

Finally, a big thank you to Claire and Iain for taking over the organising of Fete day.

Pauline Pool

Naphill Horticultural Society

<http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk/>

I read in the paper recently that now is the time to sit back and enjoy your garden, all the hard work having been done – will someone please tell that to

the lawn and the weeds, and explain to the patio pots and greenhouse plants why they have not been watered! Also, a kind friend gave me a plaque a few weeks ago which reads "A garden is a thing of beauty and a job forever" So very true!!

Despite this, I love nothing better than a walk round the garden admiring new plants or spotting old faithfuls re-emerging –a reward for all the time spent nurturing them. So do remember to take the time to enjoy your gardens this summer- a glass of something palatable in one hand also helps!!

Please remember that our Summer Show takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd July, so if you have not yet got a schedule and decided what you can enter, contact Peter Davis right away, or download the schedule from our website.

The show opens to the public at 2pm when you can admire the exhibits. As usual, there will be teas, a raffle and sales table so you can make an afternoon of it before the ever-popular auction of exhibits at 4pm.

We also have our Autumn Show, in exactly the same format and that will take place on Saturday 4th September. The schedules cover both shows, so you can plan ahead for September if your plants and vegetables are not ready for July! Do come along and support us if you can.

Happy gardening.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning

10/06135/FUL 35 Vincents Way, Naphill. HA for raising of roof, insertion of 7 dormer windows, roof extensions and alterations in connection with creation of 1st floor living accommodation. Construction of side and rear extensions, new front porch and associated external and internal alterations. (Objection due to over-development.)

Spending and Council Tax Issues

Our June meeting touched on the government spending cuts. This opens up a window of opportunity for our local community to pursue concerns over waste of public money.

Examples of waste mentioned were:

(a) The wasteful planning appeal system in which we pay two or three times over for the District Council to make one decision, then the Bristol Planning Inspectorate to overturn it, and then even overturn its own earlier rulings. The system is fundamentally unfair as a developer can appeal against a planning

Hughenden Church Teas

Why not come and sample our home-made cakes with a cup of tea or coffee whilst enjoying the views from the historic Church House in Hughenden Park.

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Midweek group teas by prior arrangement

refusal but the public cannot appeal against a bad planning consent.

(b) The spiralling cost of interpreters and translations in spite of policy to require a command of English.

(c) The wasteful cost of 3-tier local government with county, district and parish councils (see Steve Cohen's recent S Bucks Star editorial). It was noted there is no control over parish council budgets. It was asked whether HPC's £180,000 expenditure gives taxpayers acceptable value for the few services it provides.

Green Belt and AONB Policy

The June meeting noted that it continues to be Government policy as well as County and District Council policy to protect Green Belts and AONBs. We have fought for decades to defend AONB and Green Belt. It therefore remains the duty of the Parish Councillors to work to preserve our environment in accordance with these policies.

However, the Bucks Free Press has twice reported public outrage at a secretive Parish Council plan, over many years, to develop Green Belt/ AONB land for "affordable housing". In the opinion of many local residents there is no justification for AONB/Green Belt farmland development when "affordable houses" exist in the town a short bus or cycle ride away and 98 are being built at Wellesbourne and Terriers. Further, people do not believe these can be kept separate from the general housing stock in the long term. If this plan goes ahead it will open the floodgates for many more, and set a dangerous precedent for private developers to follow.

The Bucks Free Press also reported a "No Confidence" vote against the Parish Council Chairman by a hall full of parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting, which she refused to accept, although Radnage PC resigned en bloc after one such vote. It was noted that the Parish Councillors were returned to office unopposed, or co-opted, and not in any sense "elected" as claimed by the Parish

Council Chairman in the April Gazette. The Parish Council's mandate is therefore weak.

Public Meeting Thursday 8th July 2010

The NAWARA Committee regards the plans for development of "affordable houses" on AONB/GB farmland as of such concern as to require public discussion. A Public Meeting is therefore convened for Thursday 8th July at 8 pm in Naphill Village Hall, open to all residents, where any further issues regarding Hughenden Parish Council can also be raised. Representatives from other Residents Associations will also be in attendance.

Dinner Dance. Saturday 20th November

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 8th July 2010, Naphill Village Hall.

Malcolm Leflaive 563634

Editor's Declaration of Interest: I had quite a dilemma over this one, being both Editor and Parish Councillor. I discussed this dilemma with Malcolm and Marek and their request was either that the article be included in its entirety or that the whole residents article be removed with an explanatory comment. I decided with my Editor hat on that it should be published. This does not mean that with my Parish Councillor hat on I agree with the views expressed in it.

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

The pictures on the front of this month's Gazette will show the new information boards we have erected at the main entrances to the Common. It has been a major undertaking and thanks must go to the brave band that dug through layers of flint and heavy Naphill clay to erect them. We certainly learned why the Lords of the Manor were generous enough to allow the peasants to use the land – it was no use for cultivation. We hope people find the information boards helpful, attractive and welcoming. We don't want to turn the Common into a park or damage its wild and tranquil character, but it is important that local people are not deterred from using it by the maze of paths, many of which are overgrown or muddy or both.

Our group is still growing fast. We leafleted houses in Walter's Ash and Naphill and, at the last count, we have 179 members. Many thanks for your support. Since we have recruited members throughout the year the time for renewing subscriptions is different for different members, but eventually our membership secretary Stephanie Morgan will try to synchronise everyone.

Chinnor Railways Events July/August 2010

Sunday 4th July - Chinnor Railway Steam and Diesel Service with afternoon Cream Teas

Saturday 10th July - WILDLIFE ON THE MOVE Journey on the Icknield Line and discover the local wildlife. Commentary en route given by The Chilterns Conservation Board.

Sunday 11th July - Chinnor Railway Steam and Diesel Service

Sunday 17th July FISH AND CHIP QUIZ EVENING A general knowledge quiz whilst travelling on board the steam train. Teams of 4 Players Evening includes Fish and chip supper. For more details on our NEW evening event or to book. Evening starts at 7.00.

Sunday 18th July SENIOR CITIZENS DAY All Senior Citizens travel HALF PRICE throughout the day. team and Diesel Service with afternoon Cream Teas

Sunday 25th July Chinnor Railway Steam and Diesel Service

Sunday 1st August Chinnor Railway Steam and Diesel Service with afternoon Cream Teas Trains at 10.15, 11.45, 1.15, 2.45 & 4.15

Sunday 8th August ANNUAL GALA DAY All available steam and diesel locomotives will be in operation throughout the day. Special Timetable will apply.

Saturday 14th August SHERLOCK HOLMES MURDER MYSTERY EVENING Murder Mystery Evening and Dining Experience. Evening includes a murder at the railway, dinner, mixer quiz, prizes and certificate for the winner. Enjoy a 3 course meal served by our own stewards on board the steam train which departs at 7.15pm.

Sunday 15th August Chinnor Railway Steam and Diesel Service with afternoon Cream Teas

Saturday 21st August WILDLIFE ON THE MOVE Journey on the Icknield Line and discover the local wildlife. Commentary en route given by The Chilterns Conservation Board.

Sunday 22nd August Chinnor Railway Steam and Diesel Service

Saturday 28th - Mon 30th August TEDDY BEAR DAYS Each child carrying a Teddy Bear will travel **FREE** when accompanied by a fare paying adult. Plus kids entertainers. Saturday 28th August Diesel Service Only

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A number of people have approached committee members with various complaints about the abuse of the Common: dog fouling, dogs harassing animals and birds, cyclists and horses using footpaths instead of the bridleways, tree felling, rubbish dumping and so on. It is important to stress that the Friends of Naphill Common group has no more power than individual villagers to determine what happens on the Common. The ultimate authorities are the landowners, Sir Edward Dashwood and The National Trust, and – because it is an SSSI - Natural England. However, we do have influence and an energetic committee willing to fight for the Common, so please continue to pass on your observations and opinions. Meanwhile we ask people to treat our finest local amenity with respect and be considerate to other people: with a little thought we and the Common can enjoy a superb future.

June was a busy month. I write before much of it has happened but, with luck, we had a visit to Moorend Common on 6th June. Like our common and most Chiltern commons, Moorend was mainly open heathland around the beginning of the 20th Century. Almost half was covered in trees and scrub by the late 1940s and three quarters by 2000. Dr Chris Smith produced a ten year management plan in 1996 but few of its objectives were achieved. The Moorend Common Conservation Committee produced a new plan in 2006 and they have been much more successful in its implementation. They have opened up several areas and tried to increase the diversity of plant and animal species. The common is particularly rich in ground flora including southern marsh orchids and common spotted orchids. Unusual for the high Chilterns, Moorend Common has several small streams which flow into a swallow hole and disappear. Presumably the water eventually reaches the Thames.

Naphill Common once had common spotted orchids and the much rarer spider orchid and lesser butterfly orchid, but these have all been lost as the tree cover has increased. If we were to open up some of the remaining glades we could reintroduce the junipers grown from cuttings recently taken from the four surviving specimens, and who knows what flowers might return? The largest of our struggling junipers, badly damaged by the snow, has produced copious clouds of pollen. Let us hope that this is not its last gasp and, if it is, that some of the pollen reaches its mate on West Wycombe Hill.

The Fete and our Midsummer Picnic will have come and gone by the time you read this, but don't forget our 'Walks for Health' on Monday 19th July, 16th August, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November and 20th December. All start from the Village Hall at 10 am and everyone is welcome. We hope to announce some other events in the coming

months including details of another fungus foray on Sunday 3rd October.

Trevor Hussey

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Saturday 10th July 2010


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Naphill Tennis Club: Your Village Club



A wonderful day at the Naphill Fete brought young and old alike to the **Strawberries & Cream Stall** and **Ball-machine Activity Game** at the Tennis Club! Both proved to be a great success (once members of the public had discovered where we were located) and, helped no doubt by the good weather, we had sold out of strawberries by 3 pm!

Improvers' Coaching – these 1 hour sessions at 9.30 am on Wednesdays for members/non-members are proving very popular and it is still not too late to come along and join in. The remaining

sessions will be held on 23rd and 30th June and 7th and 14th July and there is a small charge. For further information, please contact our coach Mel Ebbles on 07949 128195.

Summer Tennis Camps – these will be held during the school summer holiday for youngsters from 3 years old to teenagers. Again, these are run by Mel Ebbles so contact her quickly if you wish to be included!

Match Play – we are looking for more players for our adult teams so, if you would like to take part, just give us a call or pop along to our club session on a Sunday or Tuesday morning from 10 am.

Remember - new members are always welcome. Just contact our Membership Secretary, Sue Crooks, on 562539 or myself on 565406.

Jenny Tench, Secretary

The Wheel

Well what a busy couple of months with the sunny weather, we have had our hands full with a very busy pub and kitchen, but all the staff have had to also deal with the chaos of the run up to fete day. So thanks for your patients and help. We had our busiest quiz night ever which was the music quiz and it was amazing and fun for everyone, so for all those who haven't joined us yet please come and have a go. It's fun not serious.

Fete day was another amazing day and the weather was just about right. Thanks to everyone who helped with setting up the pub and the float it was much appreciated. The day went smoothly with everyone helping out and lots of people made the effort to wear their PJs which always adds to the atmosphere of the day. The live music was fabulous with John James Newman and his father playing in the afternoon. The first England game was on which slowed things down for us as so many people watched the game at home as we weren't sure if we were going to be able to show the whole game. Now fete day is over for another year the World cup will be on in the pub.

What's coming up.....Well July is looking to be fairly quiet as we currently have no major events planned and we all get a little time to recoup after fete day. So August is the next month to consider.

- 8th August – Whip vs. Wheel Cricket match held at Lacey Green Cricket Club
- 13th August – Live Music - Ben Lee (this has been confirmed)!
- 30th August – Bank Holiday
- 10th / 11th Sept – Joint Beer Festival with The Whip

We need to get our cricket team organised for the Whip vs. Wheel on the 8th August so please come and let us know if you want to play. Last year was an amazing day for all the family so please come and support the day again this year. We also need to win again this year.

Once again thank you to everyone who helped support the pub over the last few months and also for everyone who helped during the fete.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon.
Cheers

Claire and Mark

Geoff Smalley

Geoff Smalley passed away on 17th May 2010 at Florence Nightingale Hospice in Aylesbury. He was 65 years old. Geoff was diagnosed with kidney cancer in Autumn 2009 and underwent an operation to remove one of his kidneys. He recovered very well, regaining his health and returning to work until late March this year. Sadly, just a couple of months ago his health began to deteriorate very rapidly and he was admitted to the hospice at Stoke Mandeville a week before he died.

Geoff and our family moved to Naphill in late 1986 and we all settled very quickly into village life. Geoff regularly helped out at the village Bonfire Night and the Summer Fete, and he also did a great deal of fundraising when he was Chairman of the Wycombe and District branch of Diabetes UK.

Geoff took up an allotment just at the top of our lane and was often found spending many happy hours working on his plot. Our thanks go to all his fellow 'allotmenters' for their very kind donation to Florence Nightingale Hospice.

A few years ago Geoff decided to opt out of the rat race, giving up his daily commute for a more enjoyable pace of life. He set up his own painting and decorating business and was always kept busy working for many people in Naphill and around. Much of Geoff's business came through recommendations and word of mouth, so thank you to all of you who used Geoff's services over the years.

We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our neighbours and friends in Naphill and beyond who have been a tremendous support to Geoff and our family during his illness. Particular thanks go to Mike & Pauline Pool, Rosie & Dick Field and Chris & Alan Lewis whose unwavering kindness and help has been so gratefully received during this difficult time.

Lynne Smalley & Family

Fake Charity Collections

Many thanks once again to Alan Lewis for pointing out that Rutex, one of the companies that drop leaflets through our doors ostensibly collecting clothes and "brick a brack" for overseas, are **not a charity**. If you Google Rutex, you will find that they have been criticised by the Advertising Standards Authority who considered that their advertising material was misleading as they did not make it clear that clothing collected was sold for profit.

Bikers Rumble into Town to Support "Help For Heroes"

It wasn't the deep growl of a Lancaster's Merlin engine that shook the ground on the morning of 15th May at RAF High Wycombe but rather the growl of over twenty Harley Davidsons and other bikes rolling up to the gates of Air Command.

Members of the Doggs B*****s Motorcycle Club (DBMCC) and West London Harley Riders (WLHR) presented a cheque for £1000 to Station Commander A J Radcliffe MA RAF on Saturday 15th May in aid of 'Help For Heroes'. Bikers from both clubs recently hosted a sponsored charity event at the Breakspere Public House in Harefield with a live band, raffle and other money-raising activities. It was Tom Bates, a member of DBMCC, who is employed by PriDE based at RAF High Wycombe, who came up with the idea for making the presentation to Group Captain A J Radcliffe MA RAF.



Many members of both clubs are ex-servicemen themselves and all who took part appreciated the opportunity to show support. Aboard their bikes and trikes they rode in convoy from Harefield to RAF High Wycombe to mark the occasion. Group Captain A J Radcliffe MA RAF admitted to only having limited experience on two wheels, but spoke to all assembled and inspected the machines with a

keen military eye for precision. Del, President of the DBMCC said, "We were proud to raise £1000 for "Help For Heroes" and more money is still being donated. The response from fellow riders was tremendous and the money raised demonstrates how conscious we all are of the sacrifices being made by our servicemen and women fighting abroad. We wanted to do something to show our ongoing support and respect for all members of the Armed Forces who face danger overseas and the "Help For Heroes" charity seemed a perfect solution".

A Near Miss

June and I were seated on the patio enjoying morning coffee in the sunshine. Frazer, our ginger cat, was stretched out full length on the lawn twenty feet in front of us and a troop of 13 Red Kites were wheeling above, conducting their morning search for their food. Suddenly, one large bird broke off from the group and swept over our garden, wheeled round and approached again, low. I realised that Frazer was on the short list for a Red Kite lunch and prepared to intervene. However the bird flashed over at about ten feet and zoomed up to rejoin the rest of the birds. Frazer had not realised that his demise was imminent and slept on happily!

As a result of this episode and having observed that the number of Red Kites in our area is quite significant, I wonder whether there is enough carrion in the area to maintain the Kite population and whether they would extend their food interests or simply suffer a natural cull through lack of food.

Following on from my note about my daughter's cat treating a baby squirrel as her infant, the incident is not yet resolved. The squirrel is still living contentedly with the guinea pig but is less certain when dealing with human beings and the cat. Attempts to find a squirrel foster mother have failed so far but the baby is growing rapidly and will hopefully be restored to the wild soon.

David Leith

Past Times Exhibition Saturday 9th October

By popular request, Pam Smith is once again running her local history exhibition in the Village Hall. This time the event will be opened by the Mayor of High Wycombe, Councillor Jane White. Put the date in your diary - more news in the September Gazette.

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

More than half way through the summer term already! Time has certainly gone very quickly so far

and at school we are already thinking ahead to September.

Our Year 6 children did do their Key Stage 2 SATs although the staff do disagree with the way in which the SATs are used. As a school we are primarily judged on these results and the teacher assessment, which is a much truer reflection of the children's performance, is not taken into account. Course work is taken into account at GCSEs to give a balanced measure of the child's ability, so it is at odds with SATs which judge a child, particularly in writing, on two pieces of work.

The election did not seem to give us much hope that any of the parties would see sense when it comes to SATs and unfortunately the coalition want to make tests more stringent. So, even without the aid of a crystal ball, I predict more teaching to the tests will follow. They have changed the name of the Department so web sites, letter headings etc are all being altered (a good way to spend your limited budget?). However with such innovative ideas as learning poetry off by heart and knowing the order of British monarchs our children will be well prepared for life in the 21st Century.

Anyway, back to the real world. I have just had a great chat with a child in Reception about volcanoes and geysers and another one told me about the time he was stung on his foot by a wasp.

The Year 6 children took part in a rounders tournament last week and are currently participating in a hockey competition. In the first round, one of the players got hit by a stick just above his eye which resulted in a trip to A and E. But true to form, as soon as the blood had stopped flowing he wanted to come back and play for his team. We are now through to the final stages having played a closely fought draw with another local school. I loved playing hockey and it is great to see so many children playing at school and now taking it up at local clubs. I was lucky enough never to get a serious injury – just injured others, Sarah Palmer's fingers got broken just before her piano exam so in some ways I did her a favour.

There are plans afoot to create allotments and raised beds on the school field (on one side not on the all important football pitches). Several of the staff are very keen to get planting and have paths of wild flowers etc. Chickens keep being mentioned so we will have to see what happens there, but growing your own food is very much part of 'sustainability'. At next year's fete you may be able to eat our home-grown chicken nuggets. Our Year 5 children are currently giving their garden area an overhaul and are loving being outside and getting dirty. We are having a World Cup theme week and this will be a great opportunity for the classes and teachers to work in different groups. The classes

and ages will be mixed up during the week and it provides the older children with opportunity to take the lead in many activities.

I hope to see lots of you at the WANSA fete and have a great summer.

Kerenza Gwynn - Headteacher

Naphill Brownies

Firstly may I say a huge **thank you** to all those of you who came and joined in the Fete procession. I reckon we had nearly 80 Brownies and Guides past and present. Our efforts won us **first prize** in the walking groups section of the procession (Although if it were done on volume of singing I think the Beavers were giving stiff competition). It was great that some of the Walters Ash Brownies joined us too. Doing things together like this is part of what guiding is all about. In fact during the day at the fete we also managed to set up a link with a brownie pack from Sidcup with whom we hope to make some new brownie friends.

Time seems to be flying by this term. We are spending as much time as possible outside. We have done a walk through the woods following a trail set by our older brownies. We have played parachute games and had an evening out on the crick sharing our outdoor toys and playing on our bikes.

Amongst all this, we have managed to welcome 5 new brownies to our pack, made gifts and cards for Fathers' Day and prepared items for Fete Day. The brownies are always enthusiastic to have a go at anything we try, and are willing to 'lend a hand' whenever asked. I am always amazed at just how much fun can be had when brownies are asked to sweep up or wash some paintbrushes!

As the term draws to close we will be saying goodbye to Portia Hansen, the youngest of our adult leaders. She will be heading off to University in September. We would like to thank her for all her hard work at brownies and wish her the best of luck for the future.

On the 10th July 18 of our Brownies will be joining in the fun at the Bucks Centenary Brownie Circus Funday, along with Brownies from all over Bucks. What a great way to end the term.

Ruth Daly - Brown Owl

Naphill and Hughenden Scout Group



The group currently consists of two Beaver colonies, two Cub packs and one Scout troop - we are also

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Beavers (6 to 8 year olds)

Hughenden Beavers celebrated it's first birthday in April with the Beavers enjoying a birthday cake.

We have completed the Fitness Challenge badge recently, and are in the process of completing our Adventure, Creative and Outdoor Challenge badges. We have 8 Beavers nearing completion of their Chief Scout Bronze Award which will be presented by our District Commissioner in July.

In support of the BBC programme Dig In, we've recently taken on an allotment. We've put in six raised beds and have been busy growing seeds ready to plant out. We've also been on an adventure walk at Hughenden Manor and in Great Kingshill, have made a gift for Father's Day, made cakes and have learnt about magnets.

Both Beaver colonies are going on a joint Day Camp in Hertfordshire, where we will be setting up camp, racing pedal karts and trying out the Cresta Run.

At Naphill Beavers, this term's activities have included parachute games, a visit from RSPCA complete with a horse and ducks, an instruction from the Towersey Morris Men, a Woodland Walk around Naphill Common, rounders, a sports day, a sausage sizzle, and World Cup and Fathers Day crafts.

We have a joint day camp and also a campfire/open evening planned with the Hughenden Beavers.

Cubs (8 to 10½ years)

This term Hughenden Cubs have completed their Home Safety and Home Help badges – the latter has included sewing, cooking a meal, cleaning windows and brass, ironing and polishing shoes !

We have been celebrating saint's days with the Cub Scout promise crafted on a shamrock, the baking of Welsh cakes and making St. George and the Dragon collages.

We will soon be going on Summer Camp so are preparing by tent pitching, rucksack packing and practising camp inspections. The Cubs will be doing their Outdoor Challenge badge by fire lighting, hiking, shelter building, doing archery and climbing wall activities.

This term, with the good weather, Naphill Cubs have been carrying out a number of activities outside, mainly in the woods. To date we have been orienteering, holding wide games, Dragon boating, shelter building and fire lighting.

For the rest of the term we will be cycling, climbing at Green Park, hiking and holding more wide games. We currently have over 30 Cubs most of who, attend regularly and seem to enjoy being outside.

Many thanks to Ed Corble who has just finished being a Young Leader with the pack having helped for over 3 years.

Scouts (10½ to 14½ years)

We currently have 40 Scouts in the troop. Thursday programmes have included a backwoods cook out, map and compass work and pioneering projects. We have recently returned from a Patrol Camp at Chalfont Heights, where the boys used skills learned by cooking for themselves, orienteering and building a monkey bridge. All Scouts that attended earned their Outdoor Challenge badges.

We are intending to use our navigation and cooking skills at our proposed hike camp in July.

Viper Explorer Scouts (14½ to 18 years)

Viper Explorer Unit has had a very active summer, especially with community involvement. This has included running the coconut shy at the Naphill fete, assisting the National Trust with their countryside day by having a camp, demonstrating charcoal making and campfire cooking. We will be helping at the Hughenden Village Day on 10th July; and in August look out for us in the form of the Wombles recycling team at Towersey Village Festival.

Recent and forthcoming activities include bridge building, climbing, kayaking, high-ropes, camping, incident hike, challenge night and mural painting, along with the ever popular uni-hockey games.

Four Explorer's recently completed their Duke of Edinburgh's award expedition and others are planning theirs for later in the year. Two Explorers have been selected as the West Chiltern District representatives to attend the World Jamboree in Sweden in 2011 and both are actively fundraising to cover costs.

We still have leader vacancies from Beavers through to Explorers – and would like to start another Scout Troop in September depending upon our recruitment success. We also need to find a new treasurer and secretary for the Scout & Guide HQ committee - so if you are interested in joining the team – then please make contact.

As always, sincere thanks to all of our existing uniformed leaders, Explorers, helpers and active parents for their continued hard work.

If your child is keen to join us then please put their name on our waiting lists early since places are limited.

Barry Reading, Gill Graham, Shelagh Sheppard, Ed Atwell, Adrian Curtis, Nick George – Naphill & Hughtenden Scout Group Leaders.

If you have any queries about our Scout Group, please contact Peter Byerley (Group Scout Leader) on 01494-565955.

Naphill and Walters Ash Pre-School

As the academic year draws to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have supported Pre-School. Firstly, I would like to thank the staff who work extremely hard, and provide a stimulating, secure and happy environment for the children. Kate Worthington resigned from her role as Office Administrator in March as she had other ventures to pursue; Kate was a valued member of staff and her efficiency has enabled a smooth transition for our new Administrator Mrs Barbara Chambers. As Chair person, I must thank the Committee who have supported me and carried out their voluntary roles in a very professional manner. We have benefited from the support of the local community, Mrs Coveney devotes one morning a week to enable the children to be accompanied on the keyboard in their singing session. The Wheel Pub have provided numerous raffle donations. RAF High Wycombe have provided computers for the children to use, including appropriate software packages. The Spring Dance was once again a huge success,

thanks mainly to the efforts of Jane Lomas. Thank you to Jane, and to all of the people who helped on the night, and those who attended. The money we raise from events such as the Dance allows us to improve the Pre-School building. This year, we have had the safety flooring installed outside, and a canopy has been ordered which will hopefully be erected in the Autumn Term. The Pre-School is able to enter a float in the village fete every year thanks to the commitment of Annabel Brocklebank, and Shaun Maguire. My son has thoroughly enjoyed being on the float for the last two years, and he will be disappointed next year when he has to walk with the school! The Pre-School cannot operate without volunteers to both run the Committee, and to help with the numerous events that are held throughout the year. Thanks to all of you (and I apologise if I haven't mentioned you personally).

Jackie Farrell

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

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Louise Lucas

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Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2–3.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30–7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4–8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8–9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8–9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1–2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday – Forge Road	10.30am–1.15pm
	– Village Hall	12.15–12.50pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	1–3pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30–11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7–8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30–11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8–10pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45–10.45am
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10am onwards
	Each Thursday (April–September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April–July)	Group 1, 5pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April–July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8–10pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm

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October

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15th Blood Donors - Village Hall

22nd UTTC Play - Village Hall

November

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December

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Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	562845	
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WI	Juliet Shortall	565018	

Editorial

After a gap of several years – time off for good behaviour! - it's a pleasure to be back, albeit temporarily, in the editor's chair. Judy Whitehouse exemplifies the adage "if you want something done, ask a busy person", and it is to her credit that she thought the *Gazette* ought to have an independent editor at a time when, as a Councillor on Hughenden Parish, she is also involved in the debate around rural housing in Hughenden Valley. There are articles on that topic once again in this issue and all any editor can hope is that any debates can be conducted with both civility and respect for others' views. Also in this issue are articles on both the 2010 and 2011 Fetes and new details of Naphill on-line. Finally, congratulations to the publicans, Claire and Mark, at "The Wheel" who celebrated 4 years occupancy this summer - they have added greatly to village life since their arrival.

Sheila Draper

Fete Photographs

Very best thanks to Ian Banks, who supplied the wonderful cover photos this month and also, unless otherwise indicated, most of the photos included in the centre page spread. Ian is happy to supply copies of these photographs (at a small charge to cover costs) and can be contacted on 565167 email ian.banks@btinternet.com.

Judy Whitehouse

Launching the New Naphill & Walter's Ash Web Site

<http://www.naphill.org.uk/>

The new web site launches this month so make sure you have a look next time you are on the internet! The site has been developed for us by David Kidger of Squidge Inc. David produces web sites for, amongst others, the BBC, and he has designed and coded our web site from scratch.

We wanted a traditional village feel to the site but at the same time to incorporate many of the latest design features available. Some of the features you will find there already are:

- Upcoming local events - powered by Google Calendar
- History of Naphill & Walter's Ash
- Details of our clubs and societies, with links to their web sites where available
- Latest village news – for those of you who "Tweet" this is a Twitter feed
- A front page space for adverts (which will be chargeable)

Local information – links to places of interest, transport information, public administration, information, support and advice and newsletters from local organisations

Coming soon we will also have:

- A search facility for local services advertised in the *Gazette* (free to existing advertisers)
- A photo gallery
- Gazette archives and some back issues.

The site will be run by volunteers as a self-funding, non-profit making community project alongside the *Gazette*. Advertising revenue will be used to cover the costs of hosting and developing the site. At the moment the volunteers are David, Sue Fryer (advertising) and me, but we hope to recruit more people into the team as the site develops.

For now, if you want anything broadcast in the news section then drop me an email or if it is urgent text the message to my mobile 07813 678844.

If anyone has suitable gallery photos of the village for the web site then please send them over. All site feedback welcome, my contact details are shown below.

Huge thanks to David for all his work. Thanks also to Peter Davis and Ian Banks for the home page banner photos and to Betty Leaver for allowing me to include extracts from Rex's History of Naphill and Walter's Ash.

Judy Whitehouse – tel .562742
judy@judyq.demon.co.uk

County Councillor's Report

Leaving for holiday before the end of July and these notes being required before 15th August, it requires some foresight as to what future topics may be appropriate for readers especially at this time when so many changes are taking place in local government, many happening during the coming months. The most significant change I have noted so far is on planning matters. The Minister for Local Government has announced that garden areas are no longer "brown field sites" and Planning Guidance PP3 requiring high density development will no longer apply. Hopefully this should see an end to "garden grabbing" and the loss of green space to high numbers of dwellings being squeezed into comparatively small plots. Naphill and Walters Ash have been particularly subjected to this unsuitable policy over the past ten years.

In July I had my first experience of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Public Health Services, of which I am now the Vice Chairman. This committee has a wide ranging remit and involves looking 'outwards' and across agencies. Its focus is on health and while its main interest is likely to be the National Health Service, it may also look at associated services such as the performance of the ambulance service. The July meeting dealt with the temporary closure of the Midwifery-Led Unit at Wycombe General Hospital, a subject which has generated much press comment. No doubt there will be many similar contentious topics over the coming months as we get to grips with the Government's plans to radically re-organise the NHS.

Back in June I promised that we would have new Village Name Plates at the entrance to our villages. I am now assured that these will be in place by the time you read this article! I have had to make some difficult decisions regarding road re-surfacing plans because of further cuts to the local budget. I am afraid that this is a foretaste of what is going to be a very difficult period of local government cut backs.

On a happier note my Community Leadership budget remains intact, for the moment. This allows me to help finance local community schemes which require some financial assistance. Last year I had a few requests from Naphill and Walters Ash but more from other parts of my Division, which is the whole of Hughenden Parish. Please let me have written requests before the end of October, stating what the project is, the total funding needed and what has been raised so far.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

I hope you have had a pleasant summer.

As you are probably aware, the new Government is issuing Legislation at some speed, which as you can appreciate is both exciting and challenging. There appears to be a number of good announcements particularly around planning placing more power to all of us, although we do need to look at the small print and how local initiatives can be put into practice.

I am still keeping an eye on the High Speed 2 proposals and as you know have argued against this on both an economic and engineering basis.

I attended a working group with Hughenden Parish Council to ascertain their process for a survey of residents needs on rural affordable housing together with the public follow up meeting. I am interested to see how this progresses and look forward to the presentation of the full results.

On a district level, I attended a follow up meeting on the tenant led transfer of Council homes with a full vote due in the late Autumn. I also attended a progress meeting on the Wasps/Wycombe Wanderers stadium project with a special Council on 31 August to vote on moving ahead.

Finally, I contributed £60 from my community fund for the provision of a large hose reel and fittings for Naphill and Walters Ash School to help the children attend to their plants and vegetables throughout the summer. A big "Thank You" to the children for sending me such a colourful and cheerful card, which was much appreciated.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

1. Report of July meeting

At its monthly meeting on July 13th 2010 the Parish Council passed the following resolution unanimously:-

Hughenden Parish Council is committed to protecting the AONB and Green Belt. However, it recognizes that there may be exceptional cases where a genuine need for rural affordable housing has to be met on greenfield sites, including small-scale incursions into the Green Belt and/or within the AONB. In such cases the Parish would seek to co-operate with Local Authorities to ensure that identified sites do not damage the environment, AONB or Green Belt, and to make sure that design and landscaping are appropriate to the setting.

At an Extraordinary meeting of the Council on August 5th 2010 it was resolved that Housing Needs Survey forms would be delivered to all households in the Parish towards the end of September, for return to Community Impact Bucks by October 22nd. It is hoped that there will be a good response to this Survey so that there is a clear indication of parishioners' views. This is a large Survey and the analysis will take some time. It is not expected that there will be anything further to report until the end of the year.

The Parish is, of course, aware of opposition from some residents to the idea that it may be necessary to use a very small area of greenfield land if sufficient 'need' has been identified to justify the building of a small development for local people. There will be a 'frequently asked questions' sheet enclosed with the questionnaire to households. It is hoped people will find time to read this so that any misconceptions about the consultation process, and the possible implications of the Survey results, may be clarified. Unfortunately there is quite a lot of misinformation in the public domain about this issue.

Parishioners are welcome to approach me, and other ward members, if they would like to discuss this matter further.

Peggy Ewart

2. Letter to Gazette editor from the Clerk to the Parish Council

In the July/August edition of the Gazette, there was an item under the Naphill & Walters Ash Residents Association, signed by Malcolm Leflaive. In it, under the heading of 'examples of waste', he made certain comments about the expenditure of the Hughenden Parish Council and insinuations were made about the correctness of this expenditure.

I have worked for this Parish for just over sixteen years and in all that time, the external, and of latter years, the internal, auditor has never found any discrepancy with the way in which the accounts are maintained and this also covers the procedures the Council follows in awarding its contracts, which have never been brought into question.

Any parishioner can come into the office and see the accounts and every year we produce notes which are

presented to the Annual Parish Meeting. This is held in every ward of the Parish in turn, and this year it was held in North Dean Village Hall.

Some of the comments made by Malcolm referred to expenditure and decisions taken at District Council level and therefore have no bearing on the Parish Council. However, in item (c), he stated that there is no 'control' over Parish Council budgets. This is factually incorrect. It is true that there is no 'capping' on a Parish Council's precept. In other words, a Parish Council can request any amount of money from its District Council and, under current guidelines, it must be paid. However, it is disingenuous to suggest that there is no 'control'. As mentioned already, Parish Councils are subject to internal independent audit and external independent audit, and this is done every year for a Parish of Hughenden size.

Out of the money raised by the rating system and the income from allotments and burials, the Parish Council funds various items. The largest amount of money is spent on open spaces. This covers all the allotment areas (8 working gardens in total with approximately 210 tenants); upkeep of six of the play areas - HPC maintains areas in each ward that are under the ownership of the village halls, as many years ago these were in danger of closure as the village halls were finding them too costly to maintain. There are also woodlands and conservation areas around the Parish that require regular maintenance as well as several ponds, two of which are in the Naphill & Walters Ash ward.

The next largest single item of expenditure is for the Garden of Rest at Cryers Hill. This cemetery is for parishioners and their relatives and everyone who visits this area finds comfort and peace in extremely pleasant surroundings. The Garden of Rest is an area that each successive Council in my time has taken a pride in its maintenance and compliments are received on a regular basis, indicating that most people are happy with the way the area is maintained.

As previously mentioned, if any parishioner has any queries about the way the Parish Council works or how the money is spent, I am happy to try and help and can be contacted at the office on HW 715296.

*Mrs Lynne Turner, Clerk of the Council and
Responsible Financial Officer*

Neighbourhood Police News

1. "Have Your Say"

This is now available online and members of the public can contact their local neighbourhood policing team by completing an online form.

The form is available on the TVP website www.thamesvalley.police.uk/haveyoursay - click on any neighbourhood name and the form will open.

The submitted forms will be sent to the local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) email address,

where the team can assess it. A 'thank you' message will automatically be sent to the person who submitted the concern.

*SGT 4738 Andrew DEANE - Hazlemere
Neighbourhood Community Team*

2. Neighbourhood Action Group Update

Speeding

The roads policing unit has been within the parish on several occasions. Hughenden Valley has had 2 visits where 7 fixed penalty tickets were issued. On one occasion the highest speed recorded was 45mph. On the second occasion 1 taxi driver recorded at 51mph and another 4 fixed penalty tickets ranging from 38-45 mph were issued. Speed awareness and education was also offered to other motorists. Other locations were considered during the period that they were available but no enforcement was carried out due to lack of vehicle movement.

Litter

There have been numerous reports that the SKANSA construction company workers in the area have been dropping large amounts of litter. The Head Office of SKANSA has been contacted and this matter addressed. The managers were apologetic and informed police that all workers in the area would be informed of the concerns. Please report any further incidents to the Neighbourhood Policing Team directly and the matter will be followed up.

Parking

The parking around schools within the parish is a concern and will be a focus for police from September.

Other Matters

There has only been one report of a burglary in the Parish but there have been 2 reports of attempted robberies in the last few weeks at Naphill and at Cryers Hill. The offender seems to be a young male who is not very competent. When the victims have confronted him, he backs down and runs off. Please be conscious of items that you carry on show during the hours of darkness.

Lee Turnham

News from Christians in the Community

Welcome back! Hope you have had a good summer.

Unfortunately the 'C in the C' gazebo didn't go to the Hughenden Village Day but has been to a 1st birthday party as well as an 80th! Its next outing will be to Hughenden's 'Fun in the Sun' on Saturday 18th September - an afternoon of badge making, masks, treasure hunt and bouncy castle for the children with teas and cakes for the adults.

We have another committee meeting booked for Tuesday 28th September 7.30 pm at Church House,

Hughenden - you are very welcome. And our united service is booked for 17th October at St. Michael and all Angels, Hughenden at 6 pm.

Norma Clarke - 563116

Naphill Evening WI

We have been fortunate here in the Chilterns to have had something resembling a 'proper' summer. The prolonged spell of warm dry days was ideal for all our outdoor events, and the WI has been busy with many activities, including a Games Evening and a Friends BBQ Evening.

In July the Food Appreciation Group enjoyed lunch at Hartwell House, and in August they had tea locally at "The Wheel". A group from our WI joined other members from around the county for rambles, around Great Hampden, Lane End and the Chesham area. Our own August walk was along the river at Bourne End followed by a pub supper at the 'Spade Oak'. A few of our members took advantage of a couple of coach trips organised by the BFWI, one to the BBOWT reserve near Tring, and the other to Coventry and Kenilworth.

On the 8th September we are off to the theatre to see the show 'Sister Act'. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 5pm, and there will be another pick up point at Forge Road.

For sometime now we have been trying to find a suitable spot in the village for an oak sapling, sadly to no avail. However, we may have found a home at last, as the National Trust down at Hughenden have kindly offered us a place for our tree.

Next Meeting: 16th September when the speaker will be Mrs J M Dineen, on 'High Days and Holidays – the Autumn'. Competition: a holiday postcard. Tea hostesses: Sue Glenister, Fran, and Carole Teare. We welcome new members so please come and join us, as you can see we are quite a lively lot.

Nancy Hussey

Naphill Neighbours

Way back in June we enjoyed good weather for our mystery tour in the Chilterns ending up at the Aston Pottery in Oxfordshire where a delicious cream tea awaited us. Then at our club meeting in July we learned about the ethnic minorities in a remote part of China and their beautiful textiles, including some children's authentic embroidered caps. It seems such an age ago now!

By the time you read this we will have visited Hatfield House - more about that next month.

At our club meeting on Monday 13th September we will be entertained once again by Mrs Jean Purdy who will be telling us about her collection of theatrical costumes

Good Neighbour Cup Awards

Bucks Fasteners Cup

1987	Mollie Bowler
1988	Willie Constable
1989	Rex Harvey
1990	
1991	Ted Stratford
1992	John Bullock
1993	Hazel Vickery
1994	Elsie Bowler
1995	Bob Davis
1996	*
1997	Don Turner
1998	*
1999	Clive Lawrence

Jack Lawrence Cup

2000	Jenny Pearce
2001	Stella Page
2002	Gregory Hargrove
2003	Jean Lawrence-Mann
2004	Jill and David Hayes
2005	Barbara Clarke
2006	Jenny Price
2007	Margaret Pearce
2008	Doreen Burge

Ken Vickery Cup

2009	Sheila and Nigel Rolfe
2010	Mike Mason

*** If you know who won the award please let Judy Whitehouse or Hazel Vickery know!**

in a talk entitled MY PROFESSIONAL COATHANGER. Hostesses will be Jean Fortescue, Val Gibbs and Janet King.

Looking ahead to the Autumn Mrs May Simmons will be talking to us about THE SURVIVAL OF A HERITAGE - especially of Bucks lace - on Monday 11th October.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

Well, as I write this it is the height of summer - though it is drizzly and fairly miserable outside - but by the time you get to read this then we will be starting to think its autumn.

I was not very with it for our last meeting as I had spent the previous night crossing the Atlantic and was decidedly jet lagged, but I think that this is what we discussed.....

The willow tunnel is now flourishing, and the shoots need to be tied in to maintain the tunnel shape. This is



Fete June 2010

Photos by Ian Banks unless otherwise stated





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Photo by Carol Gilliam



Photo by Dave Talbot





**CHILDREN - draw a picture of the Mayor of High Wycombe being weighed in (below) and a prize!
See article on the Past Times Exhibition for further details**



in hand and should be done shortly – hopefully before you read this.

We discussed the need for a recognised assembly point to be advertised in the hall in case of an evacuation. It was decided that the best place would be the far corner of the car park, well away from the building. Signs should be up to this effect shortly, and let's hope we don't need to follow them!

The fete was acknowledged to be another great success making about £7,000 to boost our funds and the organising team were given our heartfelt thanks. We had a great turnout and the dog show was acknowledged to be a welcome addition. We were however short of helpers and so some stalls were left unmanned, so please help out next year if you can. [See this issue for further details of the 2011 Fete.] Another date for that new diary is **Ted's quiz** which will be on **25th February**. This is always a great evening, so once the evenings begin to draw in, start brushing up your general knowledge in readiness.

Let's hope as you read this we are enjoying a great Indian summer.

*Sarah Bacon - Chairman Naphill Village Hall and
Playing Fields Council*

Past Times Exhibition - Naphill & Walters Ash

**Saturday October 9th
Naphill Village Hall - 10am - 5pm**

Children, would you like to enter a competition at my Past Times of Naphill & Walter's Ash Exhibition by doing a drawing or painting of Councillor Jane White, the current Mayor of High Wycombe, being "weighed in" as in the photograph in our centre pages? The Mayor has agreed to open my exhibition and will judge the competition. You can meet her and ask questions. There will be a special prize for the winner and one for the runners up. I will be at the village hall 6pm to 8pm on the evening of 8th October (Friday) so just bring your entries along for display. If that time is not convenient ring me on 01494 563364 to make an alternative arrangement.

Mayor making in High Wycombe is a very old custom that has taken place for 700 years starting between 1285/1302. The old Mayor or Mayoress was weighed out and if they had gained weight they were booed by the crowd but if they had lost weight they were clapped as they had obviously been working very hard on behalf of the town. It always took place outside the Guildhall in the High Street but in the last few years it was moved to Frogmore. "Why?" I ask as the High Street is now traffic free.

I have a list of names of the past Mayors and lots of the names are still local ones. Another old Wycombe custom is "beating the bounds" which our Mayor took part in this year.

The Mayor's charity this year is "Pepper Care" which is a charity that provides home nursing for children with terminal illnesses. They currently support 35 children in South Bucks at a cost per child of £130 per day. Any money raised by the Mayor will be spent in the High Wycombe area. On the day of the exhibition there will be a raffle and the proceeds will be given to the Mayor for this very worthy cause. If you are able to donate any raffle prizes they will be gladly received.

Any other money raised on the day will go to the village hall funds. Don't forget the date - **9th October**.

Pam Smith

Odds and Ends

First a whiff of philosophy! What exactly is life? The OED spends a full half page devoted to it, in its various manifestations, in four sections. Fear not. I shall not copy out a hunk of this dictionary. It seems to me that life is simply a series of singular events, coupled together or separated by the daily routine.

For instance on 29th April, June and I had a routine day; nothing special was planned or happened and we were reading quietly in bed as the day dies, when there was sudden whoosh and something hurtled through the open window and thumped into a pillow right between us. A few seconds of panic ensued before I discovered a visiting maybug under the bedcovers. Neither of us had seen a maybug for at least 60 years, yet now one visited us in bed!

On 27th May, after lunch I heard a loud buzzing in the kitchen and discovered two huge hornets frantically trying to escape. One is bad enough but two angry mode swiftly revealed my cowardice in facing up to the unexpected. I managed to persuade one to depart through a window but I had to spray the other and retreat to allow the poison to take effect.

On 10th June, to my delight and surprise, one well-nibbled rose (deer damage) in the rear garden produced our first rose flower for three years. Not an exhibition bloom, but a small rather sad flower, but a bloom nonetheless. After the prolonged battle with the muntjac, we seem to be winning and the prospect of a rose garden again is quite exciting.

At 4pm on 8th August, our cat fed the dining room. Upon investigation I discovered a dragonfly making strange noises as its wings fluttered against windows and doors. One wonders what will happen next – a red kite in the greenhouse after the tomatoes perhaps. Surely not – but the colours match!

As I write (10th Aug.), real rain is falling at last. And I had just sown grass seed on a redundant rose bed. How did I manage to get the timing right? Sheer skill – no, sheer luck. But of course, into every life a little rain must fall, occasionally at the right time!

David Leith

PS: the squirrel saga continues and was christened Dylan before it was returned to the wild; however surprisingly and delightfully, when the squirrels are feeding it responds to its name and comes to see its human friends. So there is still a charming connection between the wild creature and its rescuers.

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

*Autumn Show: Saturday 4th September
in Naphill Village Hall at 2pm*

It hasn't exactly been an easy summer for us gardeners - like me, most of you will have either developed arms like Popeye from carrying cans of water or winding the hosepipe back in, or have had to watch your precious plants fade away.

If you fall into the Popeye category, we are hoping that you will come up trumps and make the Autumn Show a success. This is your big chance to show off what you have been nurturing in your gardens and allotments over the year.

We would love to see as many of you as possible at this village event and always welcome more exhibitors - so, don't be shy, pick up a schedule and have a go. The show is meant to be fun, and not the fierce competition you may think. There are flower, vegetable, cookery, photography, and handcraft classes, and of course special classes for children (I hope you have been looking after your sunflowers!)

Also, in the cookery section we have a class for "an apple pie on a plate", which is open only to W.I members - so come on ladies, the oven gauntlet has been thrown down!

As always, full details of all the classes can be found on our website, along with advice on how to stage your exhibits and handy hints for exhibitors. The schedule in printed form is available from Peter Davis, the Post Office or me.

If you prefer to just come along and admire the exhibits, the doors open at 2pm, giving you plenty of time to look around and have some refreshments before the ever popular auction of donated exhibits at 4pm.

Finally, a reminder that our annual Cheese & Wine evening will be on **Friday October 29th**. This is always a sell out evening, so put the date in your diaries and I will have more details next month.

Cathryn Carter – 563233

Walter's Ash Allotments

Following a series of mysterious disappearances of our crops, especially fruit, we are writing to remind people that allotments are not "hedgerows" that can be harvested, but exactly the same as private gardens, i.e. taking produce is theft.



THE ONLY THING WE'RE MISSING IS YOU!

The Clare Foundation, your local charity hub, is urgently seeking volunteers.

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To join the team, or to discuss volunteering in more detail, please call Rachael at The Clare Foundation on 0300 777 7000 or visit the 'Volunteer' section on our website.



Where an allotment holder has a surplus, we will leave the produce by the verge and you can then help yourselves. Please do not just take the produce direct from the allotment, as we may need it to feed our families; furthermore fruit bushes/other crops are getting damaged in the process.

The Walter's Ash Allotment Holders

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Public Meeting on Rural Affordable Housing on 8th July 2010

The objective of this meeting was to ensure that everyone was fully aware of the true facts about Rural Affordable housing and to gauge public opinion on this subject. Representatives from all Hughenden Parish wards attended the meeting including two District Councillors John Gibbs and David Carroll - 55 in all. An invitation was sent to Hughenden Parish Council but they declined to attend.

David Frost gave a presentation of information provided by Wycombe District Council housing departments and Housing Associations. This dispelled the myth that "Affordable" housing, is cheaper than housing on the open market. All similar housing in a similar locality carries the same valuation by Law. The term "affordable" relates to the way a property can be bought. A clear distinction between Affordable Housing and Rural Affordable Housing was highlighted.

Housing Association properties on brownfield sites can be purchased over several years through shared equity, with the purchaser increasing his share as his income improves, until he owns the entire property, paying rent throughout on the decreasing unsold share. A WDC property if rented for 5 years must be bought outright if the tenant wishes to purchase.

All new housing developments on brownfield sites must now contain 30% to 40% of "Affordable" accommodation. At Wellsbourne and Terriers alone, 98 are being built. Naphill has 15.

The Rural Affordable Housing scheme proposed by Hughenden Parish Council in partnership with English Rural Housing Association is different. HPC through ERHA [English Rural Housing Association] plan to build all the properties on GB-AONB-FARMLAND. A purchaser can only buy up to 80% of the property, with the rest paid for in rent. The 80% limit makes it difficult to obtain a mortgage and similarly hard to sell on. Only 2 Banks will provide such a mortgage, with stringent safeguards.

The stated intention is that these houses are for local people in perpetuity – that is anyone with at least 3 years connection with the Parish. But if a suitable new local purchaser or tenant can't be found in only 10 weeks of the property becoming available, other families on the WDC social housing waiting list are selected by WDC - not local families.

The Chairman gave a summary of the events of the past few months surrounding this issue and pointed out

the threats to local democracy that the conduct of Hughenden Parish Council had posed to residents. He called for total transparency in actions undertaken by HPC. In particular, that the forthcoming questionnaire (to be distributed by HPC) to be impartially worded and that the results to be independently audited and available for public scrutiny.

There was general consensus that the proposal posed a major threat to our environment and would set a dangerous precedent.

The meeting voted on two resolutions

Resolution 1. Do you support Affordable Housing?

41 voted in support; 7 voted against; abstentions not counted.

Resolution 2. Do you support Rural Affordable Housing in GREEN BELT-AONB Countryside?

49 voted against; nil in favour; abstentions not counted. Carried Nemcon

Planning:

10/06549/FUL Little Ash School, Walters Ash. Installation of wall mounted external canopy for all weather use;

10/06567/FUL. The Paddocks, Ashburnham Way, Walters Ash. Erection of 1 x4 bed detached dwelling with detached garage (alt to 09/05745/FUL (for 3 bed house));

10/06741/TPO Naphill Village Hall Crown reduction and clearing & thinning of Atlas Blue Cedar tree (for safety reasons).

Date for your Diary: 20th November Annual Rock'n Roll Dance

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th September, 8pm. Naphill Village Hall

Marek Pawlik 565581

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

Thank you to all those people who have joined "The Friends of Naphill Common" (FONC) or who have renewed their membership. We now have almost 200 members! This is very gratifying: it gives us the strength in numbers to do things for the Common and hence for the Village. It also gives us the right to claim that we speak for a sizable number of local people when we try to negotiate for the conservation and enhancement of the Common.

As I have pointed out before, FONC have no special powers over the Common. The principal land owner is Sir Edward Dashwood, while the Bradenham Hill section is owned by the National Trust. As the Common is an SSSI, the public body "Natural England" has a role in preventing damage: its permission is needed for any action which might cause damage. It cannot force the owner to manage the Common in any particular way,

but it does provide guidance and, in some cases, financial support. Only these people can determine how the Common fares. However, it is clear from experience that there is a need for vigilance and we can make representations on matters of concern.

During the summer members of the committee have received enquiries and complaints about a range of issues and it may be worth mentioning them here in an attempt to encourage good practice.

Dogs. Obviously, common land is an ideal place for walking dogs and it is understandable that people see it as an area where their pets can run free. However, there are problems. One is that dogs foul the paths, especially near the entrances to the Common. Please try to encourage your dog to defecate well away from paths and bridleways and, if possible, please clean it up. If you do pick the mess up in a plastic bag please don't use it to decorate the bushes as, sadly, some do.

Another problem is that when dogs are allowed to run free they can do serious disturbance to wildlife. There have been cases of deer being killed and injured (there are roe and fallow deer as well as the ubiquitous muntjac on the Common) and dogs disturb birds that nest on or near the ground: for example robins, wrens, partridge and some warblers such as chiffchaffs, blackcaps and willow warblers. The numbers of willow warblers has dropped dramatically in recent years and this spring I heard only one singing. It should be possible to call off a well trained dog if it is harassing animals.

Dumping. It is illegal to dump rubbish on the Common. Garden rubbish is particularly bad because it risks introducing alien species into an SSSI.

Wild flowers. Someone was seen taking foxglove plants from the Common, presumably for their garden. Stealing wild flowers is illegal and you can be prosecuted if caught. In any case, it is unnecessary. Most wild flowers, including foxgloves grow readily from seeds and can be purchased cheaply. It is particularly mean to steal from common land where so many others can enjoy the flowers.

Mowing. It is understandable that people often mow the grass where their gardens abut the common, and some mow larger areas to keep the trees at bay or provide areas for children to play. Strictly, because the Common is an SSSI, mowing is not allowed, but there is a long tradition of mowing and the landowners have not intervened. What is not permitted is the extension of gardens on to the Common by erecting fences, planting garden shrubs and so on. If larger areas are mowed it is best to mow only once or twice a year, preferably in late summer, so that grasses and flowers have had time to release their seeds. In that way we will have species-rich open areas rather than the kind of grass desert to be found in urban parks.

You are very welcome on our '**Walks for Health**' on the Mondays of 20th September; 18th October; 15th November and 20th December. All start from the Village

Hall at 10am. There will be a **Tree Identification Walk** on Sunday 5th September starting from the Village Hall at 10 am, led by Pete Legg, and another **Fungus Foray** on Sunday 3rd October starting from the Village Hall at 10 am. All free. Look out for our posters for more information.

Trevor Hussey

Naphill Tennis Club:Your Village Club

Summer tennis camps for juniors have proved to be very popular and Mel, our coach, is making a great contribution to British Tennis by introducing youngsters to the fun of playing.

We had a good turnout for our Rusty Racquets/Improvers' Coaching for members and non-members alike and we now have some new faces playing on a regular basis. A number of RAF personnel and their families have been using the courts this summer and we hope they will continue to do so and will join our club sessions on Tuesday and Sunday mornings from 10 am and Thursday evenings from 6.30 pm until light stops play. Naphill Tennis Club functions all year round - weather permitting - and is always pleased to welcome new members. If you are visiting the area and would like a game or you fancy a 'tennis taster', then (for a modest £3 fee for adults) we would be delighted if you'd join us at one of our club sessions.

For further information, please contact Sue Crooks, our membership secretary, on 01494 562539 or myself on 565406.

Jenny Tench, Secretary

The Wheel

Firstly, in our last article, I mentioned that July was going to "be fairly quiet as we currently have no major events planned and we all get a little time to recoup after fete day"- well that never happened! Both Mark and I got the shock of our lives when we were presented by the staff with an envelope. It contained a letter for our 4th anniversary of being at the pub, and also a weekend away for the both of us in a top spa hotel in Warwickshire. I must thank every single member of staff, customers and anyone else who very kindly donated some money to make this possible.

The weather (when it's in our favour) is bringing the village out in its best form. We hope that everyone is enjoying their summer holidays and as always, we have something here to accommodate everybody's needs - whether its food for the family, a walking stop- off point for a drink or two during the day, to quiz nights every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, so we hope there is something here for you!

On Sunday 8th August, *The Whip* had their revenge cricket match against us, to win that all famous and smallest cup physically possible, 'The W Ashes'. Unfortunately on this occasion we lost by 17 runs, but a big "Thank You" must go out to all of our players (young

and old) and our supporters who cheered us on. We'll get it back next year!

Ben Lee played here on the 13th August and as always he was lively! Everyone who was here would tell you that it was a fantastic evening and the atmosphere was incredible. Good news is there will be more live music, but dates need to be confirmed so please check back with us, and most importantly join in!

So, what's coming up in September?

- Live Music – Dates TBC.
- Quiz Nights @ 8.30pm (call to check the dates but normally the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month)
- 05 Sept– CHLOE'S 21ST BIRTHDAY!!!!!!!!!!!! From 7ish
- 10/11th Sept – Joint Beer Festival with *The Whip* from 12pm

Our annual joint beer festival with *The Whip* is starting on **Friday 10th September**. We will be stocking a range of beautifully crafted ales from Arran, The Isle of Man, Orkney, and Wales just to mention a few! On the Saturday, we have the ever more interesting cheeses from Les Roots Delicatessen, live music from James Henton and a BBQ from 5.30pm; let us hope that we have some beer left to last this time! As always the 300 bus stops outside both pubs so you all can enjoy yourselves without driving!

Moving forward you can now follow us on Twitter, just search for '*The Wheel Naphill*' and you should find us. Finally, Chloe would like to invite customers and friends from the village to join her for a few (or many) drinks at the pub on **Sunday 5th September from around 7pm**, to help celebrate her 21st birthday! There is no theme, just great music, and fantastic BEER!

Claire and Mark

50th Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Mike and Marlene Mason who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July.

Tea Party Thanks

Very many thanks to everyone who supported our charity Tea Party on 23rd July. The Naphill residents are so supportive of our efforts. A result of over £600 for Multiple Sclerosis and The Friends of Wycombe Stroke Club was really fantastic.

John and Sheila Veysey

Red Kites

David Leith wonders if there is enough carrion to maintain the local kite population. Almost certainly there isn't. A local gamekeeper tells me that all four lapwing nests on his shoot were predated by kites this

spring and none of the young survived. This is a serious blow as lapwings are in decline. He has also seen kites taking young ducklings off the water. Three years ago I saw a kite attack a pigeon on the ground and most local keepers will tell you that kites predate young pheasants and partridges in the release pens. Farmers are no longer allowed to leave dead stock lying around their fields and the open rubbish tips which provided endless feed for kites in earlier times no longer exist. I suspect we'd have precious few kites were it not for their habit of taking live animals when carrion is scarce and for the sterling efforts of the residents who feed them. However in our regulation driven society even that probably constitutes unlawful disposal of food waste!

David Frost

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Scoop the Poop and be a Hero

Dog mess is the unpleasant but inevitable by-product of owning a dog and it is every owner's duty and legal responsibility to clean up after their dog. Whilst the *toxocara canis* infection from dog faeces is rare, it is still possible to become ill following contact, as well as being very unpleasant when faeces contaminate shoes or pram wheels.

Failure to clean up dog fouling is an offence in most parts of the district with a maximum fine of £1000. The council can also give offenders a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice rather than taking them to court.

The best way to clean up is use a doggy bag or carrier bag to pick up the faeces. This can be placed in one of the dog waste bins which are located in the most used areas of the district. It is also acceptable to place the waste, as long as it is wrapped, in litter bins or grey wheelie bins. The District Council has provided nearly

200 dog waste bins and they are also provided by some Town and Parish Councils.

If you want to take action against someone who hasn't cleared up after their dog, note the details of the offence as soon as possible – the name and address of the person in charge of the dog or their car registration details, a description of the dog, and the date and time and place. Contact the Council and ask for the Dog Warden who will follow the matter up. If you are not prepared to go to court we will still contact the dog owner and whilst we must have your details these will not be passed to the owner of the dog.

Free Poop scoops are usually available from Council Reception desks, including the main offices and those at Marlow and Princes Risborough. "Scooperman" is the Wycombe District Council superhero who promotes responsible dog ownership. For more information call 01494 421734 or visit www.wycombe.gov.uk

Summer Story

Part One - *Oliver and his gang of Village Volunteers*

In the quiet village of Naphill, the local fete committee march towards their places at the meeting tables. They dream about the fete they are looking forward to next June. But although they anticipate the pleasures of hot sausages and mustard, cold beers and custard, in fact all they ever get is *gruel*. They want something special next year, bigger and better than the previous fetes. After discussing their ideas, one boy called **Oliver** dares to ask Mr Bumble, who runs the fete Workhouse, 'Please sir, I want some more volunteers'. Mr Bumble is enraged and Oliver tries to run away. When he is caught, Mr Bumble takes him into the cold snowy streets to be sold for the price of a mere seven guineas. He is bought by Mr Sowerberry, an undertaker, and is bullied by him and their older hired hand, Noah Claypole. Oliver is very miserable and daydreams of one day winning the Village fete raffle. When he is teased about his feelings, he hits out and is locked away as punishment, but he escapes and runs out back into the streets of Naphill. After days and days of walking (*and a train to Marylebone*), he finds himself in the bustling streets of London, and takes it upon himself to search for volunteers for next years Naphill village fete. Another older boy soon takes Oliver under his wing; he is called the Artful Dodger, the ringleader of a gang of volunteers run by a man called Fagin. Dodger sees Oliver as a possible new recruit and invites him home with him. At Dodger's equivalent of the village Crick, Oliver is introduced to the other boys and to Fagin, who explains what Oliver has to do if he wants to stay. He must learn how to 'put up a stall or two'. The boys then demonstrate how it's done, using great teamwork. They are able to make light work of it with so many of them. A girl called Nancy makes an instant friend of Oliver and tells him that a life of setting up fetes is fine as long as you look after your village and your friends. The next morning, Fagin agrees to help Oliver back in Naphill, and sends his volunteers off to work to start preparing for next year, instructing them to make sure they find '*more*' people to set up the

coconut stand, welly-throwing competition and other interesting stalls. They go searching for people to put up bunting and advertising signs in the local area. Oliver is initiated into his life of setting up fetes by the Artful Dodger. Nancy meanwhile, entertains the locals at *The Wheel* pub with a popular music dance (and great beer)...

Early Years Activities at RAF

The following mother and baby activities are open to the whole community so why not come along and join in.

Babies and Bumps

[For pregnant ladies and parents of little ones up to the age of 18 months.] Monday mornings 9:45-11.30am in the HIVE (purple door) at the entrance to 3 site RAF High Wycombe. On the third Monday of the month the health visitor comes to weigh the babies and you can have a chat with her. It does not matter which Doctors' surgery you are registered with.

Toddlers

Tuesday and Friday afternoon 1:30-3pm in the RAF Community centre opposite the school at the entrance to the Kilnwood estate.

Stay and Play

This is run by Barnardos and Sure Start. During term time it's for up to 5yrs old and during the holidays older siblings are welcome but must be supervised.

Wednesday morning 9-10:30am in the RAF Community Centre opposite the school at the entrance to the Kilnwood estate.

Mini Music

Thursday mornings 9.45-11am in the RAF Community Centre opposite the school at the entrance to the Kilnwood estate.

Tracey Clark - HIVE Information Officer, 497831

Little Ash Pre-School

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer holiday. We said goodbye to 26 children in July who will all be missed. We hope them much success in their new schools. We had a Sports Day on the 16th of July which was a big success and we were very fortunate that the weather cooperated with us. The Teddy Bears' Picnic and school leavers' party was also a great success. Many thanks to all the parents and friends who helped with these events.

A huge thank-you to the committee of parents who volunteered for the 2009-2010 school year; their assistance was much appreciated and we wish them all the best. We would like to welcome the new committee of parents to the preschool who have volunteered. The preschool could not be run without the committee so we are very appreciative of the parents who are willing to give up their time so the preschool can stay open.

We also want to welcome all the new children and their parents starting the preschool this term. We are completely full for the upcoming year which is an indication of its great success.

Lastly, we sadly said goodbye to Marian last term who has been an asset to the preschool, she will be greatly missed - thank you Marian for all your hard work and best wishes for the future.

Barbara Chambers

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

Please note the **new starting time (beginning on Thursday 2nd September 2010)**, from then the group will run from **1-3pm and not 2-4pm** as in the past. Events booked already for this term include Anne Statham photographer on September 23rd and the infamous Christmas party with Mr Marvel on Thursday 16th December 2010.

Any queries please call me or simply join us at any Thursday meeting at Naphill Village Hall during term time.

Louise Lucas, tel: 488255

Naphill and Walters Ash Fete Day

2010 Fete

A very big thank you to all those very kind souls who donated to our tombola stall. As a result of your generosity all 600 prizes were donated and therefore no expenditure was incurred. As a consequence the entire sum raised amounting to £600 was our contribution to the fete. Unfortunately, having booked our holiday around the expected fete date of the first Saturday in June, we were not able to be present on the revised date. However, our good friends Penny Leggett, Di Adsetts and Lynne Barnes stood in on our behalf so a very big thank you to them.

I know I speak on behalf of the entire Christmas tree lighting team in congratulating Mike Mason on receiving the Naphill Neighbour award. For those of you who do not know, Mike organises the entire event. He stores several hundred metres of cable in his loft, checks and repairs it and ensures all the bulbs are working. He also ensures his happy band of volunteers is present to either put up or take down the lights. So for all his effort over many years and for bringing so much joy to the village at Christmas time Mike is a worthy winner of this award.

Finally congratulations to Claire and all her team on organising another very successful fete day.

Well done and many thanks for all your effort on our behalf.

Helen and Ron Collins

2011

The Village Fete team have already started organising next year's fete day. We have had a couple of meetings to look at the fantastic success of this year and have also started looking at how we can improve the enjoyment for everyone next year (which will be difficult). We would really like the input of the village with ideas and possibly some extra stalls and how to make this already amazing day even more special, this does also mean that we will need some extra volunteers. So please contact me at *The Wheel*, tel. 562210 or email info@thewheelnaphill.com.

So next year.....

- The Theme is going to be **Musicals** – we hope this is broad enough!
- The Date **Saturday 18th June** – Again the school holidays have had an impact on the choice of date and there are also a number of other events on the first two Saturdays in June. (Hope you have enough notice)!
- We would really love to get the local growers in the community involved with possibly a plant stall (horticultural society), vegetables etc. from our many allotment holders and also from the keen gardeners in the village. We can sell, but also have competitions on the best veg, strangest shape etc. Please help with ideas.
- The already successful cake stall may also want to have a competition on guess the weight of the cake, or also prizes for the best cake. We also would appreciate more cake donations for those who like to bake.
- I have also looked at homemade jams and pickles – does anyone in the village make their own?
- If anyone has any contacts for Morris Dancers, Bands, and other music we would really like the details.
- The Fete Princesses may look brilliant coming down Main Road in a Horse and Cart? Again does anyone have any contacts?
- We also are in desperate need of donations for tombolas' prizes, as this is always a struggle. So, anyone or relative/friend who works for a company that may make a product that could be donated, "Help" - we need you.
- We always need more volunteers – more stall holders as some of our amazing people are choosing to retire this year. We also need a team to help set up on the Friday before and also a team to help close the fete down. (These aren't difficult jobs but many hands make light work).
- Does anyone know a celebrity that may wish to open the Fete for us?

Thank you and please help.

Claire, Ian, Barbara and Andy

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Past Times of Naphill & Walter's Ash Exhibition Saturday 9th October Village Hall

**Exhibition to be
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Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2–3.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30–7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4–8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8–9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8–9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1–2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday – Forge Road	10.30am–1.15pm
	– Village Hall	12.15–12.50pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	1–3pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30–11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7–8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30–11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8–10pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45–10.45am
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10am onwards
	Each Thursday (April–September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April–July)	Group 1, 5pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April–July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8–10pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm

Small Ads

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PIN-UP DIARY DATES

October

- 2nd Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale - Village Hall 2pm
- 9th Past Times Exhibition - Village Hall 10.00am to 5pm
- 15th Blood Donors - Village Hall
- 19th Get to Know Your Parish Council - Widmer End School 8pm
- 22nd UTTC Play "Murder at Checkmate Manor" - Village Hall 7.30 start (tickets required)

November

- 6th Firework Display - The Crick
- 14th Remembrance Service - War Memorial & Village Hall 2.45pm
- 20th NAWARA Annual Dinner/Dance - Village Hall (tickets required)
- 27th WANSAs Christmas Fayre - Naphill & Walter's Ash School 11am - 2pm

December

- 4th Christmas Fayre - Village Hall

January

- 14th Blood Donors - Village Hall

February

- 25th Quiz Night - Village Hall 7pm (tickets required)

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Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Lesley Hamer	473502	Mondays 6–7.30pm RAF Community Cent.
Community Police Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	Shoulder No: 3146
County Councillor	Richard Pushman	564152	richard.pushman@btinternet.com
Cubs - Naphill	Ed Atwell	563668	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm Scout & Guide Hut
Cubs - Walter's Ash	Rachel Brace	564679	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm RAF Comm. Cent.
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Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	562845	
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Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770	naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888	Every 2nd Monday of the month at 8pm
	Hazel Vickery	563977	
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School	Kerenza Gwynn	562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Mondays & Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Viper Explorer Scouts	Nick George	562846	Friday 7:30–9:30 Naphill
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Editorial

Many thanks to Sheila Draper for doing such an excellent Editorial job in September.

I hope you have all had a look at the new web site. I am trying to keep the calendar and news feed up to date with latest events. Do please send us your ideas for ways that it can be enhanced or tell us what other information you would like to see made available.

Finally, our hearts go out to our Distribution Managers, Pauline and Mike Pool, and their family, on the sad loss of their son, Simon.

Judy Whitehouse

County Councillor's Report

Now that the majority of summer holiday are behind us we have the longer evenings and potential colder days to contend with and the problems with which they are associated. This was brought home to me by the county council's review of its salting and gritting programmes and the adjustments which may be made after last year's experiences. The transportation budget is under review yet again and prioritisation will be a difficult task. The Council is having a series of meetings around the County, called the Bucks Debate. We hope this might give a steer from the public, as to which services are regarded as essential and those which could be cut without too much pain.

My Community Fund is still intact and I am waiting for requests from local organisations that might need financial help in their voluntary efforts. Recently, Valerie and I were invited to attend the Guides boating or rather canoeing activities at Longridge, near Marlow. I had made a grant for waterproof equipment for kayaks. It was a wonderful opportunity of seeing what good use had been made of this money and to witness first hand the dedication of the Guiding leaders and Instructors and the enjoyment of the girls in their charge.

A recent survey of public concerns indicates that speeding traffic through our villages rates as the highest. It is also the hardest to control, as there are limitations as to what road engineering can be done to slow down drivers. There will be more frequent mobile speed checks, hopefully with a new site on the stretch of Main Road along by the Playing Fields. Sadly, from past experience at Widmer End many of the drivers caught exceeding the speed limit were local residents!

The County Council has teamed up with RELATE to offer counselling to victims of domestic violence. There has been an increase of 16% in the last two years in people reporting cases to the police, but there are still concerns that not enough are coming forward. This is an inclusive service for women and men seeking support around abusive behaviour towards them. This can be physical, sexual, psychological or emotional abuse, financial abuse and social isolation. Domestic violence can affect anyone and has a devastating effect on those who experience it.

Readers may feel this is not relevant to them but they may know of someone who could benefit from this confidential help.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

The challenge to deliver services for less continues. All Councils have to look at reducing cost, whilst preserving the cherished services enjoyed by many. Of course, the new Government has not wasted time in abolishing Quangos and cancelling or renegotiating on contracts. The waste has been unbelievable. I believe more challenges will materialise, particularly at Local level where the support grant from Government is being reduced further and the onus on delivering services is to sit with all of us under the "Big Society" agenda.

We await the comprehensive spending review announcement on 20 October for detail of the cuts necessary to get us back into the black. Locally, the unitary authority argument will arise again, albeit not for this Parliament at least. We also await the results from the Council tenants in the proposed transfer to a Housing Association, a very important change for Wycombe which will impact on the continued upgrading and maintenance schedule for Council tenants.

I am delighted that the next rescheduled resurfacing work on Junction 3-4 of the M40 will be implemented with a quiet surface replacement material. You may be aware that a proposal was put to Government last year for sound barriers and surfacing in order to reduce the impact of noise. This is good news after some 40-years waiting.

On 15 September, I will also be making a tour of the new facilities at the Swan Theatre, now that the refurbishment works have just been completed. I do hope that these improvements will help attract additional shows to Wycombe. I will also be attending the Battle of Britain service on 19 September.

Finally, have you ever thought about becoming a District Councillor? If you have, please call me as soon as possible as we are planning for the May 2011 election now!

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

Great Kingshill, one of the four wards in the Parish, has been awarded the Pushman Cup as the runner up in the Buckinghamshire wide Best Kept Village Competition. Among the factors the judges took into account, and commented favourably upon, were the care and maintenance of the Garden of Rest, the quality of the playgrounds on the Common, and the condition of bus shelters. The Parish Council is responsible for all these and is very pleased that its work has been recognised. This is not to take anything

away from the village itself, which contributed in other ways to the achievement. The Council has congratulated them formally. Well done!

The Parish wide Housing Needs Survey will be coming through letter boxes at about the same time as this issue of the Gazette. It is hoped that the information contained therein will go some way to alleviating people's concerns about the potential impact of a small scheme, should a decision be taken to try to provide a few houses if there is a need. No sites will be considered until such time as a need has been established, if indeed it is. The steps in the consultation process are explained fully in the accompanying leaflet. You are welcome to contact the Clerk, or your four ward councillors, for clarification if you wish.

I try to write an informative and neutral column if I possibly can. The Gazette is not the place in which to take issue with, or to correct, the comments of others over this matter. Much of my working life was spent reviewing evidence and making judgements based upon it. It is hoped the Survey will be responded to in this way.

Peggy Ewart

Neighbourhood Police News

Speeding:

The Roads Policing Unit has been active in the Kingshill area. It was found that the Missenden Road was a hot spot for speeding motorists and they have had a good success rate. Other locations were considered during the period that they were available but no enforcement was carried out due to lack of vehicle movement. The speed enforcement van has also been on location in Hughenden Valley, 15 motorists are now being processed. Section 165 seizures have also taken place on the Parish, these are vehicles that have been used on the highway without a minimum of third party insurance.

Police have also issued 2 section 59 warning letters to 2 local youths who had started to hang around the Kingshill common, they are playing loud music and dropping litter from their vehicles, in the early hours.

Litter:

Following last months report regarding the litter caused by the SKANSKA sub contractors, there has been a memo sent out to all the workers in relation to community awareness of this issue. This area of litter dropping will be monitored.

There is still an issue with certain areas on the Parish, where litter dropping is seen as the norm and that it keeps someone employed picking it up. There are litter bins close by but the offenders are too lazy to walk to them.

Parking:

The schools are due back within the next few weeks and there is great concern in relation to the Great Kingshill School. This is due to the ongoing road works outside, there is speculation that the contractors are running behind, by approximately 4 weeks.

New parking restriction lines have been installed in Ash Road, Walter's Ash following concerns of Pedestrian/Resident Safety for those attending the local amenities.

Other Matters:

There have been 2 reported Burglaries on the Parish in the last month. 1 was in Great Kingshill area and the other at Four Ashes. Please can I remind you to secure windows and doors when you leave the property unattended and that items of value are NOT left on view through windows.

There have also been reports that groups of youths in their newly acquired, modified vehicles meeting at open spaces in order to display their vehicles' ability. They wheel spin and race the vehicles around open spaces as well as having beat music turned up very loud. Please be aware of any spaces that would attract these youths and report them to the Neighbourhood team.

The open evening at the Hazlemere office on 11th August went very well, a good number of people

HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

Hughenden Parish Council is holding another
'GET TO KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCIL' event.

On: Tuesday 19th October 2010
At: Widmer End School,
Estcourt Drive, Widmer End
Time: 8pm – 9.30pm

Our guest speaker – Rodney Griffiths – will
be speaking about Grange Area Trust
and Widmer Fields.

Light refreshments will be available

For further information, please contact:-
Mrs L Turner – Parish Clerk – on 01494-715296
E:mail – hughendenpc@btconnect.com
or visit the website on –
www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

attended and expressed their views to the team. In attendance was, Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch and the Bucks Drug and Alcohol advisory Officer. All gave positive feedback to the event and wished to be included in any future events. If you are holding any event within the community and would like any assistance in securing one of the Partner Agencies, please contact the team.

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 0845 8 505 505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office.

Alternatively you are welcome to send us an email at the following address:

lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
nataliehall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

The team would also love to hear from the community regarding any positive or negative feedback that you may have or any issues or concerns that you may wish to raise.

Lee Turnham

Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group

As a reminder, the Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group is a partnership of residents, residents associations, police and parish council. Its role is to focus on local issues related to crime and the fear of crime in the Hughenden parish area. Each year a questionnaire to determine the top three issues is completed by residents and this recently completed exercise identified speeding, litter and parking.

Various roads in the parish suffer from thoughtless drivers exceeding the speed limit, and considerable speeding data has been gathered by the Speed Reduction Working Group. The police are already focusing their attention on these stretches, and it is proposed that Community Speedwatch teams will be set up to reinforce the determination of residents to reduce the problem.

Many areas in the parish illustrate that to some littering is normal behaviour. Some parents no longer teach their children to keep the environment clean, so they become accustomed to the litter. The NAG is determined to improve matters and residents in the parish are being asked to remove any litter in the front of their property, as is done on the Continent. Together with street volunteers this should make a great impact. The argument that "I pay for this through the rates" is mistaken, as weekly litter picking of our streets would cost a fortune and the rates would increase accordingly.

Parking is mainly an issue around schools at peak times. Each problem school is being addressed individually in an attempt to solve its problems to the reasonable satisfaction of all stakeholders.

Further information is available from Stan Jones (716278) or PC Lee Turnham (736773)

News from Christians in the Community

There will be a united service at St. Michael and All Angels, Hughenden on Sunday 17th October at 6 pm. The guest speaker will be from the charity Rope. Do come!

Norma Clarke - 563116

Naphill Evening WI

The year marches on and now autumn has arrived with its rich bounty of delicious fruits and vegetables in the gardens and hedgerows. Gone are the long warm days of summer but we have many lovely memories. One such happy occasion was in August, when about twenty members and friends met for a ramble around the lake and along the riverbank at Bourne End. Afterwards we ate a leisurely supper at the 'Spade Oak'. Our thanks go to Judy Blofeld for organising this for us.

Our thanks also go to Marion Lawrence for arranging an outing on September 8th, to see the show 'Sister Act'; it proved to be a really good evening.

During the rest of the year the Food Appreciation Group are planning to meet up at various venues: October 20th, tea at the Garden Centre, West Wycombe at 3pm; November 11th, dinner at The Polecat', at 7pm; December 2nd, lunch at Waddesdon Manor (meet there at 11am).

October 21st - Annual Meeting, when a new committee will be formed for another WI year. We hope to have a quiz, and some time for a chat with fellow members. Tea hostesses: Marlene, Eleanor and Sally.

October 22nd - Group Meeting, hosted by Sands Valley WI at 7.45pm. The speaker is Mr Ken Wells on 'Police Photography Forensics & Fingerprints.

The WI oak tree, now nearly a metre high, has been taken down to Hughenden to be looked after by the National Trust. Eventually it will be planted in a suitable spot and an inscription to one of our long serving members, Dorothy Butler, will be entered in the Memorial Book.

Nancy Hussey

Naphill Neighbours

In September, Naphill Neighbours met again after the summer break to renew friendships and be entertained by Jean Purdy. She brought along a selection of beautiful theatrical costumes and glamorous costume jewellery illustrating her interesting life in many aspects of show business.



Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale **Saturday 2nd October** **Naphill Village Hall** **2.00pm**

We will be collecting items for the sale around the village on the morning of the sale, and would also welcome any items you wish to bring to the Village Hall.

No furniture or electrical goods please.

October is the month of quite a few AGMs (In my own diary at least!) and ours will take place on Monday 11th October at 8pm. A short business meeting will be followed by a talk from Mrs. Mary Simmons on THE SURVIVAL OF A HERITAGE (especially Bucks lace). Tea hostesses will be Valerie Pushman, Brenda Bates and Betty Leaver.

Looking ahead, your committee has made plans for the winter outing and has booked a trip to WICKSTEAD PARK in Northamptonshire on Tuesday 16th November 2010 to see THE WAY WE WERE - A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE 1950s and 1960s. Tickets will cost £29 for members and £30 for guests and will include a turkey lunch and afternoon tea. For further details and booking please phone Hazel on 563977. Everyone is welcome, members and non-members.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

We are pursuing an exciting new development in the Hall. Ruth Bond and Amanda Hall attended our meeting with a proposal to open a coffee shop in the Sports Pavilion. The pavilion is not currently being used for anything apart from storing the left overs from the fete or the fireworks so it would be great to have it spruced up and made good use of. All the members

of the Council were given an opportunity to question Ruth and Amanda about their plans and then we voted unanimously to pursue their proposal. Fingers crossed that it becomes a reality. It would be a great new initiative for the village.

We have had another illicit football match played on the Crick. The players said they thought that it was a public pitch. Naphill Football Club spend a lot of time and money in maintaining the pitches on the Crick, so please pass the word around that it is NOT a public pitch, and fees need to be paid to play there.

You should be receiving a Housing Need survey through your door shortly from Hughenden Parish Council. This to establish whether there is a need in the village for affordable housing. This matter has caused a lot of heated debate and so it is important for you all to complete and return the form if the true wishes of our village are to be carried out.

We have a lot of major expense coming up in the maintenance of the Hall so please do come and support our fund raising events. These are:

- Pam's Historical Exhibition on the 9th October
- A play on 22nd October
- The fireworks on 6th November
- The Christmas Fayre on the 4th December
- The quiz night on 25th February

Also make a note of the Remembrance Service in the Hall on the 14th November.

*Sarah Bacon - Chairman Naphill Village Hall and
Playing Fields Council*

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

What a fabulous Autumn Show we had - the entries were incredible considering the very hot, then very wet summer we have had. It was just such a shame that the sunflowers the children were growing at school did not open in time. However, by the time you read this, we will hopefully have judged them at school. The gardens in seed trays were wonderful, and we hope that you enjoyed creating them and will come back next year!

Once again we had some new exhibitors, who now know what fun the show is and not the daunting prospect people seem to think it is! The buzz in the hall when the exhibitors came back to find out how their entries had fared was amazing. Well done to you all.

Whether you were an exhibitor, a viewer, or a buyer at the auction you helped to make the day a great success.

The biggest thank you must go to Peter Davis, our Show Secretary, who puts so much work into

organising the shows and ensuring that they run smoothly- he makes it all look so effortless, but we know that this is not the case!

Cheese & Wine Evening
Friday October 29th
Naphill Village Hall
7.00 for 7.30pm
Tickets £9.00
Wine & Soft Drinks Bar

Tickets are now available for our annual Cheese and Wine evening, which is always a popular event, and this year takes place on **Friday October 29th** in the Village Hall.

The evening will start with an illustrated talk by John Tyler who will be taking us on "a blister- free walk along The Ridgeway, describing both its prehistory and the rich wildlife that it supports today".

At around 9pm we will tuck into the now famous buffet of cheese, pâté, salad etc. Numbers are limited, and tickets always sell quickly for this event; so do book early.

Cathryn Carter – 563233

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

With the festive season approaching, it's time once again to join old friends and new for a tremendous evening dancing to live music by Geoff Jolliffe's wonderful Trampoline Band. Those who just come for the terrific meal can enjoy Main Event Cuisine's delicious two-course dinner, including a vegetarian option, with coffee to follow. Remember, all money raised goes to the Association to help fund residents' causes so please don't bring your own booze! Bar opens at 7.15 pm with dinner as usual at 8.15 pm.

Tickets only £22.50 - available from Susan 564370, Liz 562697, Gloria 563634 or Carole 563508

Planning Applications to 8th Sept.

10/06809/FUL 238 Main Rd., Naphill. Erection of attached 1 bed dwelling house with associated parking (alt. scheme to pp 10/05785). (This is at least the 6th application and is a completely different one. Strong objection). 10/06859/FUL 163 Main Rd., Naphill. HA for construction of part single storey, part two storey rear extension and detached garage. 10/06931/FUL 17 Vincents Way, Naphill. Construction of conservatory to side elevation. 10/06961/MINAMD 35 Vincents Way, Naphill. Proposed non-material amendment to permission granted under ref 10/06135/FUL. (No info. on website as at 8th Sept.) 10/07032/FUL 35 Vincents Way, Naphill. HA for construction of detached single garage with new access/crossover from Downley Rd. (Objection. Probable damage to 2 TPO trees and extra traffic hazard on Downley Rd.). 10/07024/FUL 5 Honey Way, Walter's Ash. Erection of 3-bed



replacement bungalow with garage. (Possible over development) 10/07044/FUL Amble Cottage, Cherrycroft. (no drawings as at 8th Sept.)

Housing Needs Survey

You will receive a Survey later this month from Hughenden Parish Council. Please remember every "affordable" house built following a decision of "need" will be on Green Belt farmland. HPC has stated that if the first scheme for 10 houses is successful, they "will look to do more".

If you wish to preserve the GB-AONB countryside for future generations and feel that affordable housing should be restricted to brownfield sites, please make this very clear on the forms. These will be returned to Jean Fox, Housing Enabler at Community Impact Bucks, who alone will categorise the returns and issue the results. Our request for an independent Auditor has been turned down.

Please remember all similar housing is priced at current market value regardless of land price. "Affordability" relates to method of payment, which is similar for Rural and brown field Affordable Housing.

Next Meeting

8 pm Thursday 14 October 2010 at Naphill Village Hall.

Marek Pawlik 565581

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

Almost the whole of the present village of Naphill and a large portion of Walter's Ash stands on land that was once part of the Common. We know from maps and documents, summarised so well in Rex Leaver's excellent book *Naphill and Walter's Ash: looking back at village life*, how the present shape of the Common emerged. First, ancient encroachment formed islands of cultivation and pasture dotted with cottages such as those around Heysham, Walnut Tree Cottages, Vincent's Farm and Hunts Hill. Then, in the mid 1800s came the official enclosure which pushed back the Common to its present boundaries. It was at this time that the Main Road and its tributaries were laid out.

Clappins Lane, Stocking Lane and parts of Coombe Lane and Church Lane already existed. (Although the name 'Knaphill' is not recorded until 1599, 'Stokkynglane' appears on a document of the 1400s.)

However, there is still a lot that we don't know. The documents and maps don't tell us about the origins of the Common, its exact shape, how it was used or the details of the many encroachments. Where documentary evidence fails we can look for clues in the landscape and the Friends of Naphill Common would like to encourage people to try their hand at landscape archaeology. For example, we might try to trace the original boundary bank and ditch. There are traces of it behind some of the houses on the north east side of the Main Road – most obviously in the little meadow with a footpath next to Great Moseley Farm. Commons generally had funnel-shaped exits so that stock could be gathered before being taken off the common land. The last remnant of one of these exists as a hedge of hornbeam trees bounding the tapering gardens of the houses at the top of Stocking Lane.

There are tantalizing clues to other features. Before the Main Road was laid out around 1863 it seems that there was a road or track which followed the then edge of the Common. It ran from near the Wheel pub across what are now meadows between the present Main Road and Chalkpit Wood, joining Coombe Lane near Coombe Farm. Today there is a double hedge and other signs in the meadows which may tell us the path of the old track. There are clues showing that the lower part of the Crick has never been farm land, since its botany is closer to that of the Common. The fescue grass survives and until relatively recently there were harebells and gorse bushes. The part between the kissing gate and the Village Hall was a farm meadow until the early 1930s. It has quite different grasses and the line of the hedge can still be seen across the football pitch. If anyone is interested there is much more history to be discovered written in our village landscape.

Don't miss our **Fungus Foray on Sunday 3rd October starting from the Village Hall at 10 am led by experts from the Bucks Fungus Group.** Our foray last year produced 51 species including what may be a new variety related to *Otidea alutacea* (Tan Ear) – still to be confirmed by the experts at Kew. Even if you are not an expert – and I am certainly not - you will enjoy the walk. The **Walks for Health all start from the Village Hall at 10 am.** On **Monday 18th October** it will involve car sharing and the walk will be around Northend. On **Monday 15th November** it will again involve car sharing for a walk near Radnage. Both walks will be about 4½ miles and involve some steep climbs.

Trevor Hussey

Naphill Tennis Club:Your Village Club

Autumn is here and our yellow tennis balls blend well with the leaves falling on the courts! Tennis continues



**Firework
Display
Saturday
6th November**
On the Crick
BBQ and bar from 5.30pm
Fire lit at 6pm
Display at 7pm approx
BBQ run by Sports Club
**Pavilion Bar run
by Men's Club**
Mulled wine
Soup
Tickets available from
**The Post Office, Costcutters, Co-Op,
Black Lion, The Wheel, Wynyard-
Wright & Ellis or phone 562770 for
large parties.**
RAF personnel - contact SWO
Advance ticket prices:
£5.00 adults, £ 1.50 children
On the night
£6.00 adults, £2 children
Please note: NO sparklers allowed

in full swing although our Thursday evening club session has finished due to lack of light.

Future Events:

One Day Tennis Camp - Monday 25 Oct (half-term).

Our coach, Mel Ebbles will be running this for any youngsters who are interested. To take part, please contact Mel on 07949 128195 or email melebbles@hotmail.com to secure your place.

Club Social & AGM – Monday 22 November. Meet 8 pm at The Wheel Pub for an informal 'meet & greet' and free drink. Potential new members are also most welcome.

Come and join us on the courts and beat those winter blues! For further information, please call Sue Crooks (Membership Sec) on 01494 562539 or myself on 565406.

Jenny Tench, Secretary

Good Neighbour Award

We are still interested in identifying the missing names from the list of those who have received the Good Neighbour Award so if you know of anyone that has won it please let Hazel Vickery know on 563977.

We would also like to trace the whereabouts of the original Bucks Fasteners Cup so again if you know where it is please let Hazel know.

Fireworks Stewards - We Need Some Volunteers

Volunteer stewards are required to man the gates and collect money from the spectators, so not a very arduous job. We need a minimum of 12 volunteers from 17:00 to 19:30 on Saturday 6 November.

If you can help out in this very entertaining evening, please contact the Chief Steward, Ron Carter on 563233.

Many thanks for your support.

*Andrew Wilmot, Chairman -
Naphill Fireworks Committee*

The Wheel

The previous month was somewhat chaotic with everything that has been going on, from mega birthday parties to yet another cracking beer festival.

Firstly, Chloe wishes to thank everyone who came to her 21st birthday celebrations on the 5th September. Unfortunately, due to the amount of alcohol consumed throughout the day, she is unable to remember who exactly was there at the time; so a little help may be appreciated! She was overwhelmed by the kindness of you, our customers, who donated money towards 21

birthday presents, ranging from new juggling 'equipment' to a lot of coffee! A couple of other wonderful people to mention, Nikki for all her running around finding presents, commentary on all Chloe's gifts and for all the photos. This would not have been possible without her, so thank you. To Chloe's family and friends who came from far and near to be with her, and finally, to one particular person who fell asleep due to alcohol before Chloe did! You all are amazing, Thank you!!!

Moving on to our 5th Joint Beer Festival, and our 10th in four years, the best selling ale was in fact the Ceilidh Lager from Scotland. The pub was jam packed with real ale drinkers from CAMRA, Greene King, HWRUFC and of course our regulars. Food was flying out of the kitchen, which is always fantastic to see, and the atmosphere throughout with weekend was incredible. On the Saturday we had Les Roots dishing out his cheeses, with two very hungry looking Labradors lurking around him all afternoon, and James Henton providing the evening's entertainment, there was not a spare seat in the marquee, the front garden or the pub. A big thank you to the customers who were patient to wait in queue for the beers, and for glass collecting, you don't realise how much this helps us. I must say a massive thank you to all of my staff, who

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worked solidly throughout the weekend, and for being patient if things went wrong. All in all, it was a great weekend, and I hope all of you enjoyed yourselves! Phew, Now that it's over here's what to expect from us in the next few weeks:

- Lots of weddings
- Lots of drinking
- Saturday 9th Oct – Past Times Exhibition @ The Village Hall
- Quiz Nights – check the boards for dates
- Sunday 31st October – British Summer Time Ends (boohoo)
- Saturday 6th November – Fireworks @ the Crick

Unfortunately, we do say goodbye to Amelia (collectively known as A2) who goes off to Bristol University shortly, and we wish her the best of luck with that. To Dean (Deano) who only was with us for a short period of time, but a valued member of the team has a new job. To Annabel, who goes back to University for her second year and will be back at Christmas. And finally we say a massive goodbye to Nikki. She has a new job of managing another concession at House of Fraser, due to the double management role, she will have no time to work here, but don't worry, she will be on call for any festival rota! Lastly, but by no means least, we have some new members of the "Wheel Family" I must introduce. First is Alex (the boat) who is helping to cover Kats' shifts while she recovers from her horse riding accident! The second is Nick (Nicko) who has come over from Oz. If you haven't met him yet, you can't miss the hair! We will all see you soon!

Claire and Mark

Frank Munger - Obituary

Many thanks Trevor Hussey who spotted this The Guardian recently, reproduced here slightly abbreviated due to space constraints.

"Frank Munger, artist, born 2 May 1920; died 24 June 2010"

The technical artist Frank Munger, who has died aged 90, specialised in cutaway line drawings of aircraft, their engines and missiles. His work was published in Flight International magazine for more than 40 years. Frank managed to make a seemingly complex subject readily understood, even down to the pilot's safety harness.

Using pen and ink on art board, he opened up aeroplanes, ranging from the lumbering Vickers Vimy bomber of the first world war to the supersonic Concorde. Frank's detailed knowledge of how aircraft were constructed was gained during the second world war when he was in the RAF.

He was born at Walter's Ash, near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and attended Naphill primary school. He grew up with a passion for drawing, mostly



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horses and internal combustion engines. He learned to dismantle and reassemble the motorbike engines of his friends and neighbours, and at the outbreak of the war was managing, without any formal engineering training, the servicing of food lorries.

He volunteered for the RAF, and, to his delight, was posted to a course for engine fitters at Squires Gate, Blackpool. Frank was then posted to a Vickers Wellington bomber squadron before moving in 1941 to Singapore.

By 1944 Frank was stationed at Guadalcanal, in the eastern Pacific, servicing Royal New Zealand Air Force Curtiss P-40 fighters. To his delight, these American-manufactured aircraft came with individual toolkits (British fighters came with but a spanner). After he contracted tuberculosis, he was sent home and, to his dismay, was invalided out of the RAF, having lost a lung.

In January 1945 Frank saw an advertisement for a junior artist's position at the studios of Iliffe and Sons, near Waterloo station, London. Despite having no formal art training, Frank, having taken along his RAF notebook sketches, was accepted by Max Millar, the head artist. Millar knew that Frank's knowledge of aeroplane engines would be invaluable to Flight International's news of all the latest developments.

In the summer of 1945 Frank accompanied Millar to Rolls-Royce at Derby to help draw the new Griffon piston engine which powered the latest Spitfires. For Frank, it was the beginning of a 65-year relationship with the company. His first cutaway drawing of an aeroplane, the box-like Bristol Freighter, was published in March 1946. In 1955 he drew the Rolls-Royce Avon jet engine, which powered the RAF's Hawker Hunter fighter. He completed the full pencil sketch in just four days.

In the late 1950s Flight International published a series of "probe" drawings of the US's latest supersonic jet

fighters. With the manufacturers unwilling to divulge information, Frank and his colleagues gathered diverse snippets of data and production line photographs of the F-104 Lockheed Starfighter. His accurate deduction of how the jet was constructed led to an anxious call from the air ministry, demanding to know where he had obtained the facts about a supposedly secret fighter.

Frank retired in 1985 but continued to draw for publications. He also took up model engineering and watercolour and oil painting. A selection of his works now hangs in the RAF Museum at Hendon, north London. Frank left London and moved to West Hallam, near Derby, and joined the Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust. One of his last projects was helping to restore and test a Rolls-Royce Merlin engine. He won many awards from the Guild of Aviation Artists.

Frank was a quiet, unassuming man but at his studio desk, cutaway in progress, he always gave those interested a warm welcome. His skill with the pen, knowledge of what was needed and which details to omit, gave clarity and understanding to his drawings. He was once asked what makes a good cutaway artist. He replied: "An artist who really wants to know what goes on under the skin." He is survived by a son, Derek, and a daughter, Tricia. His wife, Helena, predeceased him."

Putting One's Best Foot Forward

I suppose that generally in life one takes one's feet for granted. Their construction is incredibly complicated but hugely effective and usually they just keep doing their bit, even when one often does not treat them with the respect they deserve. About two years ago I began to suffer from sore feet. Initially I thought that the problem would remedy itself. It did not do so and off to the Doctor I went. She diagnosed inflammation of the nerves and put me on a prolonged course of drugs. There followed a slow recovery, almost 2 years, until today I can walk normally and without pain. Marvellous, you may think, and indeed I accept that the improvement is most gratifying. There is just one problem, I am convinced that they are no longer my feet.

It seems to me that sometime during the last two years my own feet, veterans of running, rugby, cricket, tennis and squash, have been subtly removed and a second hand pair substituted. Surely my own feet must be lurking furtively, perhaps on the common. So please, if you are walking there keep a look out a pair of good looking feet, shoe size 9½ or 10 with a fine curved instep and brimming with foot power. You may think that this is a footling matter but I feel quite strongly about it.

Alternatively if anyone can suggest an effective way to integrate my new feet into my whole body system, I should be delighted to hear from them. And if it costs money to achieve this I will of course foot the bill.

David Leith

Naphill & Walter's Ash Luncheon Club

We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at Naphill Village Hall when we all get together at 1 pm for 1.15 pm to eat. Our menu varies each month and consists of a main meal, pudding and cup of tea or coffee all for £3.00. We now have our resident piano player Alan who by his wonderful playing has created a lovely informal atmosphere for our senior citizens to come and chat to friends and meet new people. Currently our numbers have decreased and we would really like to welcome more senior citizens to come and join us. So if you know any senior citizens out there who do not know about Luncheon Club please pass the word around!

If anybody is interested in coming along please ring either myself or Jan Gaunt on the numbers below.

*Jan Gaunt – Organiser 562282
Helen Collins 562240*

From all the members and helpers we would like to convey our deepest sympathy to Pauline Pool and her family on the recent loss of her son Simon

Murder at Checkmate Manor

I am delighted to say that the Ubiquitous Touring Theatre is returning to Naphill with a hilarious production called Murder at Checkmate Manor. This murder mystery is performed by the 'talented' ladies of The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society and quotes by those fortunate to have seen the production include 'I can truly say that I have never seen anything like this before' and 'I laughed until I cried, but should I have?'

So make a date for Friday 22 October starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall with tickets at £8.00 including a cheese supper. The bar will be open as usual serving wine, beer and soft drinks.

Naphill Village Hall has been privileged to host the highly acclaimed performances by Ubiquitous over the years and we are thrilled to stage their latest production. Please telephone me on 562099 to reserve your tickets.

John Harris

Letters

Thank You

We would like to say how much we have appreciated the many kindnesses shown to us during our son, Simon's, illness and subsequent death on Friday 13 August 2010, the day before his 47th birthday. Our sincere thanks,

Mike and Pauline

Response to Hughenden Parish Council Article

Following the June Residents Association meeting report, the Gazette published a long letter from Hughenden Parish Council, accusing me (personally) of being “factually incorrect” and of “making insinuations about the correctness of their expenditure”. To put the record straight, their letter requires a reply.

The item concerned was a routine, brief, factual report, as made by all village organisations, of items discussed at a meeting. HPC was mentioned in item (c).

The factual accuracy of the report can be verified by others who were present. Factual reporting is not “insinuation”, as the Oxford Dictionary can confirm.

Taxpayers have every right to question council expenditure, especially at a time of national public expenditure reduction. A local council employee should not respond in this way to legitimate questions.

If HPC re-read the item more calmly, they will see that the point is not whether their expenditure against their budget or precept is accounted for correctly but whether the precept should be set lower in the first place.

Mrs Turner admits that “a Parish Council can request any amount of money from its District Council and under current guidelines it must be paid”. This is exactly the point which was raised. It is misleading to say the HPC burial ground is a major cost as it is balanced by income from fees.

When we hear daily that huge organisations like Police and Armed Forces have to make savings of 25% or more by cuts in major costs areas such as headcount, pay, benefits and efficiency, it is inconceivable that HPC can find no savings.

Malcolm Leflaive

Parking At or In the Vicinity of Schools

I note the comment by Lee Turnham in the September issue of the Gazette that the concerns over parking around schools will be a focus for police from September.

My sympathies lie with the the parents who have to get their children to school and as their only form of transport is by car, have to suffer the very real daily trauma of trying to find a place to park in the face of considerable harassment.

If there is a safety issue it is surely due to the error of presumably Bucks County Council in not providing the essential parking infrastructure when the school was built and in consequence I suggest it is now the duty of the Council to provide either off-road parking or parking adjacent to the highway in order to satisfy the safety issues involved.

May I suggest that the Council rather than the police get together and solve a serious problem by providing essential parking, rather than harassing parents?

James D. Chamberlen

Naphill Brownies

We finished off the Summer term with the County Brownie Circus Fun Day; part of Girlguiding's centenary celebrations. It was a scorching July day and thousands of Brownies from all over Bucks came together for a day of Circus skills, crafts, bouncy castles and fun challenges. 16 girls from Naphill took part in the day and were a credit to us. It was a wonderful thing to see so many brownies getting together and having a great day.

The new term is up and running with lots of exciting things to look forward to. We are doing our Craft badge this term – trying to fit in as many different types of craft as we can. We are hoping also to do our Fire Safety Badge with the help of the RAF Fire Service.

We have 4 new brownies this term being well-looked after by their brownie ‘buddies’ as they settle in to the pack.

Jumble- Please collect up any unwanted clothes and bric-a-brac for the Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale on **2nd October**. We will be collecting your bags from around the village as usual.

Ruth Daly

Little Ash Pre-School

We have had a very busy first month at the preschool. After a six week break the children were eager to get back to school and see all their friends. We also welcomed many new children whom are all settling in and making new friends.

Some of you may have noticed the layout of the preschool has changed slightly. We have rearranged some of the activity areas and put up new labels and signs. We hope this will help the children decide what activity they would like to do.

The preschool has been fundraising to purchase a new outdoor canopy. This will allow the children to be able to enjoy the outdoors all year long. We rely on your support through our fundraising so if you can volunteer any of your time or ideas please let us know. The preschool will be running many fundraising campaigns throughout the year.

We would not be able to run the preschool without the parent and community volunteers, thank-you for your support. The preschool would like to welcome Karen to our team as the new Preschool Assistant. Karen has taken the Paediatric First Aid training and is already a huge asset to the preschool.

Barbara Chambers

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play.

Admission price per session: £2 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling). Any queries please call me or simply join us at any Thursday meeting at Naphill Village Hall during term time. The group runs from **1-3pm**.

Louise Lucas, tel: 488255

Part Two - Fete Side Story

In the slums of the upper West Side of Naphill two gangs exist. One, a gang of villagers from the neighbouring Lacey Green (mostly that drink in The Whip) called The Jets. The Jets compete with a rival gang of villagers from Naphill itself (some of which drink in The Wheel) who call themselves The Sharks. Each gang is in competition to "own" the village streets. Although both gangs sometimes get on together, for example at joint beer festivals, the tension between them is marked by their bullying and tormenting of one another in occasional charity summer pub cricket matches and other such events. After one of these matches, Riff, the leader of the Jets, suggests to his companions that they settle their differences with the Sharks once and for all by challenging them to a "rumble", which is their term for a tug of war at the annual Naphill Village Fete. The award is one of the most prestigious at the Village event, second only to Village Welly Thrower award. Although Riff warns that the Sharks may choose to just have a good old knees up at the Village Fete, the Jets are enthusiastic about his idea of a "rumble". For support, Riff meets with Tony, a former member of the Jets, who is like a brother, and who now works in the Naphill Co-Op store owned by good-hearted Doc. Riff asks Tony to attend a dance at the Naphill Village Hall, an area considered neutral territory where Riff can present the challenge to Bernardo, the Shark's leader. That evening, at the Village Hall where the dance is held, several members of both the gangs arrive. Everyone is told of the time and place of the tug of war by Tony. It will take place at the Village Fete in Naphill - at the 'crick' (An important such venue for these kind of events) in the third weekend of June 2011 at 3pm. Both the Jets and Sharks go searching for volunteers to help them set up the Fete, and for supporters to cheer them on, an important part of the "rumble". The village is awash with people from both sides, who watch the float procession – a customary event that takes place each year. After a few donuts, ice cream and a lump of candy floss, both teams sort themselves into position over the rope. The Sharks know that the secret of the "rumble" is good teamwork and a good rhythm rather than the overall strength of the team. This is unbeknown to the Jets who believe they can win through pure power. The rope and chalk are ready, as both teams take to the field in front of a packed crowd for the ultimate VillageFete showdown...



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Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2–3.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30–7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4–8.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8–9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8–9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1–2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday – Forge Road	10.30am–1.15pm
	– Village Hall	12.15–12.50pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	1–3pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30–11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7–8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30–11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8–10pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45–10.45am
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10am onwards
	Each Thursday (April–September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April–July)	Group 1, 5pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April–July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8–10pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm

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November

- 6th Firework Display - The Crick
- 14th Remembrance Service - War Memorial & Village Hall 2.45pm
- 15th FONC Walk for Health - meet Village Hall 10.00am
- 20th NAWARA Annual Dinner/Dance - Village Hall (tickets required)
- 27th WANSA Christmas Fayre - Naphill & Walter's Ash School 11am - 2pm

December

- 4th Christmas Fayre - Village Hall
- 20th FONC Walk for Health - meet Village Hall 10.00am

January

- 14th Blood Donors - Village Hall
- 21st FONC AGM - Village Hall 7.30pm

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Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Lesley Hamer	473502	Mondays 6–7.30pm RAF Community Cent.
Community Police Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	Shoulder No: 3146
County Councillor	Richard Pushman	564152	richard.pushman@btinternet.com
Cubs - Naphill	Ed Atwell	563668	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm Scout & Guide Hut
Cubs - Walter's Ash	Rachel Brace	564679	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm RAF Comm. Cent.
District Commissioner	Lesley Hamer	473502	Guides and Brownies
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District Councillor	John Gibbs	565544	john_gibbs@wycombe.gov.uk
District Councillor	Richard Pushman	564152	richard.pushman@btinternet.com
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Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	562845	
Friends of Naphill Common	Trevor Hussey	563767	www.naphillcommon.org.uk
Gazette	Judy Whitehouse	562742	judy@judyq.demon.co.uk
Guides (Naphill)	Toni Green	562089	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm
Horticultural Society	Cathryn Carter	563233	www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770	naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888	Every 2nd Monday of the month at 8pm
	Hazel Vickery	563977	
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	Judy Whitehouse	562742	Judy@judyq.demon.co.uk
Prescription Collection	Penny Leggett	562866	
	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650	dbartonratcliffe@googlemail.com
	Celia Duncan	564230	
	Nancy Hussey	563767	
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School	Kerenza Gwynn	562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Mondays & Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Viper Explorer Scouts	Nick George	562846	Friday 7:30–9:30 Naphill
Surgery Pharmacy	Enquiries	565458	8am–12.30pm and 1.30–6.15pm
Tennis Club	David Fletcher	532195	david@tvemf.org
	Sue Crooks	562539	Smcr2000@aol.com
Village Hall	Bookings	565604	mdbaclarke851@btinternet.com
Website	Judy Whitehouse	562742	www.naphill.org.uk
WI	Juliet Shortall	565018	

Editorial

Congratulations to Pam Smith both for her fascinating display of village archives and for the resulting donations to the village hall and the Mayor's charity Pepper Care. The children also deserve a mention for a wonderful display of paintings at the exhibition.

My thanks to David Greenwood for the photos on this month's cover. David took these pictures at last year's firework display and they are an excellent taster of what is to come this year.

Finally, Sheila Draper has once again come to the rescue and edited the Parish Council and Residents Association articles for me this month to ensure impartiality over rural affordable housing (see below). I don't know what I would do without her, thank you Sheila.

Judy Whitehouse

The Editor has again asked me to edit those sections of the *Gazette* which might appear to be in conflict with her work as a Parish Councillor. I have done so and have removed one paragraph each from the reports of Parish Council and of the Residents' Association for the following reasons:

(1) The issue of rural affordable housing in Hughenden Parish is now on hold until the results of September's Housing Needs Survey are analysed by the independent CIB (Community Impact Bucks), which is likely to be sometime in early 2011;

(2) there has been a lot of acrimony around this issue and a "cooling off" period might be advisable;

(3) the Parish Council is an elected body and "votes" of "confidence" or "no confidence" can best (and legally, only) be expressed via the ballot box next May, when you can choose - from those persons standing for election or re-election - four Naphill & Walters Ash Parish Councillors, by voting in its 4 yearly elections;

(4) The *Naphill Gazette* is a monthly village newsletter, published, managed & delivered by volunteers, for the community, not a political, daily broadsheet.

Sheila Draper

Remembrance Day, 14th December at 2.45 p.m.

Readers are reminded that our annual Remembrance Day Service will be held in the Village Hall followed by the laying of wreaths at the memorial stone.

This has been an important year of remembering

not only those men and women who gave their lives for our freedom in the two world wars, but also the men and women currently serving in Afghanistan. Many of these personnel are deployed locally from Air Command at Walter's Ash.

During my chairmanship of the county council I was privileged to hold several receptions for the returning troops and their families from Iraq and Afghanistan and was moved by their dedication and bravery in serving in such hostile conditions. We really do owe a debt of gratitude to these service men and women who are there for our protection.

This year we have remembered the Battle of Britain and the brave aircrew and ground crews who saved this country from invasion. It is fitting that our service this year will be taken by serving padre from the RAF, recently in post as the Service Chaplain. I am delighted he has agreed to conduct our own Service.

Richard Pushman

Royal British Legion Remembrance Collection 2010

After 26 years of being responsible for the collection for the Royal British Legion in Naphill & Walter's Ash, I am handing over the reins to Julie Gibbs who will be helping me this year.

When I took over in 1984, the collection totalled £313. This was from the collecting tins, the wreaths and the collection taken during our Naphill Remembrance service in the village hall. The total steadily increased over the years to last year's grand total of £2,304. I know that we are all suffering from difficult financial times at the moment, but I hope that once again you will feel able to contribute to this year's Poppy collection which has a special need for the injured returning from Afghanistan.

Collectors with their tins and poppies will be calling on you and I shall be placing tins in the local shops and in The Wheel. I hope that you will continue your generous support to Julie in the future.

I take this opportunity of thanking all of the collectors for undertaking this task year after year, some also for 26 years.

Valerie Pushman

County Councillor's Report

For those readers who may not be aware 2011 is the Census Year and will be held next March, I have been asked to inform the community at every opportunity the importance of completing the census form when delivered. A high response rate benefits the whole community because it directly influences

central government funding and assists the council to direct resources where most needed.

The winter road gritting programme is now published. Priorities will be main "A" roads which give access to the emergency services. Other road categories will be cleared and gritted where they are needed for access to communities. This will not necessarily include bus routes. A register of four wheel owner/volunteers is being kept to take emergency workers to the hard to reach and disabled clients who rely on daily visits. Estate roads will not be gritted but salt bins will be kept filled for residents to use on road clearance, not for personal use.

In local government we are hearing much about the "big society"! This idea comes from the hope that there will be an increase in the voluntary sector to provide many of the community's needs. Self help has always been a feature of rural life but I am not so sure that urban areas have quite the same cohesion. Time will tell.

There is a certain gloom over county hall as the new cost cutting regime begins to bite. Unfortunately the council can only make real savings by cutting staff numbers but it is hoped that redundancies will be kept to a minimum by employees taking early retirement and many being redeployed to outside contractors. We will not know the true level of cuts required until the governments own review is completed and we know the level of grant support. This information, critical to our budgeting, will not be known until the end of November.

Some good news, I still have some of my Community Leader's Fund to allocate to local organisations who require support. I must have applications before the end of November.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Whilst writing, it is just five days from the comprehensive spending review and with optimism we have to do all we can to deliver. If the coalition can get on with then that is a clear message. We must do the same.

We know the cuts are coming. I also know we have to deliver a zero per cent increase in the Council Tax for next year. This will mean a new mindset and changes to how we normally implement services. The voluntary sector will have more responsibility and the people power to implement change and take on services will be something I relish. I am hoping that the new Localism Bill will allow elected representatives freedom to speak for or against planning applications without prejudice and to work with the community to get stuck in and go for it,

such as the community shop in Hughenden Valley and our Post Office.

You may be aware that work is well underway to upgrade the train station and the building of a multi-storey car park to coincide with the £250 million upgrade to the Chiltern line.

In late October, work will also begin to demolish part of the old Octagon on Abbey Way for the new 120 room Travelodge. The consultation on the stadium has had a very high response and with four weeks to go, there is little time left.

I expect to be attending Remembrance Sunday Services on 14 November, Special Council on 15 and the Regulatory and Appeals Committee on 22 November. The Chief Executive of Wycombe District Council will also be visiting the ward for a few hours on 2 December. Do you feel there are any opportunities or threats I could make her aware of? Or, you may be a business or community facility that would appreciate a meeting and/or visit?

Finally, I have some community budget left, which I need to allocate by the end of November. Please note I am unable to support the same organisation for two years. Please call or email at john.gibbs@wycombe.gov.uk immediately if I can help.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The Parish Council Planning Committee continues to meet every three weeks and to send its views to Wycombe District Council regarding planning applications. The number dealt with on any one occasion varies; on September 16th there were sixteen to consider and on October 7th the number was eleven. These applications come from all wards in the Parish and it is for ward members to give advice to the Committee in order to inform the response that is made to Wycombe District Council.

An application of particular interest to Naphill and Walters Ash was discussed last week. This was the application for a change of use from a car servicing and repair business to a jet wash ancillary to the existing petrol filling station and associated alterations at Walters Ash Service Station. The Council's response is given below.

'The Parish Council objects to this change of use. The Car Servicing and Repair business employs several people and the proposed car wash would be self operating. The loss of the servicing and repair business would be a considerable loss to the community, as would any workshop facility. The car wash could result in considerably more traffic movements in an already congested area and the

extension of hours (the servicing business operates on shop hours - 8.30am to 6pm) would be inappropriate in a restricted area.'

Other advice given to WDC is outlined below:-

The Council strongly objects to the erection of a 1.8m high fence at 35 Vincents Way considering that the visual impact would be detrimental on the street scene in this rural location. The Parish has also strongly objected to the application for a garage and new access.

The Council also expressed a strong objection to an amended application at 238 Main Road, the ninth for this site, continuing to consider it is over-development of the site.

There was no objection to an extension at Amble Cottage, Cherrycroft Drive, provided there is no intrusion on neighbours.

Details of the Parish Council's deliberations on planning matters may be viewed on the website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk.

I have deliberately kept my regular Parish Notes to comments which report actions taken, rather than make a controversial riposte to letters in the last Gazette. 'Discretion is the better part of valour' as I think the saying goes!

Peggy Ewart

Neighbourhood Police News

Speeding:

Great Kingshill Residents Association organised a Community speed watch within the village. Police attended some of the locations to give support and safety advice to the residents. On 3 occasions the SID (speed indication device) was used instead of the community speed watch device. This experiment was seen as a possible way forward in the task of speed awareness. The speed watch device has in the past been borrowed from another Parish. By using the SID the community residents will have support from Thames Valley Police on every occasion. The speed being shown to the offending motorist allows extra time to prepare for recording the registration and speed of the vehicle.

The speed enforcement van has also been out and about in Naphill and Hughenden.

Litter:

The litter situation has improved slightly with the turn in the weather. There are fewer people out in the open air but the main source of the litter is that, from fast food outlets. It seems that it is now considered

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the NORM, to leave the empty containers outside the car door and drive off. If this is seen please contact the Neighbourhood team with any vehicle details and follow-up enquiries will commence.

Parking:

The Widmer End School has been highlighted as a hot spot for parking at picking up times. A questionnaire has been delivered to all the local residents and Police are awaiting replies, to gauge the level of intervention required. The Great Kingshill School parking situation has continued to be a problem, with cars now being parked further down Cryers Hill and blocking access to residents dwellings. The school travel plan are working closely with Bucks Highways and other partnership agencies in order to try and reduce vehicle use and thereby increasing the safety of the pupils.

Other Matters:

Cash Point Machines: In the past few months there has been a rise in the number of devices being placed onto cash point machines. These devices typically either swallow up your bank/credit card or copy the data from it. The device normally has a mini camera installed which also records your pin number as it is entered. An individual or team of individuals then recover the device, including your card and then proceed to use your card in another machine and withdraw cash. Please take care when using a cash point. Before inserting your card just have a look at the machine to see that all is in order. The devices placed onto the machine are very professionally made and mimic the fascia of the cash point perfectly. However a tell tail sign that a device has been fitted is that the profile of the machine sticks out more. If two cash points are situated side by side have a look at the other cash point for reference. The device is normally stuck down with double sided tape so don't be afraid to lightly tug at the machine by the card slot to ensure that nothing has been fitted.

Another scam employed by criminals is to place a

piece of plastic into the card slot so that when you place your card into the machine it jams in the slot. A "good Samaritan" then appears at your side claiming to have experienced the same problem and offers to help. The Samaritan will then convince you to enter your pin number in his/her presence as this was the solution to getting his/her card free. After a few minutes the Samaritan will then state that the machine has swallowed your card and that you should report it to your bank. When you have walked off the Samaritan will pull your card out of the slot and will then withdraw as much cash as possible.

Please also be aware of persons hovering around the cash point. Criminals are desperate to obtain your pin number and will shoulder surf you whilst you enter your pin and then try and distract you as your card and cash are dispensed by the machine. Whilst distracted, which may involve a criminal dropping a £5 note on the floor by your feet, his/her team mate will then grab your card and/or cash and walk briskly away.

Always cover the keypad with your other hand as you enter your number so that no one can see it. If you are with a friend or member of your family ask them to stand close to you as well. If you do come across a device fitted to a cash point then either alert the bank immediately or call the police.

A recent documentary on the TV highlighted very young Eastern European Children begging by cash points. These children then pester you as you recover your cash from the machine, make you confused and then grab your cash.

Contact information:

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 0845 8 505 505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office.

lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
nataliehall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

The team would also love to hear from the community regarding any positive or negative feedback that you may have or any issues or concerns that you may wish to raise.

Lee Turnham

Naphill Evening WI

We are sorry to start off on a sad note with the recent death of one of our members, Elizabeth Williams. Betty, as many knew her, was very active in village life and worked tirelessly for the WI, serving as President and as Secretary. She was a



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lovely lady, who will be greatly missed, but Betty would wish us to go on enjoying the organisation that she loved.

There have been some glorious golden days in October and we hope that you have been able to get out and enjoy them. 'Autumn - its High Days and Holidays', was the subject of a talk we had back in September by Mrs Dineen. To illustrate her talk Mrs Dineen had brought along a large collection of old drawings and photographs of festivals, including - Harvest Home; Halloween; Bonfire Night and the Quarter Day - Michaelmas, when hiring fairs were held. The modern events marking Halloween and Bonfire Night are connected to the Celtic festival of 'Samhain'. This was to celebrate the end of the 'lighter half' of the year and the beginning of the 'darker half' and bonfires played a large part in these festivities. Later, bonfires were, and still are, connected to the seventeenth century terrorist Guy Fawkes, who did not go up in flames but was hanged at Tyburn.

On September 21st, a group from the Food Appreciation Group enjoyed a lunch at the 'Hit & Miss' at Penn Street. Jo Keattch was thanked for organising this event.

Plans are going ahead for a membership drive in the new WI year.

November 18th - Open Meeting - we welcome all newcomers 'National Service' – Speaker: Mr Peter Smith Competition: Military Badges or Medals

November 24th – 'Drop in Lunch' - at Beryl's – to be held between 12pm to 2.30pm Members: £6.
Guests: £7.50

Nancy Hussey

Naphill Neighbours

Our AGM took place last month (we were able to report on an entertaining and successful year and a healthy bank balance) followed by a most interesting talk on THE SURVIVAL OF A HERITAGE by Mrs. Mary Simmons. She displayed her beautiful collection of lace with samples dating back to about 1600.

We meet again on Monday 8th November when Mr Ed Bullimore gives us his illustrated talk on ARIZONA - COLOURFUL CACTI, SCENERY & PRE-HISTORY. The tea hostesses will be Carol Armitage, Maddy Morris and Alma Hussey.

Later in the month we go on our pre-Christmas outing to WICKSTEAD PARK on Tuesday 16th November, leaving the Village Hall at 9.00 am.

We will be doing our usual popular tombola stall at the Village Christmas Fayre on Saturday 4th December, so please remember to bring along your donations of bottles to our November club meeting. Anything in a bottle (or can) will be most welcome!

Most of us moan and groan when we see the Christmas displays in the stores in October while the roses are still in bloom in our gardens, but your committee has been "guilty" too - in thought if not in deed. We have just about finalised the arrangements for our traditional turkey dinner on Monday 13th December when our thoughts were on crackers, carols and all things festive!

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

Before I report on our October meeting I am going to start with a plea for help. Barbara Clarke, who has dealt with the Hall lettings for more years than she cares to remember, is planning to retire from that post next April. We are therefore looking for someone who can step into her shoes. We need someone who is proud of living in this vibrant community and who is willing to give some of their time back to it. The job entails dealing with all the enquiries about the hire of the Hall, sorting out the booking forms and accompanying letters, preparing



**Firework
Display
Saturday
6th November
On the Crick**

BBQ and bar from 5.30pm

Fire lit at 6pm

Display at 7pm approx

BBQ run by Sports Club

**Pavilion Bar run
by Men's Club**

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invoices, and paying the income into the bank, being available to hand out the key to the hirers and keeping the diary up to date. We would also want you to attend our monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month and be part of the Village Hall Council. You will be provided with a designated phone line for village hall business, and all your expenses will be covered. If you have the interest and the time to fill this vital role then we would love to hear from you. Contact me on 563479, and I will give you any more information that you would like. Please consider it and get back to me if you think you could help us. April will come round much too quickly.

Regular Hall users may have noticed the signs round the Hall informing you of the "Assembly Point". We do hope that this will not be necessary, but do familiarise yourself that in case of emergency the assembly point is out on the car park near the bonfire site - probably not on firework night, but on every other occasion!

A rogue team has been using the Crick illegally for games of football, and thus not paying any match fees for the use of the pitch. The football pitches on the Crick are private pitches maintained by Naphill football club, and not for general use. If you see any unfamiliar teams using the pitch please let one of us know, so we can chase them up for the appropriate fees.

You will probably be reading this after the next Have Your Say session with the Police which is on the 19th October. They are looking out for local people to help them with a "Speed Watch" campaign through the village. Contact Judy Whitehouse if you can help.

We have a water leak that needs urgent attention, but will necessitate fairly major excavations while we find the actual source. We will try to keep the impact to a minimum to hall users, but it is work that has to be done as I'm sure you realise. We do apologise if your session in the hall is affected. Users will be notified in advance if their session will be affected.

I do hope that you managed to get to Pam's exhibition. Not many villages have an inhabitant with the knowledge that Pam has, and her collection is magnificent. I know it is a lot of work for Pam to mount the exhibition, but we do thank her, for sharing her collection with us.

Our next events are:

- **The play on 22nd October**
- **The Fireworks on 6th November**
- **The Remembrance service on 14th November**
- **The Christmas Fayre on 4th December**

• **The Quiz Night on 25th February**

See you there,

*Sarah Bacon - Chairman Naphill Village Hall and
Playing Fields Council*

Fireworks - Wood for the Bonfire

We are expecting a huge bonfire this year, very much the same as last year's one.

If you have any wood for the bonfire you will be able to leave it in the bonfire site from the previous Saturday in the area that will be marked out on Saturday 30 October. Last year people dumped wood over a large area and as a consequence the football pitches were damaged which cost the football club and the Village Hall a lot of money to repair.

Please do not dump wood on the car park as it has to be moved which takes a lot of time and effort.

Commercial concerns are also able to leave wood on the bonfire site however the Village Hall would ask for a donation to the funds so please contact me and arrange for a cheque to be dropped into my letter box.

Any help would be greatly appreciated so if you can spare some time on Saturday 7 November to help with the building of the bonfire please come along.

*Andrew Wilmot - Chairman - Fireworks committee -
Telephone 562770*

Naphill and Walter's Ash Village Fete 2011

It is all very exciting as the fete committee starts to organise next year's fete on 18 June 2011. The theme 'Musicals' has got our brains whirring as we come up with new stalls and activities to join the old favourites!

We need your help to ensure the fete runs as successfully as previous years. We are calling for anyone who would be willing to spare an hour or two with tasks such as helping deliver the fete programme around the village, the setting up and running of the stalls and much more. If you have any special skills that you think could be useful please do let us know!

You can email us at nwafete@hotmail.co.uk to show your interest in an area you would like to help with, alternatively you can also drop your details to Claire in The Wheel.

We are also on Facebook! Please join Naphill and

Walter's Ash Village Fete to see all the latest news and photos. You can also post your own photos and memories to celebrate the thriving annual event!

The Fete Committee

Naphill Fete 2011 - Request for Tombola Prizes

We have recently agreed to take over the tombola from Ron & Helen Collins, whom we would like to thank on behalf of the Fete Committee for their many years of support. If you have any suitable prize donations, it's not too early to start dropping them in to us. We can be found a few doors along from Ron & Helen at no. 4 Lacey Drive. Your support is really appreciated and anything you can give (albeit nothing perishable at this point!) would be terrific! Thank you

Andy & Judy Pope

Past Times Exhibition Saturday 9th October 2010

Thank you everyone who came to my Exhibition. I hope you enjoyed looking at my village treasures. After expenses for prizes had been taken out I was able to give Ken Wright, Treasurer of the Village Hall, £586 profit. The money for the village funds are badly needed and will go towards the new boiler and repairing the water leak that has developed.

I could not have done the Exhibition without the help of many wonderful people. Noel my friend, my daughter Paula and husband Michael and Barbara and Michael Clark who all helped setting up on Friday evening, with assistance from others.

Barbara and Michael also ran the excellent raffle which raised £133 for Mayor Jane White's chosen charity "Pepper Care" which allows terminally ill children to be nursed at home.

Clive Lawrence was a great help, arriving at 6.30 am to transport my collection to the village hall and then moving it back again at the end of the day.

Cathryn Carter and her helpers for organising the refreshments and making those delicious cakes. Also Jenny Price for the sandwiches – very tasty.

I must not forget the friends who did a rota for collecting the entrance fee.

Judy Whitehouse our Gazette Editor who did a delightful cover on the October Gazette and also the posters, thank you Judy.

The Mayor and her escort were introduced by John Harris. The Mayor Councillor Jane White was presented with a posy from Evi Lucas (her mother

runs the Toddlers Group in our Village Hall). The posy was donated by Kate our local florists in the village. Thanks Kate, it was super, so pretty, much appreciated.

The competition for drawing or painting a picture of the Mayor being weighed in at the ceremony in High Wycombe in May this year had lots of entries. Thanks to Mary Carter a teacher from Naphill & Walter's Ash School and also Ruth Daly from Brownies (and connections with guides) who gave so much encouragement and organised the children to enter which was much appreciated. The Mayor took a long time choosing winners but they are as follows:

4-6 year olds:

1st Prize - Maelle Secardin
2nd Prize - Ashlea Cherrington
3rd Prize - Lucy Ogden

7-9 year olds:

1st Prize - Emma Stillwell
2nd Prize - Polly Campanini
3rd Prize - Nina Budel

9-12 year olds

1st Prize - Isobel Bond
2nd Prize - Natalie Daly
3rd Prize - Annie Lovett

The Mayor has invited the 1st prize winners and their families to visit the Mayor's parlour and see all the town civic regalia. Thanks to all the children who entered pictures. They were all on show in the hall and were all so good.

A large raffle with 35 prizes took place in the afternoon. The winning tickets were drawn out by the Mayor and "Aunt Con", my aunt by marriage Constance Baker. She is 102 years old and a wonderful lady.

Barbara Clarke announced the winners. Mr Woodhall from the Trophy Shop in Walter's Ash and



Iain Rennie's Princes Risborough shop is one of the charity's most successful, in providing essential funds to support the charity's 40 nurses, providing end of life care to those of us who wish to stay at home with loved ones.

The shop is dependent on its team of volunteers and would welcome some new members, for a regular half day/week. If you like to keep busy and sociable, pop in to see Lorna, the shop manager or call her on **01844 344130**.

Tracey from the RAF Hive very kindly sold some tickets and they luckily had some winners. The rest were sold in the hall on the day.

It was not only a nice sum of money to hand over to the Village Hall but it was a real social occasion as well. People travelled some distance to the Exhibition, meeting up with old school friends and folk they had not seen for ages. The exhibits were of great interest to many village folk.

It now leaves me to say a final thank you to all and start and sort out my treasures to be put away. Hopefully you will be able to see photos in the Bucks Free Press.

Pam Smith

Good Neighbour Award

Hazel has now been able to complete the list of people who have won the Good Neighbour Award. The missing winners are:

1990 Norma and Robert Clarke
1996 John Harris
1998 Ann Bull

She has also found out from Mr John Varney that a Director of Bucks Fasteners donated two cups in 1986/7 in memory of Mrs Eileen Varney, a member of staff. One cup became the Good Neighbour Award and the other Best Stall.

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Seed catalogues now available!

With the great autumn clear up well under way in the garden we start to think of ways to improve the garden next year (or make it easier to manage!!).

One of the best ways to get inspiration is to look through a seed catalogue (it also cheers up a dull winter afternoon).

So to help you along, we are once again running a scheme this winter to enable you to order seeds, plants, fruit canes, organic fertilizer etc. at greatly reduced prices- in fact., the more you spend, the more we all save!

We will be using Dobies again this year, a long established firm with lots of experience in the seed and plant world. In the latest Gardening Which? Dobies were a recommended "best buy" in their seed supplier survey with an impressive 81% of seeds germinating in the varieties tried. The scheme is open to everyone, so if you would be interested in placing an order, let me know and I can get a catalogue and order form to you. All orders are delivered direct to your door.

If you placed an order last year, you should already have had your copy through the door.

Happy browsing!!

Cathryn Carter – 563233

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Naphill and Walters Ash Residents Association
invites you
to the unmissable annual
Dinner Dance
Saturday 20th November
at
Naphill Village Hall

Delicious 2 course meal
Full bar
Raffle
Live band
Dancing till midnight

Tickets - £22.50/person
Bar open 7.15pm, Dinner 8.15pm
See below for contact details

All proceeds to NWARA to help look after your community

Saturday 20th November 2010 Annual Dinner Dance. Naphill Village Hall. Judging from the speed at which tickets are being sold residents seem determined to enjoy themselves – a tribute to Geoff Jolliffe's tremendous Trampoline Band. If it's just eating and drinking you are interested in you can enjoy a terrific two-course meal with vegetarian option and a well-stocked bar. All money raised goes to help fund residents' causes. Bar opens 7.15pm with dinner at 8.15pm. Remaining tickets from Carole 563508, Liz 562697, Gloria 563634 or Sue 564370. Get ready to rock from 7.15 onwards.

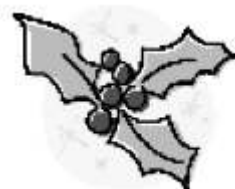
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Naphill Christmas Fayre

Saturday 4th December



In the Village Hall



Doors open 1.00 p.m.

Santa to arrive at 1.15 p.m.!

Put this date in your diary now to ensure you don't miss out on a fun and festive afternoon.

We will have all the usual stalls, and hopefully some new ones, where you can chance your luck or buy some attractive and individual Christmas goodies. Should you be interested in running a stall on the day, please contact Norma Clarke on 563116

If you could make a cake for the cake stall, or have any homemade preserves or pickles that you could donate, the Tennis Club would love to hear from you.

Also, if you are able to donate any prizes to the raffle or tombola, or even some of your time on or before the day, then please, please contact me, Cathryn Carter on 563233.

Make sure you come along and have a great time.

Santa's Grotto

Raffle

Refreshments

Mulled Wine

Craft Stalls

Games

Tombola etc. etc. etc.

western boundary wall along Downley Road to 1.8m high, and installation of gates (as amended 05/10/10). (Objection: Unsuitable in AONB. Likely to damage TPO trees.) **10/07174/FUL** 2 Stocking Lane, Naphill. HA for erection of single/two storey rear extension and front porch. **10/07198/FUL** Walters Ash Service Station. Change of Use from car servicing and repair business to car Jet Wash ancillary to existing petrol filling station and associated external alterations. (Strong objection. Disagree with design and access statement, loss of jobs, likely drainage problems, access and parking, noise levels, loss of amenity for local residents, car wash not needed.)

Community Speed Watch. PC Lee Turnham brought a Speed Indicating Device to our meeting and explained that in future CSW teams will include a PCSO and 2 volunteers. The PCSO will record the speed band into which each passing car falls, for police statistics, while one volunteer notes the registration number of each speeding vehicle that goes past, and calls it out to the second person who writes it down together with the time and speed. Warning letters are then sent to the car owners. Prosecution follows receipt of a 4th warning letter. Locations are suggested by the public, but safety of the CSW group is a most important consideration in selecting the exact position for SID and the group. The number of locations at which speeds are monitored each month will depend on the number of volunteers.

Date of Next Meeting: 8pm Thursday 11th November, Naphill Village Hall.

Marek Pawlik - 563126

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

I hope many of you will enter our **Photographic Competition**. You simply have to send us 'A photograph taken on Naphill Common': it can be of any subject – people, trees, landscape, plants, animals – in fact any way you see our common. There will be prize for the best entry and another for the best by someone under 16 years. Please send them in by email: check our website for details and rules. www.naphillcommon.org.uk Entries must be in by **Sunday 9th January 2011**; they will be judged by an independent judge from the Wycombe Photographic Society and all entries will be displayed at our **AGM on Friday 21st January 2011**. Old photographs of the Common are particularly welcome. Unfortunately, paper copies can't be accepted.

It has been a busy year so far. Our Walks for Health continue to be popular and our Tree Recognition Walk on 5th September also attracted a

good number of people. The real surprise was that on a very wet Sunday 3rd October thirty brave souls joined our Fungus Foray. Adults and children, including one in a pushchair, kept the leaders busy identifying specimens. Eventually we will get a report from the Bucks Fungus Group telling us what was found.

On 28th September two of our members, together with John Morris of the Chiltern Woodlands Project, acted as guides for a tour of the Common by the Royal Forestry Society. They expressed fascination with our common and were particularly interested in the veteran trees and the surviving junipers. They gave us some useful advice about conservation and the names of experts who may be able to help.

Our working parties have cleared a few of the paths but it is a huge task. We have been keeping an eye on our four remaining juniper bushes which are struggling for survival. You may recall that the biggest and best of them was severely damaged by the snow just before last Christmas. We have propped it up on an A frame but it is now connected to its root by a narrow strip of bark. None-the-less, it is still alive and even managed to put on small lengths of new growth. It is a male and in the spring it produced copious amounts of pollen, which may indicate that it is in difficulties.

It is good to see the Common being used by various groups and societies. Earlier in the year there was a run which took in several paths. This was welcomed but less desirable was the permanent orange paint markings on the route. We have written to the organisation involved and asked them to use degradable marking.

Our **Walks for Health** all start from the **Village Hall at 10am on Monday 15th November; and 20th December**. We hope to organise more in 2011.

Our **AGM will be on Friday 21st January 2011 at 7.30pm** starting with a cup of tea and a chance to see the entries in our photographic competition. There will be a talk on the archaeology of the Common and local woodland by **John Morris** of the Chilterns Woodland Project and author of *The Cultural Heritage of Chiltern Woods*. I hope you can come.

Trevor Hussey

Naphill Tennis Club: Your Village Club



Your Club Needs YOU!

We would love to see more players at our club sessions on Tuesday and Sunday mornings 10 am onwards. We play all year round (weather permitting) and free tea/coffee is provided in our little clubhouse – so all very sociable!

Our next events are:

AGM & Social – Monday 22 November

Meet 8 pm in The Wheel Pub for a free drink. This is a chance for all club members to get together. Potential new members very welcome.

Naphill Christmas Fayre – Saturday 4 December

Put on your cook's apron and bake a cake for the Tennis Club Cake Stall. Proceeds to Village Hall Fund. **Donations of homemade cakes, jams, chutneys, etc, gratefully received!**

Tinsel Tournament – Sunday 12 December

From 10 am followed by a 'Bring & Share' lunch in the clubhouse. Mulled wine and light-hearted tennis!

For information on any of the above, please phone me on 565406.

Jenny Tench, Secretary

Old Mobile Phones

If you have an old mobile phone handset that you no longer need, the fundraisers at Naphill & Walter's Ash School would be very grateful for it. The school is collecting old handsets as part of a fundraising initiative. When we have collected enough we can exchange them for cash. We need just 30 more to meet our target. Can you help? If so, please drop your old phone off at the school office. Thank you!

The Wheel

The Wheel has had a fairly relaxed October, well Mark and I think it has been. We have had the time to get a week's holiday in before the Christmas season starts. We would like to thank Chloe and Ed for making our week away possible as they took charge of the pub. It is always lovely to come home from holiday and to find the pub still standing and all the staff and customers are still talking. Thanks also to the rest of the staff and customers who helped support Chloe throughout the week. Thanks again it was much appreciated and needed. We had a wonderful week in Scotland (Ben Nevis and Glencoe), the Isle of Sky and then down to the Peak District walking, cycling and drinking!

Now that October has been and gone and the British summertime is officially over, it is time to look at the next two months with the build up to Christmas (scary thought)! We now have our new winter menu in place with Homemade Soup, Battered Cod and Chips, Steak and Ale Pie and our selection of Curries just to mention a few. The Christmas menu is also available so that you start thinking about those all important Christmas parties, please come in and ask for a menu.

So what's coming up?

- Bonfire Night 6th November – Don't forget to buy your tickets here
- 6th November- Ed's 25th Birthday (and half the rest of the village)!
- 21st December - Carol Singers with the usual mince pies and mulled wine
- Wednesday Quiz Nights from 8.30pm – 27th Oct, 10th Nov, 24th Nov, 8th Dec, 22nd Dec

We hope to see you all soon over the start of the winter months when you can come and enjoy a great meal and great beer with a real fire in a really friendly atmosphere.

Thanks again to all the staff and especially Chloe and Ed.

Claire and Mark

Manor Garage

We understand that planning permission is being sought for a change of business usage at Walter's Ash petrol station and Manor Garage. In our view this would be misguided.

Firstly, it would be a great loss to the locality to lose the services provided both as a garage and also for bodyshop repairs.

Secondly, it would be unfortunate to lose the service station facilities, particularly as the nearest sources of fuel would then be West Wycombe, Princes Risborough or High Wycombe.

Thirdly, if a car wash was set up and became popular, it would add to the complexities of parking in the area (particularly with the Co-op store being almost opposite)

Kath & Roger Beavil , Grimms Meadow

Do Woodpeckers Commit Peccadillos?

Yes, the plural of the last word above does end in "es", even if it looks wrong!

First, many thanks to the good folks who have in a humorous way, made polite enquiries about my current feet, which are in good fettle despite having usurped the privileged position of their predecessors! I was in fact changing my shoes - not my feet - in the kitchen during the morning of 13th October when I spotted a green woodpecker in the garden. Oddly enough I hear woodpeckers often in the woods but rarely see one there. However every October, at least one woodpecker visits my garden and does a grand job of clearing the lawn of ants eggs. Monday was no exception.

He (I think because the male is more colourful than the female) stayed on the grass for 30 minutes close to the house and I had the opportunity of taking a closer look at him using binoculars. A truly lovely bird and what a beak!

Our ginger cat Frazer took an interest in the wood pecker as it pecked furiously at the ants eggs but was clearly deterred from taking offensive action by the busy and aggressive beak. Meantime I timed his peckings at about 150 to the minute so in 30 minutes he ate about 4500 ant's eggs. I most certainly approved.

It did occur to me that a sore neck would pose serious problems for a woodpecker as it would inhibit its feeding. And, of course, woodpeckers are not covered by the National Health Service (yet). I wonder whether there is a venerable woodpecker with whom the younger element discuss such medial problems. Nature is quite remarkable but we would never know.

To my surprise the same bird returned in the afternoon of 14th October and spent another 30 minutes terrorising the ant population. Splendid! I would certainly forgive woodpeckers if they did commit trifling offences.

David Leith

Whence My Muck?

I have been applying farmyard (ie cow) manure to my garden and allotment since 1979. A local friendly dairy farmer supplies a load weighing about 3.75 tons every winter. I used to believe that what the cows ate was grass, plus meadow plants such as buttercups from the farmer's fields. How wrong I was! Modern farming is done on a huge scale, with scientifically-calculated amounts of various types of feed to ensure the health of the animals and to maximise the production of milk.

I was given a guided tour of the operation by my friendly farmer. He has around 700 mouths to feed. The food is stored outdoors in a series of mountains. He feeds his cows with about 20 tons per day. I'll just repeat that, 20 tons per day. It is a huge operation.

When he showed me the various types of feed I was astonished. In winter months there are 13 types, as follows: silage made from his own maize; silage made from his own hay; imported soya beans; imported soya bean husks; oilseed rape meal; palm oil; wheat; urea; limestone flour; yeast and, finally, by-products from the food processing industry such as sugar beet shreds, biscuits and orange peel. The proportions of each are finely calculated to give the cattle just what they need in their diet for their health and milk production. In the summer months the cattle graze on fresh grass but are also fed the

above list of ingredients when they come in for milking. The water used for the cattle's diet comes from the farmer's own 300-foot deep borehole in the Chilterns, and the water's content of trace elements is known. It seems unlikely that my farmer's cattle will be suffering from poor nutrition with such a carefully-controlled diet. Just as important, the manure I spread on my allotment probably contains a wide range of nutrients. I have carried out soil analysis. My allotment soil is now rich in trace elements, shows no deficiencies and no toxicity to plants.

Now to another aspect. In a handful of soil there are over 6,000,000,000 species of micro-organism. The above list of ingredients includes imported items such as soya beans, soya hulls, palm oil and orange peel. Some of the other ingredients may also have been imported. Now, with soil micro-organisms being so tiny and so numerous, it is inconceivable that all of them will have been washed off the imported ingredients. Thus soil micro-organisms from foreign lands will have been introduced into my allotment soil over a great many years. This is an extension of globalisation into unexpected areas. About 30 million tons of farmyard manure are produced in the UK every year, and most of that is spread on farmers' fields as fertiliser. Whilst one can only applaud that returning of vital trace elements and organic matter to the soil – and the consequent reduction in the use of man-made fertilisers – it does mean that foreign soil micro-organisms have been spread onto UK farmland for many, many years.

Now let us consider my compost heaps. All our kitchen vegetable and fruit waste goes into the compost heaps. Out-of-season French beans from Kenya, apples from New Zealand, South Africa and Chile, bananas from Africa, South America and the Caribbean – almost every continent has an input into my compost heaps and thus some foreign soil and soil micro-organisms are introduced into my soil. I don't know how they get on with the locals – maybe there is World War III going on down there. What I do know is that this mixing of soil micro-organisms from all over the planet is relatively new and there may be unavoidable consequences, whether good or bad.

So here I am on my allotment, practising no-dig gardening to help the soil micro-organisms flourish and, at the same time, introducing foreign interlopers and begetting unknown consequences. But the situation is even worse. At least 10,000 foreign plant species have been introduced into the UK in the past few hundred years, some edible, most decorative. Garden centres are full of them. In many cases they will have been brought in originally with soil round their roots – soil from all over the planet.

Thus foreign micro-organisms of all kinds will have invaded our soil. What damage will they be doing? We do not know, but we do know the dangers of introducing foreign animals and plants which have no natural enemies here. Muntjac deer from India are grazing freely in our gardens and on our allotments and multiplying rapidly. Japanese knotweed is an extremely vigorous and hardy weed. Grey Squirrels from North America are out-competing our red squirrels. The worst example I have heard of comes from Australia. Not too long after the initial settlement of Europeans, someone had the bright idea of importing rabbits. The original 24 escaped and, well, bred like rabbits. With no predators the rabbits colonised all of Australia apart from the extreme north, where it was too hot for them. They ate everything – grass, weeds, bark of trees and bushes until there was little growing in much of that hot, dry land. The topsoil was only an inch deep, became like dust, and blew off into the sea! So most of Australia is now barren with no topsoil. It could take thousands of years to regenerate the departed topsoil. So, if a few rabbits can create such destruction what about foreign soil micro-organisms destroying domestic soil micro-organisms? Are we doing irreparable damage to a vital part of our environment? We simply do not know. The world of the soil micro-organism is so vast, with 6,000,000,000 species in a handful of soil; we may never understand the role of all of them in a vital part of our eco-system.

Are foreign soil micro-organisms not the same as our domestic ones? I do not know, but since the continents split from one landmass into six distinct continents, evolution has caused the plant and animal kingdoms to be significantly different. Logically, evolution may have caused the micro-organisms in those six continents to be different. Now, when we introduce foreign plants and animals into other continents we can cause havoc. Perhaps the same is true with soil micro-organisms. The equivalent of a sabre-toothed rabbit micro-organism might be gobbling up our poor defenceless domestic friends as you read this article.

Happy gardening!

Mike Mason

New Developments at Chinnor

An opportunity for some enhancements to the Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway has come with the redevelopment of the former Chinnor Cement Works by Taylor Wimpey who is creating a new estate of some 178 homes.

Outcomes for the Railway from this redevelopment include a new car park – twice the size of the present one, ownership of the existing sidings, together with some additional land beyond the end of them.

This redevelopment has given the Railway confidence to plan and invest in the construction of a new storage and maintenance shed. For a number of years, the Railway had leased a shed on the cement works site but with the demolition of the works this facility was lost.

Subject to planning approval, the new shed will be purpose-built to meet the Railway's needs. It will include storage and engineering facilities which will allow engineers to work in the dry for the first time for a long while!

Railway Chairman, Roger Fagg, said: 'The redevelopment of the cement works and our working relationship with Taylor Wimpey has provided the opportunity for some important enhancements to the Chinnor site. These will benefit the Railway for the long-term and make routine maintenance tasks a lot easier for our engineering team.

For a look at the preliminary plan of the storage and maintenance shed or to make a donation please go to www.chinnorrailway.co.uk.

Of course, should there be any heritage railway enthusiasts keen to live near a railway – why not come to Chinnor!'

Andrew Bunyard

What SSAFA Did for Dad

Bill and Annie Harris live in Waddesdon. They are pictured holding an army dressed teddy bear which they won in a raffle at the Prestwood Steam Rally last July. The raffle took place at a stand run by the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association, (SSAFA Forces Help).

"We always look for SSAFA because of what they did for Dad," said Annie.

The story of Alfred Brown, (Annie's father,) is remarkable. He was born in 1902 and died, aged 101, in 2003. In 1992 he was one of the 12 oldest people in the County featured in a DVD compiled by the Bucks County Museum. Each gave testimony on an aspect of their younger days. Alfred's was called "The Drummer Boy"

At the age of 14 he once went to a cinema in Aylesbury to see a war film. It included the story of a band boy who was honoured for his service. That did it. He only had some toy drums at home but he was going to be a drummer boy in the army. He found that the nearest recruitment centre was in Oxford so, without a word to his parents, he set out on the long walk.

He got as far as Dinton before being accosted by a policeman. He was told that he was too young for the army and that he would have to return to the police station at Aylesbury. With only a bicycle as transport the policeman had to persuade a drover to give Alfred a lift. The drover couldn't get his cart to the police station so he dropped Alfred on the edge of town and said that he could walk the rest.. Needless to say, Alfred didn't quite make it.

He did manage to get into the army - still slightly young at the age of 16. He eventually joined the Gloucestershire Regiment, later to become known as The Glorious Glosters

He served for 36 years in many different parts of the world, including Europe, inevitably, Egypt, India, Korea and China where he contracted an eye infection which was to dog him in his later years. Like most old soldiers he never talked about his war experience so the details remain unknown, even by his closest relatives

His story moves on to 1994, aged 92, when he was in hospital with no home to return to, for complicated family reasons. Bill and Annie were the only source of help, although they lived in a small, one-bedroomed bungalow. They agreed to take Alfred in, allowing him the use of the bedroom whilst sleeping on a settee, themselves. In the meantime they began to explore other sources of help and heard about SSAFA. They called the Aylesbury office and the charity responded very quickly with a visit from one of the 40 or so voluntary caseworkers who operate across Buckinghamshire..

From here things moved very swiftly. The caseworker secured help from Social Services in finding a small bungalow for Alfred near to Annie's home. After checking, in absolute confidence, his financial position, including his pension entitlements, he asked Annie to list his needs for furniture, carpets and equipment, including adaptations for the partially sighted. (By now Alfred's eyesight was poor enough for him to be registered blind.)

She was also asked to obtain quotations for the cost of these items. All Alfred's needs were met and his livelihood safeguarded for the rest of his life.

That's what SSAFA did for "DAD".

This is one small example of the kind of help SSAFA has been giving the Service community for 125 years. The work has now spread far beyond the veterans of 20th century wars and extends to all service and ex-service personnel, and their families, however long and however long ago their service. Of course this includes responding to the full range of the practical, financial and emotional problems which arise from operations in Afghanistan.

If any readers, in a private or professional capacity, hear of people who could qualify for such help they can be advised that an initial call to the following number is all that is required to obtain a quick, confidential response.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this kind of work should use the same number 01296 744530 SSAFA Aylesbury Office (Callers will be referred to the most convenient SSAFA office in South Bucks.)

John Lambert - Publicity Officer, SSAFA Bucks

Naphill Brownies

Lots of tricky crafts have been the order of the day this term. We have made Mexican eyes out of wool, bookmarks, felt mice and taken part in the Mayor's art competition. Congratulations to Emma Stilwell and Polly Campanini who were awarded 1st & 2nd prizes in the 7-9 year old category. The Mayor has even invited the winners to visit the Mayors Parlour in town and see all the Mayor's official regalia – an opportunity that most of us will never have. Thanks go to Pam Smith for organising the competition.

Our October Jumble Sale was well-supported as ever. We had a great turn out of helpers. Thank you all for giving us your time. We really appreciate it. Thanks also to all those of you who donated jumble for sale, and came and bought it. We raised over £500 for Guide and Brownie funds. The girls are enjoying trying to decide how best to spend it – new equipment, an outing, craft materials....

We had a fun evening of skipping a couple of weeks ago. Two of our parents kindly came in and taught the girls some skipping rhymes and every one of the brownies managed to do some double-dutching (skipping with 2 ropes going at once). Well done everyone.

On the 20th October we have (had) the grand finale of the Girlguiding Centenary year - a massive campfire and BBQ event at Longridge, Marlow. The climax of the event is at 20:10 20/10/2010 when guides nationwide all say their guiding promise together to lead off the next century of guiding.

After half term, we shall be enrolling our 4 new brownies, having a sleep-over for our older girls with Hughenden Brownies and joining in with the Village Remembrance service, amongst other things. Always plenty to look forward to.

Ruth Daly - 565571

Little Ash Pre-School

We were very excited to have Zoolab come into the preschool in October. They brought many animals

for the children to see, touch and interact with. The Zoolab was such a success that we will be having them come back to visit us in January.

Now that November is upon us it is time for the preschool children to look forward to Christmas and all the holiday festivities. We have many crafts and activities planned for the children for the next several weeks. We will also be having our Christmas Nativity again this year which will be held at the Naphill & Walter's Ash School hall on 10th December, all family and friends are welcome.

To help ease the Christmas time shopping frenzy we have a fundraising website that makes shopping easy and helps the preschool at the same time. The preschool receives a donation from all the retailers for every purchase made through the website. To help raise money for the preschool all you have to do is register as a user and select "Naphill Preschool" as your cause. Then use the fundraising website as a portal to shop online with retailers websites. The website to use is: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>. This website can be used by anyone so you do not need to have children at the preschool to use it. We thank you in advance for your support.

Barbara Chambers

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling). Any queries please call me or simply join us at any Thursday meeting at Naphill Village Hall during term time. The group runs from **1-3pm**.

Thursday 16th December Christmas party 1-3pm. Mr Marvel entertainer, Christmas tea and visit from Father Christmas with a present for every child. £7.50

Louise Lucas - 488255

Village Web Site

The local search facility is now live. For example, if you type in "plumber" you will get a listing of all the plumbers who advertise in the gazette. The service is only available to existing gazette advertisers at the moment although we may expand this in the future.

We have other developments planned, including a photo gallery which will enable you to upload your own photos of the village.

Once again my thanks to David Kidger of Squidge Inc:

<http://squidgeinc.com/>

David entirely volunteered his time to develop the site on our behalf and continues to do so. So this wonderfully professional and feature rich web site has not cost the village a penny.

Finally, for those of you who are users of Twitter you can follow us @naphillwa.

Judy Whitehouse

Part Three - Mamma Mia

Cassandra turned up in Naphill from **Waterloo. Another town, Another train.** She was a real **Dancing Queen.** Her **Arrival** was **Just Like That.** She new it was time for the Naphill Village Fete 2011, the theme being **Musicals.** She was **Head Over Heels** as this was her favourite theme, and her favourite musical (Rather unsurprisingly) was one called **Mamma Mia.** She was dressed in an ABBA costume, which had cost her a lot of **Money, Money, Money.** She was a real **Super Trouper** though, and was really enjoying all the festivities that day - there was just something in the air that night. She met up with some friends; a nice boy called **Fernando** (Whose nick name was **Chiquitita**) and her girl friends **Elaine, Suzy-Hang-Around** and **Hey, Hey Helen** and they all enjoyed themselves **The Way Old Friends Do.** They were best friends **Knowing Me, Knowing You.** It was **Two for the Price of One** on the candyfloss stand which **Elaine** bought and gave to **Suzy-Hang-Around**, who was very rude asking for it - **Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!** Ok, but **You Owe Me One!** **Elaine** told her.

Cassandra meanwhile, won some **Honey, Honey** on the tombola - she didn't expect to come away with anything, but she knew **The Winner Takes It All.** It looked like a rather old jar, but is tasted **As Good As New.** They had a go on one Fete stand, but none of them could remember **The Name of The Game.** It was a busy afternoon - they had a go on **Rikky('s) Rock 'N' Roller**, the **Ring Ring**, the **Bang-A-Boomerang**, the **Merry-Go-Round** and then headed to the **Rubber Ball Man.** They had a look around at the **SOS** services that had a display - the fire engine being the biggest attraction. They looked forward to seeing the **Rock 'N' Roll Band** across at The Wheel in the evening that just happened to play only ABBA hits. When they got there the band said they were **"Gonna Sing You My Love Song"** to which everyone used their **Funky Feet** to **Dance.** When **All is Said and Done**, and **The Visitors** had to **Move On**, and **On and On and On** they chanted to the band **"Thank You for The Music"** before they said **So Long** to the **Dream World** of Naphill Fete to head back to the **Summer Night City....**

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2–3.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30–7.30pm
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Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8–9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8–9.30pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1–2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday – Forge Road	10.30am–1.15pm
	– Village Hall	12.15–12.50pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	1–3pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays NWA School	9.30–11.00am
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays RAF Sports Field	9.30–11.00am
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays The Crick	9.30–11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8–10pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45–10.45am
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10am onwards
	Each Thursday (April–September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April–July)	Group 1, 5pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April–July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8–10pm
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


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PIN-UP DIARY DATES

December

- 4th Christmas Fayre - Village Hall
- 10th Little Ash Pre-School Nativity - Naphill & Walter's Ash School Hall 2pm
- 19th Carols by Candlelight - Village Hall 4pm
- 20th FONC Walk for Health - meet Village Hall 10.00am

January

- 14th Blood Donors - Village Hall
- 21st FONC AGM - Village Hall 7.30pm

February

- 25th Quiz Night - Village Hall 7pm (tickets required)

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Sunday 26 Dec. Carols

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Sunday 26 Dec. 11am Rev. Gregory Hargroves

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Brownies (Naphill)	Ruth Daly	565571	Thursdays 6–7.15pm Scout & Guide Hut
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Lesley Hamer	473502	Mondays 6–7.30pm RAF Community Cent.
Community Police Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	Shoulder No: 3146
County Councillor	Richard Pushman	564152	richard.pushman@btinternet.com
Cubs - Naphill	Ed Atwell	563668	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm Scout & Guide Hut
Cubs - Walter's Ash	Rachel Brace	564679	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm RAF Comm. Cent.
District Commissioner	Lesley Hamer	473502	Guides and Brownies
District Councillor	David Carroll	716967	david_carroll@wycombe.gov.uk
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Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332	
Football Club (Men's)	Matt Gunnell	07738 467959	
Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	01296 582284	
Friends of Naphill Common	Trevor Hussey	563767	www.naphillcommon.org.uk
Gazette	Judy Whitehouse	562742	judy@judyq.demon.co.uk
Guides (Naphill)	Toni Green	562089	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm
Horticultural Society	Cathryn Carter	563233	www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk
Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770	naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888	Every 2nd Monday of the month at 8pm
	Hazel Vickery	563977	
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	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650	dbartonratcliffe@googlemail.com
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	Nancy Hussey	563767	
Pre-School (Little Ash)	Debbie Conn	564037	Alt: 01494 563832 (am) or 07907 102149
Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634	glorialeflaive@msn.com
School	Kerenza Gwynn	562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Mondays & Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Viper Explorer Scouts	Nick George	562846	Friday 7:30–9:30 Naphill
Surgery Pharmacy	Enquiries	565458	8am–12.30pm and 1.30–6.15pm
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	Sue Crooks	562539	Smcr2000@aol.com
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WI	Juliet Shortall	565018	

Editorial

Our final Gazette of the year and time to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in Gazette production and delivery.

David Leith our Treasurer who counts the cash, pays out the cheques and keeps me on the straight and narrow financially!

Pauline & Mike Pool and their fantastic **team** of people who tread the streets each month delivering your Gazette copies. I know it has been a little heavier of late and I hope you will forgive me for this.

Sue Fryer our Advertising Manager who bravely came forward to help earlier this year, thus enabling me to spend more time looking at web site content. Sue, you have no idea how much I appreciate your help.

David Kidger who designed and coded the web site from scratch and continues to maintain it on our behalf.

Sheila Draper and **Alan Lewis** for ongoing support and encouragement when I most needed it.

All our **contributors** who submit articles each month and ensure that we keep you well informed about village activities.

All our **advertisers** on whose income we depend. Thank you everyone for showing them your ongoing support in return.

All those **photographers** who have sent pictures for the Gazette covers and web site. (And yes, the garden photos are coming from the February edition onwards to cheer us all up over the winter.)

Finally, to all our readers who continue to pay their subscription, send in letters and generally support the Gazette.

Happy Christmas everyone and good luck for 2011.

Judy Whitehouse

News from 'Christians in the Community'

It's that time of year again! During December we will be out delivering Christmas cards and mince pies. Christmas cards will be hand-delivered to over 2000 homes in the parish and mince pies will go to those who live alone.

We will be carol singing on Tuesday 21 December in 3 local pubs. If you would like to join us (we are not a choir, just people who enjoy singing) please do so. We shall be at the White Lion, Cryers Hill at 7.30pm, the Wheel at Naphill at 8.15pm and the Harrow, Hughenden at 9pm or thereabouts.

Our 'Carols by Candlelight' will be at Naphill Village Hall on Sunday 19 December at 4pm. If you came last year you will remember that Bob Semple was one of the leaders at the service. Bob sadly died on Easter Sunday and will be remembered at this service.

We are planning to hold a united service on Sunday 23 January at 6pm at Hughenden St. Michael and all

Angels. This will be at the end of the week celebrating Christian unity.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Norma Clarke

Remembrance Day

My thanks to all who supported Remembrance Day at the Village Hall Service on Sunday 14 November. It was one of the best-attended services at the Village hall that I can remember over the past 45 years and a delight to see so many Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies and Beavers, along with so many members of the public.

My thanks also to the RAF Padre, Wg Cdr. Rev. Ashley Mitchell, who kindly provided the service sheets, and also to our bugler, Adam Pool and pianist David Goodchild.

The Village Hall retiring collection raised £261.82 to further the work of the British Legion.

Collections throughout the Village have yet to be counted. Valerie wishes to thank all the collectors and the shops for their continued support and will publish the total in the February edition of the Gazette.

Richard Pushman

Poppy collection

Generous to a fault in Main Road. The real Brits know how to dig deep into their pockets when our armed forces need their support, and residents from 2 Main Road to just past The Wheel did just that on Saturday 30 October. There was no show of being inconvenienced and all gave with a smile, young people as well as the elderly. Obviously our troops in Afghanistan were on their minds. To the people in my bit of Main Road, many thanks. I was moved by your generosity.

Bernard Reading, Main Road

County Councillor's report

There are many changes taking place at County Hall, not least the re-structuring in the provision of services. Our staff consultation over the proposed new structure began on 19 October and will last until 17 January 2011. The 90-day period is due to the fact that over 100 staff across the council are facing redundancy. Within Transport for Buckinghamshire, we are proposing to lose 23 posts. Some of these are already vacant and others may be accommodated by individuals who wish to take early retirement, reduced hours or voluntary redundancy.

We are reshaping the teams who serve in the

Transportation Department from three areas into two – one north team and a separate south team. This will reduce the number of team leaders by one. We are also planning to halve the number of local area technician posts from 20 down to ten. There will inevitably be a reduction in the level of service, particularly as our localities staff progress to their new roles but we hope that readers will understand and bear with them as they settle into their new positions.

Nationally, people are being told they need to take greater personal responsibility as the Coalition Government battles with debts of epic proportions but Buckinghamshire County Council is at the forefront of rethinking how services should be delivered.

Feedback from the recent Bucks Debate, a programme of public events and online consultation, has helped inform the future budget process as the Council considers how 'the big society' concept comes into play at the local level.

A wide range of schemes supported or run by BCC, promoting greater individual responsibility, show that strong partnerships can encourage life-changing life choices. The ethos driving every scheme is a commitment to ensuring Buckinghamshire residents enjoy a high quality of life, living independently in their own homes as long as possible with access to stimulating activities and interests.

The perception of speeding along our village roads is being confirmed by recent data collected from monitoring devices that show passing motorists the speed they are driving at. When this is fully collated, the police will consider suitable sites for the mobile speed detector vans to be located. These are proving to be more effective than fixed site cameras. Readers will already be aware of the van at the junction with Bradenham Woods Lane at Walter's Ash. I was surprised at just how many drivers exceed the limit at this dangerous point.

The dumping of litter and garden waste on public – or indeed private – land is anti-social and the county has a very effective covert scheme to catch culprits and to follow up with effective prosecution. I notice continued dumping on Naphill Common, especially when it is within wheelbarrowing distance of adjoining properties.

Let us all hope that the New Year will bring with it the promise of better things and with less depressing news, although we will still have HS2 to worry about!

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the many people who give of their time and energy to make our villages such a pleasant place to live. May I wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and a cheerful New Year.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's report

I was very pleased to attend yet another excellent and

colourful bonfire night at the Crick again this year; it was even better that the rain stayed away with numbers looking quite healthy on last year. The Remembrance day services I attended at both Wycombe and Naphill were again very well attended and it was good to see so many of you there.

I have received many letters and calls regarding the planning application at Manor Garage. I have asked the Planning office to have this determined by the Committee if they are minded to approve this. I have also received a number of concerns regarding the stadium proposal. We now await the formal results from consultation.

Good news is that Wycombe have just been awarded the Purple Flag, a new national award for town-centres: this is similar to the Blue Flag for beaches and the Green Flag for green spaces. High Wycombe was one of only six towns and cities across the UK to be specially recognised for offering evening visitors an entertaining and safe night out. To win Purple Flag status, towns and cities must be welcoming to everyone, offer safe ways for visitors to travel home, provide a good mix of venues and attractions and appeal to visitors not just at night but during the day too. Purple Flag towns can expect to benefit from less crime and anti-social behaviour, and more visitors.

The Christmas Lights switch on will be on 18 November. Shoppers can benefit from free town centre parking in car parks owned by Wycombe District Council (off-street car parks only) on 18 November, 2 December and 16 December.

Finally, may both Julie and I wish you a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The Parish Council held an Open Evening on 19 October in Widmer End School, to which all parishioners were invited. In recent years, the Council has held an Open Meeting in addition to the Annual Parish Meeting, in order to provide an opportunity for parishioners to meet councillors informally, asking questions of them if they wish.

All the Parish's councillors attended the meeting that day, making themselves freely available. The format was deliberately informal, with drinks and nibbles provided, so that councillors and parishioners could meet in a more relaxed atmosphere than is ever possible at a Council meeting. This was a good opportunity for residents to meet the Council but very few availed themselves of the chance. This was a pity as we would have been very pleased to see them. We hope that those parishioners who did come found the occasion helpful.

The Parish Clerk, Lynne Turner, is to be congratulated on the award of the Certificate in Local Government Administration (CiLCA). This means that the Parish not

only has a very experienced Clerk but also one that is fully qualified for the role. A lot of work goes into this award, including the provision of copies of much Council documentation so the assessors can see that the Council is well administered. Members gave the Clerk a round of applause at the Council meeting on 9 November. Congratulations!

Parish Councils have been asked to publicise the fact that 27 March 2011 is Census Day. Census questionnaires will be sent to every household by post and it is important that everyone in the country completes theirs. All census information can be found at www.census.gov.uk.

As this is the winter issue of the Gazette, it may also be appropriate to include reference to new guidance on clearing snow and ice yourself. We could be snowed in for the second year in a row! The information is available on Directgov – www.direct.gov.uk. If you would like a copy of the information sheet, please let me know (565969) and I will drop one through your door.

Seasons greetings and best wishes for 2011!

Peggy Ewart

Bradenham Parish Council

The National Trust is supporting the Parish Council's attempts to implement some form of traffic calming through Bradenham village. RAF police have been involved on the RAF site with educating their staff to observe the speed limits in the village. It is a very slow process and progress is also slow.

The Parish Council is very grateful for the £150 donation from Wycombe District Councillor David Devine to help with the cost of the notice board repairs needed in Walter's Ash.

The Parish Council had had no objections to planning application 09/05745/FUL (once amended) for a detached dwelling next to the Paddocks, Ashburnham Drive Walter's Ash, but it had objected to the alternative 10/06567/FUL. Once amended drawings had been submitted – moving the garage back and providing more off-road parking – the Parish Council had no objections.

The Parish Council is delighted that the National Trust had managed to kill off the knotweed in the church garden this year. This is a long-term problem and the Parish Council is grateful to the National Trust for its support.

The next meeting will be held Monday 17 January 2011 at the Cricket Club beginning at 7.30pm. The meeting is open to the public.

Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council
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Naphill Mother & Toddler Group

New members wanted!

**Come and join us any Thursday in term time
from 1 - 3 pm in Naphill Village Hall**

Admission price per session:

£2 for carer and first child,
50p per subsequent child
(under 12 months are free
if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

Neighbourhood Police news

SPEEDING

Naphill and Hughenden Valley have seen visits from the mobile speed van since the last newsletter. The roads policing unit have now finished their high-profile enforcement in Great Kingshill and the results are being analysed, with a view to trying to obtain a certified location within the area.

The autumn has started to descend upon us and the nights are closing in. The leaves and other debris on the highway can cause terrible road surface conditions and we have already seen a few collisions within the parish. Please allow extra time for your journey and adjust your driving accordingly.

The SID device, along with a PCSO, will be out and about within the parish shortly. The intention is that there will be a location (ward) nominated for each week of the month. If a location is then deemed to require more visits, I am sure this can be arranged.

LITTER

As the litter situation with SKANSKA has not improved, I have asked the Parish Council to send a letter of concern to SKANSKA head office. There has also been a concerted effort in arranging for litter-pick days throughout the year. These will be advertised within the various resident newsletters. In Germany, the law requires that the house owner/occupier is responsible for removing litter outside of their property and to the centre of the road. While I am not suggesting that we have spies in the streets reporting everyone for the odd piece not picked up, it would be nice to see residents taking extra pride in the community and placing the litter in bins and not the street.

PARKING

The Widmer End School questionnaires have slowly trickled in with a SPLIT result: some residents want

BOOKS

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Thank you.

change and the others see no reason for change. The road reps for the school travel plan will now be making personal visits to residents to seek a way forward. Parking at Great Kingshill School has continued to be a problem, with cars now being parked further down Cryers Hill and blocking access to resident's dwellings. One of the Parish councillors has been working hard to work out a bus commute system that would benefit parents and other road users. He has been to see a system that has recently been rolled out in the High Wycombe area. The feedback has been encouraging. A letter has been produced and school pupils will hopefully be taking them home shortly.

OTHER MATTERS

There has been an increase in attempted burglaries across the parish, with offenders trying various methods to try to gain access. One notable attempt was the forcing of a timber front door while the occupant was home. The attempt was aborted when the front door chain stopped the offender. PLEASE remember to apply the chain, EVEN when you are up and about in your home. And remember to contact your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators if you would like to purchase any small home security products.

Theft from motor vehicles has also been on the increase, with offenders being opportunist. They are checking vehicles on the off-chance that owners are leaving items on show and easily obtainable. Please ensure vehicles are secure and any items left in your vehicles are removed or out of sight. There is a Clear Car Campaign under way to draw attention to the pitfalls of leaving items in vehicles. Should you wish for more information please contact the Neighbourhood team.

HAVE YOUR SAY at:
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Lee Turnham

Naphill Evening WI

Winter is upon us and in the natural world things are inexorably slowing down. However, this can hardly be said of the WI, busier than ever as the year comes towards a close. The October Annual Meeting always involves extra work for the officers as they compile their reports on the year's activities. This was all worthwhile, and members heard that our WI is in a sound state. The committee remains the same, apart from one change, as Nancy had decided to step down for now. A ballot took place for President, and Juliet agreed to serve a second term. Thanks were expressed to the committee and to members who have helped to make it a successful year. After the formal part of the evening, we enjoyed some refreshments and a culinary quiz organised by Carol Gilliam.

The Autumn Group Meeting in October was hosted by Sands Valley WI. A number of members from Naphill WI attended, and especially enjoyed the musical part of the evening.

At the Remembrance Day service in the Village Hall, representatives from various organisations laid wreaths, and Juliet laid a wreath on behalf of the WI.

In November, a group of our members attended an ACWW 'Alternative Christmas Lunch' at Lacey Green Village Hall. ACWW stands for Associated Country Women of the World. This organisation has a membership of nine million through its 365 member societies in over 70 countries. It has a down-to-earth approach, offering mutual support, friendship and practical help to women and communities around the world (ACWW website). One way for WI members to give financial support is by contributing to the 'Pennies for Friendship' collection each autumn.

The Food Appreciation Group spent a most congenial November evening at the Polecat, and all remarked about the plentiful and delicious food. Their next lunch trip is for at Waddesdon Manor, on 2 December. The first meeting of 2011 is on 14 January for breakfast at the Black Horse, Lacey Green, at 10am.

The Book Club is to hold a 'pot luck' supper in December, followed by a discussion of the latest book, 'The Virgin's Lover' by Philippa Gregory.

Dates for the diary:

4 December – Christmas Fayre. Please take your prizes please for the tombola (food or drink) to the hall between 9am and 9.30am.

9 December – Christmas Party. Entertainment: 'All about Christmas in Words & Music' by the Belmont Duo. Please be seated for dinner by 7.30pm.

20 January – OPEN MEETING. Speaker: Mr P G Smith on the 'Royal Collection of State Coaches'. Competition: a model vehicle. Flowers: Cynthia

Rothwell. Teas: Judy Blofeld, Jessie Higham & Elieen O'Neill.

26 January – Theatre trip to London to see 'War Horse'.

A very Happy Christmas to everyone, and we send our best wishes for the New Year.

Nancy Hussey

Naphill Neighbours

At our November meeting we were given a most interesting illustrated talk by Ed Bullimore on a part of the world little known to many of us – Arizona. Our end-of -year outing took us to Wickstead Park near Kettering, Northamptonshire, for a pre-Christmas treat of lunch and a musical show.

On Saturday 4 December we will be running our usual Tombola at the Village Hall Christmas Fayre and, if you haven't already done so, please let Sheila or Hazel have your donations of bottles and cans (any contents!) as soon as possible. We hope to see you all on the day.

Our traditional Christmas dinner takes place on Monday 11 December when over 70 members and guests will be welcomed at no earlier than 6.30pm and no later than 6.45pm! We will sit down to the meal at 7pm after which we will be entertained by Voice Versa.

Another year will have gone by when we meet again on Monday 10 January for our first get-together in 2011 to be entertained by Tony Brown who will be showing us more of his fascinating historical glass slides A Victorian Lantern Show. Tea hostesses are Juliet Shortall and Gill Church.

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy New Year.

Hazel Vickery 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

We welcomed a new face to our meeting this month. June Lynch has replaced Jenny Price as the representative of the WI. We would like to thank Jenny for all her involvement and we look forward to June's contributions.

Hughenden Parish Council donate a bag of daffodil bulbs to the village every year. For several years they have been planted by the school to enhance their grounds, but this year we plan to plant them along the edge of the Crick. Hopefully you will see, and enjoy, the results of our planting in the Spring. Thanks to the Parish Council for supplying the bulbs.

We have revised the hiring rates for the Village Hall for the first time since 2008. As we all know, domestic bills have increased greatly over the past few years and the hall is no exception: for example, the gas bill has gone up by 22% this year alone. We therefore agreed to increase the hiring rates by 4–8%: an unfortunate sign of the times, but all the village organisations have agreed to accept the increase. We realised that the emergency lighting was not functioning properly and so have had it all overhauled and repaired, with a three-year guarantee.

We have had a useful influx of funds from the play Pam's Historical Exhibition, which was another great success, and of course the fireworks. Thank the Lord for a fine night. Our thanks go to Pam for her hard work in both accumulating and displaying her collection, to John Harris for organising the play, and to Andrew and his committee of pyromaniacs for yet another fantastic firework display. They provided three great village occasions and also helped to fund the ongoing upkeep and development of the hall.

Our next fundraiser in the Christmas Fayre on 4 December. Santa is booked, his grotto is being prepared and a variety of stalls will help you with your Christmas shopping, with mulled wine to enjoy while you wander round. Make sure you save the date.

Finally, the village website is now up and running. Look it up. Local services are listed there – our own village yellow pages. Make good use of it.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2011.

*Sarah Bacon, Chairman Naphill Village Hall and
Playing Fields Council*

Naphill fireworks display

We were extremely lucky with the weather, no wind and no rain, whereas the day before was very wet and the day after was very windy. The fireworks were fantastic: we spent about £4400 on them this year, a little more than last year. The firing is moving away from being a manual process towards being more automated. This makes for a safer environment for our firers and gives them more control and a better display for all of us.

The bonfire was enormous, the biggest ever! My thanks to everyone who helped at the event including all the firing party, the bar staff, BBQ staff, those on the mulled wine, soup, neck ropes, the marshals, stewards, first aiders, electrician, bonfire builders, and the RAF without whom this event would not happen. Everyone is a volunteer.

My thanks also go to the Post Office, Cost Cutters, Co-op, Wynard Wight & Ellis, the Wheel, and the Black Lion for selling the tickets before the event at no charge to us. The sales were a bit slow this year but there was a huge crowd, at least as big as last year. The profit is in the region of £7500 which will go to

Village Hall funds, and I will be recommending that the Village Hall Council makes a donation to the RAF Benevolent Fund as in previous years.

We had only two minor injuries this year, and they were dealt with speedily by our first aiders. So a highly successful and safe event.

Although we had many helpers, it does tend to be the same people every year, so I would like to welcome anybody new who would like to help in the future. Every little bit counts, so please get in contact with me if you would like to be involved next year.

I am not sure whether we can improve on this year, but we will try to make 2011 an equally resounding success.

*Andrew Wilmot, Chairman,
2010 Naphill Fireworks Committee*

Village Hall Christmas tree lights

By the time you read this, the Christmas tree should be lit up and cheering us all up on the dark evenings. By popular request, the number of blue lights has been reduced, so the overall effect will be warmer (and to some more Christmassy). However, these bulbs are not cheap, so we are asking you to dig deep to help pay for the new bulbs, the running costs and the all-important and essential insurance for the brave chaps who climb the tree to put the lights in place and take them down again in January, often in not very clement weather. If you would like to contribute, collecting tins are in all the local shops and pubs, so **please** donate what you can.

Enjoy the lights and have a very Happy Christmas!

Cathryn Carter

Fete Day 2011

The Fete committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would also like to thank the Fireworks committee for an amazing evening that was definitely one to remember.

With the build-up to the festive season, I am sure that few of us are thinking about the events in June (18 June – Musicals) which is very understandable. However, we have a couple of requests for you to consider over this festive time. First, when you look at all those amazing Christmas presents of which you received duplicates or which may not have been to your taste, please put them aside for the Grand Draw and Tombola: anything helps! Second, during your New Year resolutions, do remember we need more volunteers and nominees for the Best Neighbour Award. Thanks.

We hope you all have a fabulous time during the next month and thanks to everyone for your continuous support of our Fete.

Fete Committee

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Our recent Cheese & Wine evening was a huge success. The evening started with a very informative and amusing talk by John Tyler about the Ridgeway, and I'm sure that many of us will be encouraged to start walking it or, in some cases, walk it again! The delicious cheese and paté buffet was then demolished in record time!

If anyone is interested in visiting the RHS Wisley Gardens, the Society has a Garden Entry card, which allows entry at a reduced rate for two people and is valid any day except Sunday. If you wish to borrow the card, please give me a call. Our next event is the Annual Dinner on Friday 4 March 2011. Details later, but make a note in your diaries.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, thank you for all of your support over the past year, and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Cathryn Carter – 563233

Friends of Naphill Common

www.naphillcommon.org.uk

We have some good news about the Common. The photographs shown here were spotted at Pam Smith's recent exhibition. They show the Clumps as they were just over 100 years ago: circular banks lined with trees, in open grassland. Since then, the inexorable spread of scrub and trees has engulfed them and today it is difficult to pick them out from the woodland. They were once significant and popular features of the Common, even to the extent of being photographed and made into postcards. It occurred to us that it would be good to restore one or more of them to their former glory.



Fortunately the Clumps are on that part of the Common owned by the National Trust, and their

Gardens and Landscape Manager, Neil Harris, is someone who cares about the local area and the value that the Common has for our community. He has agreed to cooperate with the Friends of Naphill Common in a project to clear around at least one of the Clumps and restore it as an attractive feature. There are five clumps in all and, if the project is successful, we may extend our efforts to others.



During the coming months we will be organising working parties to clear the scrub. They will be on Sunday mornings: 28 November, 12 December, 2 January, 16 January and 30 January. Meet at 10am at the Common end of Forge Road. Each will last up to three hours but obviously volunteers can leave earlier if they wish. We can provide a few hand tools. So, if you would like to be involved, please contact a member of the committee. It is a big undertaking and we would like combine it with a continued programme of clearing paths. We are insured for the use of hand tools but if chainsaws are needed the work will be done by the National Trust.

Please enter our Photographic Competition. Send up to two photographs by email to fond@hotmail.co.uk by Sunday 9 January 2011 showing any aspect of Naphill Common. If you have old photographs (over 30 years old) you may send prints or slides – just get instructions and rules from the same email address or from our website www.naphillcommon.org.uk There will be a prize for the best picture and for the best by someone under 16. The winners will be announced and all the entries will be displayed at our AGM.

Ron Collins will be leading the December 'Walk for Health'. Meet at the Village Hall at 10am on Monday 20 December. The four-mile walk – with some hills! – walk will start from The Lions public house in Bledlow. If the weather is questionable, you can ring Ron on 562240 to check whether the walk is taking place. Next year, some walks will be on Mondays and some on Tuesdays. The first three will be Tuesday 18 January, Monday 21 February and Tuesday 22 March. More will be announced later. If you would like to bring a flask of tea/coffee, please do as we can have a stop on the way. Also, if you feel so inclined, you are welcome to join us at a local hostelry at the end of our walk for a bite to eat: it makes it more of a social occasion.

I hope as many as possible will come to our AGM on Friday 21 January 2011. It starts with tea or coffee at 7.30pm. You will be able to see the entries and the winner of the Photographic Competition. John Morris will give a talk on historical and archaeological aspects of the Common and local woodland. He is a well known authority and author of 'The Cultural Heritage of Chiltern Woods'. You will have a chance to comment on what we have done over the last year, give us your ideas for future activities and vote in a new committee. All is free.

Trevor Hussey

Chilterns' special trees and woods

On 20 November, The Chiltern Woodlands Project launched a new book entitled 'Special Trees and Woods of the Chilterns'. The Director, John Morris, thinks it will make an attractive Christmas present and be of interest to many local people. The book is about the whole Chilterns area and does include contributions from several local people living in Naphill & Walter's Ash. It can be obtained by request from Chilterns Woodland Project, The Lodge, 90 Station Road, Chinnor, OX39 4HA for £16.99 plus P&P or woodlands@chilternsaonb.org and telephone/fax 01844 355510.

Susan Wharton, FONC

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – IMPORTANT DATES

Julie Mills, Wycombe District Council's Electoral Services Manager, has informed the Residents Association that Notice of Elections will be posted on or around 21 March 2011. Nominations for candidature may be received by the Returning Officer at any time after the date of Notice of Elections, up to Close of Nominations, which is noon on Tuesday April 2011. Nomination Packs will be available from the end of February.

Anyone wishing to stand should contact the Electoral Services Manager at Wycombe District Council by phone on 01494 461000, or by email to julie_mills@wycombe.gov.uk for the Attention of Electoral Services Manager, or write to Electoral Services Manager at Wycombe District Council, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BB.

Election Day: Thursday 5 May 2011. The democratic process depends on enough people standing for election to serve the community and protect the environment. Please consider putting your name forward as a candidate for District or Parish or both.

Planning Applications to 10 November 2010.

10/07294/FUL Brackenside, Chapel Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of 1st floor and replacement roof, alteration to front bay windows and single-storey rear extension. (Comment: Proposal turns bungalow into a chalet bungalow. Not sympathetic to Green Belt or surrounding properties).

10/07395/TPO 14 The Orchard, Naphill. Reduce silver birch by 20% and shape to clear property.

10/07438/FUL Naphill Village Hall, 79 Main Road, Naphill. Change of use of existing football club function room to a coffee shop.

10/07493/FUL. 22 Vincents Way, Naphill. HA for the construction of single-storey front extension, front porch, side and rear extensions and alterations including insertion of three dormer windows to form two-storey dwelling from existing bungalow.

10/073593/FUL 245 Main Road, Naphill. Change of use from A1 (retail) to class A5 hot food take-away. (Delay in validation. Objection on out-of-date information (2000), parking, noise, smell, refuse disposal, loss of amenity for neighbours, no mention of AONB status.)

Next Meeting: 8pm Thursday 2 December, 2010
Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Editor's comment: One small paragraph has been removed from this article. If anyone would like to see it please get in touch.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor

We ask for correction of recent statements by the Gazette. Our Committee is concerned that both you and Sheila Draper have described reports of Residents Association meetings as "political" and unsuitable for publication. We are not political, but by definition Parish, District and County reports are political.

The Association has been part of village life for 40 years or more. Its Constitution specifically states: "The Association is not a political body and shall at all times remain free from political bias." It does not discuss or take part in politics. People who work hard for the village are offended by reports of their work being dismissed as "daily political broadsheet" material and censored. To avoid political bias, under the Constitution, members of local or national government bodies may not be office holders.

A key objective in the Constitution is: "To provide a focus for action by residents in defending the interests of Naphill and Walter's Ash." (the only body set up to do so). This often involves upholding Green Belt/AONB policies and opposing development.

On more significant threats, we avoid being divisive (as you and Sheila suggest) by convening public meetings where residents can exercise a democratic vote.

Naphill Tennis Club

invites you to a

Tinsel Tournament

On

Sunday 12th December

From 10 am onwards



*Light-hearted tennis with mulled wine & mince pies
Entrance fee: Xmas hat or tinsel decoration!*

All welcome

**Further info from
Jenny Tench 01494 565406**

The Gazette is the only way to keep villagers informed of development plans. If our information is censored because it does not conform to the Parish Council's ideas, villagers will be the losers.

In the November 1973 Gazette, NAWARA campaigned against a plan to build houses in Green Belt between Stocking Lane and Hughenden Valley. A few people said the plan would help young people, but most opposed building on AONB/Green Belt and, with the help of the Gazette, it was stopped.

Of the four excuses provided for censoring reports, none appears to apply to the Association.

We the undersigned Committee Members believe the co-operation of the Gazette is vital to resisting adverse change and ask you not to censor our information even when it is at variance with the views of the Parish Council. We should welcome a meeting to discuss this.

*Malcolm Leflaive, Marek Pawlik, Don Baker, Jill Shiu,
Phil Conran, Liz Conran, Sue Wood, Carole O'Neil.*

Editor's note: The Residents' Association emailed Sheila and I earlier in the month expressing their concerns and we have both replied.

Fibre Optic Broadband

Remember how we all worked together to get broadband into the village in 2003 and succeeded? BT are now rolling out fibre-optic Broadband in our country and I'm sure you all agree that we want the Naphill exchange to be up there in the 21st century. Fibre-optic will give us all a much larger bandwidth and speed for internet browsing, downloading, watching TV

NAPHILL Village Hall Quiz



**Friday 25th February
(Doors open 7pm, Quiz Starts 7.30pm)**

**Teams of Four
Tickets £8 pp (includes Ploughman's)
Full Bar Available**

In Aid of Hall Funds

**Tickets in advance from
Ted Chapman (563034) or John Harris (562099)**

in high definition or even talking to family with webcams, etc.

Can I please ask you all to go to

<http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com>

and cast your vote to get the Naphill Exchange on the map. Please pass this information to as many email addresses, friends and family in our village and surrounding area as you can or anyone with a 01494 56xxxx telephone number and ask them to vote now!

Alan Jessop

Naphill & Walter's Ash luncheon club

We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at Naphill Village Hall when we all get together at 1pm for 1.15pm to eat. Our menu varies each month and consists of a main meal, pudding and cup of tea or coffee all for £3, which unfortunately will be increased to £4 in 2011. The meal is usually accompanied by our resident piano player Alan, the music contributing to the informal atmosphere for our senior citizens to come and chat to friends and meet new people.

Lately, numbers have decreased and we would really like to welcome more senior citizens to come and join

us. So if you know any senior citizens out there who do not know about Luncheon Club, please pass the word around! If anyone is interested in coming along please ring either myself or Jan Gaunt on the numbers below.

*Jan Gaunt – Organiser 562282
Helen Collins 562240*

Coffee shop – Bon Ami at the Pavilion

Amanda Hall and Ruth Bond would like to say a huge Thank You to all those who have been so encouraging and supportive regarding our Coffee Shop plans. We are now awaiting a decision on our Planning Application to Wycombe District Council and hoping to receive a favourable response in early December. If so, we shall be working tirelessly throughout December to finish refurbishing and equip the Pavilion with a view to opening early in the New Year. Meanwhile, we would like thank of you who have personally contacted the council to express your support.

We really look forward to welcoming you all to Bon Ami.

Amanda and Ruth

The Wheel

The 12 Days of Christmas at The Wheel

This should, of course, be sung as the original, i.e. starting with the first day and adding until you reach twelve:

On the twelfth day of Christmas, The Wheel gave to me,

Twelve o'clock we're opening, (*check inside for opening times over Xmas*)

Eleven mince pies a-cooking, (*with carol singing 21 December*)

Ten pints a-swigging, (*roasted nuts, please!*)

Nine staff a-working, (*hard-working over Xmas!*)

Eight families chatting, (*welcoming new families to the area*)

Seven songs a-singing, (*carol singers 21 December*)

Six logs a-burning, (*open fire burning on these chilly days!*)

More real ales, (*don't forget the Barrel Sweep!*)

Four laying hens (*hopefully!*)

Three-course meals, (*Xmas menu available till 22 December*)

Two hungry Labs, (*always!*)

And a dining room full of baubles (*1 December*)

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year!

Mark & Claire, Chloe, Ed, Amelia, Linda, Mel, Alex, Skippy, Kat (when she's back) Amber and Daisy, Claire and Mark

Clothing collections

Thanks again to Alan Lewis for making us aware of two more “charities” that have been leaving bags to collect unwanted clothing. These are Little Treasures Children’s Trust and The Hand of Help, both of whom have had complaints made about them recently. If you wish to donate your unwanted items of clothing to a charitable cause, it is a good idea to check the authenticity of some of these organisations before you donate.

Knitting wool wanted

A Naphill resident who is knitting hats and blankets to donate to various charities would be most grateful for any donations of wool. They can be left with her neighbour, Chris, at 1 Louches Lane.

Little Ash Pre-school

A big thanks to those of you that are using our fundraising website to purchase gifts this holiday season. As a reminder it is

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

and can be used all year round. We continued our fundraising with a sponsored find for the children over half term. The pre-school children were asked to find items that begin with each letter of the pre-school name ‘Little Ash’. We received some wonderful items such as; Lego, Apple, Snake, Ice Cream, Hair Clip, Leaf, Acorn and much, much, more. The children enjoyed finding the items and bringing them in to show the other children.

Once again this year we are having Santa’s Grotto at Naphill Village Hall during the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 4 December. We hope to see all the pre-school children and their families there.

Our Christmas Nativity is on Friday 10 December at 2pm in Naphill & Walter’s Ash School hall, where all family and friends are welcome. It promises to be a wonderful and fun production.

On behalf of the preschool staff and committee of parents, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Barbara Chambers

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for them to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if

Christmas Carols by Candlelight



Sunday 19th December

Naphill Village Hall

4pm - 5pm

**Mince pies and
mulled wine afterwards**

Everyone welcome

accompanying a fee-paying sibling). Any queries, please call me or simply join us at any Thursday meeting at Naphill Village Hall during term time. The group runs from 1 to 3pm. On Thursday 16 December, the Christmas party (again 1– 3pm) will feature entertainer Mr Marvel, a Christmas tea and a visit from Father Christmas with a present for every child. The cost is £7.50.

We warmly welcome newcomers for our group.

Louise Lucas - 488255

Summer Nights

The kids think they rule in a small town called Naphill (Fete is the Word). They head back to school – their last year at Naphill and Walter’s Ash combined school.

Danny is a member of the ultra-cool T-Birds and only interested in cars, fetes, chicks and hanging out with his mates Kenickie, Sonny, Roger and Doody. The new girl in school, Sandy, doesn’t fit in with the Pink Ladies – Rizzo, Jan, Marty and Frenchy – although they are interested in her summer romance.

Sandy and Danny are unexpectedly reunited. She is thrilled to see him again but Danny isn’t sure how

hanging out with a 'good' girl will affect his image. All the boys contemplate growing up and what lies ahead.

Marty and Frenchy include Sandy in their circle, inviting her round to a sleepover to try on their musical themed costumes for the Village Fete next year, but she is dismissed by Rizzo as she just doesn't fit in with the gang.

The boys, meanwhile, meet up at the Manor garage to see Kenickie's new float for the fete which he has been working on all summer. The others think it is a heap of junk but Danny and Kenickie persuade them it will be a great way to attract the girls at the Village Fete in June 2011, and they name it 'Grease Lightning'.

After being rejected by the Pink Ladies, Sandy tries cheerleading but doesn't seem to fit in there either. She bumps into Danny again at the Co-Op but things are awkward between them.

All the kids meet up on the crick, Roger and Jan get talking and, slowly, discover they like each other and have a lot in common. A party atmosphere follows, as the kids celebrate their friendships.

Sandy and Danny finally get together; he borrows Kenickie's Grease Lightning float and takes her to the drive-in. Sandy is there to watch the movie but Danny has other things on his mind. Sandy is upset when he takes things too far and leaves him alone in the car, wondering if he'll ever get it right.

A little while later, the gang all hang out at the Manor garage again, listening to music and getting ready for the fete procession. They all put on their costumes and get ready to ride Kenickie's Grease Lightning float down the Main Road through the village to the big event, where the whole of Naphill turns out to cheer them on. Danny asks Sandy out, and everyone is happy, even Kenickie as he scooped best float for 2011!

Christmas again

June and I have just enjoyed an autumn cruise around the Western Mediterranean. It was thoroughly enjoyable in many ways, including one unexpected one: we saw no signs of the imminence of Christmas. In other words, the continentals manage to make enough money during a limited festive season, without as we do, extending the season to embrace the whole of November.

We did have the unexpected excitement of an emergency helicopter evacuation from the ship (Artemis) of a patient who had fallen and sustained serious internal injuries. It took place at 2am on a very dark night and involved the evacuation of several dozen passengers from their cabins on parts of the top three decks as the ship did not have an emergency helicopter landing pad. The helicopter hovered low over the ship and the patient, firmly strapped to a stretcher, was lifted up and whisked away to Genoa.



A festive poster for the Naphill Christmas Fayre. At the top, there are three illustrations: a Christmas tree on the left, a bell with a bow in the center, and a smiling Santa Claus on the right. The text is centered and reads: 'Naphill Christmas Fayre', 'Saturday 4th December', 'In the Village Hall', 'Doors open 1.00 p.m.', and 'Santa to arrive at 1.15 p.m !'. Below this, there are two columns of activities: 'Santa's Grotto' and 'Raffle' on the top line, 'Refreshments' and 'Mulled Wine' on the second line, 'Craft Stalls' and 'Games' on the third line, and 'Tombola etc. etc. etc.' centered on the bottom line. The poster is decorated with holly leaves and berries at the bottom corners.

Incidentally, when the evacuated passengers assembled in one of the ship's theatres to be served tea or coffee while the incident was under way, the discovered the ship's resident theatre company rehearsing their Christmas Show. There can't be too many employees who require their staff to rehearse at 1.30am! It its way it was reassuring to know that, even on a dark night, a very sick patent would be swiftly transferred ashore from far at sea.

Despite my diatribe in paragraph 1 above , Christmas in itself should be a happy experience for everyone one way or another. So here's to decent weather – seasonal if you wish, warm houses, good food, presents that fit the bill without totally emptying the pocket, and above all, warm hearts.

David Leith



A festive message box with a decorative border of holly leaves and berries. The text inside reads: 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers.' and 'We are back in February.....'.