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Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45-8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564469
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30-9.30pm	Scouts & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga Stretch and Tone	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
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Editorial

Probably, along with a great many other residents, my latest resolution is to improve my general fitness level. In my case, due to my level of physical disabilities, this is easier said than done, a quick run around the village is not an option and football is a non starter. Hence a fitness machine and a sensible eating regime. All I can say is if you meet me rushing around the village on my trolley with the two Chihuahuas hanging on for dear life in the basket, (I'll need them for ballast), you will know that the new regime is successful! In the meantime, and being far more realistic, welcome to the initial 2016 edition of the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette.

Our village Christmas tree was, as always, magnificent and news of its splendour and the history of it, was broadcast on local radio in an interview with Mike Mason. This year was the 40th anniversary of our tree being lit and two members of the team who complete this task have been involved in doing this for all these years. There was a gathering in the village hall to mark this achievement and a photograph to mark the occasion, which I am pleased to share with you in this edition along with an article from Mike Mason.

This is always a very busy time in the wonderful world of the Gazette. Our ever efficient treasurer, Mike Pool, joins me in thanking all our advertisers who have paid for their advertisements for the coming year and he has sent out reminders to those who have possibly put their bill on the "to do after Christmas pile". In these cases we should appreciate your prompt payment and confirmation that you wish to continue advertising with us, please. There might yet be a very few spare advertising spaces so if you wish to advertise with us please contact me as soon as possible. Likewise, if you have booked a space or if you want to update your existing advertisement I should appreciate receiving your new advertisement or update on or before 8 February, please.

Whilst this Winter has been unseasonably mild and our daffodils are just about to bloom, today, Winter has returned and Summer seems a long way off so I am especially pleased to be sharing two 'promise of Spring/Summer' articles with you in this edition. The great NapFest is back with us and instead of the best kept village competition, Peggy is telling us about "Clean for the Queen, so it is now time to start planning for these SPRING/SUMMER events. Hopefully by the time I sit here to compile the March edition of our magazine we will indeed to be looking forward to Spring!

Sonia Goby

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Village Hall & Playng Fields Council

Happy New Year to you all, however this may seem a little belated by the time you actually read this as we should be a good month into 2016 and be getting used to writing the correct year on things!

We started our meeting by giving the tables a good old wipe over. This only took us a few minutes but created a really marked improvement. If you are using the large tables then please do leave them as you would like to find them.

By the time you read this the defibrillator may well be in place on the outside wall of the Hall just outside the kitchen windows. We are planning to have a training session on its use sometime in the next couple of months to which all interested parties are cordially invited. We will advertise it well so look out for it. It will be on a Monday evening in the Hall, probably the third or fourth Monday in March.

Peggy Ewart is organising the "Clean for the Queen" to spruce the village up in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. We plan to carry this out in the week commencing the 11th April and we are trying to get the whole village involved. Peggy will produce a list of tasks that need completing but do look around your part of the village and do your bit to make sure it is clean and tidy.

We are continuing to look at the improvements we can make to the Hall and the playing field. All relevant organisations are being asked for suggestions and those we are looking into at the present are: a motion sensor light for the vestibule so that it comes on as you enter the building and are trying to find the light switch; a catering type dishwasher for the kitchen; and some adult fitness equipment for the Crick. All further suggestions will be put onto our list for consideration and investigation.

It has come to our notice that teenagers are again using the play area on the Crick. The equipment is designed for use by children under 12 and so we are not insured for anyone over that age. If anyone over the age of 12 uses the equipment they do so at their own risk and may be liable for any damage that this misuse may cause.

The next fundraising event will be NapFest in June. The thought of summer weather seems a dream at present. I do hope that the woods will have dried out by then!

Sarah Bacon,

Chairman Naphill Village Hall
and Playng Fields Council

Services at St. Botolph's Church

7 February	11am	Eucharist	Rev. Jenny Ellis
14 February	11am	Eucharist	Rev. Nigel Slater
21 February	11am	Eucharist	Rev. Jenny Ellis
28 February	11am	Matins	Allison Smaile

Peggy Ewart



CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

It is hoped that all village organisations, and individual residents, will want to join in with the initiative to give our villages a face lift after the winter and in time for the Queen's 90th birthday.

The Village Hall Council has designated the week beginning April 11th as a 'sprucing up' week. It is intended to circulate every household in Naphill and Walters Ash with suggestions about jobs to be done. The Friends of Naphill Common intend to pick up litter on the Common. The WI has volunteered to clean up the Crick and around the village hall, choosing a day in that week to do it together. Other organisations may choose to deal with other places such as Vincents Meadow, Templewood, around the shops, etc.

It is hoped as many residents as are able to do so will pick up litter regularly outside their homes, and also remove the weeds between their walls and the footpath. This is a great opportunity to enhance further the way our villages look, and to join together in a great community effort.

The Village Hall Council will consider the matter again at its February meeting. Further information will be sent to the Gazette for the March edition, and flyers will be delivered to all.

Please join in!

Peggy Ewart

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

15/08199/FUL 233 Main Road, Walter's Ash. Householder application for construction of single storey front extension. **15/08552/FUL 43** Woodcock Avenue Walter's Ash. Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey rear extension. **15/08361/FUL**. Seletar 6 Pursells Meadow Naphill. HA for construction of part single, part two storey side and rear extension

Decisions.

Permitted.

15/07934/CLP. 156 Templewood, Walter's Ash. Cert. of lawfulness for proposed insertion of 2 x front and 2 x rear roof lights and the extension of the existing soil and vent pipe in connection with loft conversion. **15/07734/FUL 41** Woodcock Avenue, Walters Ash. Householder Application for construction of part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension and rear conservatory. **15/07123/FUL** Oak End Clappins Lane Naphill. Householder application for construction of two storey front/side extension, insertion of window to front in connection with garage conversion and extension to existing raised decking. **15/08199/FUL 233** Main Road, Walter's Ash. HA for construction of single storey front extension. **15/08086/TPO** | Weight reduction of 4/5 overextended limbs on

T1 Ash by 3-4 metres, mainly over gardens of properties on Vincents Way. Ash Tree Rear Of 3 Vincents Way. Recreation Ground Main Road Naphill. **15/07883/FUL 256** Main Road Naphill. Erection of attached two storey 2-bed dwelling, widening of access & dropped kerb & creation of four parking spaces to front (2 spaces for use of 256 Main Road). **15/07867/TPO**. 160-163 Templewood, Walter's Ash. Crown lift to 3 metres Cherry 1098 to front of No.160 and reduce one branch close to house by approx 2-3 metres to provide clearance from house, footpath and parking bay, and remove dead wood; crown lift to 4 metres Cherry 1096 to front of No.162; fell Cherry Plum 1095 to front of 162 Templewood; remove one branch from Cherry Plum to front of No.163 to clear overhead phone line. **15/07857/FUL**. Aisling, Downley Road, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear extension. **15/07762/FUL**. Beech View Cottage, Naphill Common. HA for demolition of existing single storey garage/store outbuilding, construction of replacement single storey garage/store/garden room outbuilding and construction of single storey rear extension.

Refused

15/08004/FUL. 5 Moseley Road, Naphill. HA for construction of part single storey, part two storey side extension, insertion of 2 x front dormer windows and 2 x rear roof lights in connection with loft conversion and associated alterations.

Community Involvement

The Residents Association is looking for new recruits to fill recent vacancies on the Committee. The RA aims to promote the best interests of the residents of Naphill and Walter's Ash; to provide a channel of information on matters affecting the residents and their environment and a focus for action by the residents in defending the interests of N & WA.

Some members would be expected to take part in the work of the committee running the Naphill Village Hall and Recreation ground, in addition to that of the Neighbourhood Action Group committee.

Through the Residents Association and the NAG members would be expected to work with local councillors, local schools and the Neighbourhood Policing team. They would have the opportunity to identify community priorities, assist with crime prevention and safety projects and improve public confidence. Those keen to see a reduction of speeding on our local roads could join the Police on Community Speed Watch.

If you would like to be involved in our community in this way do email me on glorialeflaive@msn.com or telephone 01494 563634. The RA is a small friendly group who meet every second Thursday of each month at Naphill Village Hall.

Date of next meeting is 8pm Thursday 11 February 2016. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive
563634

Naphill Tennis Club

Our 'Tinsel Tennis' held on a Saturday shortly before Christmas was great fun and the mild weather ensured plenty of games were played in spite of the distraction of mulled wine and mince pies!



Photograph courtesy
Naphill Tennis Club

Our Men's Team in the Aylesbury League (Winter Division) have had a successful winter season so far with victories against Aylesbury, Princes Risborough and Chesham 1879.

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN PLAYING TENNIS

We are currently putting together our coaching programme for 2016. Beginners/Improvers (adults and children) will be catered for. Just let us know your requirements as soon as possible and we will tailor it to your needs. However, if you would prefer, come and join us at any time at one of our friendly club sessions held during the week and at weekends.

Further details from myself (565406) or the Membership Secretary (563706).

Jenny Tench

Growing Your Own

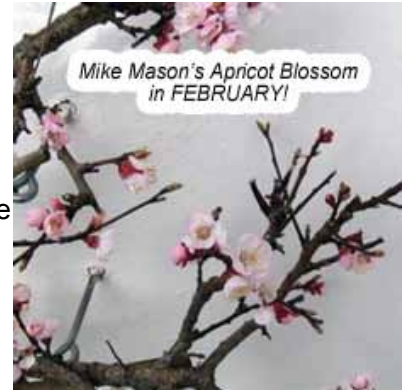
February, a difficult month for the garden and allotment. Winter is at its peak and it is either very wet with strong winds or it is icily cold, perhaps with snow on the ground. Nevertheless, one can sow a few seeds indoors and I shall be sowing my tiny seeds, such as celery, celeriac, par-cel, moss-curved parsley and broad-leafed parsley. (Par-cel is a real winner and is a cross between celery and parsley). Usually I sow seeds in the airing cupboard but with tiny seeds I have found that does not work. It seems that tiny seeds need light to germinate. So I take a 3-inch pot full of multi-purpose compost, press the compost down, sprinkle tiny seeds on top as carefully and as sparingly as possible, sprinkle a tiny amount of silver sand over the seeds then cover the pot with cling-film and place the pot on a sunny windowsill. Silver sand is obtainable from builders' merchants and a small bag should last you a lifetime. Very careful surface watering is necessary from time to time. The tiny seeds take an inordinate amount of time to germinate, at least a month, but the germination rate is usually very good. Once the seedlings are big enough to handle I pot them on into individual 2- or 3-inch pots, put them in the greenhouse, grow them on until warmer fine weather arrives then plant them out on the allotment or in the garden after hardening off for a week or two.

In February I continue to visit my allotment every day to take my winter crops and so benefit from the investments made the previous year. There may be a need for more pruning of fruit trees and fruit bushes. I take delivery of a ton and a quarter of farmyard manure and spread it on chosen patches on the allotment and in the garden and greenhouse. If we have a mild spell at the end of February, and only if the soil is crumbly, I shall sow parsnip seed and cover the row with fleece. It takes parsnip seed about a month to germinate.

Pollination can be a problem in February with bees on strike and other insects remarkably absent. However, the apricot tree growing against a sunny wall of my house does not understand that there are few pollinating insects in February and it insists on flowering. So the only thing to do is to take a cotton bud and do the bee's job. There may be about 400 flowers, but only about 10% will produce an apricot. However, I do not know which are the 10% so I pollinate the lot. I work over the tree making a buzz, buzz sound to fool the tree into thinking it is being pollinated by the real thing. I had the best crop ever in 2015. Bees are redundant!

Good gardening!

Mike Mason



Obituary



Muriel Smith died 21 December 2015 aged 96 at Stoke Mandeville Hospital after a short illness. She was a resident of Naphill for nearly 70 years. Loved and sadly missed by sons John, Peter and Robin and daughters in law Sue, Jeni and Cherie. All the grandchildren and great grandchildren. Our thanks to the Allied Health carers, Doctor Gallagher and the team at Hughenden valley Surgery and the staff of the hospital.

The family requested no flowers but donations please to Cancer Research c/o Arnolds Funeral Service 891 London Road High Wycombe HP10 9TB. Funeral service was held at Chilterns Crematorium Amersham on Monday 18th January 2016 at 1.45 pm.

Peter, John and Robin Smith

((Muriel's Sons))

Friends of Naphill Common

You will be very welcome at our AGM on Friday 12th February at Naphill Village Hall. Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start – no charge for entry! After a very short business session we are delighted to welcome Ian Mason who will give an illustrated talk about 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf'. Please come along whether you are a member or not and enjoy an interesting evening. The membership secretary will be there if you would like to join or renew your membership, which is only £5 for the year.

If you would like to start the year with some mild exercise amongst friendly company please join either our short or long walks, or both. They have become very popular. All are free and you don't have to be a member – although we will be pleased if you join. The short walks (2-3 miles) are led by Chris Miller starting at 10.30am from the Village hall on the first Wednesday of each month. The next is on 3rd February. Ron Collins leads the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third Monday of each month and the next is on 15th February. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9.30am sharp.

If you are feeling even more energetic, please consider joining our working parties which are open to members and non-members. They undertake path clearing, holly cutting, pond maintenance and similar tasks, all aimed at improving the Common and making it easier to enjoy. The working parties are led by Peter Davis and the next are scheduled for 7th Feb., 21st Feb., 6th March, 20th March, 3rd April and 17th April. Assemble at 10am, usually by the noticeboard at the Common end of Chapel Lane. As the location is subject to change, and the working parties may need to be cancelled at short notice, it's always best to let Peter know in advance if you're planning to attend at webmaster@naphillcommon.org.uk.

It is good news about the junipers: we planted out six cuttings along the main path H21, protected by wire cages, and all have taken root and appear healthy. There are four more cuttings to plant out. We have negotiated with the National Trust and they have agreed to let us plant them in the grassy area at the Bradenham end of the Common between the Umbrella Tree and the Clumps. This is an ideal location since junipers prefer open land. The cuttings were taken from the Common's four surviving junipers; all of which are struggling in the dense shade of the trees. (Notice that the National Trust recently trimmed the Umbrella Tree to conserve its traditional shape, for which we thank them.)

Of course, it is much sadder news about the Great Beech at Dew Pond which collapsed in the high winds of 15th November last year. It was the biggest tree on the Common, with a girth of 17ft - 10½ins (5.44m) and probably the oldest, being about 400 years old. It proved to be hollow: the walls of the trunk were less than 1ft thick and mostly rotten, so it is remarkable that it stood so long. It fell into the pond which it completely covered. We are in negotiations with the West Wycombe Estate about its removal. Probably

the best plan is to remove the numerous side branches and drag them out of the pond, leaving the main trunk like a bridge across the middle. It carried the very rare fungus, *Herichium erinaceum* and several other species, so its demise is doubly sad. Prof. Lynne Body has collected samples for DNA analysis. We have put wire guards around two small beech seedlings which are probably its offspring so people may be able to enjoy them, perhaps for another 400 years.

It is much better news about the ponds. With the indispensable help of the Chiltern Rangers we have cleared around almost all of them and walkers may have noticed the transformation. For example, Ash Pond has green vegetation for the first time in many years. With help from experts we hope to encourage a rich flora and fauna to return.

We believe that another session of felling is due to start this autumn and we will be active in marking the trees which must be left (mainly veterans) and trying to ensure that the heavy machinery does not damage any archaeological features.

As you can see, we have a busy and vital programme ahead, so please come to our AGM and, if you wish, join our membership.

Chris Miller
Chairman

Naphill Neighbours

Our new year started well with an excellent talk by John Tyler about his visit to Indonesia. We are closer to home for our February meeting on Monday 8th when our speaker, Peter Mussett, will be telling us about "Life in the Library".

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month in the village hall and new members will be most welcome. Our annual subscription is £15.

Plans are going ahead for two outings this year. The dates for your diary are:

- Thursday May 19 – Longleat Safari Park
- Tuesday September 13 – Buckingham Palace – Fashioning a reign: 90 years of style from the Queen's wardrobe.

Hazel Vickery, 563977

The Wheel

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope it is a prosperous and healthy one for you all. What a fantastic December, everyone really seemed to be out celebrating in style (and all of those Christmas jumpers, what can we say!). You all ensured you made the most of the festive season with Christmas Dinners and informal drinks parties. This definitely kept us on our toes this year. It was great to have such a festive atmosphere with lots of laughter and fun despite the wonderful weather. The three winners for the Christmas Draw were:- 1st - James Wagner, 2nd - Tom Coles, 3rd - Cath Beverley, so congratulations to you all.

Christmas Day was as frantic as ever and thanks very much to Shaun who worked this year and Mathew Creaser who took the Christmas tree collection tins round, it is always such a lovely day and the few hours we are open are made special by you all. Mark and I had a lovely day with family and friends and enjoyed great food and company.

New Years Eve was a great day and night, I can say that those who were here made a great effort with their fancy dress costumes. The theme was Animals and we had Pooh Bear, Busy Bees, Zebras, Cheatahs, Wolves, Flamingos and the winning costume was a beautiful handmade Peacock dress (Charlotte Forest). It was a great way to see in 2016.

January is a month of catching up on paperwork and taking a well deserved holiday, so I thank Chloe and the team for looking after the pub while we were away. January is also the time for organising the year to come, we have some great plans for 2016, so watch

this space. Here is what's happening over the next few months...

- 6 Nations Rugby - starts 6th Feb through until 20th March
- Valentines - Saturday 13th Feb - Curry by Candle Light
- Mothering Sunday - 6th March (please book early)
- St Patricks Day - Thursday 17th March
- Easter Weekend - 25th - 28th March

We would like to thank all our staff for working so hard during the past year and especially December. You are an amazing team that work so well together and it sad that Helen Leigh Dugmore (Dave) will have left us in January to become all grown up and sensible!!! Thanks to all our customers and here's to a fantastic 2016.

Claire and Mark



Picture This

As February tends to be a grey, wet and cold month, I thought that we could cheer up the day with a communal sing-along. Picture this, every Gazette reader sitting by a roaring log fire, clearing their throat, ready to sing. So here we go with an old Beatles song from the Magical Mystery Tour album. Ready? Two three, four.....

Day after day, alone on the hill,
the man with the 5 x 4 is keeping perfectly still
Everyone starts to notice
Cuz they know that he's so cool
He has no time to answer

But the 'cool' on the hill
Sees the sun going down
And the eyes in his head
Sees the world spinning round'

OK, stop now. You'll have the neighbourhood dogs howling. So what - you might quite reasonably be asking - has this got to do with photography? Well, a few weeks ago I was teaching a Professor of Romantic Literature (and you don't get too many of those to the kilo), the dark art of large format photography. You know what I mean. Think big wooden camera and black hood. As we are talking Romantic Literature, you might also want to think black cape and windy beach E.M. Forster style.

It was the end of the day and the romantic professor wanted to make a picture of a sunset. That's why at 3.30 pm, we were standing at the top of Coombe Hill setting up 2 cameras, surrounded by people who were fascinated by our Victoriana. And as the sun goes down very, very quickly, we had no time to answer questions. Filters quickly 'blu-tacked' to lens, light meter readings taken, clockwork shutter wound up. We waited with nervous thumbs on cable releases. We waited until the sleepy sun was gently nuzzling the horizon; then 'click' and the professor started counting. "One Mississippi, two Mississippi, three Mississippi, four Mississippi" and then another 'click' of the shutter. 4 seconds at f22. We had time for 4 more Mississippis before the sun dropped off completely and fell below the horizon somewhere beyond Oxford.

We then did have time to give some advice to the fans we had gathered around us.

Sunsets look better from the top of a hill.

Try a panorama. On your phone, you do it like this.

- Press and hold on the dark part of the scene to set a better exposure.
- Place the tree silhouette in the corner of your picture to add depth.
- Try using a tripod to keep the camera very still.

Our new fans showed us their instant results and they looked good. Glowing skies, peach-coloured cirrus clouds like feathered angels' wings, purple horizons. All very romantic.

We, however, would have to wait a week before could see our film and that's a lot of Mississippis.

Richard Holroyd

richard@richardholroydphotography.com

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Hooray, it's February, which means it is time to get into the greenhouse and start planting seeds and planning the garden for what we hope will be a lovely summer!

As I mentioned in December, we will not be holding a dinner this year as it is no longer financially viable. The Summer Show has also gone by the wayside as it is not terribly well supported.

Our events for the year will therefore be:-

18th MAY	PLANT SALE
3rd SEPTEMBER	AUTUMN SHOW
28th OCTOBER	CHEESE & WINE EVENING

We are also trying to organise a coach trip during the Summer and will publish details as soon as possible.

Finally, a reminder that on Monday March 14th 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.

Cathryn Carter
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A Letter from our Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

February 10th was my mother's birthday. She passed away to better things nearly 20 years ago, yet that date is still etched in my memory. This year it happens also to be Ash Wednesday: not an event strongly celebrated in my church tradition nor in my family. I really don't remember mother ever doing anything with Ash Wednesday.

But the day before (Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day), now that was always enthusiastically celebrated in my childhood, and there have been few Shrove Tuesdays since then when I have not eaten pancake! Eaten of course with syrup and squeezed oranges. You may try to entice me with your favourite alternative recipe, and I won't say no, but I'd sooner have the real thing!

When we were quite small, mother wanted to demonstrate tossing the pancake in front of us children, but our kitchen was tiny, and no space for both pancake tossing and children, so she brought the hot pan to us at the living room table where we were excitedly and desperately awaiting the pancakes. The pancake went dramatically up in the air and came down perfectly in the pan, but she had been over-generous with the cooking fat, and a great splat of fat shot out in all directions. I don't remember whether any of us suffered minor burns from the fat, but we all saw the fat on the newly wall-papered wall. Of course mother dabbed at it with her pinny, but too late: it had soaked in. And the grease marks stayed there for several years until the next re-papering. It's better to gloss over what father said when he came home!

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, a season of 6 weeks up to Easter. In some parts of the Church, and in some periods of history, a serious time of prayer and review of one's personal life (spiritually and morally), and meditating on Christ's sufferings and death: a preparation for Easter. Some people used to fast, after the Pancake Day feasting, until Easter.

Nowadays there is an element of such holy devotion, and some people will still "give up something for Lent", (a good challenge is to give up alcohol for Lent!), and others will find time to read their bible, or discuss the moral issues of the day.

In recent years, at Naphill Methodist Church we have organised a series of Lent lunches (or I should say Margaret Bracey has organised them!) on the Saturdays of Lent, at the various rural churches in our Circuit. This year the particular one at Naphill will be on 20th February. (Now that happens to be my grandma's birthday! But that's another story!). On that Saturday from noon till 2pm anyone is welcome to come and eat with us at church. It's just a social occasion and we have a collection for a charity, because that's another tradition of Lent.

Sometimes you might think February a dreary month, but there are some good things happening!

Mike Hill

(Minister for Naphill Methodist church)

Naphill Scouts

We have an action packed, if fairly short, term ahead of us due to the early Easter this year. First a look back to the last scout meeting of 2015 when we said goodbye to four of our senior scouts, Will, Harvey, Rhys and Cameron, who move on to Explorers. They were all involved in investing our newest scout, Josh, handing the baton (or in this case the flag) onto the next generation of scouts.



Talking of the next generation, we have been joined this term by seven new boys either moving up from Naphill Cubs or having moved into the area. Naphill Cubs are also thriving so the recent establishment of a second scout troop in the group down in Speen means we were able to offer spaces to all the Cubs who wanted to join Scouts.

The program this term includes the "freezer" cook out, some pioneering with spaghetti and marshmallows, our annual pancake decorating competition, bowling, hiking and the grand Easter egg hunt right at the end. More next month.

Mark Powell

Naphillscouts@aol.com

Naphill Brownies

Happy New Year everyone

First of all may I just mention that the Spring Jumble Sale is earlier than usual this year? So may I encourage you to dig out your jumble nice and early for the sale on 27th February.

Our Christmas term finished with 3 fantastic weeks. December started with an evening of Chocolate fun with Cath from 'Something chocolatey' The brownies made some awesome chocolate creations – fun to make and yummy to eat.



Then we had a Christmas crafts evening with a plentiful sprinkling of sequins and glitter. And finally we closed the term with our District Carol Service. It was great to see so many brownies and Guides together.

And so now we head into a brand new year. With New Year's resolutions in mind, we recycled our Christmas cards to make pretty gift boxes to give away as simple gifts. We



hope the brownies will begin to learn the pleasure of a simple unselfish act of kindness.

In the coming weeks we will be considering what it means "to do our best", and what brings out the best in us. We will be also be doing a variety of crafts, some cooking, playing games and singing songs. We will also be learning exciting new skills with the help of some visitors to brownies.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)
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Guide & Brownie Jumble Sale

27 February
Naphill Village Hall
1.30pm

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

No furniture or electrical goods please!

Tell the Scam Man to “Scram”

Pensioners are becoming increasingly easy targets for fraud and are warned to be alert to the “get-rich-quick” con man. This advice comes following a 25% jump in fraud cases over the past year. Accountancy group KPMG revealed that UK courts dealt with the third consecutive annual increase in fraud cases. It said fraudsters were increasingly using positions of authority to prey on “gullible” investors, especially pensioners who were freed from the requirement to purchase an annuity and were desperately looking for places to invest.

Your bank will NEVER:

- Call or email you to ask for your full PIN or any online banking passwords.
- Send someone to your home to collect cash, bank cards or anything else.
- Ask you to authorise the transfer of funds to a new account or hand over cash.
- Ask you to carry out a “test” transaction on line.
- Send an email with a link to a website that asks you to enter your online banking details.
- Ask you to email or text personal or banking information.
- Provide banking services through any mobile apps other than the bank’s official apps.
- Call to advise you to buy diamonds, land or other commodities.

Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group

Remember the Apostrophe!

I’ve no idea who Walter was. I don’t even know if his Ash was a *Fraxinus Excelsior* or the remains of his crumpets. However, I do know that the village is called Walter’s Ash.

When you enter from the South, there is a fine road sign at the top of Clappins Lane showing the dividing line with Naphill and welcoming you to “Walter’s Ash”. Similarly, as you travel down from Lacey Green, there is a sign on your right before the Spitfires declaring “Walter’s Ash”. There is no road into the village from the east, but the Bradenham Road leads into the heart of the village from the west. Slightly strangely, at the top of this road a directional sign points right towards “Walter’s Ash”. I suspect that a sizeable minority of residents actually live to the left of this sign, but this is not my point. Rather I am writing because every time I drive up the magnificent Bradenham Road, I inwardly grimace as I pass the green sign stating “Walters Ash”.

It’s not the absence of a courteous welcome, or even the lack of a request to drive carefully that irks, it’s the failure to spell the name of the village correctly. For it is a spelling mistake, on a par with getting a letter wrong. It must be easy enough to correct, but I’m not sure who is responsible for village entrance signs. So I thought I’d see whether I could start a campaign through this journal to get the sign on Bradenham Road replaced with an accurate sign and give visitors to the village a proper welcome.

Lyll Thompson







Little Ash Pre-school spaces available for September 2016



Please come and visit with your child
Friday 18th March 1-2pm, or Tuesday 17th
May 2-3pm.

Little Ash Pre-school opens Monday to Friday 9 to
12 am for 3&4 year olds.

Spaces available from Easter 2016 Monday & Tuesday afternoons
(12.45 to 3.15pm) for children due to start in September 16



If you would like to come visit on these dates or need to book another date
to visit please contact Judy our office administrator on 01494 562813



Speen Pre-School

Village Hall, Studridge Lane, Speen, HP27 0SA

For Children aged 2 - 5 years

Monday to Friday 9am – 12pm
Lunch Clubs everyday until 1pm

'GOOD' OFSTED rating

Spaces Available for Immediate Start

Small Pre-School helps children grow in confidence.

Highly qualified, experienced staff get to know every child well.

Direct access to countryside for Forest School.

Joint activities with school ease transition into school life.

“Children achieve well because the quality of teaching is
good. The atmosphere is very inclusive and this helps
children to grow in confidence & self-esteem”.

Ofsted, 2013

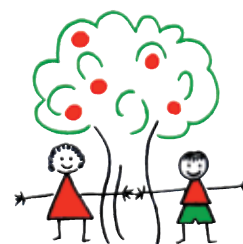
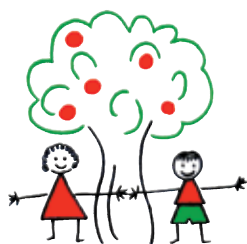
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office@speenpreschool.org.uk

Call 01494 488160 during term time

Admissions Coordinator 01494 488155 out of school hours

www.speenpreschool.org.uk





NapFest 2016

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th June
Military Past and Present



It's time to start thinking about this years' **NapFest weekend**, so please start by marking these dates on your calendar.

The theme of Military Past and Present has been chosen, so it should give everyone a wide choice for choosing a great costume. We would like to see as many people as possible dressed up, including stall holders, volunteers and us (the committee) and encourage local shops and houses to decorate up as well.

Friday 11th June - Music on the Crick

Bands will be confirmed in due course. Back by overwhelming demand will be the food stalls and, of course, the licensed bar! And to enjoy these to the fullest why not dress in a 1940's or 1950's style to dance the evening away.

Tickets will be available from The Wheel and Online.

Saturday 12th June - Fete Day

You will experience a rejuvenated fete day this year. We're going to have many more stalls (including crafts, novelties and hand made goods), the RAF will be bringing along more equipment, and there will be improved childrens' rides.

The procession will promenade around the arena for the second year running, with the flag bearers leading the way.

The NapFest BBQ will be feeding us with their delicious Burgers and Hot Dogs, Naphill Mens Club will be serving up the pints in the Beer tent, and the ladies from the WI will be serving tea and cake in the Village Hall.

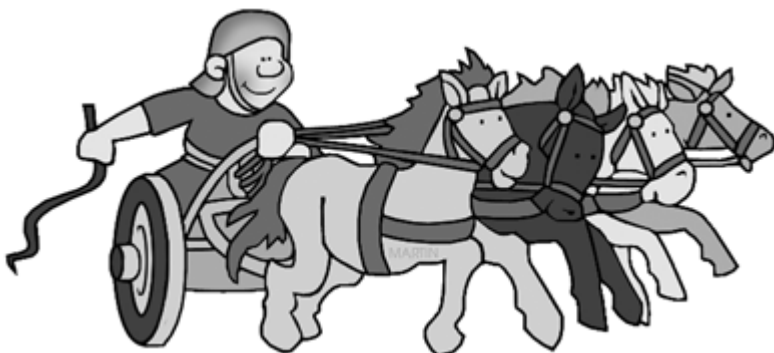
Donations continue to be a necessity for the Tombola, Bric a Brac and Book Stalls, so if you have those unwanted Christmas presents lying around why not drop them in at The Wheel PH. We are also in need of Grand Draw Prizes so would welcome donations from local businesses.

We have a vacancy for someone to run the Bric a Brac stall on fete day, so if you're interested please contact us.

Sunday 13th June - Classics on the Crick

After the huge success of this event last year the first item worth mentioning is **BOOK EARLY** if you're thinking about bringing along your vehicle.

We're hoping that in the theme of Military Past and Present there will be a vintage section for military vehicles. Why not come along dressed to match the era of your vehicle? Everyone would love it.



Kirstys Kitchen is feeding us again, and the licensed bar will be serving us all.

If you have any enquiries or are interested in having a stall on Fete Day, Saturday 12 June, please contact us at nwafete@hotmail.co.uk

Naphill & Walter's Ash School to grow seeds from space

Year 5 children at Naphill and Walters Ash School are preparing to become space biologists and embark on a voyage of discovery by growing seeds that have been into space.

In September, 2kg of rocket seeds were flown to the International Space Station (ISS) on Soyuz 44S where they will spend several months in microgravity before returning to Earth in March 2016. The seeds have been sent as part of Rocket Science, an educational project launched by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and the UK Space Agency.

Our school will be one of up to 10,000 schools to receive a packet of 100 seeds from space, which they will grow alongside seeds that haven't been to space and measure the differences over seven weeks. The **Year 5 children** won't know which seed packet contains which seeds until all results have been collected by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and analysed by professional biostatisticians.

The out-of-this-world, nationwide science experiment will enable the **pupils** to think more about how we could preserve human life on another planet in the future, what astronauts need to survive long-term missions in space and the difficulties surrounding growing fresh food in challenging climates.

Mrs Robins, Mrs Shimmin and Mrs Campanini say: "We are very excited to be taking part in Rocket Science. This experiment is a fantastic way of teaching our **students** to think more scientifically and share their findings with the whole **community**. **This will be part of the Year 5 'Infinity and Beyond' topic** and summer term science work on growing healthy plants. Rocket Science is just one educational project from a programme developed by the UK Space Agency to celebrate British ESA astronaut Tim Peake's Principia mission to the ISS and inspire young people to look into careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects, including horticulture.

Applications to take part in Rocket Science are still open and will close in March next year or until all packs have been allocated. Schools and educational groups can apply at rhs.org.uk/schoolgardening.

Follow the project on Twitter: @RHSSchools #RocketScience

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Christmas Lights in Coombe Lane

I would like to say a big thank you to all those people who visited our lights and made a contribution to our donation box over the Christmas period.

Although we have had a small display in our garden at the top of Coombe Lane for a few years now, we have only just started to raise money for charity. Last year the residents of Naphill, Hughenden, Walters Ash and the surrounding areas raised £10 but this year we have improved that to £51. I'm not sure why, but we have added a couple of new inflatables; I think Olaf was a draw.



We raise money for BURPS (Baby Unit's Relatives & Parents Support) at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital because it was very important to us when our granddaughter was born there prematurely in February 2012. The NICU staff were exceptional in the care and compassion they showed during this time. The BURPS charity provides much needed support to families during the new-born baby's stay as well as raising money for additional equipment for the Unit. I know that they are very appreciative of the donation.

I would also like to say a big thank you to my band of cheery men: John Evans and Peter Saunders for their continued support in erecting the lights over the years. Their needs are small, a few sausage rolls and a coffee kept them going this year.

We are already thinking about what we need for the Christmas 2016 display.

Janet & Trevor May

Hughenden Parish Council

Increases Precept for 2016/17

Each year Hughenden Parish Council (HPC) has to set a precept to cover its operating costs in providing services for the local community. This precept is paid by Wycombe District Council and is included in your Council Tax. In this year 2015/16 it averaged £41 per household for the whole year with variations dependant on your home's tax band. Up until now the services that HPC have been responsible for include playgrounds, allotments, open spaces, bus shelters, dog bins, the Garden of Rest (cemetery) and benches. For 2016/17 things are about to change.

A decade ago Central Government considered that Parish Councils were an irrelevance and had no active role to play in modern life. Now it seems as localisation is implemented and county councils are realising that all their services cannot be provided at current levels, Parish Councils are increasingly becoming significant local government partners that can deliver more focused attention to local requirements.

Bucks County Council (BCC) whose expenditure is capped by the Government has been forced to reallocate a chunk of its resources to cover the extra required to bring some of its social services such as child welfare up to an acceptable standard. This has meant cuts in other areas which they are not compelled to provide by law and seeking the devolvement of some services to parish councils

within the county is a way of doing this. In particular the devolvement of roadside maintenance including grass cutting in 30mph areas, hedges, rights of way clearance, clearing the edges of pavements, weed killing and the maintenance of street furniture (eg village entrance gates). To assist HPC in taking on these extra services BCC will be giving us £11,200 for 2016/17. However this is nowhere near enough to cover the actual cost of providing these services at a level expected by the community, so we have had to budge an additional £15,000 to meet the anticipated bills. Even this may not be enough so please do help pitch in where you can by cutting any grass in front of your property, keeping your footpath/roadside hedges trimmed, preventing graffiti and picking up litter in the neighbourhood.

Providing our 6 playgrounds, 8 allotment gardens and a cemetery are other key areas of HPC responsibility. The playgrounds which are used by about 1/3rd of the families in the parish provide up to 5 play experiences namely swing, rocker, rotor, agility and slide. The cost of the equipment and the maintenance of it to meet health and safety standards is considerable and we are now coming to the point where some of the bigger and more expensive equipment needs to be replaced. An additional budget of £10,000 has been allocated for this in 2016/17. Meanwhile, whilst our allotments do bring in a small income this in no way covers the cost of provision and maintenance of these sites annually. Also additional money will have to be spent on tree surgery going forward to ensure the continued safety of members of the public in and around the allotment gardens.

Our Garden of Rest along Four Ashes Road is run on a self-funding basis. In other words the income from burials and memorials is usually enough to cover the cost of maintenance. However, more significant maintenance will be required to the building and fencing in the coming year and there will come a time within the next 12 to 15 years when the current site will be full and we will need to open up and landscape a second area before this happens. In order to ensure that we have enough money to maintain the Garden of Rest in the future an increase of around £2,000 per year has been budgeted which will be ring-fenced for future investment.

In total the above increases will amount to an extra £6 on your council tax bill for 2016/17 bringing it to an average of £51 per household. For context, this is still below last year's national average of £55.

The Budget has not only been about increases. We have also implemented a number of cut backs and caps including the Council's administration costs being reduced by £4,000. Part of this will be delivered by improvements in efficiency brought about by the introduction of a new accounting system. The existing accounting system is cash book based where invoices only enter the system when they are paid. This means that our reported expenditure often does not reflect the true position and additional manual book keeping has to be done to ensure we keep up to date. We will be moving to a traditional accruals accounting system from April 2016 and the new financial year

HPC is pleased that it will be able to continue funding modest grants and donations to local community groups & activities at this year's level. We have already been able to provide pedestrian safety barriers

outside NAWA school, support the Hughenden Community Shop and the Great Kingshill Village hall refit along with providing annual grants for all the Parish newsletters (including this one), village halls and some local sports clubs. Whilst the allocation for 2015/16 has already been distributed this does not mean we cannot still be approached for funding from April 2016.

The volunteer councillors and dedicated staff of Hughenden Parish Council will be doing their utmost to ensure that the level of service provided to our community is the best it can be within the budget available during this continued period of austerity.

We would just like to remind you that there are still four councillor positions available and that residents of Naphill and Walter's Ash are most welcome to apply if you fancy the challenge!

Based on responses from 2014 Parish survey of residents.

Your Parish Councillors Phil Crawford, Dennis Hackling, Chris Waterton & Peter Williams
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website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Black Lion

Hello everyone, as I conjure up this month's Gazette article I'm sat near our lovely fire as the temperature has dropped somewhat over the past 2 weeks. So everyone get your gloves, hats and scarves on!!

Well, what have we got going on at the Black Lion? Our Fish and Chip takeaway service is in full swing now and we have extended our serving times. We now serve every day Monday to Saturday 12-9 and Sunday 12-5. There's other meals to choose from such as scampi, battered sausages or chilli chicken bites. All for a competitive £6.95 or less so there's no need to go out of the village to get a lovely fish and chip takeaway. You can call up before you arrive or just order at the bar.

We also have another great offer running through February. We have another menu running alongside our main one which includes 3 starters 3 mains and 3 desserts, with 2 courses only £11.95 and 3 courses £15.95 so there really is something for everyone and we hope to see you all trying this new offer soon.

We hope you all thoroughly enjoyed your Christmas and the New Year is looking bright! Once again thank you all for your fantastic support.

Jack and all the team

Christians in the Community

We all enjoyed our 5th year of carol singing in the pubs. Carols by Candlelight were enhanced by the technology at the Naphill Village Hall. The hearing loop and the radio mike, the screen at the back of the stage curtains in conjunction with a laptop and a processor made for a different type of service which was much enjoyed by everyone.

We are currently gathering our thoughts for this year's Christmas celebrations!

Wishing you all every blessing for 2016
Norma Clarke

Christmas Tree Lights



Seated, left to right: Ron Collins; Mike Mason; Mike Leggett
Standing, left to right: Peter Davis; Kevin Oxnard; Peter Brown;
Neil McMinn; Terry Aldridge; David Greenwood.

Gary Britton Photography
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We made it! Mike Leggett and I completed our first 40 consecutive years of putting up the lights. Mike Leggett has been the lead climber for a consecutive 25 years – a considerable achievement. Other members of the current team have helped for many years. With their number of years in brackets they are as follows: John Harris (29); Ron Collins (24); Terry Aldridge (20); Peter Brown (18); Gary Putnam (17); Glenn Gavin (16); Peter Davis (14); Stephen Fountain (13); Kevin Oxnard (7); Mark Blamey (7); Neil McMinn (3); Jack Mason (3) and Daniel Smith (1).

We must give special thanks to Arbourtech Services of Downley Road for once again providing the cherry picker free of charge, and to Mark Blamey and Daniel Smith for driving it. On high also were Stephen Fountain in the cherry picker and Neil McMinn at the top of a tall ladder. Thanks also to Claire Christian of The Wheel for providing sandwiches to keep the team going at half-time, and to Marlène Mason for providing freshly-cooked hot mince pies, tea and coffee for the team when the work was finished.

If you remember, the weather was exceptionally windy and rainy during the 5 weeks the lights were on. At the time of writing we have not yet checked the garlands and bulbs to assess the damage but it is inevitable that we shall have to purchase some items for next year. There was also the cost of insurance for the operation and the cost of the electricity. Thank YOU, the public, for contributing generously to the collection tins and thank you to Cathryn Carter for distributing the tins throughout the villages, and thank you to village organisations which organised separate collections. There is a special word of thanks to Clive Lawrence who donated £300 in memory of his wife Heather Lawrence who so loved the lights. Thank you very much to Royal Air Force High Wycombe

for the donation of £200 from their charity funds. For those who would now like to donate, and who did not have an opportunity to put money in the collection tins, you could send a cheque in favour of "Naphill Village Hall Council" to the Chairman Sarah Bacon at 39 Main Road, Naphill, Bucks HP14 4QD. For information, the last time we ordered, a garland (a string of 40 sockets) cost £98.40 and an LED bulb £3.12.

Mike Mason

Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

Once again, we were all delighted to see our spectacular Christmas tree lights again this year. They are the talk of the village and everyone comments on how wonderful they always look, and how the tree reminds them of a giant Christmas pudding.

As always, 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, especially as Mike and Mick Leggett have now done this for an incredible 40 years!

However, the biggest thanks must go to everyone who contributed towards the lights by putting a donation in one of the boxes that were in all the local pubs and businesses. Although the total was down on previous years you were incredibly generous and the total in the boxes this year was £283. We also had a £200 donation from the R.A.F and a £25 donation from Naphill Neighbours, giving a grand total of £508, which goes a long way towards the running costs and the essential insurance for Mike and his team.

In addition to this Clive Lawrence made a very generous donation in memory of his wife Heather, who always adored the Christmas tree lights.

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

Cathryn Carter



The History of Our Tree

Our tree is a very special tree. For those who are unaware of its history, here is a brief synopsis.

The tree is an Atlantic Cedar. It was donated in 1935 by Dilly Knox. He was a true war hero, being one of the now-famous Bletchley Park codebreakers. From 1921 he lived at Cournswood House off Clappins Lane, Walter's Ash. However, he was not just one of the codebreakers. He was the chief codebreaker for the early part of the Second World War. He was also a codebreaker during the First World War, operating from the Admiralty building in London. Together with another codebreaker he broke "The Zimmerman Telegram" in 1917. The German Foreign Minister, Zimmerman, sent a telegram to the German ambassador in Mexico City asking him to tell the Mexican Government that if they came into the war on Germany's side they could have a few American states. Prime Minister Lloyd George went public with the telegram, the Americans were furious and promptly declared war on Germany. The additional weight of the American war effort made a big difference to the British and French forces, we won and the carnage in the trenches was ended. The breaking of that telegram was an outstanding contribution to the victory.

Dilly Knox made the first British break into an Enigma machine at his house in Naphill in 1925, after having "obtained" an early version of an Enigma machine from a trade exhibition in Vienna. (The northern side of Clappins Lane was Naphill in those days.) He made the first British break into an operational military Enigma system in 1936 during the Spanish Civil War. At the outbreak of the Second World War he headed the Enigma research section at Bletchley Park. He broke the more complicated Enigma machine used by German intelligence. It has been estimated that the codebreakers of Bletchley Park shortened the Second World War by three years.

Tragically, Dilly Knox died of cancer in February 1943. He is buried in the wood he planted near to his house in Naphill. Whilst he was alive – and for a long time afterwards – his family did not know his profession nor of his outstanding contribution to the war effort in two World Wars.

The tree he donated was planted during the special public holiday given in celebration of the Silver Jubilee of King George V on 6th May 1935. There was a great party at the Village Hall. The tree was planted jointly by Mrs Coningsby Disraeli (the niece of former Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli) and Phyllis Smith the May Queen.

In 1959, perhaps earlier, the tree was decorated with lights by Don Ing for the Tennis Club dance held on Christmas Eve. Don Ing owned Electric Installations in High Wycombe and was assisted in decorating the tree by his apprentice electrician Alan Wingrove, who did the climbing. The tree was then decorated every Christmas for a few years.

Tragically Don Ing and his wife were killed in an air crash in Austria on 29th February 1964 and there followed a few years when there were no lights on the tree at Christmas. Ray Newell the plumber then entered on the scene and, together with his neighbour Alan Wingrove, restarted the tradition of decorating the tree with lights at Christmas. Alan Wingrove did the climbing and the electrical work; Ray Newell organised

the team on the ground. When Alan Wingrove left the village in 1976 he persuaded me to take over the climbing job and "managing" the whole operation. Mike Leggett joined the team at the same time as myself and took over as principal climber in 1991.

Dilly Knox is buried in one of his plantations in Naphill, just opposite his house down Clappins Lane, on a steep slope with a large boulder of Denner Hill stone covering his grave and a simple metal plaque mounted on the stone. The plaque was engraved by his friend the famous sculptor Eric Gill who lived nearby. The grave is isolated and very difficult to find.

In death, as in life, Dilly was anonymous. He knew he would never be given public recognition during his lifetime for his vital contribution to our winning two world wars. We should not forget him.

Mike Mason

Naphill Seniors Lunch Club

Like other organisations in the Community we finished the year with a successful get together when more than thirty of our members sat down for a full Christmas lunch. Of course, none of this could take place without the input of our team of cooks and helpers. Once again, we make our usual plea for any person who would be willing to join our team in the preparation and cooking of the lunches, which is done in your own home.

December is, of course, the most demanding of our meals and we were fortunate that Amanda and Ruth, our neighbours at the aptly named "Bon Ami" assisted with the preparation of part of the meal and to them we offer our sincere thanks.

In conclusion we, as usual, extend our invitation for any senior members of our community to join us for a good, reasonably priced meal in excellent company.

Jan Gaunt.
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Naphill Evening WI

Our Christmas Party was a lovely occasion, when we had an excellent meal interspersed with Christmas readings by members, which Juliet had kindly organised. Joan had made festive flower arrangements for each table, which were then included in the raffle. Rousing singing of Carols closed the evening. I think all members would agree that the Committee worked hard to give us a lovely time and deserve a big thank you.

The Committee have also produced an excellent programme for 2016, starting in January with Sue Benwell telling us about Norman Wisdom's early life. In February we will be tasting chocolate; what could be better.

The Food Group have also been busy arranging visits to various eateries. The Book Group are thriving and the Craft Group will meet again soon.

On a personal note I would like to again thank the team that put the beautiful lights on the tree each year. It is always a cheerful sight when going through the village at Christmas time.

Happy New Year to all

Carol Gilliam.

Bon Ami

We would firstly like to wish all of our customers a very healthy, happy and prosperous 2016.

A new year means new opening hours for Bon Ami. Following regular requests from our customers we have now decided to re-open on Thursdays! We will now open Monday to Friday 9am-4pm and Saturdays 10am-3pm. In exchange for opening on Thursday we will now be closed on Sunday. We hope that this delights many of our customers and we apologise to any that it may inconvenience.

In association with "Something Chocolatey" we now have lots of new dates in our diary for chocolate workshops. These are themed towards Valentine's Day, Mothering Sunday, Easter and Father's Day. Please do call in for the full list of dates and if you wish to book a place. While we are discussing chocolate; there will be delicious chocolate cup cakes and "Something Chocolatey" Valentine's Day gifts available for 14th February.

At the time of writing we are busy cooking haggis, tatties and neeps soup for Burns' Night. Although it will be past the 25th January when you read this it looks like it will stay on our menu for sometime. Pre Burns' night tasters have gone down very well!

That's all folks, we look forward to seeing you soon.

Amanda & Ruth

The Last Word

Please may I respectfully remind all our contributors and advertisers that the copy date for this magazine is 15th of every month preceeding publication. If you require a little extra time please let me know and I will do my best to accommodate you. Copy date for the March Gazette is 15 February.

Back to the next regular nag! Please don't insert photographs in your Word documents! These photographs, carefully sized, look lovely in your document but by the time I have processed them for printing they are such small files that they often pixelate badly. If you would please set your cameras, phones and whatever else you use to their highest resolution and either put your photographs in our Dropbox or attach the whole LARGE file to your email we really will get a very much better result when they are printed!

Winter arrived with a vengeance yesterday. Himself made his usual comment that the best thing about the snow is that our garden looks as good as everybody elses! The snow covers a multitude of our non gardening sins! The grandchildren and one of the Chihuahuas were delighted to wake up to the snow, the short haired version of the Chihuahuas, rather like me, preferred the fireside.

My thanks to all the photographers from the Naphill Community Facebook page who so kindly sent me their beautiful pictures to share with you. I have used as many as I could possibly squeeze in.

My thanks as always to all our contributors and to Richard Holroyd for yet another beautiful cover.

Sonia.

Small Ads - continued

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27 February
1.30pm

Hughenden
Parish Council
Tuesday
8 February
Full Council
meeting 8pm-
10pm, Great
Kingshill Offices

FONC Working
Parties
7 & 12 February.
Meet Naphill
Common
10am

FONC
AGM
12 February
Village Hall
7.30pm

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Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
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	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564469
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
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Tennis Club Senior Sessions Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
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Editorial

Obviously, there is never a good time for a disaster to befall but Saturday afternoon, after the computer repair shop has shut for the weekend, was definitely not the favorite time for the hard drive on this computer to fail! I had spent the week reorganizing the Gazette advertisements for the coming year. The entire Gazette layout, programs etc. are on this machine and the possibility that it was all lost was a DISASTER! Aside from the kitchen refit leaving us with a kitchen sink and little else, suffice it to say, it was not the happiest of weekends.

On Monday morning Himself, patient as ever, loaded the computer and the backup drive into the car and sped off to Computer Associated Decisions who very kindly and quickly replaced the drive and restored all my files, programs and settings from the backup. Never have I been more relieved and grateful and thanks to them I am able to produce our March Gazette.

As you know, the production of the Gazette is a team effort, my gallant Gussetteers, our faithful contributors, our ever-patient printer and our stalwart delivery team all contribute. As always, I am very grateful to them all for their ongoing work and support but this month I want to express my special thanks to Mike Pool, our treasurer, who since before Christmas has worked tirelessly invoicing our advertisers, collecting the money, updating me and finalising our accounts for this year. Mike is publishing the accounts and his treasurer's report in this edition of the Gazette.

As you will see, many of our advertisements have been updated, we have more colour advertisements and we welcome some new advertisers to the Gazette. We thank all our advertisers, old and new, for their support! Each individual copy of the Gazette costs approaching £1.50 to produce and it is the advertising revenue which enables us to keep the cost to our subscribers at £3 per annum, so please look at their advertisements and use their services and expertise when ever possible.

More or less ever since I became the editor of the Gazette there has been an ongoing discussion as to how we might display our advertisements online. We currently do put the advertisements on the village website as small ads but I appreciate that this is not an attractive format nor does it display these advertisements to their best advantage. I should be most interested to hear from you as to what you would like to see and how we can best help and promote our advertiser's businesses on line.

Of course Easter is early this year 25-28 March, so this is our Easter edition! A HAPPY EASTER to you all!

Sonia Goby

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Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

As I sit and write this, storm "Imogen" is raging outside. I just hope that by the time you are reading this the rain and wind will have been replaced by a few more blue skies, giving the mud a chance to dry up. Walking the dog is losing its appeal.

Thursday evenings are becoming very busy up at the Hall. There is the Bridge Club, Scouts, and once a month, W.I. or the Residents Association. This means that the car park gets choc a block. So if you are attending the Hall on a Thursday evening could you consider walking if possible, or doing a car share to ease the situation.

As I mentioned last month we are looking to improve the facilities at the Hall and the Crick. It is good when doing our fundraising to let folk know what we are aiming to do with the funds. All the village organisations are being asked for suggestions, so if you have a project you would like us to consider then let your representative know, or pass it on to any member of the Village Hall Council. We have agreed to proceed with the purchase of an industrial dishwasher, the sort that does the dishes in minutes and not hours. This should be a great help to all those involved with any catering.

We still have to get the defibrillator fixed to the wall and then to finalise a date for training on its use. This training will be well advertised and will be open to any interested parties so watch this space.

The football club has not been able to make much use of the Crick this season due to the vile weather, but when they have used it they have been bothered with dog mess on the pitches. This is really unpleasant for the players so please clean up after your dog. The bin is there for you, so there is no excuse.

Posters and flyers have been produced for "Clean for the Queen" in the week beginning the 11th April. One should be dropping through your door soon, so please give a thought to what you and your family can do to clean up your part of our village. It is a very good excuse for giving the entire village a spring clean and I thank you in advance for your efforts.

Sarah Bacon

Chairman Naphill Village Hall
and Playing Fields Council

Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette Treasurer's Annual Report for year ending 31 January 2016

This has been my first full year as treasurer and has been more time consuming than I imagined, particularly as we lost the services of our long time advertising manager and his replacement did not last very long.

Sonia took on the role of coordinating the adverts and I dealt with all of the invoicing. Many of our advertisers pay up promptly but there are others who have to be chased up and reminded. This all takes time.

You will note that the income from advertising is down on last year. This is because we invoiced advertisers early so that most payments were banked before the end of the previous financial year. This meant some doubling up of payments banked in the year. This year we are back to normal with the majority of advertisers paying before the end of January.

Income from special Christmas greeting adverts was down as the uptake up was not as good as in

previous years.

The sum shown for collections, from you our readers, was lower than it should have been for a variety of reasons. This coming year I will keep a closer check on the subscription money.

Printing costs have risen again, mainly because of the introduction of more colour into the magazine. However I am sure that you will agree that the overall appearance of the gazette is much improved. The additional costs have been covered by a small increase in our advertising rates. However we consider that there is no need to increase subscriptions this year, which will remain at £3.

In spite of the increased costs and a few refunds to advertisers, the gazette funds are healthy with a surplus for the year of £1571.92.

Please note that your deliverer will be calling on you, when they deliver the April gazette or soon after, to collect your subscription. It would be very helpful if you set aside the correct sum ready for them. As we have to seal the collection boxes our deliverers do not always carry enough change with them.

Mike Pool
Treasurer

Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette - Financial Statement 2015-2016					
INCOME	31-Jan-15	31-Jan-16	EXPENDITURE	31-Jan-15	31-Jan-16
Adverts	£ 16,127.50	£ 11,0035.50	Printing	£ 11,452.50	£ 12,038.32
Christmas Ads.	£ 420.00	£ 160.00	Expenses	£ 123.58	£ 85.87
Collections	£ 2,763.49	£ 2,581.40	Web site	£ 240.00	£ 240.00
Donations	£ 600.00	£ 610.01	Refunds on Ads		£ 452.00
Interest	£ 1.46	£ 1.21	Christmas Cards	£ 61.20	
TOTALS	£ 19,912.45	£ 14,388.11		£ 11,877.28	£ 12,816.19
			Surplus	£ 8,035.17	£ 1,571.92

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning Applications: 16/05183/FUL 2 Vincents Way, Naphill. Householder application for construction of replacement roof with increased thickness for insulation, replace existing rear box dormer and front rooflights with 3 x front and 3 x rear dormer windows and overclad exterior brickwork with insulation and weatherboarding . **16/05147/FUL. 47 Main Road, Naphill.** HA for demolition of existing attached garage & construction of single storey side extension, single storey front extension & porch canopy and fenestration alterations. **16/05071/FUL. 6 Ash Close, Walters Ash.** HA for construction of single storey rear extension and render / paint elevations. **16/05078/FUL. 6 Allen Drive, Naphill.** HA for construction of single storey front extension, two storey rear extension, conversion of roof space to habitable accommodation including insertion of 5 x

dormer windows, 1 x rooflight and 1 x Sun Tube.

16/05076/FUL 16 Beech Park Walters Ash. HA for construction of two storey rear extension, extension to existing garage with workshop over. **16/05053/FUL. Uplands Conference House and Training Centre, Four Ashes Road, Cryers Hill.** Demolition of former coach house block and erection of new two storey building providing 1 x 1-bed, 10 x 2-bed & 2 x 3-bed self-contained flats. Conversion of former Conference Centre buildings including extensions & alterations to provide a terrace of 1 x 2-bed & 2 x 2-bed houses, 1 x 3-bed detached dwelling & 42 x 1,2 & 3-bed flats with reception area/offices/storage to ground & first floor of Central Block (59 dwellings in total). Highway works to Four Ashes Road, to include provision of a footpath beside Four Ashes Road between the site and Cryers Hill, alterations to site access, amendment to parking layout within site, boundary treatment, landscaping & associated ancillary works. **16/05054/LBC Uplands Conference House and Training**

Centre, Four Ashes Road, Cryers Hill. Listed Building application for demolition of former coach house block and erection of new two storey building providing 1 x 1-bed, 10 x 2-bed & 2 x 3-bed self-contained flats. Conversion of former Conference Centre buildings including extensions & alterations to provide a terrace of 1 x 2-bed & 2 x 2-bed houses, 1 x 3-bed detached dwelling & 42 x 1, 2 & 3-bed flats with reception area/offices/storage to ground & first floor of Central Block (59 dwellings in total). Alterations to site access, amendment to parking layout within site, boundary treatment, landscaping & associated ancillary works.

Decisions Permitted

15/08552/FUL. 43 Woodcock Avenue Walters Ash. HA for construction of part two storey, part single storey rear extension.

Speed limit reduction on New Road, Walter's Ash

Following a fatal accident on the pedestrian crossing near Greenwood some years ago the RAF requested Bucks CC to reduce the speed limit along New Road, Walter's Ash, from 40mph to 30mph. They were supported by Bradenham Parish Council, Lacey Green Parish Council, the Residents Association and many local people. The RAF and Bradenham Parish Council asked that the whole length of the existing 40mph speed limit be reduced to 30 mph. BCC stated that a reduction of that length did not meet the Dept for Transport criteria for a lower limit. The furthest the 30mph could be extended was 241.5m along New Road in the Lacey Green direction

We pointed out that this would take the 30mph extension to a point before the bend in New Road, and that many residents considered this a dangerous comer with its limited visibility (particularly in the summer) and its proximity to the bus stops. This objection was considered inadmissible and an extension to the 30 mph for a distance of 241.5m along New Road, Walters Ash has been confirmed by BCC. It is being funded by the RAF. The new speed limit should be installed before the end of March.

Date of next meeting: 8pm, 10th March 2016.
Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive
563634

Past Times

I am at present taking a compulsory rest after having my old replacement knee removed and another replacement put in at Wycombe Hospital. I cannot thank the hospital enough for the excellent care I received nor the aftercare team for my on going rehabilitation care. The NHS is wonderful!

Whilst reading our wonderful February Gazette and Mike Mason's article about our Christmas tree I was reminded of the many memories that I associate

with our special tree. Dilly Knox took this tree from his own woodland and had it planted next to our village hall. This tree has grown into the magnificent specimen which we all know and love and which for many years has been so wonderfully decorated each Christmas with beautiful coloured lights. My thanks to Mike Mason and Mike Leggett and their team, the tree looked truly amazing again this Christmas! I know the surrounding villages admire it and it brings so much joy to so many people. Thank you on behalf of us villagers.

Back in 1964 I often visited my friend Rosie Busby, wife of Arthur. Rosie was the only child of Charlie Lacey and his wife but they also had a foster son, Donald Ing, who they raised as their own son. Aside, Charlie was also an interesting local character, Lacey Drive was named after him, perhaps I will write an article on him one day.

Donald married Iris. They built a bungalow in our village and they had two sons, Brian and Andrew, who used to enjoy staying with their Auntie Rosie from time to time. Donald established a successful electrical shop in High Wycombe and became president of our thriving tennis club.

I often visited my good friend Rosie. One such visit coincided with a visit from Rosie's sister-in-law Iris. Iris was bringing Brian and Andrew clothes as they were staying with their aunt and uncle whilst Donald and Iris went on a skiing holiday. As one does, I wished Iris a happy holiday. The next day came the devastating news that the plane carrying Donald and Iris had crashed into the mountains at Innsbruck killing all on board. This of course left Andrew and Brian as orphans. Although Rosie and Arthur had no children of their own and were both in their fifties they didn't hesitate to gave the boys a loving, secure home and a happy upbringing. Prior to this untimely death, as Mike told us in his article last month, Donald had instigated and organised the lighting of the "Dilly tree" at Christmas time.

A few years ago we decided to have a plaque made to be placed under the "Dilly tree". For 12 years prior to this, I was in contact with Mavis Batey who had worked closely with Dilly Knox at Bletchley Park and I was privileged to help her in the writing of her book entitled "Dilly" by giving her some photos, which I had of Dilly at home with his family. When the plaque was commissioned I invited Mavis to come to our village hall. She gave an interesting talk and cut the ribbon for the plaque. She also brought some copies of her book, which were for sale. It was an inspiring afternoon, which some former members of Bletchley Park also attended. I was also able to contact the four sons of Dilly's son Oliver who attended this event with their families including a set of adopted triplets! Dilly's daughter in law, who came with the family, brought the medal, which had been awarded to Dilly from Buckingham Palace, on his deathbed at Cournswood and she presented this to Oliver's family for safekeeping. It was a memorable afternoon.

At my last "Past Times" village exhibition, Mavis sent

a message, which was read out by a member from Bletchley Park. Mavis, who was in her nineties, died soon after this event. She was a wonderful lady!



Photograph courtesy Mike Mason

Last September I was privileged to be invited to Cournswood, Dilly's last home. His bedroom was panelled in wood exactly like Bletchley House with a concealed secret place where he kept his papers. It was the room where he was presented with his medal from Buckingham Palace. I stood for some time picturing the event. Cournswood is a gated security house, which has been extended since Dilly's family lived there but still stands as a reminder of a great man who did such an extraordinary job!

Pam Smith

Growing Your Own

For most gardeners March is the start of the year. It is the month when everything gets going. Gardeners are full of enthusiasm for the new growing year and itching to prepare the soil and sow the seeds. However, if the soil is still sticky after rain it is best not to sow since the seeds may rot in the cold mud. Every year is different and it is best not to garden strictly by the calendar but to time things according to the weather. One can sow seeds indoors or in the greenhouse without such worries. I sow larger seeds in individual pots in the airing cupboard: sweet corn, runner beans, climbing French beans, dwarf French beans and many cucurbit varieties (marrows, courgettes, pumpkins, squashes). I have to inspect very frequently and take them out into the light as soon as they have germinated, placing them on a sunny windowsill or in the greenhouse. Tomato and pepper seeds are also sown in the airing cupboard then given pride of place on a warm sunny windowsill since they are delicate and cannot stand cold temperatures. The brassica family are sown in the airing cupboard then moved to the greenhouse immediately they have germinated to stop them growing too rapidly and becoming leggy.

As for cropping, the root crops will be coming to an end in March but salad plants and purple sprouting broccoli should still be producing, and sprouts should still be available (if they shoot eat the shoots, they are delicious). There will be a surprising crop in the greenhouse – watercress. One does not need running water to grow watercress these

days, there are varieties of seeds which can be grown like other salad crops. However, when I first experimented they did not take kindly to our climate out-of-doors but did well in the greenhouse where I grew them in my permanent tomato bed. They did well – and dropped seeds. Ever since I have not needed to sow watercress in the greenhouse. Up come the plants in the late summer, autumn and winter, growing across the soil, putting down fresh roots every 5 inches and after a while one has a carpet of watercress, all ready for cropping for a delicious winter and spring salad!



Forced Seakale on Mike's Allotment

A vital task for me on the allotment in March is to cover the seakale for forcing. Seakale pots cost a fortune – about £35 each and out of the question if one has many plants. It is much simpler to cover the row with impervious black plastic sheeting weighed down by lots of bricks and leaving lots of loose sheeting to allow the plants to grow. Seakale has to be grown in the dark and is the most wonderful vegetable, simply steamed then served hot, covered with butter and accompanied by cheddar cheese. Elixir of the Gods! I have never seen seakale in shops or restaurants. So grow your own from purchased “thongs” and experience Heaven!

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

Give Yourself A Digital Detox Rather than spend hundreds or thousands of pounds on a detox in a luxury spa, why not spend £13 with no additional travelling costs? Unwind from all that screen-based torture, whether on your desktop computer, your laptop, your ipad or the screen of your mobile phone and have a digital detox on an allotment. Although there are no vacancies at the Walter's Ash allotments at the top of Clappins Lane there are around 11 vacant plots at the Naphill allotments at Louches Lane and the rent for a half plot is only £13 per annum. A bargain! The parish clerk is on 01494 715296 and is awaiting your call.

Good gardening!

Mike Mason



The Black Lion

Hello everyone, I hope you are all keeping well. What's been going on at the Black Lion? Now that trade has started to pick up and the sunshine is starting to come through and all the children are now on half term everything seems that little bit nicer. Our Fish and Chip takeaway service is flying out and everyone is loving the fact you don't have to go to far to get it either.

Our 2 course and 3 course offers are proving to be popular. Who doesn't like money off a nice 2 or 3 course meal after the wallets and purses have been strained these past months?

Moving on to Mothering Sunday, it's early this year so don't forget to book your table. We will be running 3 sittings on the 6th of March with food starting at 12 and going on through the day until 8pm. Our first 2 sittings fill up quickly so book now to avoid disappointment. Our menu will have all our popular dishes on as well as some extra lovely meals for you all to treat your mothers. To book now call 01494563176.

Then just three weeks later it will be Easter Weekend, hopefully it isn't too early this year so we don't miss all the sunshine Easter should bring! We hope to have our bouncy castle back up and ready to go so all of the families can come and enjoy everything the Black Lion has to offer. Also on Easter Sunday we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children and will be serving food all weekend up until 9 o'clock Monday evening. Get your bookings in early especially for Easter Sunday.

I hope you will all continue to use The Black Lion and thank you all for your support in the past

Jack and all the team

The Wheel

Hopefully by the time we are reading the March Gazette we will be noticing the lighter evenings and if we are really lucky some slightly better weather!

February saw the start of the Six Nations Rugby and it has been a cracking start to the tournament. Many of our customers have joined in on the sweepstake, which is run by Risborough Rugby Club and I'm pretty sure that there will be some interesting results already. As ever, Chloe and I especially are shouting loudly at the TV's during the games (some things never change!). Mark is also entertaining us all by updating the Wifi weekly with rugby themed passwords, I believe some customers have found some of them difficult to use.

Whilst talking of sport, there is a huge amount of both Football and Rugby on BT Sports that we will be showing, the 6 Nations will take preference, however most of the UEFA games don't cross over. Towards the end of March it is also the start of the Motorsports season, so the motorbikes will be back on soon, and that obviously means Mark's racing

season starts again, so we all wish him good luck for the coming season.

I would like to thank the Chef for creating another amazing curry night, the Valentine's Curry by Candlelight went extremely well. Chef's homemade Chilli, Curries and Pies are brilliantly well known and I have to say they are delicious. As a little reminder don't forget that we have a great OAP menu for those with the smaller appetite. We will be making some minor changes to the menu over the next few months and remember to keep an eye on the chalkboards in front of the pub for our fantastic event evenings.

Next events are as follows,

- 6 Nations Rugby - started 6th Feb through till 20th March
- Sun 6th March - Mothering Sunday (please book early)
- Thurs. 17th March - St Patrick's Day
- Easter Weekend - 25th - 28th March
- 14th April – Curry Night
- Sat 23rd April – Steak Night (St Georges Day)

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Claire and Mark

Bon Ami

We have had a very busy January; soup and scones seem to be the order everyday. We are enjoying being open and busy every Thursday.

Mothering Sunday is very soon and we have cards available to buy. Should you fancy treating your mummy before the day please do book an afternoon tea treat.

Our chocolate parties are now restarting with lots of you enjoying Cath's scrumptious theme parties. Please do call in to book a place for you and your friends. Cath will even hold private parties for groups of 8.

We are looking forward to Easter now. We have beautiful Easter cards and Easter themed homemade jammie dodgers for everyone to enjoy. We will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Monday. We look forward to wishing our customers "Happy Easter" on Easter Saturday.

We look forward to seeing you all on these lovely longer, lighter days.

Best wishes,
Ruth & Amanda.



Naphill Brownies

The brownies have had a busy few weeks. Burns Night celebrations at the end of January inspired us to have Scottish themed evening complete with making our own flock of wee haggis creatures and singing a fine (?) rendition of Auld Lang Syne.



An evening of team challenges at the end of January proved to be quite an eye-opener – who would have thought that you could get 8 brownies standing inside a small hoop without anyone falling over. The evening also brought out some interesting personality traits – the natural leaders, the highly competitive, the team players...

Early in February we were lucky to have Frances Tuffney come in to brownies to teach us to use the hand bells. The bells are owned by county Girlguiding and with some guidance we played credible renditions of several time-honoured classics such as 'Postman Pat' and 'Oranges and Lemons'

Our pancake-making on our little tin-can stoves had varied success, but once the miniature pancakes had their chocolate button toppings they were really quite edible.

And now as we take a break for half term we look forward to World Thinking Day (22nd February) when over 40 million Guides and scouts in 216 countries spare a thought for all their guiding and scouting friends from around the world. We are proud to be part of these fantastic, positive worldwide organisations

Finally, we look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Jumble Sale on the 27th February.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)
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Naphill Scouts

The first half of the term was spent settling in our seven new scouts and introducing them to their new scout colleagues. Due to leader work commitments we have had to do some shuffling of the program and unfortunately did have to cancel one evening. We did however manage to run some of our traditional spring activities including the freezer cook out and the annual pancake decorating competition. In the picture you can see two of our

more experienced scouts showing one of the new boys how to get the fire lit and get those sausages sizzling! All those who attended and completed the two-course meal challenge will be awarded their camp cook badge.



After half term we will be bowling, going on a night hike to a mystery location and finish with a grand easter egg hunt, either in the woods or on the Crick, depending on the weather.

Mark Powell
naphillscouts@aol.com

**Guide & Brownie
Jumble Sale
27 February
Naphill Village Hall
1.30pm**



A Letter from Our Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

For some creatures Winter is a time of hibernation, of doing very little, of introversion, protecting oneself from all outside forces, dangers and circumstances. Last month I mentioned my grandma, who in her mid-life (it was said) used to take to her bed in late Autumn and not get up until Spring. Whether that was some physical or psychological condition I don't know: that was before I was born. It didn't do her any harm in the long run: she lived to a ripe old age.

Human beings don't hibernate, but we retreat indoors, see less of our friends and neighbours, become more introvert, and generally try to look after ourselves. Come the Spring and we venture out, our hearts uplifted by sunshine and new growth.

In these last years the distinction between seasons has become erratic. Some glorious days in the middle of Winter, and some shocking weather in Summer. Weather forecasting has become more accurate, but the weather is more unpredictable! Psychologically we don't know where we are!

In the transition from Winter to Spring, comes Lent: always the six weeks before Easter, but the date of Easter itself can vary more than a month. That coupled with the erratic beginning of Spring, means that Lent can be wintry or delightful. But either way, it is a season to consider seriously the past, and to look hopefully ahead. The past necessarily holds regrets, some of which can never be repaired. The future is as yet untouched, untarnished.

An initiative of our local churches this Lent is called "Trypraying". You'll see it advertised around Wycombe on the back of buses. The cynical among you will laugh and say it's about time church people did some praying! And while it's true that some church people could do a bit more praying, this initiative recognises that very many people pray, often not in church, and often not even linked to any church or other religious group. Statistics show a third of the population pray sometimes, and nine million pray every day. Maybe some prayers are a bit simplistic, or selfish, or frivolous, or superstitious, but those who pray surely see some purpose or benefit, or they wouldn't bother.

The benefit may be in peace of mind, or calmness of attitude, or relief of a bad conscience, or may ask healing or blessing for those who are ill or struggling, or to bring consolation and encouragement to the bereaved, or to look for wisdom in a difficult situation.

Humans are not just flesh and blood: we are spiritual persons, (as the bible says, "made in the image of God"). In all of life there are things we can do on our own to help ourselves and those around us, but in many things we need assistance from others. In matters of spirit we need assistance from that wider universal Spirit whom I would call God. And the process is called prayer.

The initiative of "Trypraying" is a challenge (or offer

or opportunity) to do just that for 7 days, and see what happens. A booklet suggesting how to set about it will be freely available (ask me if you can't find one elsewhere).

My prayer is that the people (and maybe some of the most unlikely people!) of Naphill and Walters Ash will have courage to try praying, and the outcome I leave to the One to whom they will pray.

Mike Hill

(Minister for Naphill Methodist Church)

Naphill Methodist Church

6 March	11am	Mothering Sunday - Barbara Sparks
13 March	11am	Leslie Hatton
20 March	11am	Palm Sunday - Rev Mike Hill
25 March	10.30am	Good Friday Service
27 March	11am	Easter Sunday - Rev David Holmes

Cameo Club Friendship Group

Come and meet one another, play board games, cards etc or simply have a chat. Tea/coffee and homemade cake provided. Meetings usually held second Thursday of each month, 10.30am - 12 noon at the Methodist Church but March meeting it will be on Thursday 17 March.

Christians in the Community

The month of February does seem to be extra busy with Easter being early this year. It means printing the Easter cards early but before that Christians in the Community will be involved in the Women's World of Prayer on Friday 4 March and of course Mothering Sunday on the 6 March.

If you have your diary handy, we will be having a Fairtrade tea and coffee morning on Saturday 16 April at the Naphill Methodist Church.

Norma Clarke.

Services at St. Botolph's Church

6 March	11am	Eucharist
13 March	11am	Eucharist
20 March	11am	Eucharist -Palm Sunday
25 March	11am	Stations of the Cross - Good Friday
27 March	11 am	Eucharist - Easter Day

Revd.Jenny Ellis will be officiating at all these services and would be very pleased to see you.

Peggy Ewart

Five Moon Walking Ladies Need Your Support!

5 fantastic ladies from Naphill and Walters Ash; (Jemma Pearson, Clare Joiner, Lisa D'uva, Nicky Smith and Andria Benjamin) are walking the walk this year in aid of breast cancer. You may well have seen them pounding our streets in preparation!

Come and help raise money for this very worthy cause at our fun quiz night and support the girls doing the moonwalk this year. To be held in Naphill Village Hall on Friday 18th March, 7pm-midnight.

Tickets are just £10 each including a fresh fish and chips supper, vegetarian option available with prior notice. BYO drinks, a limited cash bar will be available on the night too. Please Book in Teams of 8 but individual tickets or part teams will be put into teams for the night. Advance payment required to secure your place!

We will be having a 'Pudding Auction' on the night to raise extra funds so donations of a pudding to be served cold on the night would be really appreciated if anyone is willing to help in that way, thank you.

Lucy Barber 07771 980 492

Lucycbarber@yahoo.co.uk

Donations also gratefully received at;

<https://moonwalklondon2016.everydayhero.com/.../naphill-walte...>

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www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk



FONC Walkers Enjoy the Spring Sunshine



Photos courtesy Nina Talbot & Lynn McMinn

March Photos



Photographs courtesy of Phil Conran, Rachel Harriman, Beth Foster and Paul Goby



CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Are we ready? NOT YET!

Will we get there? YES!

The plan is that our villages will be looking splendid by the time of the Queen's 90th birthday on April 21st. Flyers are being distributed in March explaining everything we need to do.

There is much to do after our wet and windy winter. Pick up litter, clean road signs, sweep up leaves, weed at the bottom of walls, clean playground equipment, etc.

If you personally, or a group to which you belong, or a group you would like to form, have an area you would like to deal with, please get in touch with me. The Friends of Naphill Common intend to deal with the Common, the WI has volunteered to tidy the village hall and recreation ground. The RAF will also be involved.

Specific areas needing some Tender Loving Care are Templewood, Vincents Meadow and pond, areas around shops, wide verges such as the corners of Chapel Lane and Clappins Lane.

Please get in touch with me if you have a specific area/job in mind so that we can use our human resources effectively. Any help you are able to give will be much appreciated.

Peggy Ewart

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Pony Espresso

Pony Espresso is now in its fourth year and recently rated in "Three Best Rated" cafes in the Wycombe area, based on feed-back from our loyal customers. And we now display our TripAdvisor-recommended sticker in the window. Thank you!

It probably won't have escaped your notice that we are currently without a pavement sign, courtesy of a truck that took it off down the road and, not I may add, as part of our marketing and business development campaign! Soon to be replaced.

It's a small world. Just the other day, a customer was telling me how she had bumped in to someone outside St Paul's Cathedral in London. Despite never having met before, they soon established that they both live in Bucks, regularly visit Pony Espresso and ended up comparing loyalty cards. Neither has been seen for some time, however!

So, if you haven't been in ever, or for a while, we love the chat, the stories and the banter that goes on. Treat yourself to a delicious, freshly baked

baguette, jacket potato, salad or a bowl of warming soup. Or how about a slice of cake, all made on site. Super coffee, free papers and WiFi. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Blaine

Naphill Neighbours

Laughter filled the Village Hall during our February meeting – our speaker, Mr Peter Mussett, a retired librarian, entertained us with his hilarious riddles and anecdotes of "Life in the Library". Not at all what we expected but well worth turning out for on a wet and windy evening!

Our first club outing for 2016 will be on Thursday 19 May when we travel to LONGLEAT SAFARI PARK. Tickets for the coach and entry to the Park are £35 for members and £37 for non-members. Everyone is welcome to join us on this outing, so if you are interested please phone Hazel Vickery on 563977 for further details.

The next club meeting is on Monday 14 March at 8pm in the Village Hall when Julia Freeman will be talking to us about her LIFE AS A WIMBLEDON UMPIRE. This will be an open meeting when anyone, but particularly members of the local Tennis Club, will be most welcome to come along to hear of her experiences on those famous courts.

Hazel Vickery,
563977.

Naphill Men's Club AGM

For those of you who do not know what the Men's Club does, it is a social club for men in Naphill and Walter's Ash. We have a club room to the right of the Village Hall with 2 snooker tables and we can play snooker and billiards any day of the week. The evenings are fairly full up but any new members can play during the day time which is great if you are retired. In the support of village events we provide the bars for the fireworks and fete and a lot of our members are involved in the running of the fireworks display.

Our AGM was held as usual in the Men's Club room on the first Wednesday of February. We have a good compliment of members which has risen over recent years to over 40 which means that certain evenings are very busy. It also means that we are able to keep the fees the same, as we have enough in the bank to cover any disaster that might befall us. We run annual competitions for snooker and billiards with a finals night where all members are encouraged to attend.

For more details please contact me.

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NAPHILL SNOOKER

RAF High Wycombe Joins Muslim Community Celebrations



High Wycombe's Station Commander joined local dignitaries and more than 1000 members of the public to show unity at the Muslim community's celebration of the birth of the Prophet Muhammed.

The parade, taking place in High Wycombe town centre, was an opportunity for the community to share the importance of harmony and peace, with organisers handing out white roses to attendees and onlookers.

Group Captain Phillip Lester accompanied the Mayor of High Wycombe, Cllr Mohammed Hanif, to walk the parade and address the crowd. They were accompanied by key speakers including Rev Hugh Ellis from All Saints Church and Chaudry Shafique, Chairman of the Council for Christian Muslim Relations.

Cllr Hanif was very pleased with the turnout and diversity of the event, and said "It is a very peaceful event and we are always glad that the Muslim community is allowed to display it through the town – bringing people together"



He continued "High Wycombe is a great, diverse place to live because of our strong communities, and Sunday's parade really showed that".

Group Captain Lester said "this event has been a fantastic symbol of unity, as part of the Mayor's vision of 'one community'. I am honoured to be

here representing the RAF and joining in with the celebrations."

"People of all backgrounds and faiths took part showing the diversity of High Wycombe, with which my Station and I are proud participants. Throughout the year the town supports events such as Remembrance and Freedom Parades, and all these events provide a greater understanding and inclusion within our society."

The Armed Forces Muslim Association (AFMA), was set up in recognition of the contribution Muslim personnel make across all three services, both in the Regular and Reserve forces.

From the earliest days of basic training, through to deployment and military operations, AFMA is on the ground helping support these dedicated men and women perform their military duties in full without compromising their faith. More information can be found at www.afma.org.uk.

For more information please contact the RAF High Wycombe Media Officer, Flight Lieutenant Andy Keeley at HWY-BSWMCO@mod.uk or 01494 494454

Friends of Naphill Common

It was pleasing to see so many people at our AGM and we thank all those who attended. Our chairman, Chris Miller, gave an account of FONC's year with the help of Peter Davis's PowerPoint show. Although brief, it was an impressive list of activities including the walks, the fungus foray, bat walk, and Naphill Fete stall. Almost all was positive, such as the planting out of the juniper cuttings, clearing round and in the ponds with the help of the Chiltern Rangers, the fortnightly working parties, clearing paths and cutting back the ever-invasive holly. There was only one negative – the loss of the Great Beech that has collapsed into Dew Pond. Chris explained how we are negotiating with the West Wycombe Estate to remove the branches of the Great Beech while leaving the main trunk lying across the pond. It would do too much damage to the pond in removing it. We are also negotiating with the National Trust to enable us to plant out the remaining juniper cuttings in the meadow by the Umbrella Tree.

Our treasurer Peggy Ewart gave an overview of our accounts. We are solvent but now rely entirely on our membership fees as grants from the Local Authority and others have disappeared for the present. The biggest expenses have been such things as tools and insurance for our working parties, and fees for speakers. Our membership secretary Lynn McMinn gave a report on our membership. So far we have just over sixty members this year, but these are early days and we hope that we will reach our usual number of around 120. This is important if we are to maintain our work on the Common and retain our status as a popular local organisation when negotiating with various authorities. So if you have not yet joined

or renewed your membership please do: it is a very good cause and costs only £5.

The existing committee was then re-elected, consisting of Chris Miller (chairman and short walk leader), Sheila Draper (secretary), Peggy Ewart (treasurer), Lynn McMinn (membership secretary), Peter Davis (webmaster and working party organiser), Ron Collins (long walk leader), Marek Pawlik (who kindly lets the committee meet in his offices), John Camp, Neil McMinn, Kevin Bennett (who prints our Newsletter), Philip Hussey and Trevor Hussey. Sadly we have lost Steve Roderick who is in the process of leaving the village. He was an invaluable committee member and we give him our thanks and best wishes. Thus we have one space on the committee, so if anyone would like to join contact Chris Miller or any committee member. It is not too onerous a job – we meet only a few times a year and you can join in as much or as little as you wish in our various activities. There is always room for more people on our working parties. The work generally consists of clearing brushwood, especially holly, from paths and around ponds, or maintaining the health of the ponds and picking up litter. If you feel you can help, please contact Peter Davis: they are a friendly group.

All this business was dealt with as quickly as possible so that we could enjoy the excellent talk from Ian Mason about the charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. With the help of his assistant, a cocker spaniel named Oreo, Ian gave us the history and the role of the charity and he illustrated the remarkable work it does. He described the service the dogs can give those who need aid with hearing anything from traffic to smoke alarms and door bells. His accompanying film showed us people testifying to the transformation a well-trained dog can bring and the confidence and liberation a deaf person can gain with such help. We were told about the lives of the dogs, the charity's breeding program and the two main centres where this is coordinated. It was an uplifting and vivid picture of a very worthy organisation and we thank Ian for his talk.

If you would like to join one of our walks, which are free and open to non-members, please do so. The short walks (2-3 miles) are led by Chris Miller starting at 10.30am from the Village hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Ron Collins leads the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third Monday of each month. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9.30am sharp.

We have lots of plans for activities during the coming year and the committee will meet soon to map out a program. If you have any suggestions or concerns about the Common please don't hesitate to let us know. We don't own it but we know who does, and we have a lot of freedom to do useful work for its improvement and maintenance.

Chris Miller.
Chairman.

Bradenham Parish Council:

The following press release was made by the A4010 HS2 Ltd campaign group after the group's appearance before the HS2 Select Committee in November 2015 and protracted negotiations.

Almost half a million pounds has been given by HS2 Ltd to improve Buckinghamshire's roads to compensate for their construction traffic. After months of negotiations the A4010 campaign group, working closely with Buckinghamshire County council, has won £480,000 from HS2 Ltd. The campaign group members are: Princes Risborough Town Council, Bradenham Parish Council, West Wycombe Parish Council and Wycombe District Council. HS2 Ltd will be funding safety measures between Wycombe and Stoke Mandeville and Thame and Princes Risborough - the routes their construction vehicles will be taking.

Speaking for the A4010 group Cllr Katrina Wood, leader Wycombe District Council said: "This is a bittersweet result for us. We left no stone unturned in putting up a great fight and acting as a group of four local councils working with Buckinghamshire County Council. We have stopped construction traffic going through West Wycombe village. We worked tirelessly to try and stop construction traffic using the A4010 and A4129 and whilst we couldn't persuade them to reroute traffic, at least we've come back with HS2 Ltd paying almost half a million pounds for road safety work. This will pay for improved crossings, traffic calming and wider footways and high tech warning signs along key sections of the A4010 and A4129, including outside local schools that directly front onto the routes. These will not only improve the roads for all road users while construction is going on, but will also leave a permanent local legacy".

At its January meeting the parish council decided to keep the precept at £7000 and set it's initial budget for 2016/17 at £8141, reserves have been built up to pay for the traffic calming work in Bradenham village, for which we have not yet been invoiced. It was decided to look at potential capital expenditure and community improvements later this year. Flooding in various parts of the parish was discussed and Carl Etholen, our county councilor will take some of these issues back to the county council. The parish council now has a web site, which although not completed yet, is operational <http://www.bucksvoice.net/bradenham-parish-council/>. We are working on it!

*Our next meeting will be Monday 7th March at 7pm
at Bradenham Cricket club.*

All welcome.

*You can contact the clerk on
clerk@bradenham.org.uk
or Tel:01494-562254*





Little Ash Pre-school spaces available for September 2016



Please come and visit with your child
Friday 18th March 1-2pm, or Tuesday 17th
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Little Ash Pre-school opens Monday to Friday 9 to
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Picture This

I was in the dentist's chair the other day. Nothing painful, just a 6 monthly check to make sure that I'd learned from my misspent childhood of eating too many sweets and not using my Gibbs toothpaste to fight Dragon Tooth Decay.

And the link to photography.....??

Well dear reader, you may be surprised to read that my appointments are timed for lunchtime so that the Hygienist and I can talk photography as she works; she's a very keen photographer. Well, talk is probably not the best description. I'll bet that you have some difficulty talking when you have huge magnified eyes peering at you through surgeons' binoculars and brandishing sharp and potentially pain inducing probes. But we manage.

I showed her some pictures I'd made that morning as I'd walked on the Common with my assistant, furball. They were iPhone pictures, pictures of blades of grass and duckweed resting on the surface of Willow pond. The reflection of a bright deep-blue wintery sky lit the background.

I really hadn't looked at them until now, but as we did she immediately chose one that really appealed to her; the composition, the iridescence of the colours and especially the stillness.

We talked technicalities but most of all she asked about how to create pictures. How to capture the feeling you have when something as simple as blades of grass and a blue sky have grabbed your attention.

"By being in the moment" I responded "By putting your attention 'out there' and noticing what is there and what is happening right now. By noticing what changes as you move. By noticing what changes as you don't move."

The cover picture shows some of what we talked about and I hope that you like the picture of a field at Cookshall Farm. As I drove towards Cookshall Farm where I was doing a photo recce, I noticed the shape and colour of the field. I stopped the car got out and looked. The view changed without me moving. As the wet soil dried, the warm orange colours changed, giving the illusion of sunlight and cloud shadows. And the colour, shape and position of the clouds changed. I moved so that the two trees on the horizon slowly separated from the dark trees of the woodland and became clearly defined. I moved to select how much sky and how much earth to include in the picture. And once it all came together in the moment, I held my breath and squeezed the shutter. My moment was captured.

So when I see you sitting quietly, gazing at the surface of a pond, making square frames with your hands or using a camera, I'll pass by quietly knowing that you are in the moment enjoying your photography.

Richard

www.richardholroydphotography

The Missing Apostrophe And Other Anomalies

Like the writer in last month's edition of The Gazette, I too have no idea who Walter was, but Walter's Ash is definitely spelled with the apostrophe on old pre-war maps. However, when we first moved here in 1977, the village boundary was only marked by two signs, the offending white sign that is still there now opposite the Officers Mess on the approach from Bradenham and a similar one on the approach from Lacey Green, sited next to the wooden bus shelter (which has just blown down a few days ago!) opposite what was then Strike Command, and neither sign bore the apostrophe. What is more, Walter's Ash did not appear on any national road maps, with or without the apostrophe, and the road from Bradenham up to the village had no name. This meant that, as our house was in a private road with no name, leading off from a road with no name, in a village that was not marked on any maps, it was somewhat difficult to find us! And just to further confuse the issue, most people, including the RAF, referred to the village as Naphill!

Walter's Ash, correctly spelled, did gradually start to appear on maps, after various publishers of national road maps were contacted, but it was not until 2001 when the so called 'traffic calming' measures were introduced through the two villages, (those strange white lines along each side of the road that still show through in a few places), that the large green signs for Walter's Ash, complete with the apostrophe, were erected. One replaced the old sign on the approach from Lacey Green (New Road, not Main Road, by the way) and was repositioned further out beyond the RAF headquarters, and the other matching sign was placed at the top of Clappins Lane, marking for the first time the boundary with Naphill.

Back in the late 1980's, the District Council decided to name the road down to Bradenham, and the road sign was placed on the corner of the T-junction - 'Bradenham Woods Lane'. Until then the road had been variously referred to by the locals as Bradenham Hill, Bradenham Lane or Bradenham Road, which had been confusing, not least because the main road from West Wycombe to Bradenham is actually Bradenham Road. It was only much more recently that a sign finally went up at the other end of the road in Bradenham, and what had the District Council called it but Bradenham Wood Lane.... without the 's'!

So, yes, let's get a campaign started to get the Walter's Ash sign at the top of the road from Bradenham changed to a nice matching green one complete with the apostrophe, but let's also get the name Bradenham Wood's Lane right, and let's get the missing 's' added down at the bottom.

Jill Shiu

Ash Corner
Ashburnham Drive
Walter's Ash

Hughenden Parish Council

HPC FACTOID #7

Our Parish currently owns & manages approx 62 acres of land. For a list of all the Council's assets including land visit our website and search for Asset Register.

You may have noticed a plethora of hieroglyphics appearing along Main Road in Naphill. These apparently signal the imminent arrival of Transport for Bucks pothole repairs.....again. It is with some relief therefore that we heard from our County Councillor who attended the last Parish Council meeting that the next section of the road along from where they stopped in Walter's Ash 2 years ago is scheduled to be resurfaced this year. After residents have logged close to 100 potholes and had the majority of them filled individually it surely must be more efficient to do this.

In a move connected with our local roads it was pleasing to meet with Councillors from Lacey Green and Bradenham at a meeting organised by RAF High Wycombe. We are not alone in experience traffic and road safety issues, in fact we are more fortunate in having more resources than our neighbouring Parishes to help tackle these. The RAF Station recognises the increased volume and speed of vehicles in front of its three site entrances and the Station Commander is looking to assist us in ways to address these. All very encouraging from our Parish's biggest employer. We expect to meet in this way on a regular basis to coordinate our actions.

We are also delighted that there was Parish-wide support from councillors for a donation towards the Naphill Christmas Tree lights. It was recognised that they are a significant seasonal landmark and contribute to the overall festive feeling in the Parish. Given the complexity of the lights and the undertaking to put them up and take them down we were happy to make this extraordinary payment.

A new area of responsibility which is taking up more time for both Councillors and staff is the process of devolution of services from Bucks Country Council to the Parish Council. We, the council voted and the agreement was signed in February to transfer over the responsibility for cutting publically owned roadside verges and hedgerows within 30MPH areas to us. As you will have read in last month's article about the Precept, we have had to increase our portion of everyone's council tax to help pay for this work which will start in April. Related to this, we also agreed to take on ownership of the two areas of public land currently managed by Wycombe District Council, namely the central verge in Ash Close in Walter's Ash and the small patch on the entrance to Brackenwood in Naphill. We think that the purchase price of £1 to acquire these represents good value and will allow residents to have more say on how these areas are managed.

One question we are looking for your views on right now is what we should be doing with the open space

we look after off Common Road in Great Kingshill. Its quite close to the large allotment garden opposite the Red Lion pub and its right next to the cricket ground and playgrounds, so a number of alternative options are being considered, such as establishing a communal orchard, wildflower sanctuary, bee hive zone. Have you got a great idea? We'd love to hear your opinion. Email us, call us up or stop and chat to us if you see us about!

Your Parish Councillors

Phil Crawford, Dennis Hackling, Chris Waterton & Peter Williams

email nawa@hughendenpc.org.uk
website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Naphill Tennis Club

Our Annual Newsletter will be available from early March. This will give details of membership fees, tennis coaching and general club activities for 2016 so do get in touch if you would like a copy. There is a discounted rate for membership fees paid by 1st April and new members earn a further discount!

This year, we want to involve local schools in playing more tennis and are planning to run some inter-schools tournaments at Naphill. If you know of any youngsters who would be interested in taking part, do let us know – or why not join as a family?

For further information, please contact the Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel, on 01494 563706 or myself on 565406.

Jenny Tench

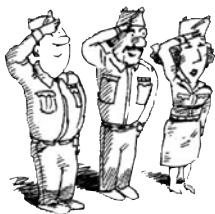
Shear Madness

Firstly, I must apologise for missing the February issue, so by the time this one plops onto your doormat I will be on holiday, hopefully getting a good rest. The shop will re-open Friday 11th March, which just happens to be THE SHOPS BIRTHDAY!!! Wow, it's hard to believe we have been here for 5 years. Opening day was fun but nerve racking, all we could think was "what the hell have we done?". We had a Blues Brothers tribute act and of course cake, everyone was so welcoming! It was amazing, very happy times. 5 years on and things have changed but I wouldn't change you lot in a million years. I have my own little quote "we have friends that are customers but we also have customers who have become friends"

Thank you, one and all and here's to the next 5 years!!

Mandy xx.





NapFest 2016

Friday 10th to Sunday 12th June

Military Past & Present



Firstly, my apology. The eagle eyed among you will have noticed I had a complete blank moment when writing last months' article and incorrectly stated this year's NapFest dates. I apologise profusely for the error and any confusion caused.

Once again our work behind the scenes is going full steam ahead. This year we are giving Fete day itself a revamp and it is our plan to completely revitalise the day. We are contacting new stallholders to bring in crafts, jewellery, toys and homemade goodies. For the children there will be new rides and a new inflatable, and the arena will have a better-structured programme for the displays and races.

We would also like to get as many people as possible in themed dress over the weekend. Not only are we asking the committee, stall holders and volunteers to dress up but also everyone who comes along, local businesses and homes too. This is our community summer event, let the spirit and fun of the event bring us all together to remind us what a great community we have.

We are receiving a tremendous amount of support from RAF HW this year and I will confirm in the April Gazette exactly what you can look forward to, all I will say is that Saturday will be great fun for families.

Friday Evening – Music on the Crick

- Catering stalls - staying the same.
- Bands will change - arranged through James Henton. Headline act tbc.
- We hope to have a 1940s/1950s swing band to keep in with the theme.
- Children's disco will start the evening.
- The Black Lion will be manning the bar.

Buy your tickets early – from The Wheel PH or online at www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk

Saturday – NWA Fete

- Princes and Princesses to open fete
- Walking Tableau procession on field
- Trophies award ceremony
- Dancing Display
- Dog Show
- Arena activities
- BBQ
- Teas and Coffees, Cakes and sandwiches
- Bar run by Naphill Men's Club



Donations needed:

Books
Cakes on the day
Tombola prizes
Grand Draw prizes
Old crockery
Bric A Brac
Plants

Volunteers needed:

Friday evening gate attendants
Bric A Brac stallholder
Saturday helpers
Sunday car park marshalls

Are you, or do you know of, a local company who could donate a Grand Draw prize?

Sunday - Classics on the Crick

Please see the Classics on the Crick article for full details

I hope you've enjoyed reading this article and that it's caught your attention and drawn your interest to the fact that once again we are striving to give the villages an even better weekend. Spread the word, start planning how you're going to theme up your house, and start making those costumes. Let's all be involved in one way or another.

Classics on the Crick

Sunday 12th June

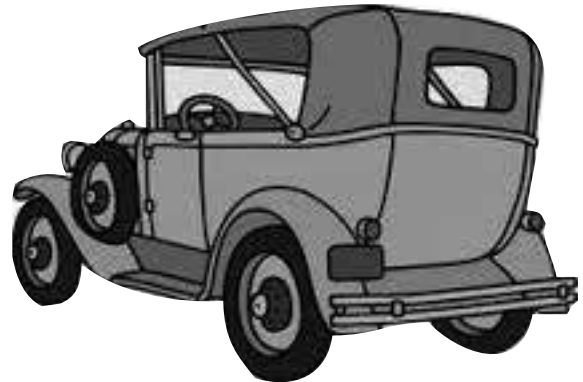


Following on from the success of last year, we hope that Classics this year will be even bigger and better!! We raised over £6,000 pounds last year and this year we would love to break the £10,000 mark which should be very possible. The main beneficiary this year will be the Air Ambulance with some going to smaller local charities.

The date this year is June 12th, all entry information can be found on the website, www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk

As many of you will know, we did cause a few hold ups along main road, such was the popularity of the event, this year we are going for a new field layout which we hope will alleviate this problem. What we do need this year are more volunteers so if you can spare a couple of hours to help on the gate or marshalling the cars, please get in touch. Refreshments will be provided!

You can either email, classicsonthecrick@gmail.com, call me on 07710 869775 or pick up an entry slip from Bon Ami.



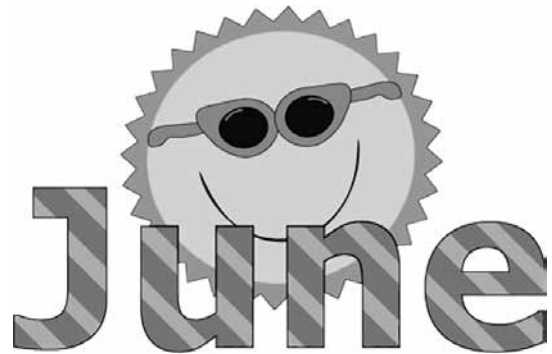
Thank you!
Ian Bond

NapFest Urgent help needed

We are in urgent need for help with running the Bric-A-Brac stall. It will need a minimum of 2 people or it could be a family effort. Maybe you and your neighbour could combine your skills/ talents.

All items are delivered to us, so there's no collecting involved. We have storage if needed, and at the end of the day, any unsold items that will not fit into the skips on site we dispose of.

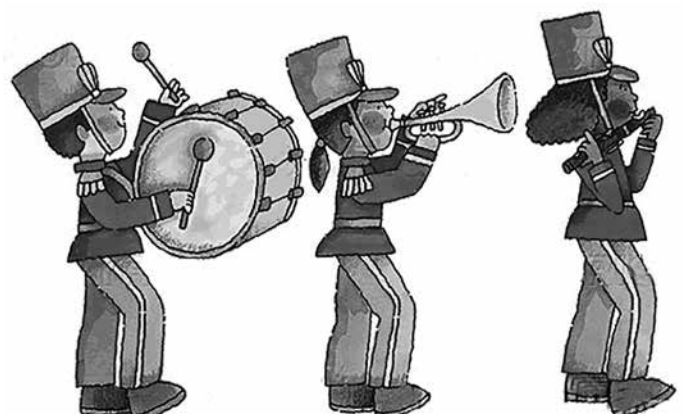
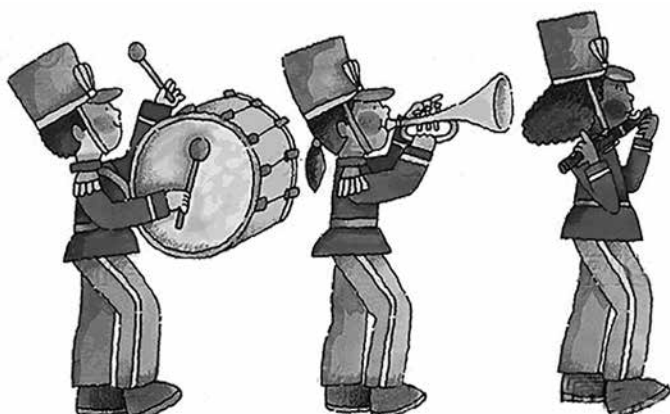
All items can be valued on the morning, so you receive guidance on any items of worth. If you are interested please contact Claire at the Wheel for more details, or if you know of someone who might be perfect for this role then please mention our appeal.



Message from Claire Christian, Committee Chair.

I would like to thank the committee for their on going hard work, and for taking time out from their busy lives to support our event. Also Many Thanks to Pam Powel for her much appreciated help with designing and proof reading our leaflets and posters.

Claire



Naphill Evening WI

Chocolate tasting, great! Anton Boon from Princes Risborough will be bringing samples of his hand-made chocolate to our meeting on 18 February. (He has a very nice coffee shop in Risborough by the way.) The March meeting on 17th will be a little more serious I presume when Jan Still talks about her life as a Magistrate. The competition is a light-hearted verse though, so let's all have a go.

We also have the Spring Group Meeting in March, on the 31st when the speaker will be Graham Horne on Walking Across England. Our hosts will be Marlow Common WI.

By the time you read this the Craft Group will have met again and hopefully will be full of ideas for things to make.

The Food Group have already lunched at the Black Horse in Lacey Green and are lunching again on 29 February at the Grouse and Ale in Lane End. In March their event will be an evening meal at the Walnut Tree, Bourne End, when partners and friends are also invited.

On 10 March some of us are travelling to London to see "Beautiful" the musical about the life of Carole King.

Lots of things for us to look forward to in the coming weeks.

Carol Gilliam

Report from David Lidington MP

Last month made my third and final appearance before the House of Commons HS2 Committee. I used most of the time to speak about mitigation and compensation issues affecting my constituents but I also tried to draw out some wider lessons.

First, promoters should give people accurate information and respond directly and promptly to their questions. My impression has been that HS2's helpline staff have been very stretched and time and again it's taken far too long for local residents to be able to talk to technical and engineering staff who alone can answer their questions.

Second, information needs to be kept up to date and the promoters accept that they have a duty to explain changes to local residents. For example, HS2's forecasts of how construction work would affect traffic have changed a lot since the Environmental Statement. It shouldn't have taken a Freedom of Information request to obtain that information: it should have been volunteered.

Third, the promoter of a big scheme needs to recognise that while for them an individual case is one detail of an enormous project, for that person or family the impact of the scheme may well be dominating their thoughts, putting life plans on hold and affecting both physical and mental health. Concern for individual casework, such as following up and confirming the details of compensation offers

is vital. Too many people have been kept dangling for a long time.

Fourth, promoters need to own up quickly to mistakes and issue a correction. We are all human. Every individual and every organisation makes errors. But there's no excuse for the sort of conduct that HS2 Ltd showed in Aylesbury in late 2013.

There, about 300 families got a letter from HS2 warning them that they might need access to their properties for 203 weeks for work on pylons!

It was a typing mistake. Someone had typed a zero instead of a hyphen. Understandably, people were very angry and upset. But it was left to me and the local media to set the record straight. HS2 didn't send residents an apology and correction.

Any large infrastructure project is bound to bring a clash of interests between those promoting it and those living nearby. But not just HS2 Ltd but others, both public and private sector, could learn from some of the mistakes HS2 made and do better in the future.

David Lidington

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

As I'm sure you have noticed, although Spring is just round the corner, an awful lot of plants have come to life terribly early this year thanks to the very mild winter- just look at all the cherry blossom! The gardens are waking up and preparing to brighten our lives with all the Spring bulbs and shrubs, but the one thing they really need now after such a very wet winter is a jolly good feed, so don't forget to go round the garden giving everything a generous dose of slow release fertiliser (it doesn't matter which you use, as the plants can't read!!).

It is always nice to be planning for colour in the Summer, and help is at hand in the form of our Plant Sale, which this year is on Saturday May 21st (not the 18th as I said last month), and will be the perfect opportunity for you to buy some new plants or replacements for those that have not survived the winter.

If you are very well organised and have managed to get onto the borders to divide perennials that have survived, or like me, have been hiding in the greenhouse planting seeds, how about nurturing some extra plants that you could then sell in May?

Lastly, a reminder that our AGM takes place on Monday 14th 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 doesn't usually last more than 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

Last Word

During this month there have been several reports of cars being damaged on Main Road whilst they are parked. These incidents are mainly caused by overtaking vehicles clipping the parked vehicle. The offending drivers are generally not bothering to stop and acknowledge their mistake. It is a traffic offence not to stop and exchange details.

I have included as many items as I can on the post it board. It must be SPRING as there are lots of meetings and events to look forward to not least of course, the NapFest. Hopefully you have these dates in your diary!

I will try very hard to update all our advertisements on the village websites and I should very much appreciate your comments as to what you would like to see on this site.

My thanks to Richard Holroyd for our beautiful cover photograph and my grateful thanks to all our contributors for their articles, photographs and ongoing support. I look forward to receiving all your articles on or before 15 March for inclusion in the April Gazette.

Finally I once again wish you all a happy Mothering Sunday/ Mothers Day and of course a very Happy Easter!

Sonia

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Hughenden
Parish Council
Tuesday
8 March
Full Council
meeting 8pm-
10pm, Great
Kingshill Offices

Naphill Horticulural
Society AGM
14 March
Village Hall
8.00pm

Naphill Evening
WI
10 March
Theatre Trip

Guide &
Brownie
Jumble Sale
Naphill Village
Hall
Saturday
27 February
1.30pm

NAPFEST
10 June Music on
the Crick
11 June Fete
12 June Classics
on the Crick

Bradenham
Parish Council
Open Meeting
7 March 7pm
Bradenham
Cricket Club

FONC
Short Walk
3 March 10am
Long Walk
15 March 9.30am
Start from
Village Hall

Little Ash
Nursery Open
Afternoon
18 March
1- 2 pm

Christians in
the Community
Women's World
Day of Prayer
4 March

Christians in the
Community
Fairtrade Tea
and Coffee
Morning
15 April
Methodist
Church

The Wheel
St Patrick's
Day

Moon Walk
Fun Quiz night/
Fish & Chip
Supper
18 March 7pm
Village Hall



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Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45-8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564469
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45pm		
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Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
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	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30-9.30pm	Scouts & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga Stretch and Tone	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
WI	3rd Thursday in month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sally Woodbridge 562281

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Editorial

Usually, when I assemble the magazine, I have five days to get everything placed, the photographs sorted and the late submissions in but of course, EASTER is in late March this year and so the rush is on to get everything in, proofed and back to PKinPrint within 36 hours. Now I am sure that for many of you this would not be a problem but I am old and slow, I am retired and rushing no longer comes easily so please bear with me. If isn't in this month's magazine it will be with you in May!

Over the last few days the Crufts Dog Show has been shown on the television. The smallest and noisiest member of our family, Carlos the long-haired Chihuahua, is an avid fan of this program but when the excitement gets too great the television is switched off! In our local community we have many dog owners who are rightly proud of their canine companions and so I have invited them to send their 'doggy photos' for this month's photo page. I will also be including a reminder that as responsible dog owners we have a duty to clear up behind our dogs!

I also had a communication this month regarding our cover photographs. As with all aspects of this magazine the buck stops here with the editor but I am very lucky to have Richard Holroyd, my assistant editor and a local professional photographer, to design our covers for me and of course, I agree these before they are placed in the magazine. We welcome contributions! If you have a photograph which you think would look good on our cover please send it to Richard. We do have guidelines for these photographs and either Richard or I will happily send these to you if you wish to receive them.

I anticipate that as in previous years, the Gazette will be publishing the NapFest program in the June edition of our magazine. Because the NapFest occurs in mid June, very near the magazine's July copy date on the 15 June, I will be extending the deadline for the July magazine by a few days to enable us to devote the July magazine to this great village event. I should also like to give advance warning that the summer combined issue will be August/September, as I did last year, and that I should be grateful if all the final round up for the NapFest could be included in this issue.

Finally, the team at the Gazette wish you all a very happy Easter holiday

Sonia Goby

Editor of the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette
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Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

We have had a good response from the village organisations to our request for suggestions to improve the facilities at the Hall and on the Crick. We have formed a sub committee who will meet to consider all these and put them in some kind of priority order. Many thanks to all who have contributed so far and do please keep your thinking caps on and let us have any further suggestions to add to our list. All will receive our full consideration.

From an earlier list the dishwasher came high on the list of priorities and this is now duly in place and in working order. If you are thinking of using it then you just need to be aware that it needs 45 minutes to warm up the water so needs to be turned on three quarters of an hour before it can jump into action. Once that is done then it does the dishes in minutes and full instructions are on the wall by the machine.

Another request was a motion sensor light in the lobby so you can see immediately when entering the hall in the dark. This should now also be in place.

The third item we have actioned is the installation of the defibrillator on the wall outside the kitchen window. It is now fully operational. If there is a need then all you have to do is dial 999 and state your position. They will then give you the code to open the cabinet and you will be talked through the procedure simply and calmly. We have a training session booked on the 18th April in the Hall at 8p.m. for all interested parties. Everyone is more than welcome. It should calm our fears about the thought of having to use it especially if the patient is a loved one.

The Hall is being used for two elections in the next few months. On the 5th May there will be an election for the Police Commissioner. As the turn out is not expected to be vast (last time it was minimal) we have managed to persuade the authorities to hold this in the small hall and access will be through the door by the Men's club. The referendum on membership of the EU is a different matter. That is due to be on the 23rd June and will be in the main Hall as usual. That date was booked well before Cameron announced the date to the nation!

You should have had a leaflet through your door asking you to help with the Clean for the Queen to get the village shipshape in the week commencing the 11th April. Peggy will be issuing lists of suggested jobs. Do please make sure your part of the village is clean and tidy, litter free and sparkling!

Our next meeting is on Monday 4th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Hall to be followed by our A.G.M. at 8pm. All are most welcome so do please consider coming along and seeing just how hard we work to develop and maintain YOUR Village Hall. It would be good to see you and we do serve drinks and nibbles afterwards so you have a chance to chat with us and give us your views.

Sarah Bacon

Chairman Naphill Village Hall
and Playing Fields Council

Hughenden Parish Council set 2016/17 Budget and look to take on devolved services from Bucks CC - Press Release

Hughenden Parish Council have agreed their 2016/17 budget with a Precept of £197,585 compared to £177,280 in 2015/16 being requested from Wycombe District Council. The budget includes the funds to take on the devolved services from Bucks County Council as the Parish Council believe that residents are looking for a higher level of service than BCC are likely to provide in the time of budget cuts. This will see for example, the number of grass cuts reducing.

To provide a better environment the Council also agreed to introduce a number of maintenance projects at ponds, woodland and open spaces to make up for the lack of attention over recent years.

Over the next few years the Council face the need for significant infrastructure investment in for example, playgrounds, street lighting and the Garden of Rest. To achieve this without undue burden in any one year a process has been introduced to earmark reserves as they are built up.

The Budget has not all been increases, there have been a number of cut backs and cappings so that the annual cost to Council Tax payers has been kept to the minimum. The annual grants made to local organisations have been kept at 2015 levels and the budgeted expenditure total for Administration has been reduced by £4,000. There are a number of special projects such as youth and senior provision and the introduction of a new accounting system that will bring administrative savings and enable the finances to be managed more effectively.

The budget has been approached from the bottom up to enable the Parish Council to operate effectively while at the same time be enabled to take on more responsibilities and provide the residents of Hughenden Parish with value.

Expenditure Budget	2015/16	2016/17
	£	£
Administration	82,960	78,985
Garden of Rest	15,450	17,225
Allotments	20,450	22,750
Open Spaces/Street Lighting	25,425	27,600
Playgrounds	12,350	22,600
Special Projects	43,075	52,575
Balance Brought Forward	1,000	1,775
Total Budget Expenditure	200,680	223,510
LESS BUDGETED INCOME		
Raised by Council via	23,400	197,585
Garden of Rest Fees and Allotment Fees		
Precept Requested	177,280	197,585

Note: The 2016/17 Budget does not allow for any tax based grants.

Issued by Peter Wetherman - Clerk to the Council
by calling 01494 715296 or emailing clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk

Bradenham Parish Council

HS2 has been a big part of our work since summer 2013. The A4010 group worked firstly on trying to get the construction traffic for HS2 diverted from the A4010 and when that failed worked on obtaining some mitigation (money) from HS2 Ltd to improve road safety for the A4010.

The mitigation has been achieved, as you may have seen in the Bucks Free Press, £480,000 for improved safety features along the A4010 from M40, J4 to Stoke Mandeville and some work on the A4129 into Princes Risborough.

Bradenham is only a short stretch on the route, but we will be able to get some improvements on this busy road, which we otherwise would not have obtained. We will all have to suffer at least 3 years of increased HGV traffic.

The Bradenham pond and its surroundings were discussed. The pond area needs work doing and the National Trust will trim the area before a parish council working party carries out clearing and tidying. Then the council will look at what can be done to improve the area. Neil Harris, Head Ranger for the National Trust, attended the meeting. The council took the opportunity to ask the National Trust about a variety of matters in the parish. It was decided not to enter the best kept village competition this year, instead to work on improving the parish. A new notice board for Walter's Ash was considered. We had received £310 from our district councillor to help with this purchase. The councillors discussed various jobs that need looking at in the parish and once a list has been made the council will work on the priorities.

Our next meeting will be Monday 9 May 2016 in the cricket pavilion on the Green. The Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting will be held before the ordinary meeting. The meetings will start at 7pm.

Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council.

Tel: 01494-562254 or email clerk@bradenham.org.uk

The Village Hall Defibrillator News

With help from the local Rural Community Defibrillator Group (RCDG) a public access defibrillator was recently located to the left of the main entrance to Naphill Village Hall. No training is needed to use it since the Ambulance Service will give advice in response to a '999' call and the defibrillator will give voice prompts to guide anyone trying to help somebody in cardiac arrest ... that is to say a heart has stopped and there is only some 8 mins or so start and maintain 'a chain of survival'.

The coordinator of 'Risboro' 1st responders' (R1r), a group of trained volunteer first responders deployed by the South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) for RED (8-min) emergencies, will give a helpful lifesaving demonstration and invite stress-free participation on Mon 18 Apr 2016 at the Village Hall from 8pm. The

demonstration will include how to gain access to the defibrillator, how to use it, and associated CPR. The demonstration will last 30 mins or so with an opportunity for questions, then there will be time for any additional questions and further free practice.

All local villagers will be welcome to this 'be a lifesaver' session; the session will be suitable for children accompanied by a parent. After the session you will be able to pass on your skill to others whenever the opportunity arises.

Judy Whitehouse.

Whoops! An Apostrophe too many!

I was so annoyed with myself when I saw the mistake I had made in my letter last month. I don't know how the extra apostrophe got into Bradenham Wood's Lane in the last paragraph, but it definitely should not have been there. It is, of course, Bradenham Woods Lane. Well, at least, here in Walter's Ash it is!

Jill Shiu

Democracy – Parish Council

After several enjoyable years on Hughenden Parish Council as a Naphill & Walters's Ash representative, I shall be stepping down in May, and I would like to thank all those who have helped me during my time in office.

There is one thing I would like to address in this letter, however. Naphill & Walters Ash have been very lucky. Whist you may have disagreed with some of the policies they have had, the ward has had many good, hard working, committed councillors almost in spite of rather than because of any election. Indeed the last three chairpersons' of the council have been chosen from this ward.

It is disheartening that in more than twenty-five years there have only been two elections for councillors in our ward due to insufficient interest in getting people to put themselves forward to serve their community.

On the current council the vast majority of councillors are now, or were co-opted, not elected. This is not to criticise the current council because they are hard working and really try to do the best for their wards and parishioners, but it does devalue democracy. Indeed several of the wards still have vacancies for councillors.

With more and more problems (rather than powers) being devolved to local parishes it will become even more critical that the parish council is representative of the people, yet within the whole of the parish we cannot get 15 people to form a full council.

I would urge parishioners to get involved, get out of the armchair and take an interest in your community. It can sometimes be frustrating, but it can be worthwhile, fun and interesting.

Dennis Hacking

Hughenden Parish Councillor

Naphill Men's Football Club

This season has been a real journey with the ups and downs of a newly promoted team to the premier table of the High Wycombe Sunday Combination!

For some reason we always start slowly, which does not help especially when you are in the premiership, you really need a good start.

We now only have seven games left in the current season and are presently sitting mid table with a semi final in the Sunday combination cup to look forward to, something Naphill Men's FC have never achieved. Please come and support your local team. Also Naphill Men's FC is looking for a new sponsor for next season.

Premier Division : League Table								
10 Teams	Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
FC Beaconsfield	13	9	2	2	34	12	+22	29
Masters	14	9	1	4	46	21	+25	28
Las Piramides	13	9	0	4	43	22	+21	27
Chinnor Exiles	11	7	1	3	27	9	+18	22
King George V	12	5	4	3	26	20	+6	19
Naphill Mens	11	5	1	5	11	20	-9	16
FC D & B	14	4	3	7	25	31	-6	15
Ickford	12	2	2	8	17	39	-22	8
Italia Unita	8	2	0	6	14	31	-17	6
Arthurs	12	1	0	11	12	50	-38	3

Naphill Evening WI

Our chocolate tasting meeting in March was as good as expected and we all know now that we should not put good quality chocolate in the fridge. Much better to just eat it.

Those of us who went to see "Beautiful", the musical about the life of Carole King, had an excellent evening enjoying a trip down memory lane with all the songs from our past, such as "Oh Carol", "It might as well rain until September" and many more. Thanks to Marion Lawrence for organising another fantastic trip for us.

Our April meeting will be about "How plants solve crimes" a talk by Dr Michael Lucas. This is an Open Meeting, so please come along if you would like to. Everyone welcome.

On 27th April some of us will be attending the Annual Council Meeting at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury, which is always a good day out with excellent speakers.

The Food Group are lunching at the Beech Tree at Terriers on 28 April. They might be able to see the spring bulbs very near this venue that were planted by Terriers Evening WI to celebrate the Queen's birthday. The Buckinghamshire Federation of WIs is encouraging us all to tidy for the Queen in our local area also.

Happy Easter to everyone.

Carol Gilliam.

Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group

HNAG meet every 6 weeks to discuss matters about which Hughenden Parish residents have raised concerns. Recently we have discussed concerns regarding vulnerable people in our community. At the January meeting representatives from Community Health and Social Care, Trading Standards and Neighbourhood Watch joined us to consider ways in which HNAG can help. They have contributed the following information article and poster for our residents to read

PREVENTION MATTERS!

Sometimes we all need a bit of help

There are times when we all need a little bit of help. Maybe you're recovering from an illness, feeling lonely and isolated or unable to get out and about. Prevention Matters could give you that bit of help to make your life easier and more fulfilling.

Prevention Matters, delivered by Buckinghamshire County Council through a partnership of organisations, including the NHS, District Councils and a variety of voluntary and community sector organisations, is a free and friendly advice service linking eligible adults (over 18) in Buckinghamshire to social activities, volunteers and community services. We can support you in regaining your confidence, independence and getting out and about by finding social activities, volunteers and community services for you in your local area.

Here's how we helped Georgina with the worries of being on her own:

After the death of her last remaining family member Georgina was concerned about her declining health and money worries. A Prevention Matters community practice worker visited her at home to see how we could help. The community practice worker was able to help arrange a home visit to assess her property for disability allowance, get taxi tokens so she could get to appointments, catalogues on home shopping and meal delivery so she didn't have to rely on friends. Georgina now feels better informed about the services that are available to her and through Prevention Matters is now £200 a month better off, safer at home and less worried about her finances.

How do I find out about this service?

Call our friendly staff on 0300 666 0159 (local number)

Email at admin@preventionmatters.org.uk

Or use the online form at buckscc.gov.uk/preventionmatters

Alternatively you can ask your GP or health professional for more information

What would happen next?

One of our Community Practice Workers will contact you to arrange a time to come and talk to you about what services may be available locally for you. The Community Practice Worker can contact the activities and services you might be interested in attending or receiving in your home and can support you until you feel confident and happy to be independent.

It's ok to ask for help.

To find out more about Prevention Matters please visit: www.careadvicebuckinghamshire.org/preventionmatters

G. Leflaive - 563634

Member of HNAG and Residents Assn. Committees.



Press Release from RAF High Wycombe

House of Lords MOD Spokesman Awards Operational Achievements



The Lords' Minister of State to the MOD has visited RAF High Wycombe to present operational commendations, and better understand the work of support staff to the HQ of the Royal Air Force.

On the 16th of February the Rt Hon Earl Howe, also Deputy Leader of the House of Lords, met with medical staff, security specialists and welfare providers to discuss their support to 1700 personnel and the current issues that it brings.

In addition to being the spokesman for Defence in the House of Lords, Earl Howe's responsibilities also cover ceremonial and medallic recognition, and he ended his visit by presenting a variety of honours and awards to Station personnel.

When reflecting on his visit Lord Howe said "It has been 20 years since my last visit, and it has been a privilege to talk to the men and women of RAF High Wycombe and learn the significance of their work. I was honoured to present awards today recognising personal sacrifice, commitment, and actions beyond the call of duty. They are truly inspirational and their families should be extremely proud".



As well as medals for long, unblemished conduct and recognition for local achievements, Lord Howe was delighted to present several commendations for distinguished work on recent operations in the Middle East.

One of the five commendations was awarded to a Corporal technician in support of Tornado GR4s operating in Iraq and Africa. His expertise and tireless work enabled continual reconnaissance to take place, significantly contributing to the humanitarian aid effort as well as gathering intelligence on the enemy.

The Station Commander, Group Captain Philip Lester, relished the opportunity to host Lord Howe, raising awareness of the endeavour of his staff and their current issues. Referring to the Honours and Awards Ceremony he said, "These are one of the most important things we do, recognising the hard work and myriad of complex tasks done by our people. As important is to be able to thank the families and loved ones for their unwavering support, without which our endeavour would not be possible".



Lord Howe also found time to recognise the heritage of the Station, visiting the former office of Sir Arthur 'Bomber' Harris and receiving a presentation on the creation during WWII of what was HQ Bomber Command.

Originally named Southdown to hide its location, building of the Station finished in 1940 and was made to replicate a normal village, hiding it from air reconnaissance. Critical decisions were made in the modest office of Sir Arthur Harris, which remains in its original and pristine condition.

For more information please contact the RAF High Wycombe Media Officer, Flight Lieutenant Andy Keeley at HWY-BSWMCO@mod.uk or 01494 494454.

All Photos in this article courtesy of SAC Tim Laurence - RAF High Wycombe

The GOOD News!

Our Village Ponds are Looking Good



How NOT to Park Your Car!



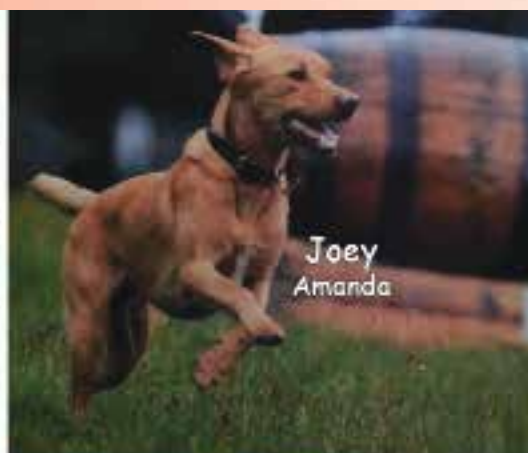
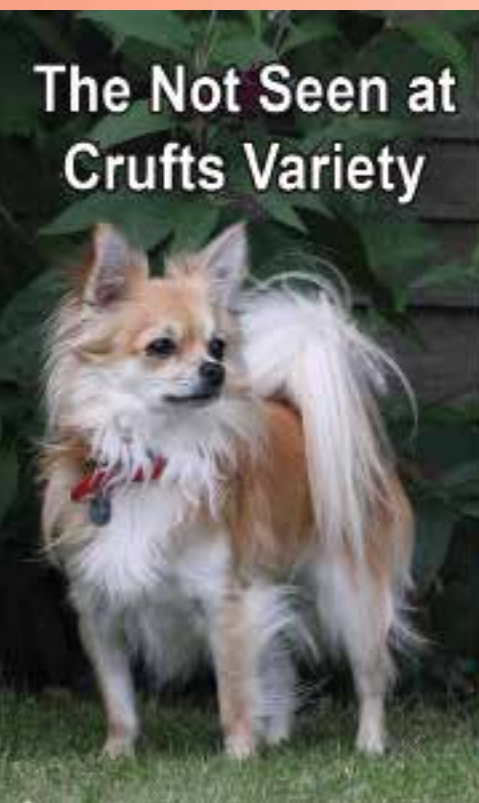
The Bad News!

Car Parking in and around our villages continues to cause problems and concerns! Please park your vehicles safely and considerately.

Some inconsiderate dog owners are continuing NOT to pooper scoop behind their dogs! Dog excretia and litter are ongoing problems particularly on the Crick.

These problems are easily resolved if we ALL cooperate!

The Not Seen at Crufts Variety

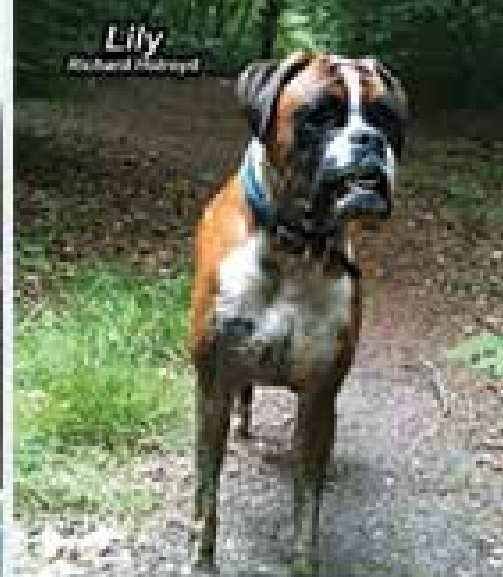




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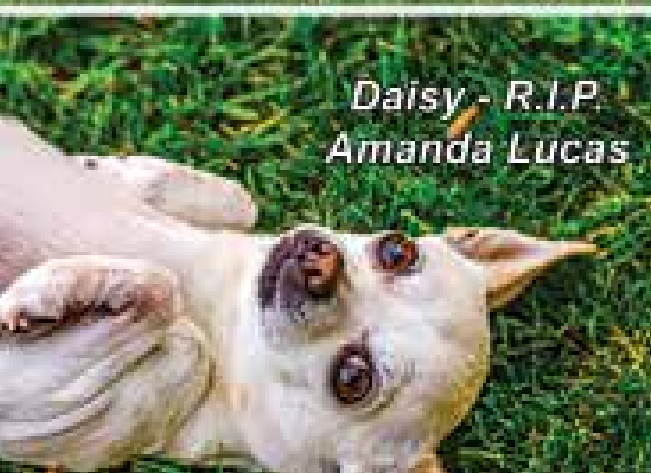
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Growing Your Own

April is the month when outdoors seed-sowing really becomes possible. One of my main crops is carrots and, if the weather is OK, I sow them and immediately cover the carrot row with horticultural fleece to provide a micro-climate for germination. Other small seeds receive the same treatment. I usually drag out a groove in the soil with my ridging tool, water just the groove, sow the seeds sparingly then cover with dry soil from the two sides of the groove. Rows are generally a foot apart to allow for cultivation but there are some larger vegetables which require two feet spacing, so I sow broad beans, Swiss chard and parsnips in the same row, with about 8 feet of the 35-foot row being chard and the rest split between the other two. I have been growing poirée (now called silver chard) for over 30 years and it is a real winner. It produces a large crop in autumn then another in spring when there are few other vegetables around. Unlike other varieties of chard, silver chard is not bitter and the plant has flat white stems 2 to 3 inches wide surrounded by green leaves. The green leaves can be eaten as spinach and the stems cut into chunks and boiled with a little lemon in the water to stop the chard turning brown. The stems go with dishes from fish to chicken and other meats. A most useful and delicious vegetable and one only needs a row about 8 feet long since the crop is massive.

As for potatoes, I have experimented with many varieties over the years and have settled on growing two rows of Charlotte as second earlies and two rows of Désirée (red) as maincrop. Since I am a no-dig gardener I do not rotate the potato bed since that would mean disturbing the soil everywhere. I have a permanent potato bed which I cover with a large piece of landscape material with 4 rows of holes cut every 18 inches for the potatoes. My crops are not as large as they would be if I grew

them conventionally since a light shower will not penetrate the soil but will evaporate on the landscape material, so the water-loving potatoes do not receive as much rain as they would otherwise. Nevertheless, the saving of effort of weeding and earthing-up makes the method worthwhile. I cover the bed with fleece until 1st June to protect from frost. When planting I use a potato planter to make deep holes in the soil, put a potato in each hole, put in a handful of fresh lawn mowings to reduce potato scab then put a little soil over the top. To use the potato planter I place a foot on it to force it into the ground then open the Vee using the handles to make the hole. One can go down the row in no time. A great device!



Good gardening,

Mike Mason

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A Beautiful Sunrise Photograph

One especially for those of us who are not always up on time to appreciate these things!



Little Ash Pre-school spaces available for September 2016



Please come and visit with your child
Tuesday 17th May 2-3pm

Little Ash Pre-school opens Monday to Friday 9 to 12 am for 3&4 year olds.

Spaces available for children to start
September 16



If you would like to come visit on these dates or need to book another date to visit please contact Judy our office administrator on 01494 562813



MIDDAY SUPERVISOR – NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH SCHOOL

Required as soon as possible.

Hours of work: 11.45am. – 1.15pm. (Term Time Only)

Salary: £7.50 per hour

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated person to join our team of lunchtime supervisors to work in a friendly and supportive environment.

Work will include setting up and clearing away tables and chairs for mealtimes, assisting children and general supervision both indoor and outdoor. You should be hard working, be able to use your initiative, and enjoy being part of a team.

Naphill & Walters Ash School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment. Successful candidates will be asked to apply for an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service prior to commencement.

For more information about our school, please visit our website: www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk.

Visits to the school are encouraged.

Please contact the school office on 01494 562813 or email office@nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk for an application form or to arrange a visit.

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS COUNCIL



A.G.M.

Monday 4th April at 8 p.m.
In the Village Hall
All Welcome

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Monthly Planning List to 6th March 2016:

16/05614/FUL. 24 Ash Close, Walters Ash.

Householder application for construction of 1 x rear dormer window and insertion of 2 x roof lights to front in connection with loft conversion. **16/05445/**

FUL Bristows Barn 380 Main Road Walters

Ash. HA for raising of roof, roof extension and alterations incorporating rooflights, construction of two storey side extension, fenestration alterations and erection of timber entrance gates. **16/05446/**

LBC Bristows Barn 380 Main Road Walters

Ash Listed building application for raising of roof, roof extension and alterations incorporating rooflights, construction of two storey side extension, fenestration alterations and internal alterations incorporating removal of fireplace, new staircases & partitions removed. **16/05402/FUL. (Objection.** Roof alterations inappropriate for a Grade 11 Listed Barn.). **Hogtrough Farm, Louches Lane, Naphill.** Demolition of existing house, erection of detached two storey 5-bed dwelling with alterations to existing driveway and parking, detached garage/woodstore building to front. **(Objection:** Development inappropriate for this GB/Chilterns AONB/Agricultural location).

Decision. Permitted. 15/08361/FUL Seletar

6 Purssells Meadow Naphill. Householder application for construction of part single, part two storey side and rear extension.

New Planning Rule. As from January 2016 any office can be converted to residential use under permitted development.

Date for your Diary. N&WA Residents Association AGM. Thursday, 9th June 2016. at Naphill Village Hall. All welcome.

Date of Next Meeting. Thursday, 14th April, 2016. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive
563634

Napfest Fri 10th – Sun 12th June 2016

Military Past and Present

My committee and the RAF have been working extremely hard to ensure the three days of the event are even more amazing than usual. This may sound difficult, but I am 100% sure it will be possible. I am getting really excited about all our plans, and it makes me smile just thinking about it now. I am very grateful for the huge amount of effort and input we are getting from the RAF this year. We have so much extra planned for Fete Day that I am actually worrying whether we will have enough space on the field.

Music on The Crick is coming along really nicely and we are hoping for a few different bands this year, so that you all get a different experience. Hopefully this will include a swing band to tie in with the Military Past and Present theme, so it would be great to see people dress up for the occasion (although remember to keep warm). We have booked the food stalls, and the Pizza Man is back along with Kirsty's Kitchen, the Hog Roast and Ice Cream. The Back Lion will be back running the bar and we will have an inflatable playground so that the kids will have things to do too. Tickets are now available on www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk and are the same price as last year - £25 for a family ticket for four, adults £10, Kids £5. There will be an increase on the night and tickets will also be available at The Wheel.

Fete on The Crick is definitely going to be a lot bigger and so much better this year. We have been told that we are getting a fly past, but as we all know this will be weather dependant, and I believe we need to thank The Queen as they will do her birthday flypast and then come over to us (fingers crossed). We also have lots planned for the arena, with displays from the RAF and also some fitness classes and hopefully the Gurkhas will be performing the Cookery Dance. As always we still need all our faithful stall holders at the ready and you should have all been contacted by now. (I am so very excited).

The Classic on The Crick is coming along brilliantly and they are already getting bookings for the cars so it should be another full field. The food stalls have all been booked and confirmed and we will also have the inflatable for the kids again. If you wish to book your car in early contact Ian Bond and his team on classiconthecrick@gmail.com.

As always we still need extra volunteers for all three days and we will need tombola prizes, cakes, bric-a-brac, grand draw prizes and books.

Can't wait to see you all there.

Claire and the Napfest Committee

Picture This

You can't have missed the fact that it's the Queen's 90th birthday this month; the 21st to be exact. But here's a fact you might not know. The Queen is a collector of photographs and has around 7,789. And that's a lot of photographs.

The collection all started with Queen Victoria's husband Albert - and you might not know this: The National Photographic collection might be moving home from Bradford to the Victoria & Albert Museum which just goes to show that their influence on photography is still at work. But I digress.....

The Queen's collection holds some wonderful photographs. Roger Fenton's very moving Crimean War photograph 'The Valley of the Shadow of

Death'; an 1891 portrait of Emmanuel Louis Cartigny (1791-1892) the last survivor of the Battle of Trafalgar (1805). Just another small digression. How old was Emmanuel when he was fighting at the Battle of Trafalgar? And bearing in mind that his photograph was bought by Queen Victoria, whose side do you think did he fought for? Answers are at the bottom.

The Queen's collection is still growing and the website says:

Other modern and contemporary photographers whose work is represented in the collection include Herbert Ponting, Frank Hurley, Brian Aris, Arthur Edwards, Mario Testino, HRH The Duke of York, Bryan Adams, Jane Bown, Annie Leibovitz and Rankin.

And yes, that is 'the' Bryan Adams, the 90's rock star, now a Royal photographer.

Do you have a collection, something that you could show, something that people could look at, hold in their hands, marvel at, be intrigued or moved by, laugh at, cry at? Most of us don't have a collection and I've recently come to realise that this is a great loss. One of the great photographers of the 20th century, Paul Strand said "Your photography is a record of your living". We all have pictures we created - our equivalent of Roger Fenton's picture or a portrait of someone important to us, or a special event. Some of our pictures stay on our devices; some are floating somewhere in the cloud; some are stuffed away on a hard drive or in the attic or the back of a cupboard. They are a part of your life. Bring them back to life; print them and stick them in an album; make a collection, show it, share it, enjoy it.

The Queen's collection is www.royalcollection.org.uk Emmanuel was 14 and it's rumoured that all he really wanted was a Saturday job He fought for Napoleon and was awarded the Legion d'honneur medal for bravery and working in smoky environment

Richard Holroyd
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Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

The garden is finally waking up and surprising us with bulbs that we put in and forgot about!!.

However, if you are looking for a change to the garden, or have gaps that need filling, don't forget that we have our annual **Plant Sale on Saturday May 21st**, where we hope to have a good selection of flowering plants, vegetable plants and herbs.

If you are a keen seed sower like me (the greenhouse is a great place to be at the moment!), or will be busy dividing perennials, or have too many self-seeded plants, why not consider nurturing the spares and bringing them along to the Plant Sale?

We charge just £5 for a table, and the rest of the

money you keep for yourself- a bargain!

If you are at all interested, please give me a call.

This year we will not be asking for Membership subscriptions, but if you would like a card detailing our events, please pick one up at the Plant Sale or ask any Committee member.

The schedule for our Autumn Show will also be available at the Plant Sale, but we would encourage you to download a copy from our website to reduce printing costs.

Cathryn Carter.
563233

A Talented Gentleman!

Our erstwhile ad manager Alan Lewis had a pleasant surprise at the beginning of the year when he heard that one of the songs from his royalty-free musical Below Stairs was to be included in a concert in London. Organised by the New Musicals Network, the event was held in February at The Pheasantry in King's Road, with six West End singers and a four-piece band. Although Alan's show, written together with Trevor Pilling, has now had 15 amateur productions and raised £7000+ for cancer research, this was the first time one of the numbers had been sung professionally. The theme of the event was lyrics with a link to history so his song Votes for women met the requirements perfectly. The 16th production of the musical will be in November in Gravesend.

Sonia

Naphill & Walter's Ash School Report

Now we are approaching the end of the second term of the year at Naphill and Walters Ash School, we have settled back into our usual routines. This term, we've had a lot of emphasis on our 5 R's (Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness, Responsibility and Reasoning). These are meant to show what our school values are and also reflect British values, which we have been talking about in assembly. To express ourselves, the more artistic members of our school are volunteering to draw a superhero to represent our 5 R's.

The Y6s are extremely excited about our residential trip to Rhos Y Gwalia in North Wales. Here we will be using resilience, resourcefulness and responsibility, a few of our five R's. We will be put up against lots of challenges like climbing up cliffs; abseiling down them; rowing across freezing cold lakes; going down pitch black mines and worst of all, making our own beds! All these extreme activities will help boost our confidence and make us ready for secondary school.

The sporting year at our school has got off to a very successful start as the Y6 basketball team won their tournament undefeated. To celebrate our brilliant sporting talent we interviewed our very own sport captains; Henry Barber and Robbie Saunders. The first question was "Do you like your job?" They replied with,

"We like our job because you get the feeling that you're helping the school."

Last week we celebrated World Book Day where we all joined in with a whole-school story telling session. We've also been displaying photographs of pupils, staff and the odd governor reading in extreme places. Where do you like to read?

Daniel Crinyion, Theo Reid Cain and Saanvi Bajaj

Black Lion

As we sit here writing this article, the sun is starting to shine and the temperature is slowly rising. Easter is just around the corner and this year we are hoping to still get some Easter sunshine. The bouncy castle is being cleaned and will be ready for Good Friday. We are serving food all day, everyday through the Easter Holidays. On Sundays after the Easter weekend we will be going back to our summer service of serving food until 8pm. On Easter Sunday, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt running all day for all of the children to enjoy.

The fish and chip takeaway is still going strong; it is available all day Monday to Saturday, and until 8pm on Sundays. On top of the fish and chips, we also offer scampi, nuggets, chilli chicken bites and battered sausages.

Moving on to Mothering Sunday, it was a huge success, with all of the lucky mothers getting a bunch of Daffodils on arrival. We hope that you all enjoyed your day!

Finally, we have a very exciting milestone for the pub. On the 21st April, we will have been open for 5 years, how the time has flown! To celebrate, on Friday 22 - Saturday 23 April we will be holding a Beer and Gin Festival. We will have a marquee in the garden where there will be a selection of 8 different ales and a variety of different gins. In addition to this, there will also be live music, both Friday and Saturday night. Running alongside the festival, and tying in with St George's Day, there will be a Best of British Menu. Entry is free, and we will also be working with Help for Heroes to raise money for this amazing charity. £20 of every barrel sold will be donated, as well as all the money from the raffle that we will be holding on Saturday. We hope to see you all at this event, please bring your friends and family.

Thank you for all of your support,

Jack and all the team.

Naphill Brownies

Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to all who supported our Spring Jumble Sale. We had plenty of jumble to sell and lots of people to sell it to. What's more we were delighted to see some new faces joining the team to sort, sell and clear away. Thank you all.

With the money we raise at our jumble sales we can occasionally do something extra special at brownies. This term we spent some of our money doing a circus skills workshop with Glynn from Alightfingers. We had such fun trying out various ways of juggling things, spinning things, balancing things (including ourselves) and lots more. What's more, we earned our circus performers badge too.

In recent weeks, our four new brownies have been enrolled and already it feels like they've been with us forever. As part of the brownie promise, we promise to

serve our Queen and our community. With this in mind we will be looking to find a way to play our part in the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign

Inspired by Sport Relief, the coming weeks will include our very own skipping challenge and then before we know it Easter will be here!

Happy Easter, everyone

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)
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Naphill Neighbours

At the club's meeting our members from Naphill Tennis Club enjoyed the interesting and extremely informative talk by Julia Freeman, an experienced Wimbledon umpire. She was an excellent speaker and we learned so much about the "workings" of tennis and Wimbledon. (Did you know that the tennis term "umpire" includes the line judges?)

The next club meeting will be on Monday 11 April, when Tony Earle will entertain us with his talk on THE CHARITY SHOP.

We are looking forward to our first outing of the year when we go to LONGLEAT SAFARI PARK on Thursday 19 May. There are still some seats available for members and non-members/guests, so contact Hazel on 563977 if you would like to join us on this outing. The cost, including the coach, is £35 for members, £37 for guests. The coach leaves Naphill at 9am, returning no later than 6.30pm. It should be a lovely day's outing.

Hazel Vickery,
563977

The Wheel

At last! It is noticeable the nights are getting lighter. When I walk the dogs it is great to see some colour with the daffodils and crocuses appearing. It's been a brilliant month with all the Rugby and you have been out in force, no matter which nation you've been supporting. The atmosphere has been amazing. I need a bigger front bar for all you fans! It has also been the time of year when we are all trying to take our holidays. Thankfully I think we've all achieved that now, so we should be fully refreshed and ready for the summer.

We had the sad news that John Newman, who was the previous landlord of The Black Lion, has passed away. Our thoughts go to Julia and all who knew him. He is now back with Jan completing the crosswords.

March has been filled with family events, with a very busy Mother's Day and of course Easter. I would like to thank Karen Elliot for the lovely flowers that we gave to all our well deserving Mums.

A not so family event was St Patricks day. The Guinness was flowing freely and lots of silly hats were worn. It still makes me smile how much we celebrate this day whether or not we are Irish. Doubtless, we will see you all out again this month for St. Georges Day!

We are really proud of our new menu and the great new design, so much time and effort was put in, it does feel like it taken ages to finalise. It's now here so do come down and join us for a great meal and a drink, you get the choice of the dining room or the bar, whatever most suits your needs.

Here's our usual overview of the dates for your diary: -

- Thurs 14 April Curry Night
- Sat 23 April Steak Night (St Georges Day)
- Thurs 12 May Burger Night
- 10, 11 and 12 June Napfest
- Sun 19 June Father's Day

As always there is so much to look forward to, not just with us but also throughout our fantastic village. I hope you all enjoy the start of spring. Let's keep our fingers and toes crossed for a blazing hot summer! Thanks, as always, to all our customers for your support and to the staff for their hard work.

Claire and Mark

News from 'Christians in the Community'

I hope that you all have had a good Easter and that our Easter cards told you of all the services taking place in the area.

Because we are nearly always out of money we will be holding the Traidcraft tea and coffee morning on Saturday 16th April at the Naphill Methodist Church in Chapel Lane, Naphill. From 10 am onwards there will be a raffle, bric-a-brac stall and cakes etc. for sale. Do please come!

Norma Clarke

Classics on the Crick

With only 3 months to go, we are well into the planning for what we hope will be a very successful event.

As a lot of you will know, the public parking last year became a massive headache, we just didn't have enough space with cars parked all the way along main road and on the field. This year, The Horse Trust have been very generous and are allowing us to use the first fields in Stocking Lane for public parking, this is a very short walk from the Crick and should alleviate our parking issues. The Crick will be used solely for entrants and disabled people with no parking being allowed along Main Road. We hope that this will work well.

WE DO STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS on the day! Just a couple of hours at one of the gates or directing vehicles. Please help this fantastic event!! A goody bag (including packed lunch) will be provided.

Entry slips can be picked up/filled in at Bon Ami or The Wheel, you can email classicsonthecrick@gmail.com or contact myself on 07710 869775

Thank you!

Ian Bond.

Naphill Tennis Club

The 2016/17 Annual Newsletter and Membership Form is now available!

We provide tennis coaching for youngsters on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings during the school summer term and would like to see more children taking advantage of this facility (tennis coaching is included in membership).

In addition, we are keen to get more juniors from local primary schools involved in tennis. How about a 'Play Tennis' after-school club? If you think your children, grandchildren

or any of their friends might be interested, then please let us know. There might just be a little 'Andy Murray' or 'Heather Watson' out there!

We also have Improvers' Coaching for adults starting in April or, if you prefer, private lessons can be arranged with our tennis coach.

Now is the time to get out your racquet and join us on the courts! We are a sociable group and always pleased to welcome new members. By joining Naphill Tennis Club, you will be eligible to enter our club draw for Wimbledon tickets and the opportunity to see some of our tennis stars in action—a great day out!

For further information, please contact the Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel, on 01494 563706 or myself on 565406.

Jenny Tench

Services at St. Botolph's

3 April	11 am	Eucharist
10 April	11am	Eucharist - followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting
17 April	11am	Eucharist
24 April	11am	Matins

Peggy Ewart

Bon Ami

At last the good weather is with us. Our new heated roof terrace will be ready for its grand opening and we look forward to as many of you as possible joining us to celebrate with our special seven course meal on 1st April!

Otherwise it is business as usual. The rhubarb is imminently ready for use. We are waiting to make our scrumptious rhubarb cake and rhubarb curd to go with our daily homemade scones as soon as it is available.

With both our Queen's 90th birthday and St George's day in April we will be celebrating with patriotic cup cakes.

Now that the sunshine is making more of an appearance we hope you will enjoy lunch or coffee and cake on our lovely terrace, watching all the comings and goings on the Crick.

Bon Ami will also play its part in the "Clean for the Queen" campaign. We will, as always, litter pick the car park and Crick.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Kind regards,

Amanda & Ruth.

Hughenden Parish Council

HPC FACTOID #8: Hughenden is one of the 10 largest (by population) Parish Councils out of 168 in Buckinghamshire.

In the words of singer-songwriter, Joni Mitchell, "Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone." So imagine for a moment what it would be like without our Parish Council.

For us councillors that would mean some free time back mainly on a Tuesday evening along with a significant reduction in emails and reading material, but we fear that this would be perhaps the only benefit of such an event.

The first thing for many of us to notice would be the

overflowing dog bins. Those on and around the Crick and the other playing fields and open spaces across the Parish would be full in a matter of days.

People might start to notice that hedges and verges within 30mph areas would begin to overgrow and nothing would get done about them. Trees bordering some open spaces, footpaths and allotments would not get pruned and maintained. Several ponds would slowly fill up with leaves, surrounding trees and bushes would close in and we would forget that they even existed, that is until the broken down fencing gave way one day to who knows what end.

The local playground equipment would not get maintained or regularly inspected, so some would have to inevitably be removed. No new bus shelters would be installed and the ones that are about would slowly decay and collapse (or perhaps just get blown down in a strong wind). The buses would still (hopefully) run but everyone would have to stand out in the elements until they could climb aboard.

Our local village hall, some of the sports clubs even this great Gazette would all carry on, though they may have to come round to all of us, cup in hand once more as the grants they receive from the Parish Council would no longer be there to help support them.

Whilst planning requests would still get reviewed by Wycombe District Planning department (assuming they had dodged whatever had befallen the Parish Council in this hypothetical exercise) they would no longer get visited, reviewed and commented on by our local councillors on the planning committee every two weeks.

Neither should we underestimate the effect to local enterprise. Along with the immediate financial loss to our Council's three staff there would be a loss of income for our contractors, most of whom are locally based.

Sonia, our great gazette editor would also be on the hunt for other contributors to fill this space next month!

So while this has just been an exercise into an alternative reality, perhaps it gives some perspective to the £4.50 every household on average spends each month on things that we don't notice every day but we would notice soon enough if our Parish Council stopped doing them.

Happy Easter to all

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Chris Waterton & Peter Williams
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website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Friends Of Naphill Commonk

Spring is here! It is time to listen out for the chorus of birds. We should soon be hearing some warblers. An increasing number of Blackcaps have spent the winter with us, but they will be joined by Chiffchaff, Willow Warblers and, if we are very lucky, Wood Warblers. Whitethroats have almost deserted the Naphill Common since the spread of trees removed the bushes of gorse and juniper they prefer.

Our resident woodpeckers will be calling and drumming. The Green Woodpecker makes the familiar, loud "laughing" call and sometimes drums rather softly. The Greater Spotted Woodpecker drums rapidly and loudly. One rare resident that may be around is the Lesser Spotted *Woodpecker*. It is about the size of a sparrow, like a miniature Greater Spotted Woodpecker but without the red vent area. It is very elusive, so if you don't see it before the leaves are on the trees you are unlikely to – its drumming is more extended than that of its larger relative, so if you hear drumming lasting more than a couple of seconds it may well be from a Lesser Spotted

Woodpecker.

Our resident Treecreepers nest in cracks and crannies on the trunks of trees, while Nuthatches nest in holes. Look out for holes that have been partially blocked by mud if they were too large. We may, if we are lucky, hear a Cuckoo. They were once a dependable part of spring; their calls welcome, if eventually monotonous. Who would have thought that a time would come when they, together with Martins and Swallows, would be sporadic visitors?

As well as being invigorating, our walks may also be a chance to spot some birds. The short walks (2-3 miles) are led by Chris Miller (always happy to help with bird identification) starting at 10.30am from the Village hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Ron Collins leads the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third Monday of each month. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9:30am sharp. The walkers are a friendly lot and the walks are open to all and free.

Our working parties, organised by Peter Davis, will be busy clearing around paths and cutting back the invasive holly. They have also cleared Ash Pond of some invasive Floating Sweet Grass. The next will be on 3rd April and 17th April – visit our website for more details. We are not insured for the use of chainsaws so we hope that the West Wycombe Estate will clear the fallen tree near the end of Chapel Lane, as well as removing some of the side branches from the Great Beech that has fallen into Dew Pond. Work near ponds has to stop now that newts, toads and frogs are arriving. However, previous clearing and felling has let in more light and water levels in the ponds are high after all the rain, so we hope for a good year. A survey of the aquatic life, especially newts should take place soon.

Pickup's Pond (which lies just outside the boundary of the common) has had an overdue clearance by contractors working for the Parish Council. Although the clearance has been slightly more vigorous than expected, herons have started visiting again and toads have already been seen mating. We hope that Great Crested Newts will also return.

Talking of surveys: over a decade ago we started a survey of the larger trees on the Common – those with a circumference, of 2.5m or more (measured at breast height) plus any other significant specimens. The task seemed fairly easy, but has proved anything but. We had expected perhaps a hundred large trees including a few veteran or ancient individuals. We listed details of each tree; the species, its girth, state of health, whether once pollarded or coppiced, its location (by GPS) and we labelled and photographed each one. They are all plotted on a site map. The squirrels ate the plastic labels, so we switched to aluminium, but that only increased their appetite. Why squirrels eat aluminium I do not know, unless it's to sharpen their teeth, but as well as the labels they have gnawed quite a way through a discarded aluminium motorcycle engine casing. Trying to find out which trees we have already surveyed and which remain often consists in searching for tiny nails which once held the labels. We are now approaching 600 specimens, including numerous veterans, and have still almost a third of the Common to search. The survey was originally undertaken so as to make an historic record, but has proved useful in other ways, such as telling us which trees to mark so as to ensure they are not felled.

If you would like to join or renew your membership please contact our membership secretary, Lynn McMinn, or any committee member. It is only £5 and we hope you agree that it is to a good cause.

Chris Miller. Chairman.

A photograph of a forest floor. In the foreground, a large, dark, mossy log lies horizontally. Numerous small, yellowish-orange mushrooms with light-colored gills are growing in clusters on the moss and around the log. In the background, there are green ferns and small purple flowers. The text "Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette" is overlaid in white at the top.

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Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45-8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564469
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30-9.30pm	Scouts & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga Stretch and Tone	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
WI	3rd Thursday in month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sally Woodbridge 562281

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Editorial

One of the great joys of being editor of this magazine is that I get to talk to so many different and interesting people and that our contributions come from such a wide range of groups and individuals of all ages, talents and interests.

This month I have received an inspiring article from a group of ladies who are "Moon Walking" and have recently held a social event to raise money for cancer research. Well done ladies and please, let's all do what we can to help them raise as much money as possible for this very worthy cause.

By the time you read this the Black Lion will have held their "Beer and Gin Festival" which I know will have been a huge success and once again raised much needed funds for charity. Well done to them and I will look forward to hearing more about this next month.

I was sad to read that Sarah Bacon is retiring as Chairperson of the Village Hall Council. Sarah has worked tirelessly in this role for some time and I should like to thank her for all her many articles, support and kindness and I look forward to working with the new incumbent.

April has been the great Clean for the Queen month in honour of our Queen's 90th birthday. This is a fine example of how our community, led by Peggy Ewart, has come together to help remove the grot and grime from our villages. Of course it is sad that such an event is needed, it underlines just how wasteful, careless and selfish we can be! It would be nice to think that this is a wake up call and that we can move forward from here and strive to keep our villages clean and tidy.

Of course June includes our great Napfest weekend. I was talking to Claire, chair of the Napfest committee, just this week. Claire and her team are working very hard to ensure that this event is yet another triumphant success. The Fete Princes and Princesses have been appointed and of course all the plans are well in hand. In this edition of the Gazette there are several pleas from the various organisations and stallholders who need your help, so please do what you can to support them.

The articles and photographs for this edition are pouring in so time for me to get busy and wish you all a sunny May!

Sonia Goby

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Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

This should be my last report as chairman of the Village Hall Council as I have decided to stand down at the next meeting after I'm not quite sure how many years in the chair, but it is far too many. The Village Hall Council is a great body of community minded folk who give up a lot of their time and energy for the good of the Village and it has been a privilege being their chairman. They have made the meetings easy going and light hearted while still managing to get a lot done in keeping the Hall and the Crick in good order and up to date. I thank them and am looking forward to attending the meetings and sitting at the back!

The April meeting is always a rush as it precedes the A.G.M. which means that we have to get the business completed in half an hour and not our normal hour and a half. We managed it however and were done in 25 minutes this time.

We have purchased a domain and website for the Village Hall and work on setting up this website is now well underway. It is www.naphillvillagehall.org.uk should you want to find it. On there we will place the minutes of our meetings and reports from the A.G.M.

We have picked out a few items from the strategic plan to action first. We are investigating options for lighting the car park and hope to have these in place for next winter. We are purchasing 20 new chairs with arms, which should be more comfortable for some of our hall users. Don't fight over them. We are purchasing a new screen and an LED projector and putting hexagonal matting down on the path from the car park to the bonfire to prevent it getting so rutted during the preparation and clearing up of the bonfire at the fireworks. Why didn't Guy Fawkes decide to blow up Parliament during the drier months! We are looking at the lino in the small hall. Firstly, we will give it a very thorough clean and then see if it needs replacing.

By the time you read this the "Clean for the Queen" will have been completed. There has been a great response from the village with offers of help to get the place ship shape and we thank all those volunteers.

We had a record number of eight visitors at our A.G.M. It was good to see them. Obviously the word had got round about the drinks afterwards. The evening took the usual format with the Chairman reporting on the achievements of the year and the Treasurer reporting on the state of the finances. The fete, the fireworks and the Christmas Fayre all raised record amounts this year thanks to the hard work of those organising them. This means our finances are reasonable healthy so we are able to make plans for improvements while still having to hold back some funds in a rainy day fund in case we need to replace the boiler or the roof. I have outlined the items we are actioning straightaway from the strategic plan, all the other suggestions are still there on the list to be considered later.

As well my stepping down, John Harris, our Treasurer has said that having come back to fill in for a year it is time for him to move on three years later! We thank John for all his hard work in keeping the finances in order and making sure our bills are minimised. We welcome Ken Wright back as Treasurer and thank him for stepping forward. Luckily Judy stays in post as our secretary.

The Village reps, myself, Daisy Leek, June Lynch, Peggy Ewart, Andrew Wilmot and Clive Lawrence were all voted back in as were all the appointed members, those representing the various village organisations. The co-opted members, Dave Evans, Pam Smith and Judy Whitehouse will have their appointment confirmed at the next meeting and the new Chairman and Vice Chairman will be voted in. Watch this space!



Sarah Bacon

Retiring Chairman Naphill Village Hall
and Playing Fields Council

Friends of Naphill Common

On Wednesday 13th April a dozen FONC members spent an hour or two picking up litter on the Common. The work generated a number of thoughts and emotions: a busy time with cheerful companions, doing a useful job, was very pleasant, but the many bags bulging with rubbish was a depressing sight. It is not just that there is no excuse for tossing down empty cans, bottles, paper bags, cigarette packets and so much more, but how anyone can do so surrounded by such beauty is bewildering. Some areas were particularly challenging. The remains of a children's camp included, besides dozens of bottles and cans, a bed/ settee and sheets of plastic and AstroTurf so large as to be beyond us (and a rusted old gas boiler, but that was presumably dumped by someone else). We will have to arrange another visit equipped with a lorry! There were compensations: a cleaner common and the feeling of a job well done. We had a small reward as we gathered the sacks together at the end – a garden warbler sang its delightful song from high up in the trees. Thank you to all those who turned out to help.

Our popular walks continue. The short walks (2-3 miles) are led by Chris Miller starting at 10.30am from the Village hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Ron Collins leads the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third Monday of each month. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9:30am sharp. The walkers are a friendly lot, the walks are open to all and are free.

Our working parties, led by Peter Davis, will continue through the summer, clearing paths and cutting back holly. If you have a spare couple of hours on a Sunday and would like to join these, please do. The next is on 8th May then 22nd May,

5th June, 10th July and 24th July. It is satisfying work in good company, and is a useful way to discover more about the Common.

Our membership is still a little below the numbers in previous years, so if you would like to join or re-join please contact our membership secretary Lynn McMinn or any committee member. It is only £5 for the year and we are helping to improve and protect our very valuable Common.

We will be at the Village Fete running a "silent auction" with some worthy prizes, and we have a programme of events coming up including such things as a bat walk, a fungus foray and more Juniper planting later in the year.

Pony Espresso

Maybe I haven't lived, but despite my protestations, I was recently introduced to the fish finger sandwich. What a pleasant surprise! I imagine this was the brainchild of someone back in the days of two fish and five loaves and has clearly stood the test of time, so Pony Espresso introduces to our menu the fish finger, rocket and tartare sauce wrap.

The outside chairs and tables are once again out of hibernation, so come down and try out this new treat, together with a coffee from our brand new coffee machine, tea - traditional or a great range of herbal, our super smoothie or a soft drink and take time out from everyday life!

We have a new member of staff, Michelle, who is very enthusiastic and a great credit to our little team - and I am very grateful to Donna, Trudy, Emily and my sons Tristan and Connel who continue to work their socks off to cook and serve great food and bake delicious cakes - in the shop and for any occasion.

A little reminder of the handmade greeting cards made by Alexandra for sale in the cafe - they are beautiful and made for all occasions.

See you soon

Blaine

Naphill Scouts

April has been quiet for the scouts due to the way the Easter holidays have fallen. However, we had a very special evening at the end of March when our Group Scout Leader Richard Adams attended to present Gold Chief Scout Awards to Ben Adams, and John Akhurst. The Gold Chief Scout Award is the highest award available to scouts in the scout section. It usually takes up to four years to achieve. It consists of 9 challenges, including adventure, creative, expedition, outdoor, personal, world and skills, as well as challenges on teamwork and team leadership.

John and Ben have hiked, canoed, camped, climbed, cooked over fires, and worked well in their patrols.

We also welcomed 7 new boys from Naphill Cubs, two of whom were invested on the same night. In the photo you can see, under the watchful eye of our GSL, John and Ben welcoming Joe and Nicholas to the troop. Yes, John and Ben were once that height also!



Adrian

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

We have made a good start to our Summer term! We hope that the sun will shine and that we will have a positive farewell to our current Y6s.

This term, along with many other individuals and organisations in our villages, we are doing something for The Queen's 90th Birthday by giving our school an extra special clean-up. This is based on the national "Clean for the Queen" campaign. It is our way of showing our appreciation for our hard working monarch. Our Queen works tirelessly with few breaks. It is difficult for us to imagine just what it must be like to attend all those meetings, to travel the world shaking people's hands and always having to smile and never look bored. We know our Queen does so much for our country so sprucing up our school is our way of showing our gratitude.



We have a new school mascot, who we have named Walter and he has a small companion named Ash. Can you guess why we chose these names?

Walter is a small elf like creature lovingly made out of needle

felt by Mrs McLintock and he sits on a wooden chair amidst our trophies and awards. Walter will be going to our various school events to inspire our school spirit and to help us win!

During this term we will be having our Summer sporting activities. These will cover a wide range of sports including: Y5 and Y6 athletics, Y6 games

and the KS1 Wellington Trophy and of course, with Walter attending, we are sure that these events will be enjoyable and successful. Walter will no doubt be appearing at our choir and orchestra concerts too!

Every year we have two boys and two girls who are selected from Y6 to be our Princes and Princesses for the Napfest. Our Mini Royal Family are Jonny, Jenny, Spike and Eve. They will be representing our school and dressing up regally to mark the occasion and you will hear more about them in the next edition of this magazine.

Daniel, Theo and Saanvi

photograph courtesy of the school

Naphill Tennis Club

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

Every Friday evening during the Summer School Term

(22 April – 15 July except Friday 3 June)

4 groups based on age and ability



Group 1: 4.15 – 5 pm

Group 2: 5 – 5.45 pm

Group 3: 5.45 – 6.30 pm

Group 4: 6.30 – 7.30 pm



and

UNDER-7S CLUB

Every Saturday during the Summer School Term

(23 April – 16 July except Saturday 4 June)

9 – 9.45 am

COST: New Junior Members £40 (7 – 18 yrs) and £30 (under 7 yrs) which includes membership of Naphill Tennis Club for 2016.

IMPROVERS' COACHING

Come and join our coaching sessions for both members and non-members and build up your skills and confidence

Starting WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL at 9 am

A course of 5 x 1 hour lessons at a cost per lesson of

£5 members and £7 non-members

NB If you can't make Wednesdays then come along to our



'TRY TENNIS FOR FREE'

on 14th/15th May



Contact the Membership Secretary on 01494 563706 or Email: sarah.dengel1@gmail.com

Picture This

I found a fossil the other day. It's beautiful, intriguing and sitting on my desk looking at me. A 70 million years old Sea Urchin with spines that are still sharp. And my fossilised friend would be thrilled to know that she has been geologically classified with the Latin description Echinoidea.

As a northerner, this classification makes me smile. It reminds me that when I was at school and the teacher asked me a difficult question I couldn't answer, this Latin classification is what went round my head. However, I was wise enough to keep my Latin to myself. (To understand what I'm talking about, try saying it with a northern accent). But you know, I'll bet that when my Sea Urchin fossil was rocking it up in the aquatic playground of her school she preferred to be called Spike by her aquatic friends.

I found Spike because I'm inquisitive about coloured flints, especially the reds, yellows and oranges. If you look, you'll find them clustered in certain places; on the common close to Bradenham Woods Lane; in the fields near Little Stocking Wood. I noticed a yellow-orange flint and it turned out to be Spike.

And photographically speaking, being inquisitive can lead you to discover some unusual pictures. The cover picture is one. I'd been out since sunrise making photographs - all pretty much planned and the light was good too. I knew the places I wanted photograph, the viewpoint, almost but not quite, where to put the tripod.

But then, looking around, I noticed the rotting tree. 'A good foreground for the bluebells' I thought, in my Southern accent. As you can see from the picture, not simply a fallen tree but a host of *Hypholoma fasciculare* known to its fungal friends as Sulphur Tuft or clustered woodlover. I think I prefer the posh Latin name spoken with an Italian accent; try it.

Technically and physically it was a difficult picture to compose. Physically, Nettles are especially unhelpful when you are wearing thin walking trousers. Technically, the composition was challenging. It was a case of deciding what not to include and then keeping the *Hypholoma fasciculare* in focus. As it was also pretty dark, I used a gold reflector to bounce light onto the *Hypholoma*. And then it was two Mississippiis.

So mine and Spike's photo tip is keep looking. Don't simply make a picture of the first thing you see. There could be better possibilities just behind the nettles/trees/corner. Spike's a bit of a stick-in-the-mud when it comes to viewpoints but in my experience, there are always better possibilities than your first viewpoint. Keep looking.



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Richard

A Letter from our Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

Writing this to you in the current rather unsettled weather known as April showers, we look forward to more consistent weather in May. Yet there is no guarantee at all!

The very name of May reminds me of "may or may not"! There is a degree of uncertainty to our Spring weather, as there is to many aspects of our life.

Just to reassure myself that the name of this month is not really derived from "may or may not", I flicked through a few internet explanations, which of course were not all in agreement. Apparently Maia was both a Roman goddess and a Greek goddess, having different parentage and purposes (mainly growth and spring). Another called Maiesta was a goddess of honour and reverence; And maiores (=elders) were also celebrated this month.

Ah, well! That was a long time ago, and may or may not be exactly so!

One certainty is that May includes my birthday: the uncertainty lies in which day! I was born at midnight, so my father reckoned 24.00 was the end of the day, whereas the matron of the maternity home reckoned 00.00 was the beginning of the next, and recorded my birth as such. There allegedly was a big row about it, and not surprising to me, father argued and argued until he wore her down!

On May 5th we may or may not go to the polls to elect our new Police and Crime Commissioner. Cynics may say it is foolishness to expect one person to be able to hold all of Thames Valley Police under scrutiny. And others will say "my vote is a waste of time: the election is not going to be won or lost by my one vote!". And yet others will not care who gets elected, nor whether there should be a Police and Crime Commissioner. There is huge variety in our personal attitudes. As yet, the outcome is uncertain, but a definite result will ensue. As for whether a good job gets done or not, that will have to wait long after May is gone, and even then we may or may not agree!

By then we'll also have held the EU referendum! But that's another story, and we may or may not get that one right!

Life is full of uncertainties: politics, weather, personal health, relationships, decisions, direction. You can scour the internet, or consult experts, or ask your mate: some of us would search the scriptures, others will pray. You may or may not feel you've got the right answer; you may or may not worry or care. All of us do try to make the best of it, and hope we've got it right. For some there is faith that we have got it more or less right, and that brings immense peace of mind.



Mike Hill

Minister of Naphill Methodist Church

Naphill and Walter's Ash Wanderers

A Great Quiz Night



Nicky Smith helping with questions with MC Hal Stewart



Councillor Peter Williams, aka pudding auctioneer!



Wow! What can we say, we are all totally bowled over by the success of the quiz night and your support!

You may have seen an article in the Gazette a few weeks ago advertising a quiz night to be held at the Naphill Village Hall. This was to raise sponsorship money for five 'Moonwalkers', all local girls (Clare Joiner, Jemma Pearson, Nicky Smith, Lisa D'uva, and Andria Benjamin) who will be walking the 26 mile Moonwalk in the middle of the night on Saturday 14th May to raise money for Breast Cancer Research

Finally, the planning and organising was over and the evening was here! 102 people packed into the Naphill Village Hall; 12 teams, DJ Nick Steele, MC Hal Stewart, and half time Pudding Auctioneer Councillor Peter Williams. It made for a great quiz night!

With ticket sales, pudding auction, and the top up bar provided by the Naphill Village Post Office we made in the region of £800 profit and also have extra with sponsor money. We currently stand at £1500 towards the charity!

Huge thanks to everyone who came to support the quiz, participants, pudding makers and contributors. Lucy Barber for helping organise tickets and badgering people to come. Peter Williams for being an excellent auctioneer, Hal Stewart for brilliant quiz mastering, Nick Steele DJ, The Frying Squad for Fish and Chips & The Naphill Post office for providing refreshments for the top up bar.

A great night....Let's do it again, I hear you cry.....
mmm, we'll think about it!

Nicky Smith

The ladies extend their thanks to their husbands and families for their support whilst they train!

**To Sponsor our ladies
please follow the link
below**

<https://moonwalklondon2016.everydayhero.com/uk/naphill-walters-ash-wanderers>

photographs courtesy of Naphill & Walter's Ash Wanderers



Lisa D'uva, Nicky Smith, Clare Joiner, Andria Benjamin, Jemma Pearson

A New RAF Play Area



I'm delighted to say that RAF High Wycombe has been awarded an Armed Forces Covenant Grant to purchase SNUG play equipment that will be available for a range of community groups to use – watch out for it at Napfest!

SNUG is award-winning play equipment that transforms school grounds and public

spaces into creative, sociable play environments. Instead of fixed equipment SNUG consists of modular shapes that children can join together to create their own exciting play landscapes.

SNUG is made of soft and tactile materials that are highly durable and waterproof. It requires no installation and comes with its own storage system. SNUG is suitable for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children as well as for the Early Years Foundation Stage. SNUG is a 'family' of nine objects with different shapes and sizes that children combine together to create dens, tunnels, theatres, obstacle courses, mounds, rockers, trampolines, rockets, houses....the possibilities are endless and powered by the childrens' own imaginations.

Dani Bowman
Community Development Officer

Calling All Adults - Young Or Old

You have probably seen many a crocodile of multicoloured waterproof clad kiddies shuffling along with 4 adults and a barrow making its way across Main Road and down Templewood almost every day during term time. These are our school children going off into Bradenham Woods to Forest School.



Photograph courtesy Peter Williams

Unfortunately the children are in danger of being stuck in school this term due to a lack of Adults to accompany them!

Volunteers do not need to be parents or related to any children at the school. You just need to be able to share your time with them 0900-1200 or 1300-1500 Tues, Thur or Fridays every week or every

other week or even just once a month between now and the end of July.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to give todays youngsters what many of us adults took for granted when we were their age - carefree hours surrounded by nature, climbing trees, jumping in puddles, building camps, studying bugs, etc

If you have every muttered about children these days being glued to their technology, phones, screens etc now is YOUR chance to make a difference and allow them to experience REAL play in the fresh air.



Photograph courtesy Peter Williams

Please help to keep the next generation connected to their countryside and the outdoors. Contact the School Office on office@nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk or telephone 562813 <http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/forest-school.php>

One of the most fulfilling and fun things I have ever done!

Peter Williams



Photo by Peter Williams



Spring Flowers

Photographs courtesy Paul Goby



CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Thanks to the efforts of residents our villages are looking very smart. I am writing this on April 15 after a week in which the RAF, FONC and the WI have made special efforts to add to the activities of individuals.



Early in the week, road and highway signs in Walters Ash were given a good clean by RAF volunteers, a much appreciated contribution to the community.

On Wednesday, a dozen volunteers from the Friends of Naphill Common gathered numerous bags of rubbish during a litter picking session. In addition to a variety of tins, bottles and other matter there was evidence of fly tipping in the shape of a mattress and bedstead (these will have to be dealt with at another time). It was a beautiful day to be in our delightful woods but distressing to find blue plastic bags of dog faeces glinting in the sun! I am not alone in being at a loss to understand why people who enjoy the countryside should carelessly spoil it for others with their thoughtlessness.

On Thursday it was the turn of the WI. Another dozen volunteers operated in relays at the Village Hall and Crick throughout the day; litter picking, washing railings and signs, sweeping up leaves and litter, removing weeds around walls and so on. In the afternoon a few of us washed equipment in the playground. It was a bit muddy and some of the colourful surfaces were covered in Verdigris. The alphabet received attention from a soapy toothbrush and the markings on the Freisian cow rocker changed from pale green to white! Hard work but productive and fun.

If the Queen were to see our villages now I think she would be pleased! Many thanks to everyone who has joined in.

Peggy Ewart.

RAF High Wycombe



Armed with buckets and cloths and squeeze cleaning bottles a small squadron of military personnel and civil servants from RAF High Wycombe attacked the grime and dirt on the street signs of Walter's Ash in support of the national Clean for the Queen campaign.

12 bags of rubbish were also collected as well as various bits from cars which had become buried in the undergrowth.

Dani Bowman, the Station Community Development Officer commented, 'It's great to be able to do something practical and helpful for our community in celebration of the Queen's Birthday. Our neighbourhood is now a bit tidier and the road signs are now more visible because of the efforts of this enthusiastic and hardworking team of volunteers.'

Padre Mike

Station Chaplain RAF High Wycombe

A Special Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Some of your readers may be interested to read a little about Vincent's Farm, which was pulled down in the 1960s to be replaced by the housing of Vincent's Way, off Downley Road in Naphill. It is believed to have been built in the 1830s or earlier. It had some bricked up windows dating from the time of the Window Tax (18th and 19th centuries).



I grew up in the farm from the age of five (having been born in 1922 nearby in Red Cottage, Downley Road). My father, Arthur, rented Vincent's Farm from Coningsby Disraeli, paying the rent once a year each Michaelmas Day, 29th September.

It was a dairy farm, and my father would get up at a quarter to four for the first milking, calling his wonderful sheepdog/collie Bob to come with him, and a milk round served the village. Arthur was the last person to graze cattle on Naphill Common. He was an excellent shot, having proved his skill as a sniper in the Royal Bucks Yeomanry. I remember when shooting rabbits with him, if I missed with the first shot, he didn't mind. But there was disapproval if I missed twice.

As I sit at home, still in Downley Road, I look at a reminder of my childhood home in the form of two Fire Insurance Marks that used to be fixed to the exterior wall of Vincent's Farm. One is a lead plaque stamped with the Sun Fire Office logo and an insurance policy number, the other is of copper and has the Beacon logo.

Following the devastation caused by the Great Fire of London in 1666, many houses and farms were insured for fire during the 18th and 19th centuries, before the days of a municipal fire service. Only if the sign was visible on the building would the company's crew put out the fire.

Yours sincerely
Jeff Nicholls

Downley Road
Naphill

Naphill Residents Association

Monthly Planning List for April 2016

16/05931/FUL 139 Templewood Walters Ash.

Householder application for construction of single storey side infill extension and insertion of 2 x front and 2 x rear roof lights in connection with loft conversion. **16/05684/FUL 244 Main Road Naphill.**

HA for construction of replacement conservatory to the rear elevation, single storey front extension, first floor side extension and associated external alterations. **16/05662/FUL. 5 Wellhouse Way Naphill.** HA for construction of part two storey, part single storey rear extension, new front porch and internal remodelling.

Decisions

Permitted: 16/05183/FUL. 2 Vincents Way

Naphill. HA for construction of replacement roof with increase in ridge height and construction of 3 x front and 3 x rear dormer windows. **16/05147/FUL 47 Main Road Naphill.** Householder

application for demolition of existing attached garage & construction of single storey side extension, single storey front extension & porch canopy and fenestration alterations. : **16/05078/FUL. 6 Allen Drive Naphill.** HA for construction of single storey front extension, two storey rear

extension, conversion of roof space to habitable accommodation including insertion of 3 x dormer windows, 3 x rooflights and 1 x Sun Tube.

16/05071/FUL. 6 Ash Close, Walter's Ash. HA for construction of single storey rear extension and render / paint elevations.

Best Kept Village Competition. Judging will take place between 6th June and 8th July. Perhaps this year we can win the prize!

NAWARA AGM. 7.30pm Thursday 9th June 2016. Naphill Village Hall. Wine and Nibbles. All are most welcome. 8pm. Speaker Mrs Marian Miller. Marian, who lives in Naphill, has led some very interesting FoNC walks through Naphill and Walter's Ash highlighting all the historic buildings and sites of the old pubs. She is a prominent member of the Bucks Archeological Society's Historic Buildings Group and her talk will remind us of the history and legacy of the famous furniture industry of High Wycombe and surrounding areas including our own villages. So do join us for an enjoyable evening of historical recollections and a good glass of wine or two.

Date of Next Meeting. Thursday, 12th May 2016. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive
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Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

PLANT SALE 21st MAY 9.00- 10.30

As I write, spring has definitely sprung and the sun is shining, making our thoughts turn to making the garden look fabulous for the summer. To help you with your plans, our Plant Sale this year takes place at the Village Hall on Saturday May 21st from 9.00 – 10.30am. This is the perfect opportunity to buy all the plants you need to make your garden flourish, 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.

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.

Now is the time to start planning your exhibits for our show in September. The show is intended for anyone with an interest in gardening and we welcome all entries great or small. We have had several new exhibitors over the last couple of years. They have been surprised at how much fun it is, and often win prizes.

You certainly don't have to be a professional to exhibit, just enthusiastic; the main thing is that exhibiting should be fun! So, to try and help you, we have put together some information and guidelines which can be found in both the schedule and on our

website, 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.

This year, we are encouraging everyone to download the show schedule and entry form from our website. If this is not possible for you, a few copies of the schedule will be available at the plant sale, from Bon Ami or The Post Office.

So, no excuses - have a look and, more importantly, have a go!

As we have downsized, we will not be charging Membership subscriptions this year, but if you would like to know the dates for our events you can pick up a card at the plant sale or ask any Committee Member.

See you all at the Plant Sale

Cathryn Carter
563233

Naphill Evening WI

Well done to the two teams from Naphill WI who entered the WI County Quiz! There were 29 teams in all and both the Naphill teams did very well, coming 11th and 18th. One of the questions even gave the quiz master problems with pronunciation. "An onychopaghist engages in which habit?"

Our April meeting will be about "How plants solve crimes" a talk by Dr Michael Lucas. This is an Open Meeting, so we hope to get some visitors. At the May meeting on 19 May we will discuss the two WI Resolutions for 2016, the first on Alzheimer's disease and dementia and the availability of facilities for carers to stay with people when admitted to hospital. The second one relates to food waste

by supermarkets. On the fun side we will have a demonstration of Table Dressing by Violet McMonnies.

On 27th April some of us will be attending the Annual Council Meeting at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury, which is always a good day out. One of the speakers we are looking forward to will be Mandy Hickson, a former RAF Tornado GR4 pilot. I advise villagers not to try to get the 300 bus to Aylesbury on the morning of that day. The first few buses after 9.00 am are usually full of WI ladies by the time they get to Lacey Green.

The Craft Group have had a generous donation of lots of beautiful fabric which hopefully will give us inspiration to do some patchwork and quilting.

The Food Group will be popping over to Askett Nurseries for coffee in the Potting Shed Café on Monday, 23 May.

Carol Gilliam.

News from Christians in the Community

Thank you, to all those of you who came to our recent Coffee Morning. I am delighted to say that we raised nearly £200!

We are currently planning our stall for the Napfest in June. This year Christians in the Community will be having a plant stall. If you have any spare garden plants or seedlings you could pot up we would welcome your donations please.

Our next meeting will be at my house on Tuesday 17th May at 9.45 am. Please phone me for further details if you would like to join us.

Norma Clarke
563116



Naphill Brownies

We closed off the spring term with some Easter fun including making egg baskets, playing a mad 3-legged egg collecting game and decorating some eggcellent Easter biscuits.

Now, at last, it is the Summer term with the light summer evenings and all the opportunities for outdoor activities. What's more, we have spotted a great new Girlguiding Challenge Badge for this term called the Chiltern Challenge. This is fantastic: We get to find out about and enjoy the beautiful area in which we live, and work towards a badge at the same time. It includes everything from Roald Dahl to the Chiltern countryside.

Finally a huge welcome to our four new brownies who join us this term. We hope you love being a Brownie.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)
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The Wheel

April seems to have flown past and we have celebrated so many birthdays, it seems to have been a rather drink fuelled month! Julia celebrated in style on the 1st April and of course all the staff helped. Then it was Martyn Sims and Annabel Wilmot celebrating on the 9th, which was a great night and an extremely late night too. I would like to thank Martyn for my flowers, they are beautiful. Mark and I also celebrated St Georges Day with you all by having an amazing steak night, which also happened to be our 12th Wedding Anniversary. So the month of May has a lot to live up to. Although, of course, it is my gorgeous husband's birthday, I'm sure that will be a weekend to remember! So Happy Birthday Mark for the 14th May.

Congratulations go to the following, Barry Dalton who won the Easter Egg Raffle and then he kindly donated it to his mother's care home, and Ron Williams was the lucky winner on the Grand National Sweepstake. Well done to you both. BT sports has been very well viewed with all the rugby and especially the Moto GP. The motorbikes are definately drawing a crowd, those who weren't fans seem to be enjoying it as much as the true supporters. So if you are wishing to watch something and the TVs aren't on just ask.

We have recently expanded our drinks range with lots of new spirits and a new wine list. I am also in the process of increasing our draught lager range. Our new improved menu has been going down brilliantly and the event nights have been a great success, remember to book early for these nights. Curry night and the Steak night were both fully booked prior to the nights, we do have boards outside the pub and I always publish the menu on our facebook page. Thank you very much Tony (chefkins).

Upcoming event nights

Thurs 12th May	Burger Night
10th, 11th, 12th June	Napfest
Sun 19th June	Father's Day

I cannot believe Mark and I have been in this amazing village for almost 10 years, on the 19th June we will have been in the pub for a full 10 years. It is scary how the time has flown past and how much has changed in that time and yet so little. We have made some great friends over the years and have enjoyed our time here so much. Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the years, we appreciate you all. Here's to the next 10! Hopefully, a party to be looked forward to after June and Napfest?

Claire and Mark

Hughenden Parish Council Report

HPC FACTOID #9 t It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see. Henry David Thoreau.

The 1st April has come and gone. Did anyone notice the seismic local change? The most observant of you may have seen that in that same week, the verges in the Parish were all being cut. The reason being - we are now in charge! More of our Council Tax is now in the hands of us volunteer Councillors and we are making sure it goes on delivering great local services. So more urban (within 30mph area) verge cuts, hedging, siding out, rights of way clearance, weed killing and street furniture maintenance.

We are coming up to the 1st year anniversary of this Council. May is the busiest month for us Councillors, for as well as our usual meetings we hold our Annual Council Meeting, where we decide who will hold key positions of Council Chairperson, Vice Chair and the Chairs of our two Committees, Finance & Planning. Shortly after all that we hold our Annual Parish Meeting, where you are invited to hear about what we have been up to this past year (if you haven't been reading these articles!) and our plans for the future, as well as the state of our finances and what we have been spending your and our money on. This year we also have a guest speaker from the South Central Ambulance Service who will give a presentation on the work of Community First Responders, CPR and the use of community defibrillators. Quite a timely topic given the installation of our defibrillator at the Village Hall. Do come along and show your support for your local Parish Council, or ask us questions. This is your chance to hold us to account.

Not without a tinge of sadness we announce the retirement this month of our longest serving Councillor for the Naphill & Walter's Ash Ward, Dennis Hackling. Dennis came on to the Council in 2011 and has given valued service throughout his 5 years. As well as his forthright views and Welsh

Valleys lilt, he will be most missed as our Planning Committee ward representative. Diligently visiting every property putting in a planning application and reporting on them at the Planning meeting every 2 weeks. He will be sorely missed and the rest of us wish him the very best.

Your Parish Councillors

Phil Crawford, Chris Waterton & Peter Williams

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website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Growing Your Own

May is the number one month for planting out. Brassica plants can be put into their final positions at any time in the month. I put fine mesh (1/4 inch) plastic netting over them immediately otherwise the pigeons would ensure I had no brassica plants. I keep the plastic netting on until I have finished taking the crop nearly a year later to keep off the pigeons (and the cabbage white butterflies which seem to find brassicas as good as smoked salmon and caviar are to humans). I plant out runner beans, climbing French beans, dwarf French beans, cucurbits (marrows, pumpkins, etc) at the very end of the month when there is no danger of frost. (I remember it snowing on 1st June on two occasions, so watch out for a swing in the wind direction to the North combined with clear skies which could bring a severe frost). I keep fleece over my potatoes until the end of May for the same reason, and by then the potatoes should be a foot high. I take the opportunity at the same time to remove any small weeds which have sprung up just where the potato stems have poked through the landscape material.

As for cropping, May is a difficult month because there is not too much around. The rhubarb will have started, the asparagus also, and the seakale should be in full swing. Some of my indomitable salad plants in the garden will be continuing to reward the labours of the previous year. The sprouts should be sprouting and I'll be taking a crop of those delicious shoots some 6 to 9 inches long. A regular winner will be the silver chard which will be producing a second crop from roots left in the ground all winter. And now to the best vegetable of them all, in terms of one which crops continuously from early May to early December – Good King Henry. My plants are about 35 years old in a row about 38 feet long, and when fully grown the width of the row is 5 feet, so they take up a lot of space. One advantage is that there is no need to weed; the plants smother all weeds. Other names of Good King Henry are Mercury and Lincolnshire Asparagus. It is thought that Good King Henry was brought to the UK by the Romans since it is often found growing wild near Roman settlements. Because it has really deep roots, like comfrey it probably brings up trace

elements from the subsoil which have been washed down there by the rain. From the Good King Henry one takes the 4 to 5 inch diameter leaves and cooks them like a superior form of spinach. I chop down and compost a third of the row from time to time and then crop the young shoots which spring up, cook them like asparagus and serve them hot with butter – delicious!

Good gardening.

Mike Mason

Naphill Neighbours

The club is meeting next on Monday 9 May, when Ian Waller will talk to us about VICTORIAN SHOPPING – sure to be an eye-opener for all of us!

Plans have now been finalised for our first outing of the year on Thursday 19 May, leaving the village at 9am and we are looking forward to a day in Wiltshire at LONGLEAT SAFARI PARK which is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its opening in 1966. The present Lord Bath, one of Britain's great eccentrics, decided to take a back seat six years ago and passed the reins of Longleat over to his son, Ceawlin, Viscount Weymouth.

Looking ahead, we are running our usual cake stall on Fete Day, Saturday 11 June and would appreciate your donations of home-made cakes and preserves to fill our stall and help raise funds for the Village Hall. They can be handed in to Sheila (17 Battingswood Gardens) or Hazel (Irving Cottage, 89 Main Road) beforehand or on fete day to the marquee.

Thank you,

Hazel Vickery

563977.

David Lidington MP

Hughenden Community Shop

I was shocked to learn that the shop had been burgled and then set alight. Local people have worked so hard to turn the shop and tearoom into a real community asset and it's sickening to see that work undone by heartless criminals.

I've talked to Councillors Steve Broadbent and Dave Carroll who are working hard with the Parish Council and others to get things back to normal. If there's anything I can do to help, I'll gladly do so.

HS2

I gave evidence on three separate occasions to the Commons Committee examining the scheme. We do now have some good and welcome improvements to mitigate the environmental impact, including additional tunnelling in the central Chilterns, a bypass around Stoke Mandeville and high noise barriers along the line West of Aylesbury. HS2 Ltd has agreed to pay the County Council to

improve local roads scheduled for use by construction traffic, which should ease congestion and the risk of rat runs. There's also been a big improvement in the compensation arrangements, with the new 'Need to Sell' scheme approaching a 70% success rate. Most of my time on HS2 is now being spent on individual compensation cases.

Whilst there have been improvements in mitigation for Wendover, I'm not satisfied that enough has been done there and am working with the local campaign group in the village on arguments to put to Ministers and to the House of Lords, which will start work on the HS2 Bill soon.

Europe Referendum

The referendum will take place on Thursday 23 June. Anyone eligible to vote in a General Election will be entitled to take part. To register for the voting list, contact Wycombe District Council www.wycombe.gov.uk and follow link [Register to Vote](#).

I shall be voting to remain in the EU. I have set out my reasons on my website www.davidlidington.com

The main campaign group websites are: www.strongerin.co.uk and www.leave.eu

The government has published several White Papers on our membership and possible alternatives at www.gov.uk. Type EU Referendum into the search engine.

Finally, the House of Commons Library has published briefing documents for all MPs that you can read at <http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/offices/commons/commonslibrary/>

I hope that this information is helpful. Any constituent who has questions about the EU or the referendum is welcome to email me at david.lidington.mp@parliament.uk

David Lidington

Silent Auction News

This year FONC will be having its usual stall at the village fete, but it will be enhanced by us holding a Silent Auction. For those of you not familiar with this, it is an auction whereby you enter your bid on a sheet of paper that has the lot you are interested in shown at the top. Others can see your bid and add their own underneath yours with an increased bid. There is a separate sheet for each lot. At a predetermined time in the day bidding is closed and the highest bid for each lot is the winner.

Having seen a Silent Auction in action at my grandsons' school fete, it is extremely popular and raises a significant amount of money. In order for us to succeed we need a variety of different items that will appeal to Naphillites to bid for. This is where you come in - I hope! We are looking for donations and in this regard you can use your imagination. Think of some item or service that you or someone you know can provide. It may even be someone whose

service you use on a regular basis who might be pleased to donate on the basis that they may attract a new customer from it. Examples of what we are looking for are as follows and I emphasise that the list is by no means exhaustive:

- A meal for two at a restaurant or pub.
- A course of keep fit, yoga or Pilates.
- A ride in a vintage car.
- Provide a home made cake once a month for three/six months.
- Cook a meal in someone's home or an invitation for them to dine in your own.
- Beauty treatment.
- A day at a spa.
- Dog shampoo/cut
- A course of kickboxing training for a child or adult.
- An item signed by a celebrity.

We really would value your support so I do hope you can help us in one way or another.

Do please ring me if you have a donation in mind but are not certain or indeed if you have any other queries.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Ron Collins

Tel: 01494 562240

Shear Madness

Spring has sprung and summer is on its way, yippee !!!

This year we are collecting unwanted gifts and books etc for the village fete next month, so have a rummage in your cupboards and pop them down to me in the shop, we have had quite a few bits already but I fear I may get buried alive by June ! Thank you all again for being so wonderful and understanding, you all truly keep me going. Quick reminder that the shop is closed every Bank Holiday weekend.

Mandy x

Saint Botolph's Services

1 May	11am	Eucharist	Rev. Jenny Ellis
8 May	11am	Eucharist	Rev. Veronica Beaumont
15 May	11am	Eucharist	Rev. Jenny Ellis
22 May	11am	Matins	Rev. Jenny Ellis

Peggy Ewart



Napfest 2016

Friday 10 to Sunday 12 June

Military Past and Present



I cannot believe that this is the last Gazette before the main event. It seems to have come round so quickly. We are almost totally organised with just a few things that need to be put in place or that we need help with.

- We still need a group of people to run the Bric-A-Brac Stall. This has been one of the most successful stalls over the years and it would be a great shame to lose it this year. Please help.
- We are also looking to borrow a caravan from the Thursday night till the Sunday evening, we use this for security during the nights and also as our main office during the days. If you can help please contact Claire at The Wheel.
- As always we are in desperate need of cakes, tombola prizes, books and Grand Draw prizes so again if you can help in any way contact Claire.
- We are always looking for extra volunteers for help to set up and close down on the separate days.

Now I've stopped begging for help this is what is to look forward to during this fun filled weekend.

Music on The Crick



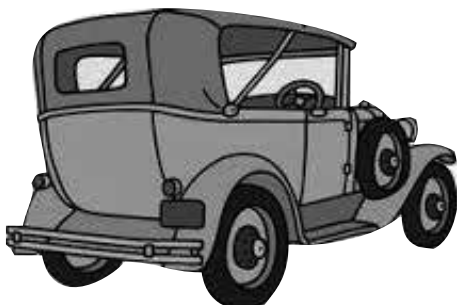
Tickets are now available on www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk and are the same price as last year, £25 for a family ticket for four, adults £10, kids £5. They will also be available at The Wheel for cash only. Please be aware ticket prices will increase on the night. There will be amazing music from our bands and you will also be able to get hot food and drinks from the bar. This year we will also have a kid's inflatable to help with their entertainment. This is a great night but do remember to keep warm even if it is June! **GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY.**

Fete on The Crick

We have got you loads and loads of entertainment this year, as we have lots of new stalls and there will also be more events happening in the arena. This fab day has been a little neglected over the last few years but it's all changed this year with massive support from the RAF and it is a great family day. Don't forget to come in fancy dress "Military Past and Present" and stallholders, please dress your stall! We have some great new trophies to win that you can take home and keep this year. The procession and flag bearer will happen as last year so please all make the effort again this year. The Fly Past is also booked and due over us after seeing the Queen!!



Classics on The Crick



is coming along brilliantly and they are already getting bookings for the cars so it should be another full field. The food stalls have all been booked and confirmed and we will also have the inflatable for the kids again. If you wish to book your car in early contact Ian Bond and his team on classiconthecrick@gmail.com.

Can't wait to see you all there!
Claire and the Napfest Committee

Books

Once again we would welcome good quality paperbacks, both adult and children, for the bookstall at the village fete. We cannot accept books in poor condition as we do not have the outlet for disposing of them, as we had a couple of years ago.

Please deliver them to our home address, Endsleigh, Clappins Lane, from 1st May onwards.

If we are not at home you are welcome to leave them on the doorstep as it is covered.

Any queries, give us a call on 564226.



Thank you.

Mike & Pauline Pool

Subscriptions.

If you have already paid your annual subscription then I thank you.

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Mike Pool
Treasurer

Last Word

Just this morning I have received an email purporting to be from DHL informing me that the company were going to make a delivery to us this Friday. There were various links which I was asked to use to confirm my details. We are not expecting any deliveries leave alone from Frankfurt, the email was sent to the Gazette email address which of course is never used for purchases so I knew instantly that this was the dreaded phishing and immediately deleted it. These emails look remarkably authentic, they can so easily slip through the spam filters, so please be on your guard!

My thanks to all our contributors and to Richard for our colourful cover photograph and to Pete Dalby for the lovely aerial view photograph. Because I am certain that this photograph was taken responsibly I am delighted to share this with you but rather than risk infringing any regulations or privacy issues I will not be printing photographs taken from drones in the future.

Our next Gazette is of course the June edition when we will be announcing the Fete Princes and Princesses and of course looking forward to the great Napfest. I should be grateful if you could please send all your last minute requests, announcements, good wishes for this event to me as soon as possible please. The deadline for this edition will be 15 May as usual. I will be extending the deadline for the July Gazette to give you all a little extra time to send in your reports and photographs for the Napfest and I will announce this date in the June edition.

Wishing you all a happy, sunny May

Sonia

Post it Board

Naphill Horticultural
Plant Sale
21 May
Naphill Village Hall

NAPFEST
10 June Music on
the Crick
11 June Fete
12 June Classics on
the Crick

FONC
Short Walk
4 May 10am
Long Walk
16 May 9.30am
Start from
Village Hall

Hughenden Parish
Council Meetings
Tuesday
10 May
Annual Council and
Full Council 8pm Gt
Kingshill Office
Tues 24 May 8pm
- Annual Parish
Meeting, Great
Kingshill Village Hall

FONC
Working Parties
8 & 22 May

The Wheel
Thurs 12th May
Burger Night
Sun 19th June
Father's Day

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27 April
Annual Council
Meeting at the
Waterside Theatre
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Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45-8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
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Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
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Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564469
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Peggy Ewart chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30-9.30pm	Scouts & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
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WI	3rd Thursday in month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sally Woodbridge 562281

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Editorial

I just love the sunshine and I have often bored you all with my plans for a Winter hibernation so when the sun arrived a week or so back I was in my element! This was obviously the ideal opportunity to put the new kitchen to the test and enjoy the garden patio area. The five grandchildren, feeling and caring as ever, with their assorted parents and grandparents and ably assisted by our two Chihuahuas, were only too pleased to oblige with this project and I can only apologise to my long suffering neighbours for the ensuing noise and mayhem! Himself somehow managed to find that he had a prior photographic engagement that day and so sadly missed the festivities arriving home just in time to kiss the grubby little faces and wave them all a fond farewell. I really must check his diary more carefully in future. The children were so disappointed not to be able to soak granddad with the hosepipe. In spite of his absence it certainly was a happy, fun filled day.

Talking about lovely, sunny, fun filled days we do have the great NAPFEST weekend to look forward to. I am sure those of you with a more direct line than me have booked the sunshine for this event! The last few days have seen me busily putting together the Gazette pre Fest supplement. This, as always, introduces this year's Fete Princesses and Princes, and my thanks to young Amanda Spearing for the accompanying interviews. Included too are the pleas from the various organisations who are running events and stalls, along with news of the bands who are playing at Music on the Crick. The Napfest Committee, led by Claire, have worked tirelessly all year to make this event even bigger and more spectacular and I am sure, like me, you are all looking forward to this special weekend and join me in thanking them for their hard work.

In an effort to include as much NAPFEST news as possible in the July Gazette I shall be extending the deadline for these items until the 18 June but I should appreciate all the regular items being here for the 15th please. I should be grateful if all items for the magazine could please be submitted no later than the 17th please! The August/September Gazette will, once again, be a combined edition and I should like to include the final round ups, thanks, facts and figures appertaining to the Napfest in this edition so that the October edition will focus on the upcoming Autumn and Winter events.

Happy Napfest everyone!

Sonia Goby
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Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

Sarah Bacon has retired as Chairman of the Village Hall Council after 17 years in the role. I would like to thank Sarah for this long service to the community. She has played a significant part in the life of the village in all this time, including greeting visitors to the annual Christmas Fayre with a smile under her red Santa hat! I am honoured to have been elected by the Trustees to succeed her and will do my best to be of service. As a relative newcomer to Naphill, settling here in 1997, I shall continue to be appreciative of Sarah's background knowledge and experience.

Last weekend's sunshine showed the hall and playing fields in all their spring glory. The Council wishes to enhance the facilities and is continuing to consider residents' ideas for possible improvements. A working party has been formed to look at costs and to prioritize maintenance needs and future investments. We remain open to suggestions and would value your input. Village organisations raise considerable sums and it is only right that these should be used for the benefit of the community.

The Council now has its own website. It has gone live but still has a few things to be inserted, such as a complete list of trustees and a calendar. However, it is a mine of information and very attractively designed. There is a facility to contact the officers of the Council so please get in touch at - www.naphillvillagehall.org.uk.

Our Clean for the Queen initiative has been a great success and the village is deemed to be looking at its best. The Council has therefore decided to enter the Best Kept Village competition again; judging takes place between June 6th and July 7th. Fourth time lucky? Trustees will be collecting litter prior to the regular meeting on June 6th so the Crick will be in good order for Napfest. Claire reported progress to the Council on April 25th and the weekend seems set to be one of the best ever. Let us hope the weather will be kind; everything else seems to be under control! It will be a pleasure to see you.

Peggy Ewart
Chairman Naphill Village Hall
and Playing Fields Council

June Services at Saint Botolph's

5 June	11am	Euharist	Rev Jenny Ellis
12 June	11am	Eucharist	Rev Jenny Ellis
19 June	11am	Eucharist & Baptism	Rev Jenny Ellis
26 June	11am	Eucharist	Rev Jenny Ellis

Peggy Ewart

Friends of Naphill Common

We have recently heard from Wessex Woodland Management about the second phase of thinning trees on the Common. The proposal is to thin a roughly triangular area, one side of which abuts the area previously thinned: that is a line from the top of Forge Road, around Heyshams and over to the corner of the small meadow where path H2/BW85 meets path H20. From there the perimeter of the new area follows H2/BW85 to Dew Pond and then follows path H21 to Lady's Mile, turning up the edge of the Common to Forge Road. We understand that felling will begin this autumn and, when complete, roughly half of the Common will have been thinned.

The Friends of Naphill Common has no power to decide whether, when or where thinning takes place, but we have been consulted about additional work such as the widening of the rides and the protection of important trees and features. The new area includes several veteran trees recorded by our survey, some dells, two ponds and various archaeological features (although only one corner of the Iron Age "farmstead" is included). We will do our best to ensure that these are protected or enhanced. Now that the grasses are spreading over them, I think most will agree that the widening of the drives carried out during phase 1 was a great improvement. If you have any opinions about what you would like to see done during phase 2 please let us know. Since the thinning area extends right to the edge where there are houses, this may prompt those whose properties face the Common to give their opinions. We can pass on any comments you make.

With spring now merging into summer we can already see how depleted is the list of birds visiting our village. How many of the swallows, martins and swifts flying over have stopped to nest in Naphill and Walters Ash? Have you heard a cuckoo locally? Chiffchaffs and willow warblers are thinly spread on the Common and in local woods. It is a worrying indicator of the state of our local environment. No doubt many of the causes of this decline – modern agricultural practices, the use of pesticides, global warming and so forth – are beyond our immediate control but we must try to do what we can to reverse these developments and act locally to preserve and promote what good environmental features we have. Let us hope that the changes on the Common will have a positive effect.

Don't forget our popular walks – made even more enjoyable by the improving weather. The short walks (2-3 miles) are led by Chris Miller starting at 10.30am from the Village hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Ron Collins leads the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third Monday of each month. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9:30am sharp. The walkers are a friendly lot and the walks are open to all and are free.

And there are also regular working parties, which take place on the first and third Sundays of each month and

are currently focused on clearing holly and tidying the areas around some of the ponds. Meeting points vary, and they can be cancelled at short notice in adverse weather, so it's always best to check the web site (www.naphillcommon.org.uk) or with the organiser, Peter Davis.

We hope to see you at the village Fete on Saturday 11th June, where you can join in our Silent Auction with some fabulous lots on offer. Thanks go to Ron Collins for organising it. Of course, you can also join FONC and let us know what you would like us to do for our Common. Or follow us on Twitter – @NaphillCommon.

Chris Miller
Chairman.

Naphill Village Hall Council

We are pleased to announce that the Village Hall & Playing Fields Council now has its own website. The village hall is a registered charity (no: 300309) and its Trustees are a group of volunteers taken from village organisations plus other representatives of the community. We meet the first Monday of every month (except August) and between us we do everything that is required to keep the hall and playing fields maintained and developed.

As well as keeping you up to date with events, the website also tells you a bit about our history and makes all our documents like policies, accounts and meeting minutes widely available for the first time. It also enables you to contact the officers of the Council. We will shortly be adding a calendar so that you can see when the hall is available for booking.

Special thanks go to Philip Hussey who has allowed us to use his superb drawing of the village.

Our new website address is:

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

Judy Whitehouse – Secretary
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Growing Your Own – June 2016

June is the month when everything in the garden and on the allotment really gets going. The main reason, apart from the new warmth, is the lengthening days. With midsummer's sunrise/sunset being about 0500/2100 BST we have 16 hours of daylight as against only 8 hours during the shortest day in December. The long days of June give us an advantage over the tropics because the chlorophyll in our plants can be converting sunshine into energy for 16 hours per day as against only 12 hours per day in the tropics. (Nevertheless, the hot burning sun and high humidity of the tropics 12 months per year certainly make up for the shorter days for tropical crops.) I used to live in Singapore

and experienced the sudden “lights out” at 1845 every day. As an experiment there I sowed some dwarf French bean seed. In a week the plants were 6 inches high. After a further week they were a foot high and in flower. A week later they flopped and were dead; they just could not take growing so quickly in the blistering heat and suffocating dampness.

Dwarf French beans are much better off grown more slowly in temperate climes, so long as frost is avoided. I plant out my plants at the end of May and wish them good luck (a good frost would kill them all). Then they grow well and the bean pods, when cooked with finely-chopped garlic and served with butter, make an excellent accompaniment for most dishes – or simply eaten on their own for a delicious vegetarian meal.

I plant out my climbing French beans and runner beans at the same time as my dwarf French beans. A real winner for the climbing French beans is the variety “Blauhilde”. Their bean pods are purple on the vine and green on the plate. I have an invention which I shall now divulge. There are two big chores which can be avoided when growing runner beans and climbing French beans:



1. weeding between the two rows of canes covered with leafy vines which impede the enthusiastic weeder;
2. the task of watering regularly. My tip (before installing the two rows of canes) is to make a slight ridge of soil the length of the row then cover the ground between the rows of canes with a black impervious polythene sheet. The sheet stops evaporation and directs any rainfall to the roots of the bean plants, and no weeds grow

between the canes to extract water from the soil. I then fill with water a 6 inch deep hole for each plant then put the plant into the water, filling the hole with dry soil. I do not water at all thereafter. As a bonus, ants simply love building anthills under the black sheet, so raising the ridge, and they devour any slugs and snails which would like to hide under the sheet. Try this method for yourself!

Good gardening,

Mike Mason

Please Help a Local Royal Grammar School Student

In September last year, while Kai Brien was on a family holiday in France, he had a mountain biking accident and broke his neck. In that split second Kai and his family's lives changed immeasurably.

In the accident Kai damaged his spinal cord and

immediately became tetraplegic; meaning that he has lost the use of his tricep muscles, hands and below his upper torso.

Kai was a keen goalkeeper and played for a local football team, he was also a County-class hockey player and was hoping to work in the world of professional football; his injury has been a devastating blow to his future plans.

To his credit, Kai is back at the RGS (returning each night to Stoke Mandeville Hospital) and he will be taking 6 GCSEs this year – which, in the circumstances, is testament to his resilience and the unwavering support of his family and friends.

Due to Kai's paralysis, his family need to make substantial alterations to their family home and require a lot of specialist equipment for Kai's needs before he can be discharged from hospital and come home to be with his family again.

To help the family, a disco has been organised to raise funds for this extremely brave young man so please come and join us on 18th June 2016 at Missenden Memorial Hall for what will be a fun evening for a great cause.

Tickets are £10 and to purchase them please contact Lsoden@yahoo.com

Just Giving page <https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/Kai-brien>

Karen Colebeck

The Wheel

The excitement and stress is building at the pub with the anticipation of Napfest. As ever we are getting our fancy dress costumes ready for the procession around The Crick and ensuring our Flag Bearer is ready to hold it high and make us proud. I'll take this opportunity now to say thank you to all my staff whether they are current or past, for helping us out over this busy weekend. As ever the staff will be selling Grand Draw tickets and also the tickets for 'Music on The Crick' at the pub. Just as reminder we only take cash for these, cards will not be accepted. The Wheel will also be running the bar this year for 'Classics on The Crick', and Mark will have at least one of his race bikes on show. So I'm sure we'll see you all at some point over the weekend.

With the summer on its way (hopefully), this also means lots of staff on holiday, so don't be surprised to see some of our old guys back from University and from their travels. We are looking forward to having you all back for a while. I would also like to welcome George, who started with us last month to The Wheel family.

In last month's edition I mentioned that Mark and I will have been at The Wheel for 10 years on the 19th June, I cannot believe we've been here so long. As we cannot let this achievement go unnoticed we are going

to be celebrating on Saturday 9th July and can't wait to have a few drinks (lots) with all our customers and friends. The kitchen will be doing box meals for the evening and we will have a band on as well so that we can all have a bit of a boogie too.

Due to the fact that we are coming up to the holiday season there are just a few important dates for your diary.

- 10th, 11th, 12th June Napfest
- Sun 19th June Father's Day
- 9th July 10th Anniversary Party

Jenny Pearce last month asked us to help raise funds for Speen Church by raffling off the famous Penguin Fancy Dress costume that Jan Pearce wore for our New Year's Eve beach party in 2012. I would like to thank all of you that have donated, and if you still want to donate please do. I love the fact that the costume will be worn again, even if it doesn't cycle past the RAF base this time!!

As ever thanks to everyone for their continued custom and support and here's to a brilliant June with all the fun of Napfest and celebrating Father's Day. We hope you all have a great month.

Claire and Mark



A local bluebell wood. Photograph courtesy of Paul Goby



A delightful photograph of a muntjak deer grazing happily in Christine's back garden.

New to Area Business Announcement

Hi Readers,

My name is Ben Stanley and I'm writing to introduce my new garden maintenance business – Greenvale Gardens – to the Naphill and Walters Ash area!

I'm a Naphill boy born and bred and I love it here – always have! I've done a fair few things and lived in a fair few places through my twenties, before coming full circle and moving back to the area. I worked as a gardener/landscape labourer in my early twenties for several years as well as completing a diploma in Horticulture at the young age of just 16 at BCA college. It was in this period that I learned a lot of the skills invaluable to me now. More recently, I am also in the final stages of completing a Royal Forestry Society Certificate in Arboriculture – a field I'm very interested in and hope to incorporate into my business in the near future.

I offer absolutely all aspects of garden care and

maintenance including tree pruning. I am a sole trader so no job is too small! Sometimes it can be hard to get someone out for those smaller one off jobs! On the other end of the scale I can also take on bigger jobs and am able to carry out full garden clearances.

Well, in a nutshell that's me and my business, I'm very grateful for the opportunity to showcase myself and my business and I sincerely look forward to providing a first rate garden care and maintenance service for our local community.

Ben Stanley

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RAF High Wycombe Annual Reception



Dignitaries, charity workers and community personalities came together on the 10th of May at RAF High Wycombe to reflect on a successful year of community achievements.

The Station Commander, Group Captain Phil Lester, took the opportunity to thank the myriad of hard working personnel. He said 'I must thank my staff for the efforts they continue to make, but most importantly I would like to thank the local community for their ongoing support, without which our efforts would not be possible'.

The event received more than 130 guests including the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, the Lord Lieutenant and local Mayors, who enjoyed performances from the RAF High Wycombe Ladies Choir and the Band of the RAF Regiment.

As well as Station personnel, it was supported by three local Air Training Corps Units – 332 Squadron High Wycombe, 606 Squadron Beaconsfield and 871 Squadron Penn.

After a weekend of warmth and sun many would have imagined the Reception to be bathed in sunshine. However the weather conspired to change the evening, with rain resulting in the cancellation of the Sunset Ceremony and flypast, more for the benefit of the visitors not being forced to be drenched, rather than the parade who stood by ready to perform.

For more information please contact the RAF High Wycombe Media Officer, Flight Lieutenant Andy Keeley at HWY-BSWMCO@mod.uk or 01494 494454.



Photographs courtesy RAF High Wycombe

NAPFEST 2016



Friday Night Music on the Crick

Get your tickets NOW!

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The Wheel, Bon Ami
& The Black Lion

SATURDAY Traditional Fete Day!

Parade, stalls, raffle, food, bar
and
Much, Much More!



SUNDAY CLASSICS on the Crick

Register your vehicle and keep up
with the news at
www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk



Naphill Tennis Club

SATURDAY 11 JUNE – FETE DAY!

Tennis Courts open to all – rackets provided – all ages welcome.



Indulge yourself with
STRAWBERRIES & CREAM

Have fun with the
BALL MACHINE

See you on the courts.

Jenny Tench

Naphill Neighbours CAKE STALL

WANTED!

**HOMEMADE CAKES
and
BAKES**



*Please deliver prior to the
Fete to*



Hazel



**Irving Cottage
89 Main Road**

Tel: 563977

Mike and Pauline Pool

We'll be there!

BOOKSTALL

Wanted Books!

BEFORE FETE DAY PLEASE!

*Good quality second hand
books
adult and childrens*

No poor quality books please!

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Clappins Lane

564226



MILITARY



**Past and
Present
Join the Fun
and Wear
the Gear!**



Welcome to Napfest 2016

Friday 10 June - Sunday 12 June

Military Past & Present

I'd like to start by thanking all our amazing volunteers who give up their valuable time every year to ensure this brilliant weekend happens. This also leads me to thank all our sponsors and organisations who have donated prizes and so much more.

Napfest is back and will be bigger and better than before. Our committee can't wait to see everyone over this amazing weekend, we are certain that during the three-day event there will be something for everyone. The Theme 'Military Past and Present' this year will follow over the whole three days, so we really hope to see everyone in Fancy Dress.

The Napfest committee have worked really hard again again this year and we have had a huge amount of support from the RAF. We hope you all have an amazing time and enjoy it to the full. Thank you to my team, you've been brilliant.

Claire

Chairman of the Napfest Committee

Music on the Crick

'Music on the Crick' will be another night to remember as we watch you all dance the night away. Come and enjoy this brilliant family evening listening to some fabulous music. Just to remind you all ticket prices will increase on the night so make sure you get your tickets early from either The Wheel or www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk
Gates Open 6pm

7.00pm Acoustic set by James Henton from the Daps

8.15pm The Polka Dots – Swing Band

9.30pm The Cool Beans – Cover Band

Food and refreshments available all night, also a kids inflatable to help keep them entertained. Pizzas, Hog Roast, Teas and Coffee Van, Kirsty's Kitchen and the Bar run by The Black Lion.

Ticket Prices

£25 for a Family Ticket

£10 Adult Ticket

£5 Child (5-12yrs)

on the night £30

on the night £13

on the night £7

Fete Princes & Princesses 2016



Jonny Goddard

I want to be a Prince because I will have the opportunity to tour round the whole fete and ride in a fancy car. My hobbies include: football, cricket, fishing, and cooking. I want to be an engineer or a footballer when I am older. I often go on fun fishing trips with Grandpa. My favourite colour is black and I enjoy chilling out in casual clothes. During my spare time I like to get some fresh air by playing outdoors, practising my football skills, and playing games on my electronics.



Jenny Gauchan

I had my heart set on being a Princess because I wanted to have a special memory of Naphill School before I move on to my secondary school in September. I am a very sporty member of Year 6, and my hobbies are swimming, netball, rounders and basketball. When I am older, I want to be an athlete! My favourite colour is blue and I enjoy relaxing in comfy clothes, like jeans. When I am not at school, I enjoy playing outside or reading a good book.



Spike Tindale

I wanted to be a fete Prince so I could achieve local fame. Like Jonny I also wanted ride in a fancy car. My hobbies are also mostly sporty - football, cycling and hiking up hills. I am told that I am quite a talented artist and my favourite colour is turquoise. When I grow up I should like to be an artist or an architect. I like to spend my free time playing on my Playstation 4, running around outside in my sports gear and swinging on my swing seat.



Eve Salter

I was very excited when I heard that I was going to be a Princess. I was desperate to be one because I really enjoy dressing up and having my hair done. I have many hobbies, including - singing, dancing, acting and netball so I am always busy! When I grow up I dream of being a dancer. I love wearing dresses (part of the reason I wanted to be a Princess) and my favourite colour is pink. In my spare time I enjoy trampolining and watching T.V.

Thank you Amber Spearing, a year 6 pupil at Naphill and Walters Ash School, for this fantastic report! Amber asks that we all look out for the Naphill Fete Royalty on Fete day and give them a special wave!

Fete on the Crick

Fete on The Crick our traditional English Fete is such a great family fun day with stalls to entertain all ages. The Grand Draw Raffle could win you £200 so make sure you get your raffle tickets. This brilliant day is run by very many volunteers from Naphill and Walters Ash and would not run without them. So as always I thank them all very much.

Stalls and events on the day (this may be changeable).

Cake Stalls - Naphill Neighbours (in marquee)
Bar - Men's Club
Tombola
Ice Cream Van
BBQ - Dads of Naphill & Walters Ash
Bookstall
Strawberries and Clotted Cream - Tennis Club
Face Painting
Dog Show - Sponsored by Jolly's
Friends of Naphill Common – Silent Auction
Christians in The Community – Plant stall
National Trust

St Michaels Church – Children's Tea party
Kids Inflatable
Photography Studio – Venture Studios
Sweet Stall
Coconut Shy - Naphill Scouts
WI - Tombola
First Aid Tent
House of Blue Bell – Candles and gifts
Jewellery Stall
Skin care and cosmetics stall
Craft stalls

RAF

Kid's rides
Library
Youth Soft Play area
Gurkha Curry
Air Ambulance
Nerf Gun
Mobile spitfire
Gun Display
Presentation from the RAF inside the village Hall
Time Line History of the RAF with Hughenden Manor

Arena Display and Schedule

- 11.30am Swing Band Playing
- 12.00pm Princesses and Princes, followed by the Village Flag Bearers
- Opening of the Fete by princesses and Princes
- 12.15pm Fancy Dress judging by RAF High Wycombe Station Commander Phil Lester and Coucillor Peter Williams
- 12.45pm Marching Band
- 1.00pm Fly Past 2 Tornados and 2 Typhoons
- 1.15pm Military Choir
- 1.30pm Dance Troops
- 2.10pm Gurkha's Kukri Dance
- 2.30pm Swing Band
- 3.15pm Military Dog Display



Classics on the Crick

After an amazing first year we have chosen to change very little and can't wait to see your treasured Classic Cars, Vans or Bikes on display. During the day The Wheel will be running the bar and there will be various refreshments from Bon Ami, Mozzarella Nation and Kirsty's Kitchen. We have live music, 'Elvis Sings his Hits' and there will also be children's entertainment available.

Due to the lack of parking last year and the number of classic vehicle entries, we will have a separate parking facility that will be sign posted on the day.

If you wish to enter a vehicle the prices are as below. If you wish to enter early this must be done by the 4th June www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk or email classicsonthecrick@gmail.com

- **Cars and Commercial £7.00 or on the day £10**
- **Bikes and Scooters £4.00 or on the day £6.00**
- **Entrance fees £4.00 per adult and £2.00 per child on the gates**

We hope you all enjoy these beautiful classic vehicles whether it's your own or someone else's treasure. All proceeds will be going to Air Ambulance this year.



Naphill FC Under 8s

Naphill FC under 8's had the privilege of doing the Guard of Honour for Wycombe Wanderers in their last home game of the season.

We have had a great season with Naphill FC Juniors and the coaches are very proud of our boys and girls

who have come so far in such a short space of time.

We always welcome new players who wish to join us. Please contact naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.com with your child's name and current school year and we will pass your details on to the relevant age group.

Rob McMurray

BUCKSOPENSTUDIOS

11th-26th June 2016

www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk

A Free Local Art Exhibition

Please Visit these local artists who are exhibiting their work:

Susan Wharton
Forge Cottage,
Naphill Common
HP14 4SU

Keith and Veronica Wilkins
87 Main Road,
Naphill,
HP14 4RT



Naphill Men's Football Team

I am delighted to report that our football team has worked and played very hard this season reaching the cup final of their league.

Whilst we were disappointed to lose the cup final match we are encouraged by our successes and we are looking forward to the new season when we hope that we will be able to play our home games on the Crick. We would appreciate the opportunity to play in our own

village where we would relish the support of our local community to spur us on to bigger and better things.

I am currently seeking sponsors for my aspiring team. if you could please help us in any way please contact me.

Naphill Men's FC always welcome new talent. Pre season training starts 30th June on the RAF Pitches. Please get in touch if you would like to join us.

Phil Crawford

Manager of the Football Team
07500007644

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

Macmillan Cancer Support is holding a collection at Tesco in Princes Risborough on Friday August 5th from 9am to 6pm with the kind permission of Tesco Stores UK PLC.

I am looking for people over the age of 18 who would be prepared to collect for us for an hour on the day.

Liz King
Ambassador for Macmillan Cancer Support
Chair of Gerrards Cross and Buckinghamshire
South Fundraising Group
T: 01494 874683
M: 07976 982349

Best Kept Village 2016

Naphill has entered for this competition.

Judging will be between 6 June and 7 July;

Please do everything you can to keep our village looking its very best!



Naphill Neighbours

The next big event on our calendars will be the NAPFEST and for Naphill Neighbours, our CAKE STALL at the fete on Saturday 11 June – therefore here is one more very big request (plea?) for members (and anyone else willing to bake for us) to donate home-made cakes, biscuits or scones. Before 11 June cakes can be handed in to Sheila (17 Battingswood Gardens) or Hazel (Irving Cottage, 89 Main Road) or to the Crick on the 11th at about 10am. Your committee realises that an aging membership means that fewer of us are baking, in which case a cash donation would be appreciated. Thank you, in advance.

Two days later on Monday 13 June, having packed away our yellow Naphill Neighbours pinnies for another year, your committee have invited Micheal Hoey to entertain us with his talk on THE GRAND CANYON.

A reminder that our next outing will be on Tuesday 13 September when we go to Buckingham Palace for an exhibition of the Queen's wardrobe. Full details next month.

*Hazel Vickery,
563977.*

Picture This

It's 5am and I'm late in writing this edition of Picture This. It's an early start and I'm drinking green tea from a Pantone 2035 red mug while outside the early-morning sky is a soft pink colour; nothing dramatic, just gentle light, perfect for photography. If I were the Paint Namer at Dulux, I'd probably call the colour Puppy Tongue. Looking up from pounding my keyboard, I catch sight of a dedicated jogger wrapped in fluorescent yellow-green as he pounds down the footpath of Main Road. And in a Louis Armstrong voice, I say to myself - it's a colourful world.

More tea and then first things first; the cover picture. June is a magical month for butterflies and for masses of jewel-coloured wild flowers. Our cover star is a Marbled White which flies in June and July; a short, but hopefully, happy life. And you can see Marbled Whites at Bradenham in the open fields behind the old school.

If you want to photograph butterflies, you will need patience, stealth and ideally, a camera with telephoto lens. You also need to get as close as you can. Yes, you can use your camera phone if you have lots of time and patience but as butterflies scare easily, getting really close to them and framing your picture is a big challenge. I used a 300mm telephoto lens for the cover picture and I chose a large lens aperture f2.8 to keep the star of my show in sharp focus while reducing the background flowers to a Monet-like blur.

Now, if butterfly hunting isn't for you, you can try the same technique at Napfest. Once you have

seen something that you think will look good as a photograph, get really close. Make your subject the star of your show and watch out for, and eliminate distracting backgrounds.

There's a great quote from the world of famous photographers in which Robert Capa was a star. He also co-created Magnum - no not the ice cream on a stick, the photography agency and well worth a web-look. Bringing the reality of the horror of war was his claim to fame and regardless of the dangers he faced he said "If your photographs aren't good enough, you're not close enough."

Whatever your subject, get really close and enjoy making some great pictures.

Richard

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A Letter from our Methodist Minister

I write this to you in the midst of the Queen's special four day celebration at Windsor, (I'm not actually there, but it's on TV!). Lots of pomp and ceremony, military pageantry from all the Commonwealth, Showbiz stars past and present, assorted favourite animals, and woven as a story of her long and multi-faceted lifetime and reign.

The highlight of June in Naphill and Walters Ash is probably our Napfest, that glorious annual event, not quite the Braemar Highland Games, but conveniently coinciding with Her Majesty's Official Birthday and a weekend of national and world-wide celebration for her. This year the increased participation of the RAF in Napfest will no doubt underscore our local part in a much wider occasion.

Years ago I thought it most unfair that the Queen should have two birthdays each year, and sorry for her family having to buy new and imaginative presents for the "woman who already has everything". And especially compared to my uncle born on February 29th restricted to one birthday every four years! This year seems to have been one long 90th celebration going on for months, yet she still seems appreciative of the good wishes and the special events in her honour, and thankfully is fit and well enough to be able to attend event after event and enjoy them all. Nowadays I do not begrudge it at all.

On June 12th she'll throw a party, The Patron's Lunch for 10,000 in the Mall, as a thank you to the 600 charities for which she is Patron. No doubt they are all thankful for her support for many decades, yet it is she who is thanking them!

Our Queen is one of the most extraordinary people alive today, (and perhaps of all time), known and admired world-wide, the nominal head of dozens of nations, supposedly of minimal political power, yet renowned by Prime Ministers for her knowledge and wisdom. She is immensely wealthy, yet she works

more hours a week than most of us, and largely for the benefit of others.

Our Queen is a woman who is motivated. Not motivated by what she may gain in wealth or power, but by the sense of fulfilment of duty, of having done the right thing. She looks forward to the words "Well done, thou good and faithful servant". One of the books published this year is entitled "The Servant Queen". It looks at the many aspects of her life where her personal Faith has influenced her and still does. I commend it to you.

But back to Napfest: there is a wide and exciting itinerary (no doubt the details are elsewhere in the Gazette), but part of it will be to honour Her Majesty, for whom I thank the Lord.

Mike Hill

(Minister for Naphill Methodist Church)

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning Applications: 16/06102/FUL 3 Oakeshott Avenue, Naphill. Householder application for demolition of existing side element and construction of part single storey, part two storey side / rear extension. **16/06172/FUL 40 Ash Close, Walters Ash** HA for erection of single storey rear extension following removal of existing rear extensions. **16/06030/TPO Naphill Village Hall, 79 Main Road, Naphill.** Maintenance pruning of Atlantic Cedar located outside Naphill Village Hall, to carry out lateral reduction of approximately 0.5 metres to 20-30 branches to maintain shape and reduce end weight of branches.

Decisions. Permitted. 16/05662/FUL 5 Wellhouse Way, Naphill. HA for construction of part two storey, part single storey rear extension, new front porch and internal remodelling. **16/05512/LBC. 208 Main Road, Naphill.** Listed building application for construction of detached single storey garden room located to the rear side of the existing property, removal of a rear chimney breast externally and internally and small internal changes comprising removal of internal wall between kitchen and living room, rearrangement of the family bathroom with an en-suite added to a bedroom and removal of wall between bedroom and study creating a large open space at first floor. **16/05511/FUL 208 Main Road, Naphill.** HA as above for the Listed Building appn. **16/05614/FUL24. Ash Close, Walters Ash.** Householder application for construction of 1 x rear dormer window and insertion of 2 x roof lights to front in connection with loft conversion. **16/05445/FUL. Bristows Barn, 380 Main Road, Walters Ash.** HA for the extension of the existing roof in conjunction with the construction of a two storey

side extension, alterations incorporating rooflights, fenestration alterations and the erection of timber entrance gates. **16/05446/LBC. Bristows Barn, 380 Main Road, Walters Ash** Listed building appn. for raising of roof, roof extension and alterations incorporating rooflights, construction of two storey side extension, fenestration alterations and internal alterations incorporating removal of fireplace, new staircases & partitions removed. **16/05402/FUL Hogtrough Farm, Louches Lane, Naphill.** Demolition of existing house, erection of detached two storey 5-bed dwelling with alterations to existing driveway and parking, detached garage/woodstore building to front.

Decision. Refused. 15/06959/MDS106. Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Application to modify a section 52 agreement dated 30th October 1984 to discharge Part 1 of the Obligation.

NOTE. NAWARA AGM POSTPONED from 9th June to September. See revised date in July Gazette.

Date of Next Meeting: 8pm Thursday 9th June 2016. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive. 563634

Naphill Evening WI

Dr Lucas's talk on "How plants solve crimes" was very interesting. Amongst other things, he explained how one could ascertain when and where a person had died by the type of pollen on their clothes and up their noses etc. So if you murder someone, do it in the winter when there isn't much pollen around!

Our day at the Annual Council Meeting in Aylesbury was great as usual and Mandy Hickson, the young woman who talked about her life as an RAF Tornado GR4 pilot and her struggle to become one was an inspiration to us all. One anecdote was the time when she was practice flying in the Lake District and couldn't resist frightening the life out of a couple of middle aged hikers.

19th May brings Resolutions and Table Dressing, but before that we will have had a Ploughman's Lunch in Jenny's garden, weather permitting.

The Craft Group are also meeting in May and apart from our gifted patchwork hoard, we might try our hands at little fairies.

The Food Group are off to the Potting Shed Café at Askett Nurseries for coffee on 23rd May, which is a Monday. I am very tempted to skip my keep fit class for that outing.

We are all gathering items for the tombola for Napfest and looking forward to the whole weekend.

Carol Gilliam.

Naphill Brownies

The brownies have been working on a new Girlguiding Challenge Badge called the Chiltern Challenge. This has involved getting out locally, learning about the area in which we live - about Red Kites, Roald Dahl, Steam Rally-related things and much more. Who knew there would be so much need for glitter on a picture of a Red Kite?

Having acquired the maypole from Naphill and Walters Ash School, we thought we should recognise May Day by trying our hand at Maypole dancing. It is more difficult than it looks, but the brownies managed a very impressive weave, and managed to undo it without getting in a knot.

As well as all this, the recent fine weather has allowed us to get out and enjoy some very messy activities with paint and flour and.....I'm sure you can imagine it. But it is so nice so get outside.

And now we are looking forward to our visit to Wooburn Safari Park on the 21st May and then, after half term, the Fete.

Brown Owl
(Ruth Daly) 565571.
ruth.daly3@btinternet.

Black Lion

Finally, as we write this month's article the sun has been shining on us and we have had some lovely warm days. It's been fantastic to see everybody come out and enjoy their favourite Beer Garden. The bouncy castle, swings, slides and football goal are certainly being well used whilst parents relax and enjoy a refreshing drink.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Beer and Gin festival. It was to celebrate our 5th anniversary and what a weekend it was. We had a live band both Friday and Saturday nights along with 12 different Ales and 8 different Gins. All the staff worked extremely hard to cater for over 400 people on the Saturday and even though it rained all day Friday still more than 100 brave souls ventured out to try what was on offer. We still haven't got a final sum for the money raised for Help for Heroes as we were still selling badges and wristbands on the bar to hopefully make our target of £500. We will definitely be doing something like this again in the future so keep an eye out on our advertising boards.

Moving on to what's new. Our Head Chef James has stepped down to work part time after the arrival of his baby boy Barney who is healthy and gorgeous. So we have recently employed a new Head Chef, Alex. He is an experienced Chef who has worked in many places. He is currently writing a new summer menu for the pub which will be launching on Friday

5th of June. It would be great to see everyone come down and try our new chef's speciality dishes.

Finally we will be having our family fun day raising money for charity. There will be lots of activities going on all day with a raffle, auction of promises and a disco in the evening. The date is yet to be confirmed but will be around the end of June or beginning of July and we will let you all know.

Thank you all again for your continued support

Special for NAPFEST Weekend!
10-12 June

Friday & Saturday Night
We are open until 1am

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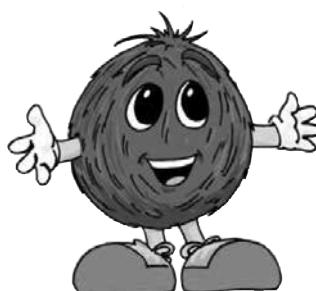
Jack and all the team

Naphill Scouts

Naphill Scouts started this term with some pioneering. Pioneering usually involves building structures from ropes and wooden poles to make things like shelters and rope bridges. However, for the pioneering we did this month the only materials the scouts were issued were a packet of spaghetti and a packet of marshmallows. The challenge was to build the largest free standing structure with the materials available. As well as having some fun, the purpose of the session was to explore the engineering principles involved by thinking about the design and then constructing it. These principles can then be applied when building larger structures (we are doing shelter building later in the term). The scouts found that marshmallows are quite flexible so they had to work to strengthen their structures, and that if all else fails just eat the marshmallows!

In addition to this, we took part in the annual St Georges day parade and church service in Princes Risborough, and have been working on our map reading and route planning skills ahead of our first hike of the term.

We will be at Napfest running the coconut shy so come along and try your luck!



Mark

Bon Ami

Summer is here, well at least it was three days ago! A huge thank you to Judy Whitehouse and the Horticultural Society for the stunning hanging baskets, they make our terrace look even more inviting.

Meanwhile Cream teas are selling like 'hot cakes!' and we are finding ourselves baking scones several times a day.

Iced teas and coffees are on the menu as well as our Beechdean ice creams fully stocked to keep you cool in recent temperatures.

Our seasonal cakes also include Lime & Coconut, Rhubarb & Cornmeal and our latest addition of Gin & Tonic cake!

We hope to make the most of the summer berries too by offering you individual pavlovas to enjoy with your drink of choice.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind regards,

Amanda and Ruth.

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

This term the Y5s have had a very special opportunity. They are growing space seeds! These are seeds that have been sent to space and now schools all around the country are going to be testing out whether they grow any differently. We don't know which seeds are from space so we can make sure the test is fair. They have set them into two groups, red and blue. Then the Y5s have planted them so they stay in their selected groups. The Y5's have to guess which bag of seeds went to space. If you wanted to know - the plant they are growing is Rocket; so no surprises there. The experiment is still ongoing so the results are not yet clear.

As usual, we are doing lots of sports for the summer term, especially athletics. The netball team have also had an extreme amount of luck this term, winning 3 of their games so far; the football team have been extremely successful, winning the Princess Risbrough League. We have all been very lucky because we have acquired a large amount of sports equipment.

We have been extremely fortunate to have new gadgets to help us learn; these are the brand new Learn Pads. These will help us in many ways including when we take notes from the internet without going into the ICT suite. Hopefully, these will make life a bit easier for our teachers and will make our learning experience at Naphill & Walters Ash School just a bit better.

Our term so far has been mainly fun apart from the Y6s who have been having their SATS. These are extremely hard this year because of the new standards implemented by Michael Gove. We

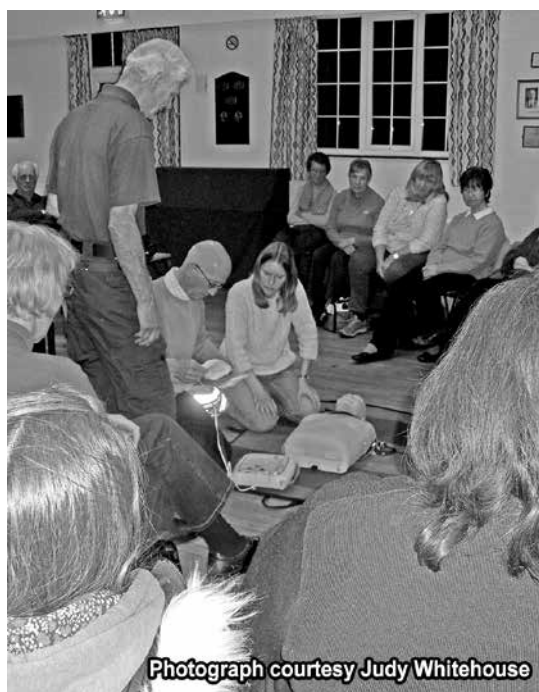
will find these SATS hard but I'm sure we will pull through and get spectacular scores. In contrast, the Y4s are going to Woodrow High House as a Residential trip. They will be doing Archery and Orienteering and hopefully having lots of fun.

Saanvi Bajaj, Daniel Crinyon, Theo Reid-Cain

Village Defibrillators

35 people came along to the defibrillator awareness training that took place in the village hall in April. We were pleased to welcome Paul Rogerson of the Rural Community Defibrillator Group. This is the charity that helped us with the grant and carried out the installation free of charge. They are also helping us ensure that the regular checks are completed.

The training session was carried out by Geoff Clark of Risborough Community First Responders, assisted by Aimee Andrews. Our thanks to them, and to everyone who attended the session. See picture below:



Another training session is scheduled for Tuesday 28th June at 7.00pm at Naphill & Walters Ash School. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

We learned the following vital things:

- Time is of the essence – your job is to keep the patient alive until you hand over to the First Responders or ambulance staff
- FIRST AND ALWAYS dial 999, identify if the patient is breathing or not, listen and follow their instructions
- If the patient is not breathing, commence CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) at once
- If there is more than one of you, go for the nearest defibrillator while the others continue with CPR. The ambulance service will tell you where that is and the code to access it if required. Send someone fast!

- The ambulance service will tell you how to use the defibrillator and it also comes with very simple instructions to follow.
- The defibrillator talks to you, repeating itself until you move to the next instruction.
- It will set the rhythm you need to carry out the CPR
- It monitors the patient and only delivers a shock if one is needed (it will also warn you first)
- Keep going with CPR and the defibrillator until the ambulance arrives

The other thing that surprised most of us was that a defibrillator actually stops the heart and lets it regain its natural rhythm. It doesn't start it.

Following on from the training, I have been asked about the situation for Walter's Ash.

The RAF have three public use defibrillators in the following locations:

- 1 Site (the one with the aeroplanes out front). The Guardroom at the main gate has a defibrillator in a non-locked cabinet that you can ask the guard at the gate for access to.
- 3 Site (off Main Road between Kilnwood and the Co-op). The Guardroom at the main gate has a defibrillator in a non-locked cabinet that you can ask the guard for access to.
- The Sports Hall off Kilnwood has a locked PAD on the outside just like the one at the Village Hall.

At the time of writing these are not yet registered with the ambulance service but I hope by the time you read this this will have been rectified.

Judy Whitehouse

The Last Word

I apologise for the absence of local council reports in this edition of the Gazette. Bradenham Council asked to submit their report next month and our local Hughenden councillors have had family and business commitments which have meant that as we go to press I have not received their usual report. We look forward to hearing all their news in the July edition.

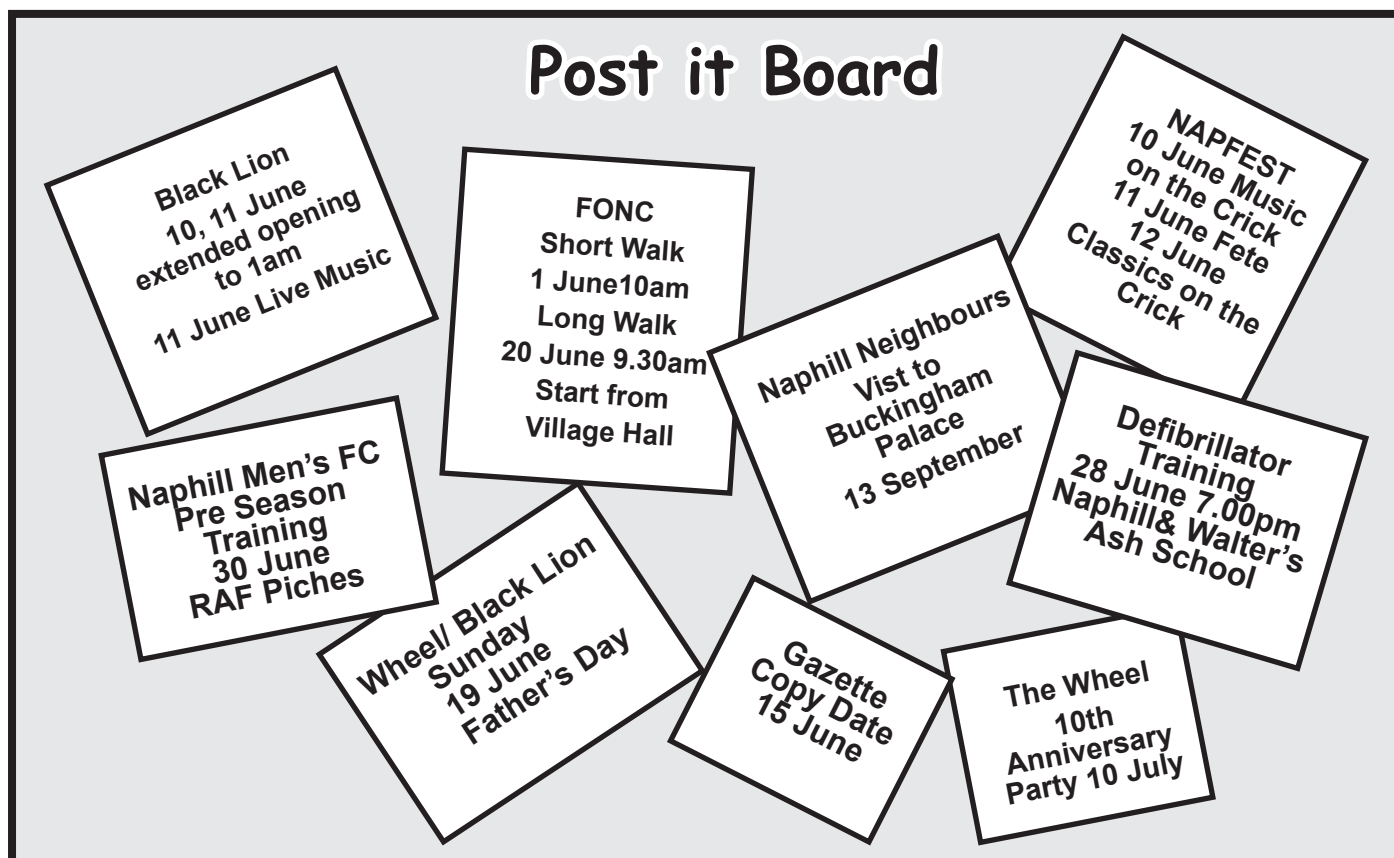
On the subject of the magazine deadlines another of my editorial pleas! Coping with late submissions this month has been difficult and much as I appreciate how busy all our regular contributors are, my schedule for the July edition is tight! To accommodate this the deadline for all the regular articles will remain at 15 June please. I will extend this until 17 June for items appertaining to our great Napfest. I would ask that these deadlines should please be respected as there is a lot of work involved in processing all the photographs and articles which go to make the annual Napfest supplement and there will only be a short amount of time to compile the magazine and get it to our printers so that the distribution dates can be met. TEAM WORK!

I am delighted to announce that Rebecca Sharrock, a local young and enthusiastic professional journalist, has kindly agreed to join our Gazette team and I look forward to sharing more information about her role next month.

My thanks as always to all our contributors and to Richard for another lovely Summer cover.

A Happy Napfest to you all.

Sonia



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Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
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	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
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	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
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Editorial

What a FABULOUS NapFest and Royal Birthday weekend of celebrations! Sincere thanks to Claire and her magnificent team who have worked so hard to organise this and bring so much pleasure to so many people. It really has been a TRIUMPH!

This July edition of the Gazette has traditionally featured the Fete which for the past three years has become the NapFest. Last Friday I was concerned that my great assistant editor and number one photographer was unwell and that there would be no photographs for this edition. I also received some very sad personal news so it wasn't a good 'coping day'. There were several frantic emails and telephone calls! I am so very grateful to our marvelous local photographers who sprang to my aid. I have a plethora of excellent photographs to choose from and work with. This was another reminder as to just what a marvelous community we live in where help is always on hand. There was more good news too as Richard recovered quickly and was back out with his camera too. Thank you all, you really did save the day for me.

One of the things I admire most about our local people is that we all work together for the good of our community. Personal religious and political beliefs are not involved within our Parish Council and the Village Hall Council and they certainly have no role within the Gazette which is strictly apolitical. I should like to make it very clear that, as the editor, I have no allegiances to any political organisation, I am not influenced by unsolicited political communications and how I vote is strictly between the ballot box and me. I publish the regular report from our member of parliament and this would be published regardless of his or her political allegiances. Likewise our Parish Council report is about local matters and does not allude to national politics. I will never publish anything which I believe is politically motivated. I trust that this stand will please be respected.

Once again this month I have had several sad reports which have involved the parking around the shops and garage at Walter's Ash. On one occasion the bus was unable to stop and pickup passengers who were on their way to work because of inconsiderately parked cars and this last weekend there was what looked like a nasty accident near

the Co-op. I know that our Parish Council and our residents Association are doing all they can but ultimately the buck stops with us. Our villages preceded our ability, which we now feel is a need, for every family to own several vehicles. The villages were not built to accommodate these and so somehow, WE have to use the space we have sensibly and considerately before there are any more accidents with far worse consequences.

Sonia Goby

Editor of the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette

Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

Many thanks to Claire and her team for organising such a fantastic event on the Queen's birthday weekend. The RAF flypast by two Tornados and two Typhoons was the icing on the cake, so to speak. The weather held good on the Saturday so it was possible for the fete to be an enjoyable social occasion. There were many attractions for children, including those provided by the RAF. The abundance of refreshments helped to ensure that people were able to stay and chat, explore the many stalls, and enjoy the varied arena entertainment. The parade and walking tableaux were a reminder of the variety of village organizations available to us all. Very well done to all who took part!

The Music on the Crick on the Friday evening could have been a washout if there had not been a huge marquee. As it was, when the rains came, picnics could be eaten inside in a fair degree of comfort. The bands and music were well chosen so there was a range to provide enjoyment and dancing opportunities for all age groups.

The weather deteriorated by Sunday but it improved after midday and some 300 cars and motorbikes were 'on parade' in the afternoon, providing a fascinating display for the many visitors. Profits from this event will go to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

At the time of writing the profit from the fete itself is not known but it is hoped there will be a good return so our village hall can be maintained in good order, and new facilities can be provided for all ages to appreciate.

At its June meeting the Village Hall Council agreed to refurbish aspects of the Scout and Guide Headquarters; the Council has landlord responsibilities here. The cost will be in the order of £3000. Some heaters will be replaced, the kitchen will be decorated and retiled, and the toilets will also be put in better order. Newer cupboards and a cooker are being sought from someone 'upgrading'

at home; all offers gratefully considered! At the July meeting a decision will be made as to how to deal with the muddy puddles in the ball wall goal mouth. This needs to be dealt with before next winter. The very wet weather since the facility was erected a year ago has shown the need for some form of covering here.

The Crick was a splendid venue for last weekend's activities. Let us hope the sun will shine for the rest of the summer so we can all enjoy this wonderful recreation area.

Peggy Ewart

Chairman Naphill Village Hall
and Playing Fields Council

Friends of Naphill Common

Thank you to all those who joined in our Silent Auction at the village fete on 11th June. It turned out to be a great success and raised well over £500. Most of this, after expenses are recouped, will go to the Village Hall. Thank you to Ron Collins who suggested it and did much of the work finding donors; and thank you to those who helped on the day – especially Lynn and Neil McMinn for their amazing salesmanship, even when in full uniform. It is likely that we will hold another silent auction at the fete next year. We also welcomed some new members – a bargain at only £5 a year.



Our next event is a Minibeast Safari led by the naturalist John Tyler. It will be a venture onto the Common in search of insects and other invertebrates – indeed anything that moves. Children are especially welcome and whatever they discover will be identified. Previous safaris have produced some rarities and such unusual beasts as slow worms. Gather at the Village Hall for a 2pm start on Sunday 10th July. This is a free event.

FONC members recently surveyed two ponds: Pickup's, at the end of Downley Road (not strictly on the Common) and Daisy Pond over towards the entrance to Cookshall Lane. As part of a national scheme to discover the distribution of the rare great crested newt we took twenty water samples, roughly equally spaced around the perimeter of each pond, and after mixing them well we took a sample. This has been sent off to France where it will be analysed to detect any great crested newt DNA. We will know the results later this year – both ponds have certainly had them in the past. We also took samples to test for pollution from phosphates and nitrates. The results were gratifying: Pickup's Pond had no trace of either, and there was only a very slight trace of phosphate in Daisy Pond.

Our walks continue. The short walks (2-3 miles) are led by Chris Miller starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Ron Collins leads the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third Monday of each month. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9:30am sharp. You can expect a warm welcome and good company. These are free events.

If you would like to have some exercise and benefit the local environment at the same time you could join in our regular working parties. They take place on the first and third Sundays of each month. They are currently focused on clearing holly, widening paths and tidying the areas around some of the ponds. Meeting places vary, and they can be cancelled at short notice in adverse weather, so it's always best to check the web site (www.naphillcommon.org.uk) or with the organiser, Peter Davis.

As we announced last month, Wessex Woodland Management are to start the second phase of thinning trees on Naphill Common this coming autumn. FONC has been asked to mark any trees, shrubs, archaeological sites or other features that need to be preserved or protected during the felling. If you have any suggestions please let us know. The area to be thinned includes the Lady's Mile – the path down the side of the Common from Forge Road almost to Chapel Lane. If you live along that stretch you may like to give us comments about what you would or would not like to see done and we will pass them on. We always welcome any suggestions for improving our Common from members or non-members.

Chris Miller
Chairman

Growing Your Own

July and August are marvellous months. Plenty of vegetables from plants sown earlier in the year, and plenty of soft fruit. Snag - Participants at the Feast. If you grow really delicious fruit and vegetables then other creatures will find them delicious and descend upon the helpless crops. Participants at the Feast on my allotment are: Muntjac deer, badgers, red partridge, pigeons, blackbirds, cabbage-white butterflies, flea beetles, whitefly, asparagus beetles, aphids of various colours – and slugs. I deal with the Participants as follows. For the Muntjac deer I drape wire netting over my root crops and that proves to be highly effective. The deer do not seem to cause major problems elsewhere, nibbling the ends of pumpkin plants and the leaves of strawberries (which I cover with fleece or fine-mesh plastic netting and that keeps off the blackbirds as well). The badgers seem to eat only sweet crops so now I grow my sweetcorn in the garden and one can grow grapes higher off the ground. A pair of red partridge come every year and will graze peas down to the ground so I do not grow peas. Pigeons will devour the leaves and stalks of brassicas leaving bare stems so I cover the brassica patch with fine-

mesh plastic netting from the time the plants are put out until they are cropped. The netting is also essential to prevent caterpillars of cabbage-white butterflies similarly turning the brassica plants into bare stems but one has to lay the edges of the netting flush with the ground since the butterflies are professional limbo dancers, adept at getting under netting. I have not found an organic answer to flea beetles, whitefly, asparagus beetles and aphids. For those I rely on their predators coming to gobble them up. If one does not spray, the predators will not be killed and should eventually deal with those pests but the wait can be very long. I put nets over redcurrants and Jostas to keep blackbirds off. As for slugs, I sow small seeds indoors or in the greenhouse then plant out young plants which can withstand minor slug damage. For other small seeds which have to be sown directly I use slug pellets but I put fleece over to stop the birds eating dead slugs. I put a net over my large cherry tree in the garden to keep off birds but that does not stop wasps so I have an imitation wasp nest which I put in the tree to fool the wasps, who are unwilling to enter another wasp territory.



On to another topic, I have found a maincrop onion which is a real winner – Centurion F1 – which will grow to 4 inches diameter and keep well into the new year. Since medium-sized onions keep even better, to stop my Centurions growing too big I plant the sets much closer than normal, say 3 inches apart, and that works. The photo shows the closely-packed Centurions next to Good King Henry which has been chopped down to encourage the new shoots of the delicious Lincolnshire Asparagus, to spring forth.

Good Gardening!

Mike Mason

Hughenden Parish Council Report

We held our Annual Parish Meeting at the end of May where as well as running through a review of the last 12 months, the state of our finances and future plans, we announced our new Council branding. This included the unveiling of a distinctive logo which we are in the process of adopting along with the projected refresh of the Council's website.



We all felt that the Council needs a stronger identity and whilst plenty of public rebranding exercises cost a fortune, you will be pleased to know that this was done at no expense to the Council or Residents.

- The tree symbolises the ancient woods & trees that make up and surround us
- The tree limbs represent the 4 wards that make up the Parish
- The 8 leaves and their differing sizes represents our 8 villages
- Soft V shape represents our valley and slopes but is also symbolic of the wings of our local Red Kites and RAF presence
- The blue is symbolic of our ponds and streams

With the nesting period now mostly done, our contractors will be cutting back the hedges and hedgerows from the end of the month so please do be patient. Only if the growth is such to cause an immediate danger to road users can they cut and prune between March 1st - 31 July so as not to infringe the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Do please contact one of us or the Council Office for more information or to notify us of dangerous overgrowth.

Sadly given the number of recently reported incidents and complaints to us in both Naphill and Walter's Ash, we feel the need to remind every average reasonable road user of their Highway Code and in particular Rule 243 which states that road users

DO NOT stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend

No July Gazette article would be complete without a hearty 'Well Done' to all those volunteers who helped organise and run Napfest 2016. The weather held and from our observations the fete on Saturday

was well attended as well as fun and there were more than a few toes a-tapping on Friday evening. RAF High Wycombe also richly deserve our appreciation for their tremendous display of support they gave the fete both on the ground and in the air.

Your Parish Councillors

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To all local residents - especially those on or near Clappins Lane.

The draft Local development plan will be available on Wycombe District Council's website from next Monday, 20 June. A leaflet drop is also due to all households. It will include a proposal to develop houses on Green Belt & Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) fields in Walter's Ash.

Dave Carroll our County/District Councillor is keen that as many as possible locally get involved in voicing their opinion to the proposal to build on nearly 5.5 acres of Green Belt land in Clappins Lane.

WDC will be holding a launch event for the consultation draft Local Plan on 27th June at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber. The session will share the key messages and proposals shown in the draft plan.

If you would like to attend this session please email Sarah Barfield, sarah.barfield@wycombe.gov.uk

Peter Williams.



Exciting New Volunteering Project With RAF High Wycombe!



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Community Impact Bucks (CIB), the nationally accredited Volunteer Centre for Buckinghamshire, has been awarded funding by the Armed Forces Covenant for a new project named 'Connecting the Community through Volunteering'. In partnership with RAF High Wycombe, CIB will promote local volunteering opportunities for station personnel in order to foster stronger, more meaningful relationships between the base and the local civilian communities, and create a stronger sense of community belonging.



Hazel Finney, Lead for Volunteering at CIB, says: "This is set to be a fantastic project, with planned activities including a September Volunteering Fair and Christmas lunch for elderly local residents arranged by station volunteers, plus lots more! I am really interested in hearing from anyone in Naphill, or the surrounding area, who may have links with local charities or community groups that need volunteers either as a one-off, for example a group volunteering activity, or on an ongoing basis. I can be contacted by email hazel@communityimpactbucks.org.uk or telephone 0300 111 1250. We look forward to updating you on the project over the coming months."

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NapFest 2016

Music on the Crick 2016



NAPFEST 2016

from Claire Christian

Chair of the Organising Committee

Wow, another year over and we were so lucky that the weather wasn't too unkind to us. I have received so many lovely comments over the weekend and after the event, which makes me very proud of my amazing committee.

As I'm sure you are all aware this event would not happen without the volunteers, and this year was extremely difficult for my committee as we were 3 members short. Hopefully, while you all still remember how much you enjoyed yourselves, maybe some people would like to come forward and help out next year. It is really rewarding knowing that you helped to achieve this great event and also you are giving something back to your village. It cannot happen without support and volunteers.

This year the Best Villager award is going to an amazing man called Steve Wicks who is part of my committee and you will have seen him throughout the 3 days, emptying bins, dealing with electrics, helping people, and so much more. The reason Steve gets this special award is due to the fact he doesn't even live in our village!! Steve lives in St Albans and has now been an essential part of our committee for 4 years, so congratulations and thank you for helping the village to achieve what we do, even when it's not your village!

In this article I will not be talking numbers as we will be working hard to collect and collate all the information over the next few weeks.

Music on The Crick

What an amazing evening, the atmosphere was electric in the marquee, especially as you all had to move in due to the rain. It was noted that there were some brave people still out in the middle of the crick, a proper festival feel.

I would like to thank all the bands and musicians for entertaining us all brilliantly on the night. James Henton went on first and although the adults may not have been at the front, he was definitely surrounded by children looking up at him and dancing (very cute). It was great to see so many people up and dancing to The Polka Dots and also The Cool Beans at the end of the night. I can honestly say that I didn't know so many of you could dance so well (although I believe beer and wine may have helped)!! Our awesome food stalls did us proud again this year, they always help to make the event special.

A special thanks goes to all the last minute volunteers who helped on the bar, it definitely looked like you were enjoying yourselves and I'm sure I saw Clive Lawrence dancing!! Ron Cater and his team did a great job on the gates, so thanks to you and the team of people who helped.

Fete on the Crick



Fete on The Crick

In my view this was the best yet. The amazing support and help we had from the RAF and Station Commander Group Captain Phil Lester this year helped to make it such a special day, and I'm not sure if I've ever seen so many people on the field. I apologise for the slight hiccup with the lack of electrics at the start, and my voice going!! Thanks to Linda Clark for taking over the microphone duties.

The procession went brilliantly with nearly all our village represented, which helps to make it special, as we are an amazing village. This year there were a lot of stalls on the field, with all our local volunteers running their usual stalls and then we also had external stall holders and a fairground ride to give the fete a little extra. The RAF went so much further with all the great displays from the cadets, dancers, the band and of course the brilliant Gurkhas. The fly past may have been quick, but the Tornado and Typhoons were fantastic and then we had the added extra of the Chinook and helicopters, just to surprise us all including my committee!

Our Judges on the day were John Riddell (Wing Commander RAF) Steve Marshall (Warrant Officer RAF), Peter Williams (Hughenden Parish Councillor) and Harry Leigh-Dugmore (WWII Veteran). They had a very hard job, but after much deliberation the Winners on the field were:-

- Best Junior Fancy Dress – Merlin Gosling (Boys Football Club)
- Best Youth Fancy Dress – Kian Davies (The Wheel)
- Best Adult Fancy Dress – Lynn McMinn (Friend of Naphill Common)
- Best Walking Tableaux – The Brownies
- Best Stall – The National Trust
- Villager of The Year – Steve Wicks (from St Albans)

Congratulations to you all, you all looked amazing.

Classics on The Crick

Well, the luck of the weather gods was not on their side first thing in the morning, and it was a worrying time at the beginning. Then suddenly at midday the rain stopped and we started to see the sunshine. With things looking brighter we started to see more and more beautiful cars and bikes arriving along with many spectators on foot. Personally, from my team on the bar, can I just say Elvis was great! Again our thanks to all the volunteers and food stall holders and The Wheel for running the bar.

The Classics Team will give you lots more information in their article, so I won't waffle on too much here!! Thanks to the Classics team for another brilliant day.

Thank You Page!!!

- The main Thank You goes to all our volunteers on each day, who gave up their precious time to make the three days so amazing. Gates, venture scouts, bar staff and the Men's Club, all our stall holders, clean up teams, photographers, set up teams, close down teams, Sonia and the Gazette, and most importantly my committee.
- To all our Main Sponsors - Country Supplies, Travis Perkins, Tim Russ, RAF and RAF Charitable Trust.
- Also thanks to our smaller sponsors who are too numerous to name individually.
- From the Princes and Princesses – Synter BMW for the cars and Karen Elliot for the bouquets and button holes
- Coles and Backwell for the large advertising signs and Inspire for the printing of posters and leaflets. Also to everyone who delivered leaflets, sold grand draw tickets and all the shops who had posters up.
- Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the Grand Draw, they are too numerous to list but really appreciated. The list of winners is available at the pub, we have now contacted everyone who won a prize, so congratulations.
- I'm sure I have missed people but thanks to everyone who made Napfest 2016 so special. Lots of Love from the Napfest Committee

Claire Christian (Chair), Sam Keen (Secretary), Hilary Spain (Treasurer), Steve Wicks (from St Albans), Norma Clarke, Linda Clark and Mike Adamson (RAF)



Classics on





on the Crick



Classics on the Crick Report

Year 3 and it was bound to happen, the weather gods decided to have their say! Last year we were very lucky and thanks to the success then, this year wasn't a complete wash-out. The reputation of Classics on the Crick seems to be growing and the weather didn't deter everyone. We had a great turn out and some very interesting vehicles! The Cadillac was stunning and a great way for our latest act to arrive. I know, I was surprised to see him as well, brought back from the dead, Elvis himself! Yes I know, not the real one but a great tribute act!

This year the day itself seemed to run very well and that was due in part to the preparations by the Classics on the Crick team and the excellent team of volunteers who turned up on the day to help, without whom we wouldn't be able to put on the show. So a very big thank you to you all and please, please come back next year!! Oh and tell your friends.

We were also very pleased to have some of the Air Ambulance team there helping out, they are of course the main beneficiary of the event and it was a privilege to have them along with a big thanks to Sir Tim Jenner who was kind enough to present the prizes

We are as yet still unsure of the final figures but unfortunately it won't be as good as last year. There is always next year though!

Ian Bond



Napfest Celebrates Military Past and Present - RAF High Wycombe

RAF personnel were in full force for the combined Napfest and RAF High Wycombe Families' Day. On Her Majesty the Queen's birthday, 11 June, hundreds of locals and Station personnel came together to enjoy flypasts, fairground rides, and a variety of stalls and entertainment.

The festival was treated to RAF typhoon, tornado and helicopter flypasts diverted specially from the Queen's birthday celebrations. On the ground informative and entertaining stalls were delivered covering current capabilities of aircraft and weaponry, as well as the history and heritage of the Station, medical and dental challenges, and RAF Presentation Team, Benevolent Fund and SSAFA stands.

Wing Commander John Riddell, Acting Station Commander, said "today has been a fantastic effort by Station staff and the Napfest committee, coming together to organise a very successful and enjoyable event. I would like to thank the local community for continuing to support RAF High Wycombe and its personnel and we look forward to continuing to work together closely in the future."

He joined local dignitaries to select the outstanding stall of the festival – awarded to the National Trust crafts stall. With a festival theme of 'military past and present' the judging panel also chose the winners of best military-themed fancy dress from children, teenagers and adults.

Flight Lieutenant Mike Adamson was the Station's Project Officer for the event, and when reflecting on the day said "today has been a culmination of hard work and coordination with the Napfest committee and volunteers from across the Station. I'd like to thank my deputy, Sgt Linda Cole and everyone involved in making this an extremely successful and enjoyable event."

The Gurkha community entertained the crowd with an accomplished military Kukri dance, along with confident solo and group dancing from younger family members. Throughout the day they provided the always-popular Gurkha curry, with extra chillies for the brave!

The military theme continued with an impressive musical performance from the Band of 332 ATC (High Wycombe) Squadron.

Flt Lt Andy Keeley
RAF High Wycombe



Naphill Neighbours

First of all, a huge THANK YOU to everyone, both members and non-members, who baked for our cake stall at the NAPFEST FETE. We were able to offer a wonderful selection of delicious home-baked goodies, did a roaring trade and were able to contribute £386 to Village Hall funds.

Next on our agenda is our monthly club meeting on Monday 11 July, when our speaker will be Mike Dewey, his subject THE HISTORY OF ENTERTAINMENT IN HIGH WYCOMBE. You don't have to be a member to join us at 8pm in the Village Hall and you will be most welcome.



We will be going up to London on Tuesday 13 September to visit Buckingham Palace for an exhibition of the Queen's outfits – FASHIONING A REIGN – 90 YEARS OF STYLE FROM THE QUEEN'S WARDROBE. Tickets cost £30 for members and £32 for non-members / guests. Contact Hazel Vickery on 563977 for further details.

Most clubs and organisations do not have an August meeting and we are no exception. However, last year we held a tea party instead, which was most successful, so we are repeating it this year on Monday 8 August. A date for your diary.

Hazel Vickery, 563977.

Naphill Evening WI

Gosh, we were really grateful for the new dishwasher in the Village Hall. Our teas, sandwiches and cakes were very popular on the Saturday of Napfest. The bottle tombola was equally busy and we also had a bran tub for the children.

Penny and I carried the WI Banner in the parade, dressed as members of the RAF and I am very grateful to the young man from the RAF who was determined that my beret should be worn correctly and sent us off with the command 'left, right, left, right'.

On other WI matters, at our May meeting we were shown how to set tables for special occasions by Violet McMonnies, who gave us lots of ideas, including spraying a pineapple white and popping a small firework in the top of it. We did wonder whether there was much room left

for the actual food though.

The June meeting will be our Birthday Party, which is always a most enjoyable evening, with sweet and savoury dishes supplied by the members.

The Food Group will be off to lunch at the Full Moon in Little Kingshill on 29th and other meals are planned for the following months.

The Craft Group have been making cushion covers for cushions to hopefully make some of the chairs in the Village Hall a little bit more comfortable.

There is also our croquet evening with a light supper to look forward to, which is hosted by Valerie.



Carol Gilliam.

Naphill Scouts

Scouts have had a busy few weeks recently. On the badge front, the scouts have been working on their local knowledge badge finding out about local services and facilities and being able to find them on a map. They also had to work out how to get there from the scout hut.

We have also been working towards the World challenge badge, understanding how homelessness affects different regions of the world and the impact of poverty on those living there. As part of that, the scouts have been learning about different types of shelters and judging how well they have built them and how effective they would be to give protection from the elements. This challenge will take them through to the end of term to complete so more on that in the next edition of the gazette.

Ten scouts went climbing at Green Park near Tring. This is an impressive facility, to which the Scouts have access along with professional climbing instructors. All the scouts managed three ascents on different parts of the climbing mountain and some had a go at the bouldering wall, much more tricky than it looked.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came to our coconut shy at the Naphill Fete. We were much closer to the main road than in previous years, which did cause some concerns initially. We do occasionally get enthusiast throwers who launch the balls over the shy

and into space (you know who you are)! Not wanting to bounce any balls off passing cars, we engaged scout resourcefulness and pioneering skills to build, with ropes and tarpaulins, a roof and several protective screens to keep any stray balls safe from harm. To all the winners, we hope you enjoyed the coconuts, and to the runners up, we will be back next year so come and try your luck.



Mark Powell
naphillscouts@aol.com

Naphill Tennis Club

Fete Day was a great success. Our Strawberries & Cream were a 'sell-out', the Ball-Machine was in constant demand especially with the youngsters and our Fancy Dress 'Army' had a lot of fun playing its part.



On the tennis front, Improvers'

Coaching on Wednesday mornings and Junior Coaching on Friday evenings/Saturday mornings are proving popular. Potential new members are always welcome to come and join in. As a greater tennis taster, there will be a Children's Summer Tennis Camp at Naphill from 24 – 26 August for members and non-members.

In the meantime, our Ladies', Men's and Mixed Teams have been doing well in their respective matches against other clubs but would love to welcome more players. With Wimbledon upon us, now is the time to pick up your racket and contact the Membership Secretary on 01494 563706 or pay us a visit at the club.

Jenny Tench

Naphill Brownies

Back in May we had an excellent visit to Wooburn Safari Park. Some 200 Guides, Brownies and Rainbows from the Risborough and Hughenden Districts joined up for a great day out

The weather was kind to us and the animals were all out and about. After a coach tour around the larger animal areas, we enjoyed a quick lunch before trying to pack as many feeding times and displays as possible, whilst still allowing time for the gift shop and an ice cream.

Since this year's fete theme was 'Military Past & Present' we took the opportunity to find out about medals (past and present). One of our adult leaders brought in her own medals to show us and told us all about what the different medals are given for and how they are worn. We then made our own replica medals to wear for the fete procession – we must have done a good job, because we won the prize for the walking groups. We were also really delighted that our brownie friends from Walters Ash brownies joined us for the fete this year.



Photograph courtesy
Phil Conran

The brownies have now completed their Chiltern Challenge badges and these were presented to all at our brownie picnic last week. We had an early evening walk across to Hughenden Church where we had a picnic in the park and enrolled our 4 new brownies.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly) 565571
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Bradenham Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council re-elected Teif Jones as Chairman and Arabella Grandage as Vice-Chair for the next year.

PC Lee Turnham attended the meeting and provided valuable guidance on speed indicating devices. Speeding vehicles have been on the agenda for some time now and money has been set aside to improve road safety. The meeting agreed to submit an application to Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) for a mobile vehicle activated sign (MVAS) device in 2 possible locations in the parish, along Bradenham Woods Lane and along New Road, Walter's Ash. Once the locations have been assessed and approved by TfB the council will purchase an MVAS, which can then be moved between the locations. This will not only warn drivers of the speed they are doing, but also records traffic data.

The council agreed to have a new notice board made for Walter's Ash, a wooden notice board was preferred in this location, it will replace the existing one. There are again problems with fly tipping near where the recycling bins used to be, this time it is car tyres. It will be reported to Bucks County Council, who are doing their best to catch people who drop this type of waste on the verge and they will prosecute.

The accounts were approved and the annual return agreed and signed.

The next meeting will be Monday 11 July at 7pm at Bradenham Cricket Club, members of the public are invited to attend.

You can contact the clerk on: clerk@bradenham.org.uk or Tel: 562254

Deirdre Hansen
Clerk to the Council

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Draft Wycombe Local Plan. Threat to Walter's Ash Green Belt areas.

At the Symposium on 18th May on the Draft Plan it was stated that the whole RAF development at Walter's Ash was to lose its Green Belt classification and the development restrictions that apply to that classification. The Woodcock Avenue area is classified as area for new housing proposals.

At least **5.43 acres of Clappins Lane** field, backing on to **Allen Drive**, is also to have its Green Belt status removed for housing development and general purposes. There is

strong objection from many quarters that an area of green field/Green Belt/AONB in Hughenden Parish is to be developed. If this goes, how many other GB/AONB areas will be targeted? Our County/District Councillor David Carroll and our Parish Council have expressed great concern. The Draft Wycombe Local Plan will be available on the WDC web on 27 June in which we will be able to see **precise maps and proposals**. The consultation period will last from **27 June to 8th August**, by which date all **comments and objections** will have to be in to the District Council. A meeting on the Draft Plan will take place on **27th June** at 7pm in the Council Chamber of WDC. It is open to the public who can have their initial say during Q&A session. **Email Sarah.Barfield@wycombe.gov.uk to book a seat.**

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 8th September 2016. 7.30pm

NAWARA AGM at Naphill Village Hall. 8pm.

Speaker **Marian Miller of Naphill** who will tell us about the history of the **Furniture Industry in High Wycombe**, for which the town has been so famous. Everyone welcome

Planning to 8th July: 16/06377/FUL. 1 Model Cottages, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Householder application for erection of single storey side extension with insertion of 1 x roof light following removal of existing lean-to

Decisions: Permitted. 16/05684/FUL. 244

Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of replacement conservatory to the rear elevation, single storey front extension, first floor side extension and associated external alterations.

16/05931/FUL. 139 Templewood, Walters Ash.

HA for construction of single storey side infill extension and insertion of 2 x front and 2 x rear roof lights in connection with loft conversion.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Pony Espresso

While sitting in a hotel in Switzerland with the rain pouring outside, I am grateful for the simple food and temperate climate of England. My week of European food has been not so great, it has to be said. Firstly, in a Chateau, very mediocre fish caught from a pond, and served on a mountain of lentils. Secondly, German "light dish" of three tennis ball sized spinach and cheese dumplings swimming in a block of butter. I've never felt so close to a heart attack in my life! Thirdly, none at all thanks to a lack of Swiss francs and nowhere to change Euros. I can't wait to return. The continent is under water! Don't get me wrong, I love Europe but this has just been a bit saturated.

The upside of my trip has been driving on the autobahns - whoah! - who would believe my 1.2 Polo could reach 214km/hr? Climbing to the top of a German Alp only to find a restaurant? And obviously, what with all the pouring rain, my trip home. Come along to Pony Espresso and I can tell you a little more about where not to go! And of course, serve some nice food and coffee. See you soon!

Blaine

A Letter from our Methodist Minister

Exactly 50 years ago I began my first real job, working for Rolls Royce Computing on their MAGPIE project. The computers were as big as double wardrobes, and each had two huge spools of magnetic tape turning fairly slowly on the front, and all of them in an air-conditioned clean-room. It was so modern! Cutting edge! Except that phrase had not yet become fashionable!



Amongst the employees who did real work (turning and grinding, and at Rolls Royce a lot of precision measuring, and producing meticulous engineering drawings by hand), MAGPIE was not really the machine for automatically generating production inventory estimates, it was the machine for automatically generating paper instead of engines. Computers were not taken seriously! And my first real job was not regarded as "real work".

Life has moved on. The whole MAGPIE project could probably now be done on a single chip for a few pence. Computing is not just a respected and highly skilled job, it has become a large part of almost every aspect of life. And it still generates far too much paper!

I've done a few "real jobs" since those days, but ended up in this odd role of minister. I don't get paid a salary: I get a stipend, which is an allowance so that I and my family don't starve. It's not a job: it's a vocation. Except that the taxman definitely regards my stipend as taxable. And in fairness, the church pays me a very decent stipend.

In a few weeks I shall retire from work, and be paid for it! No longer real work, nor vocation, but according to those who've retired before me, I'll wonder how I ever had time to work!

After Rolls Royce, I've always had a soft spot for magpies: smart birds! Smart black and white uniform, smart-thinking, maybe a bit cheeky, self-sufficient. When Jesus says, "Consider the birds of the air: they sow not, neither do they reap, yet

your heavenly Father feeds them!", maybe He wasn't thinking of magpies, who eat anything including baby birds, and will happily steal all sorts of trinkets to embellish their nests!

Maybe in retirement I'll have greater opportunity to consider the birds of the air, and a thousand and one other things, and begin to appreciate more thoroughly the truths that Jesus was both speaking and living out. And after 50 years maybe I'll get the hang of computers!

May the Lord grant you all time to consider, to ponder, to meditate, to philosophise, even to pray!

Mike Hill

Minister for Naphill Methodist Church

Editorial Comment: *I thank Mike Hill for his inspiring letters each month which it has been a privilege to share with you all. I wish Mike and his wife a long and very happy retirement and I very much hope that the new incumbent at the Methodist Church will also contribute to our magazine.*

Sonia

The Wheel

A massive well done and thank you to all my amazing staff, my husband and regulars. The staff have all worked so hard over Napfest and more to the point they have had to put up with me and my tantrums during the run up to this brilliant weekend. So thank you and I also apologise.

The staff looked fantastic as M.A.S.H for the procession, Chloe helped to make sure you all made a great effort and also help supply the drip which had beer in for us all to drink (I personally found it very useful to try and save my voice). The stretcher had Kian Davies on who we bandaged up and the put ketchup on for dramatic effect, and then Daisy dog tried to lick him to death afterwards much to our amusement. Kian also won the Best Fancy Dress for the Youth category, so well done everyone. We had a great surprise when Mark and Barbara Chambers arrived on the doorstep for a well-deserved holiday, they came over from Canada especially for Napfest. They even booked online for the Friday night under a false name so I wouldn't know, it was great to see you both and thanks for your help.

What's happening over the next few months? The most important thing is Mark and I are celebrating our 10-year anniversary at The Wheel, and to celebrate we will be having a bit of a party on the 9th July. John J Newman will be playing and we can't wait to have him back and to have a few too many drinks with all our friends and regulars.

The rest of the next few months seem to be taken up by lots of sporting events. So we will be finishing up with the end of the Euros. Wimbledon will also have started at the end of June and

first week of July and then we move onto the Olympics, which starts on Friday 5th August. So as I said lots of sport, but for those that don't want to watch remember we do have two sides to this pub, so you can be out of the way and not have anything to do with it and still enjoy a cracking pint with some delicious food.

The Wheel is also going to help celebrate lots of weddings this year, the first is Kat Dunlap who worked at The Wheel for many years, then Tim Page who ran the Black Lion and then my best friend Ness (many will know her). So huge congratulations to you all from everyone at the pub.

Thank you to everyone over the last month, you have all been amazing and not just supported this pub but have supported our village too.

Claire and Mark

Naphill Horticultural Society

Our plant sale towards the end of May was very well attended, so thank you to everyone who came along and supported us. We hope that you were all happy with your purchases.

I don't think I have ever seen such lush growth in the garden - the mild winter clearly encouraged everything to grow, and all the recent rain means that not much watering is required. Unfortunately, the weeds and slugs like it too!!

We hope that you will all pamper your plants through the summer so that you have some fabulous specimens to put into our Autumn Show which takes place on Saturday 3rd September. You can download the schedule and entry form from our website, which is the easiest way, but if you prefer, there are some schedules available from our Show Secretary Paul Ceurvorst, Bon Ami or myself.

The schedule clearly explains what you need to do to enter and gives tips and guidelines, so you can plan ahead for September!

Do come along and support us if you can.

Happy gardening and have a great summer.

Cathryn Carter
563233

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Naphill & Walter's Ash School Report

We don't have much left of the school year and for the Y6s they don't have very much left of primary school at all. Excitement is building within the school as the year comes to a close and the Y6s are preparing for the challenges and excitement of secondary school.

In Naphill & Walter's Ash School, we are very proud to have such a big orchestra; we are celebrating with a wonderful collection of music for the orchestra's ten year anniversary. Our orchestra consists of many instruments: Guitar, Violin, Cello, Glockenspiel and many more. This is all put together by Mrs Farrell, Mrs Lucas and Mrs Kelly who turn up every Wednesday lunchtime to help us improve our playing and practise for our concerts. Another fantastic musical feature of our school is the choir, led by Mrs Ross and Mrs Campanini, who also give up their time every Tuesday and Wednesday to help.

To teach the Y6s about business, we have taken part in a business simulation game called Mini-Enterprise as a part of our new topic. Just like a real business, we had to design and buy materials to make bookmarks. Then, once we'd made them we need to "sell" the products to our "buyers", hopefully making a profit; some were rejected by the quality control manager if they were not up to the expected standard. Every Mini-Enterprise "day" was equivalent to 15 minutes with a 2 minutes break in between to represent night time. Our businesses earned points for teamwork, quality of design and the overall profit made (or not as the case may be). 'Crusty Crabs' came first, followed by 'Diamond bookmarks' and 'BGL' (Bookmarks Galore).

Recently, we had a fantastic celebration on the field for the Queens 90th birthday. The whole school watched each year group parade around the field with some brilliant crowns made by us all as part of half-term homework (sparkly crowns, crowns with feathers and crowns that clearly resembled the real crown jewels). There were quite a few very regal looking princes and princesses. After this, we enjoyed a picnic and had a celebratory extended playtime. To end the party, we sang happy birthday to the Queen, hoping that she could hear us!

Saanvi Bajaj, Daniel Cryton, Theo Reid-Cain

Picture This

Don't you think that one of the most powerful things about photographs is how they act as a trigger to memories? As a simple piece of paper or a screen, they are obviously not memories. But they enable us to not only recall how things looked but how we felt at the time the photograph was 'taken'. We relive the moment.

The photographs in this edition of the Gazette will trigger those memories - right now, and in the future. The Princesses and Princes will remember and feel again how they felt when they were chauffeured around the Crick in those 'posh cars'. How they felt as they cut that shiny red ribbon and opened the fete. The walking tableaux will remember the fun of designing their outfits.

Mash, Landgirls, a squadron of miniature aircraft, Hotlips Houlihan, a tank and lots more: amazing creativity. And how they felt when they were presented with their trophy.

The pictures on the front cover are a photo album. Look really closely and you might find yourself 'raving' on music night or shooting a real gun, dancing with a bear, working hard setting up the trophies or whizzing round on a roundabout. There are lots of memory triggers on that cover.

The photographs on the cover were 'taken' by 4 photographers - Dave Talbot, Paul Goby, Thomas Britton and me, all with their own style and I hope you enjoy what was created.

Richard Holroyd

Book Stall

A big 'thank you' to everyone who donated books and bought books; you will be pleased to know we sold in excess of 1,000 in all!

The remainder, and there were many, have been shared out between the Lacey Green Church fete, National Trust bookshop at Hughenden Manor, Scannappeal and Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity shop in Wendover. All of these very worthy causes were delighted to receive our leftovers.

Another 'thank you' goes to the lovely friends and family who helped transport books back and forth and who helped sell on the day. What would we do without you!

Our final very big 'thank you' goes to Claire and the Napfest team. What tremendous people you are to have worked so hard to make the whole weekend a fantastic success. Well done!

Michael and Pauline Pool

Red Kites: Nice Or Nasty?

You have probably read some reports in the local press about red kites "attacking" pets and people, including children, in an attempt to get food. They are certainly getting increasingly bold in their relationship to us humans and when they see people holding something edible it seems that they occasionally swoop to grab it. Since they live largely by scavenging this is predictable behaviour as they get used to a close proximity with us. There can be little doubt that the widespread practice of feeding kites with various scraps – even holding tempting samples up for them to take – has contributed to their increased confidence.

It would be a great pity if this undesirable behaviour leads to people fearing these beautiful birds and even to their being persecuted. The official advice from the Chiltern Conservation Board is as follows:-

'Red kites can survive well in the Chilterns without artificial feeding, so it is not necessary to supplement their diet. It is acknowledged that feeding has helped the local re-introduced kite population to increase more rapidly than it might otherwise have done and has kept the population at a level that chicks can be re-located to other parts of the country. However, it is feared that providing too much additional food can prevent the population from spreading naturally and cause the birds to cluster in large numbers where food is offered. The Chilterns Conservation Board urges the public not to feed red kites. We believe they should be left to feed naturally in the wider countryside, thus enabling them to find a naturally sustainable level.' <http://www.chilternsaonb.org/about-chilterns/red-kites/red-kite-faqs.html#Q9>

In brief, the population of red kites in the Chilterns is too dense and it will benefit both them and us if we stop feeding them. They will then disperse more widely over the country and be less over-familiar with their human neighbours. This will produce a more natural relationship and allow us to enjoy their grace and beauty without fear of undesirable behaviour.

Trevor Hussey

HELP!

I urgently need someone prepared to take on a Gazette delivery round in Walters Ash, of approximately 30 copies.

This entails delivery of the Gazette, brought to you, once a month for ten months of the year and collection of the subs once a year, during April/May.

Interested?

Please call me for further details.

Pauline Pool - 564226

Tea Party!!

Hello folks,

Yes, it's Tea Party time again! This will be held in Naphill Village Hall on Friday 29 July, 2.30 until 4.00pm ish.

There will be Norma's refreshing tea, assorted delicious cakes (home made of course), Laura and Elsie's fantastic raffle. Also a gift stall, for which donations will be gratefully received. This year's proceeds are going to "ASPIRE", a national spinal injury charity for which our grandson Matthew, who suffered a spinal injury five years ago, does support work in the hospital where he was treated.

It would be great to see you there to enjoy an afternoon with us and help to support this wonderful charity.

Very Best Wishes,
Sheil and Elaine

Silent Auction

When Ron Collins suggested that The Friends of Naphill Common run a Silent Auction at the Fete, we had no idea that it would be so successful! We received 27 donated 'Lots' including Kick Boxing Lessons, Body Blitz, a sports car ride, a water colour by a local artist, Lessons in Real Tennis, Lawn Bowls and Tennis and painting in water colour, Meals at the Wheel, The Red Lion and The Crown Inn, Cream Teas at Hughenden Church, Ladies making cakes, mince pies and jam, haircuts and massage therapy, French lessons and even free beer at the Rebellion Brewery - the list goes on! We have raised in excess of £500 for the Fete Fund and Ron tells me that he already has ideas for the Silent Auction for 2017! Thank you so much to all those who took the trouble to donate so generously, most of whose promises of time or skills await to be tested over the next few months.

Lynn McMinn

Membership Secretary- FONC who welcomes new and lapsed members! 01494 564667 lynn.mcminn@hotmail.com

News from Christians in the Community

We had a great time at Napfest with our plant stall (which sold out) and made a good profit for our funds. We would like to thank the fete chairman, Claire Christian, for all her hard work.

The 17th July is the last day of Rev. Mike Hill's time with Naphill Methodist Church and also "Christians in the Community". We wish Mike and his wife the best of luck.

Norma Clarke

Services At St. Botolph's

July 3rd	11am	Eucharist
July 10th	11am	Eucharist
July 17th	11am	Eucharist
July 24th	11am	Matins
July 31st	11am	Benefice Service

There will not be any Sunday services at St. Botolph's in August. The congregation will be joining with others at 11am at St. Lawrence, West Wycombe.

Peggy Ewart

Naphill & Walter's Ash

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

AGM

Thursday 8th September

Naphill Village Hall

7.30pm - AGM

8.00pm – Talk by

Marian Miller

Marian is a renowned local speaker who will tell us about the history of the furniture industry in High Wycombe

All welcome.



Last Word

At around 1am this morning with several pages to rearrange and photographs to place, I did seriously question my own sanity and reasons for doing this job! A few hours sleep, yet another cup of coffee, an almost sunny morning and it was time for the last ditch effort to FINISH this marathon July edition of the magazine.

I apologise before you reach for your phones for errors and omissions! As you will see my focus this month has been our great NapFest. I thank our contributors and all our great local photographers, Phil Conran, David Greenwood, Dave & Nina Talbot, Gary & Tom Britton and of course my two regular photographers Richard Holroyd and Himself alias Paul Goby. I apologise for not crediting all your individual photographs which have been used in the collage/montage pages,

It is with great sadness that I bid a fond farewell to Flt.Lt. Andy Keeley who has been posted onward and to the Rev. Mike Hill who is retiring. My best wishes and thanks to you both for all your help and kindness.

Next month's Gazette is the combined edition for August/September which means we all have a break during August! I should appreciate all copy and last NapFest reports for this edition on or before 15 July please.

Best wishes

Sonia

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Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
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	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
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Editorial

Sitting watching the exciting Wimbledon men's tennis final and quietly planning this edition of the Gazette, I remembered that it was just three years ago that I had been perusing the July Gazette and read that a new editor was needed. The rest is pretty much history and it is still my great privilege to be the proud editor of this magazine. Now, as I have often explained, this is not a solo job and I am assisted, encouraged and when needs be, kept on track by my wonderful Gussetteers and of course our marvelous printer.

Happily I have some great news for you all! My team of Gussetteers has recently been expanded by one and a bit! Rebecca Sharrock, a local professional journalist who gave birth to a gorgeous baby boy, Jenson Thomas, just last week, has agreed to join us as our roving reporter and assistant website administrator. Rebecca will be joining us in September.

It is always sad when we lose regular contributors and this month our year six school contributors will be leaving their primary school and preparing for their move to secondary school. I thank them and their teachers for their contributions and wish them well as they continue their educational journey.

Sadly, as I announced last month, Rev Mike Hill retires from Naphill Methodist Church this month and Flt.Lt.Andy Keeley, our regular RAF contributor has moved away. I am however delighted to welcome Rev Jenny Ellis, the vicar of Saint Botolph's in Bradenham, Fg.Off.J Palfrey, Media Communications Officer at RAF High Wycombe and Richard Pushman, a long time local resident, and a retired county councillor who is very much involved in local charity work and community projects, all of whom have agreed to write for us on a regular basis,

On the subject of people who work quietly and unobtrusively for the good of our local community, and aren't we blessed to have so many of these, I want to congratulate Daisy Leek on her 90th birthday and wish her many happy returns! I met this lovely lady quite by chance, many years ago. Those of you who know me will understand that I am "instant", nothing can be left until later. On this occasion I had purchased a new vacuum cleaner and was struggling to get it from the car to the house. Daisy was passing and very kindly helped. She is a stalwart of the Village Hall Council, always helping others, a truly remarkable lady!

Now, this is our August/September edition so much as I shall miss you all, I get a month off! Hopefully, we really will get some Summer sunshine ready for the school's Summer holiday and we will all enjoy a glorious August and September.

Sonia Goby

Editor of the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette

Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

July's monthly meeting began with a minute's silence in memory of Ted Stratford, whose funeral had taken place that day. Ted had been chairman of the council at one time and had served the community well in a number of capacities. Although he and Kath moved to Princes Risborough a year or so ago they remained in touch with village events and came when they could.

The first item on the agenda of the meeting was the fete report. This was very good news as the event had raised, provisionally, about £11,000. This figure was higher than the 10 year average of £8000, an amazing result and the organizers were thanked and congratulated. Claire Christian is retiring from being chairman of the fete committee but will remain involved. She has been pivotal to the success of the fete for several years and was thanked for her commitment and enthusiasm. This year's success also owed much to the RAF as they paid for part of the music and also supplied play equipment for children; their involvement in the community is much appreciated. The entire weekend was most enjoyable, with something for everyone. Monetary success is very welcome but the social aspects of the occasion are also important. The event was a triumph on all counts.

One of the proposed improvements to our facilities has been the suggestion that more seats should be placed on the Crick. The Council would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to donate a seat, possibly dedicated to a loved one. Benches made from recycled materials cost between £300 and £500; fixings would be extra. Please contact me for further information (565969).

The Council has agreed in principle that some form of surface is required in front of the ball wall. We are seeking quotes for the installation of an all weather surface. The area in front of the wall has endured wet weather ever since it was installed but we would like to address the problem before winter sets in. The WI craft group is busy making cushion covers so the hall seats are more comfortable. We are still looking for some suitable new chairs with arms. Cathryn has the plans for the Christmas Fayre well in hand. I am glad someone is prepared to think about November! The Fayre will be on a Friday evening this year, from 6pm to 9pm on November 25th.

Let us hope that August and September will provide us with more sunshine than we have seen so far this summer.

Peggy Ewart

Chairman Naphill Village Hall
and Playing Fields Council

Friends of Naphill Common

A wet spring made walking on the Common a muddy experience but, with luck, a drier summer may make it more accessible. So we have a window of opportunity between now and when the next phase of felling starts in the autumn and the mud returns.

Our annual Bat Walk on the Common will take place on Friday 4th August, starting from the Village Hall at 8:30 pm. Experts from the Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire Bat Group will be there equipped

with bat detectors that can make the ultrasonic calls of the bats audible and help in their identification. Like all our activities, it is free and open to all, whether or not you are a member of FoNC. Let's hope for balmy weather!

There will be a guided walk over the Common on Sunday 4th September, visiting the various ponds, looking at some of the principle archaeological sites and admiring some of the veteran trees. It will be of particular interest to anyone who does not know the Common or is new to the area, but those who know Naphill well are also welcome! If you are interested, please gather at the Village Hall at 2 pm. The walk will take about two hours; handy maps will be available if required.

Our popular Fungus Walk will be on Sunday 23rd October, starting at 10am from the Village Hall, and led by experts from the Bucks Fungus Group. They really are experts and can identify virtually any specimen from the rich variety found on the Common. For more information on this and all other FoNC activities go to our notice boards or the web site.

While on the subject of walks, please consider joining our regular walks which generally go well beyond the Common. The short walks (2-3 miles) are led by Chris Miller starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Ron Collins leads the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third Monday of each month. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9:30am sharp. You can expect a warm welcome and good company; all free.

If you would like to have even more exercise you could join in our regular working parties. They take place on the first and third Sundays of each month. They are currently focused on clearing holly, widening paths and tidying the areas around some of the ponds. Meeting places vary and they can be cancelled at short notice in adverse weather, so it's always best to check the web site (www.naphillcommon.org.uk) or with the organiser, Peter Davis.

How lucky we are to live in the Chiltern AONB with such beautiful countryside and history all around. It is well worth the trouble of working to protect and enhance it. Have a good Summer.

Chris Miller
Chairman

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Remember! Thursday 8th September 2016. 7.30pm NAWARA AGM at Naphill Village Hall. 8pm. Speaker **Marian Miller of Naphill** who will tell us about the history of the Furniture Industry in High Wycombe, for which the town has been so famous. Everyone welcome.

New Committee Members. If you are interested in planning, local affairs, good neighbourhood schemes, etc. and have a couple of hours a month to spare, why not think of joining the Residents' Assn. Committee. Dr Marek Pawlik, Chairman, would be delighted to hear from you on 01494 563126, or you can contact me on 563634 or by email glorialeflaive@msn.com.

Planning List to 11th July. 16/06449/FUL Walters Ash Service Station. 243 Main Road. Application

for external refurbishment of forecourt shop, raise existing height of canopy by 1m and associated alterations. (Objection. Adverse impact on local residents.). **16/06742/FUL. Pippins, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill** HA for construction of roof extensions and alterations including side dormer extension, single storey rear extension and fenestration alterations. **16/06604/FUL. 5 Moseley Road, Naphill** HA for construction of part single storey, part two storey side extension, insertion of 2 x front dormer windows and 2 x rear roof lights in connection with loft conversion and associated alterations. **16/06521/FUL. 228 Main Road, Naphill.** HA for construction of two storey rear extension, double garage with single storey link to dwelling, alterations to existing dormer window to side and external alterations.

Decisions. Permitted. 16/06102/FUL. 3 Oakeshott Avenue, Naphill. HA for construction of part single/part 2-storey side & rear extension. **16/06030/TPO. Naphill Village Hall, 79 Main Rd, Naphill.** Maintenance pruning of Atlantic Cedar located outside Naphill Village Hall, to carry out lateral reduction of approximately 0.5 metres to 20-30 branches to maintain shape and reduce end weight of branches.

Those Potholes. Good news. On 27th September 2016 we have been told that Bucks CC Highways will begin the extensive task of filling in the countless potholes along Main Road Naphill. Not since 2007 have we been able to report such welcome activity.

Date of Next Meeting. Thursday 8th September 2016. Naphill Village Hall. 7.30pm AGM and 8pm Hear about High Wycombe's famous furniture industry.

Gloria Leffaive
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Growing Your Own

August and September are busy months. There is still some seed sowing to be done for salad crops for the autumn, winter and spring. There are soft fruit and hard fruit to be gathered in and stored. For soft fruit I grow a superb strawberry called "Emily", Glen Magna raspberries, a simply splendid black tayberry, Jostas, gooseberries and redcurrants. Ones which are not eaten as they ripen are put into the freezer for the winter. As for top fruit, cherries, figs and plums are usually eaten straight away, pears are bottled in red wine and cooking and eating apples are individually wrapped in paper then placed in boxes in the garage where they should keep at least until the end of February. As for vegetables, sweetcorn, globe artichokes and beans of various kinds are eaten as soon as they are ready. Carrots, turnips, leeks, beetroot, celery, celeriac and silver chard are left in the ground all winter, covered with fleece if there is a prospect of really severe frosts. I do suffer some slug damage but I grow large quantities and just cut off the damaged bits. Supermarkets would not care for my misshapen, damaged crops – but I would not like their chemical-soaked produce on my plate!

The main crops to be gathered in are onions, garlic and potatoes. Onions and garlic are released from the soil, dried off for a few days then hung in strings in the garage where they should keep until the following summer. As for potatoes, after experimenting with many varieties I have found that the best ones for

our soil here in Naphill/Walter's Ash are Desirée for main crop and Charlotte for second earlies. I bring them on under fleece and crop them in August if possible. I want to be early to reduce slug damage. In most summers the soil dries out and the slugs move down into the moist clay, where they remain until the September rains come. If I can get my potatoes up before then I should avoid a lot of slug damage, especially to the white-skinned Charlottes (slugs seem to be deterred anyway by the red skins of the Desirées).

There is a tremendous temptation to try out the odd root or so of the Charlotte potatoes soon after the flowers have opened and the baby potatoes have started to form. How delicious after the last of the previous year's potatoes! One is torn between instant gratification and the need to allow the Charlottes to grow to their full size. In recent years I have found that my (quite large) Charlottes last until Christmas and the Desirées last at least until the end of February. And they all taste delicious, chemical-free, unlike supermarket potatoes which have been sprayed 13 times in the fields then dusted with powder to stop sprouting in storage. Yes, growing your own does have its advantages!

The photo shows Charlotte potatoes from just one plant picked on 10th July. They weighed 2.5 pounds.



Good gardening!

Mike Mason

Naphill Scouts

Naphill Scouts finished the term and completed the World Challenge Badge by considering homelessness and the challenges of living rough in different countries around the world. This linked with activities earlier in the term on shelter building and what makes an effective shelter. As part of that the scouts had a presentation on what it is like living in a refugee camp in Malawi, Africa.

Our scout district has a link with a scout troop in Malawi, called the Burning Fire Scout Troop. Their scouts all live in a 25,000 person refugee camp in Malawi and try and do what they can in the camp by planting trees, teaching smaller children and helping to build shelters for those too old or young to do it themselves. Our District Commissioner is a friend of the British High Commissioner, through scouts, and the Burning Fire Troop wrote to him seeking general assistance for their scouting activities.



We decided to finish the term by building our own shelters out of cardboard in the hall car park and seeing what it was like to sleep rough by spending a night in it, while raising money through donations to go to the Burning Fire Scouts. Much planning occurred beforehand and the scouts built some great shelters in their cardboard city. Unfortunately at around 11pm there was a very heavy downpour and this meant that the scouts were ultimately unable to sleep in the shelters they had built, so slept in the scout hut instead. They were able, though, to go into the shelters at around midnight once the rain had stopped to see how well they had stood up to the downpour. The shelters performed pretty well on the whole. All those that took part were awarded their World Challenge badge and I am pleased to be able to tell you that they raised £133, which will be sent to Malawi via our District Commissioner's contact.



Scouts will start back in September when we will be welcoming a number of the Cubs into our Scout troop.

Mark Powell

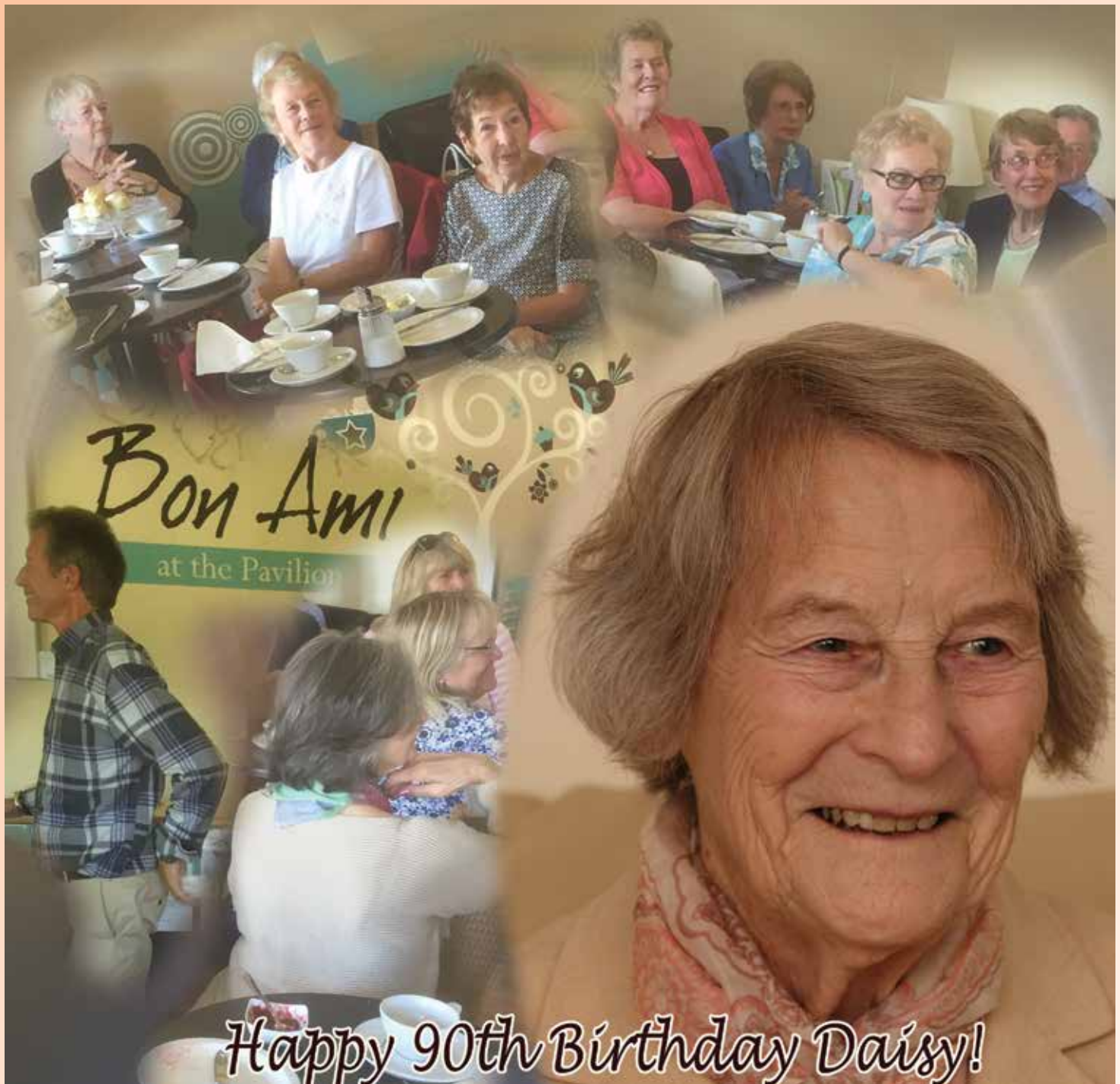
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Naphill Neighbours Cream Tea Party

Monday 8 August 3pm-5.30pm
in
Village Hall

Bring and Buy Entrance £4



Bon Ami

July started with a special party at Bon Ami. We celebrated Daisy Leek's 90th birthday with her family and friends over afternoon tea. It was a lovely occasion and we felt privileged to be part of Daisy's celebration. We hope that you enjoy the selection of pictures that were taken in the day.

With the summer holidays fast approaching we look forward to welcoming to new members of staff Elena and Katie. They will be joining us over the summer along with Isabel, Grace & William.

In September we will be holding our annual McMillan fund raising coffee morning. We will have details of this event in the coffee shop. We hope you will be able to support this very worthy cause.

Have a great summer and look forward to seeing lots of you on the crick enjoying our ice cream, cream teas and maybe an iced coffee?

Amanda & Ruth.

A Message from Daisy

I celebrated my 90th birthday yesterday with my family, Ian and Helen, Nigel and Lesley and so many friends at BON AMI and a friend's home and I am knocked out by the kindness bestowed on me.

I have been living in Naphill since 1960 – a friendly place and I want to thank my family, friends and neighbours for the happiness I feel!



Daisy Leek
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Photographs courtesy Bon Ami and Paul Goby

An Odd Thing!

Strange how an innocent tap on a Face Book button can find you writing an article for the Naphill Gazette!

'Does anyone know a dog charity' the question asked 'that could make use of old towels etc.? innocently I typed in 'yes', Chilterns Dog Rescue' my reason? I have had two lovely dogs from them over the past twenty years and have found them to be kind, efficient, and people that really care about the dogs they rehome!

Like all good things, it started in a small way by a lady called Dolly. Unable to trace the owner of a stray dog in Chesham, she took it to the local Police Station, where she was told that if not claimed within in a week it would be put down. Although she was unable to keep the dog herself, she rang round friends, asked them to pass the message until a good home was found. The result of this kind action was the start of the C.D.R.S. That was in the 1960's. Today after being based in Ashley Green for 20 years and massive fund raising initiatives, the society bought their own property near Tring. A total rebuild was started in 2014, and hopefully by the end of this year the dogs will be able to move into their new palatial surroundings! A subtle hint, if you a look at their website www.chilterndogrescue.org.uk you will find the final push for funds! They are asking folks to sponsor 'A metre of mesh' from as little as £1 and you would be a part of this lovely family!

And my dogs? First there was Charlie, a 3 year old white terrier type, this was around 1997, exact dates elude me after all these years, Charlie was the gentlest, most charming and well behaved terrier I have ever owned! Our hearts were broken when we had to say goodbye in his 15th year.

After 6 months of 'no dog' I rang the society and requested to be put on the list for another dog. A few weeks on I received the phone call I had been longing for- 'Would I like to come in on Sunday as they had a dog they thought I might like!' So on Remembrance Sunday 2011 I met Poppy. A small black and tan terrier, as different from Charlie as chalk and cheese. Her intelligence and playful, sparky temperament have been entertaining us ever since - we are devoted!

Margaret Hunter



Charlie



Poppy

World Challenge Quiz Night Fundraiser!

On Saturday 15th October I will be holding a quiz night to raise money for my World Challenge expedition to Borneo in July 2017. The challenge includes taking part in a project to help a local community to create a sustainable income rather than selling their land to palm oil producers and to help them improve the basic public utilities in their village. We will also climb up Mt Kinabalu - the highest mountain in South East Asia. It is a physically demanding challenge and requires my team and I to carry all our belongings in a large rucksack - a bit like a long D of E expedition! I will be developing myself, using vital survival skills and learning to use my initiative.



The tickets are £10 each, which includes a hosted quiz night with a meal. You can bring your own drinks, and the teams will consist of 8 people. If you want to come as an individual or couple, we can put you into a team with other people.

For more information or to buy tickets, please contact me at 07748 050608 or maya.goddard1@btinternet.com

Maya Godddard

Letter from David Liddington MP

Naphill Fete

We were lucky with the weather for the Naphill Fete this year. Like most MPs representing rural areas, I feel in need of a body double for weekends in June and July. In 2016, like most years, Stokenchurch and Naphill fetes coincided, but I was able to visit both briefly.

The second-hand bookstall at Naphill fete is always a must, though I have so many books that I have to be very choosy in what I buy and hope that my wife is looking the other way when I smuggle another bag into the house. I still try to follow the advice that Douglas Hurd gave me many years ago to always have a book on the go that is nothing to do with work, to remind yourself that there is a cultural world out there beyond day-to-day politics. Even so, one of the downsides of ministerial duties and red boxes is that the pile of unread books grows ever higher. Being able to read more widely is one of the pleasures to look forward to when my time in government ends.

Housing and Planning

Wycombe Council has now published its draft local plan. Public consultation is under way and I would encourage everybody in the village to have a look at what is proposed. You can find all the documents in local libraries and on Wycombe Council's website at <https://www.wycombe.gov.uk/pages/About-the-council/Have-your-say/Current-consultations/Planning-consultations/Consultation-draft-Wycombe-district-local-plan.aspx>. The official deadline is Monday 8 August.

For Naphill and Walters Ash, two changes are proposed.

First, land off Clappins Lane, already bordered by housing on three sides, is proposed to be removed from the Green Belt and used for 50-60 new homes.

The second change suggested is to remove the RAF base at Walters Ash from the Green Belt. The argument for doing this is that in practice the site is not serving a Green Belt purpose and that re-designation would allow the RAF greater freedom in how to use the land. I suppose the risk involved is that if the RAF were ever to give up the site, this reclassification would mean that it would almost certainly be zoned for housing or employment. Then again, would that make much real difference to the local landscape and community compared with now?

Do tell the Council your views. The Local Plan will shape housing and planning priorities locally for years to come.

David Liddington MP

Letter re: Proposed Village Development

Dear all,

I am writing this as a concerned resident of Naphill and Walters Ash.

A few weeks ago we all received a letter from Wycombe District council detailing their plans for all the new houses they want to build in the District.

In this plan they want to build 50 houses on the area of land off Clappins Lane. This piece of land is currently classified as green belt land, the council want to declassify the land and then build on it. This is a terrible idea, we all need to act now and together, as a community, we can stop this.

As we all know Naphill and Walters Ash are beautiful, picturesque and green villages situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty. We need to protect this, if we allow the council to declassify the land down from green belt then it will set a very dangerous precedent and we will not be able to fight off any future developments on our village.

For those that are not aware, Clappins Lane is small single track road where two cars cannot pass at the best of times, if the development goes ahead there will be months of increased traffic due to all of the lorries and vans required to build these houses. Once the houses are complete there will still be an increase in traffic due to the extra 50 houses.

I have spoken to the residents association and they are aware of these plans and are building a case to fight it, but we need to do our part. We need volume, the more letters and emails that the council receive objecting to these plans the better chance we stand of keeping the green belt status and blocking the building of the houses.

So please please, please, email or write using the address below, or go the council website and use the comments section to tell the council that we do not want parts of greenbelt declassified and 50 new houses.

Email - newlocalplan@wycombe.gov.uk

Post –New Local Plan team

Planning and Sustainability

Wycombe District Council

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The consultation period ends on the 8th of August so we need to act now. Together we can keep our village green and beautiful for many years to come.

Thank you

Darren & Charlotte Peters

Letter from our Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

We have an oven with a self-cleaning facility. Sounds fantastic! Basically it heats up far hotter than usual, and burns all the grease and grot, leaving just a powdering of ash to be brushed or wiped out. The snag is that it smells terrible for a couple of hours! We turn the hood extract to maximum, open the windows and the outside door, and shut the kitchen doors, and hope for the best: but the smell goes everywhere!

The rest of the family excuse themselves (not good for the children's lungs, etc), and I get left with guarding this incineration. But the process has set me thinking, particularly of the hymn "Come down O Love Divine", a prayer for God's loving spirit to come into our life, to "kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing"

"O let it freely burn,

till earthly passions turn,

to dust and ashes in its heat consuming"

Some "earthly passions" are just not compatible with decent honest living, so our consciences will never be clear until those earthly passions, selfish instincts, bad habits, are dealt with. Self-discipline helps, and so does prayer.

Ideally, like with ovens, this cleansing should be a daily procedure, but generally our ovens (and our lives) get a lick and a promise, until eventually a big purge is clearly necessary.

Most people need to take time out once in a while to deal with the accumulated grot in their lives. Some never bother, but ovens and hearts don't improve with lack of cleaning! Busy ovens and busy human lives accumulate more grot, but have least time for cleaning.

The oven does not self-clean, until someone admits that it can be postponed no longer, prepares the right metalware to go in it, sets aside a suitable time, programs it, and turns on the power. Likewise the human heart is only cleansed by admitting its need, preparing it, finding the time, and turning on the power of God.

With the oven, the process is not nice: it stinks! With the heart, it may be painful: there may be tears and anguish. But for both, the outcome is a big improvement. The oven might not stay clean forever: the heart might not stay perfect. But it's a step in the right direction.

Don't give up with routine prayer, but once in a while, make a deliberate effort, and allow that Love Divine to clean up your soul like new!

Mike Hill

Letters from the Vicarage

As I write this, the Great British Summer is well under way – as you read this, it will be at its height. At the moment, the best that can be said is that this is Britain – what do expect during summer? Our summer to date has almost redefined what it is to be 'unpredictable'! I am sure that the summers of my childhood and teenage years were nowhere near as cool, damp and changeable as the past few summers we've experienced. I remember actually getting a proper tan just sitting on Plymouth Hoe – no need to jet off to sunnier climes for a couple of weeks of proper sunshine in those days. It was the water of Plymouth Sound that eventually 'did for me' though. The local geography of cliffs and pebble beaches meant the sea was always 'flipping perishing' - i.e. very slightly warmer than 'absolutely freezing', so dips in the local briny always seemed to end with blue-tinged goose-pimples and being numb with cold.

And it's not just the weather that's unpredictable at the moment. Never has politics seemed so exciting as in the weeks since The Referendum. As I write, we have a new Prime Minister in Theresa May, Boris Johnson has become Foreign Secretary, Brexit is proceeding at a pace resembling that of a tortoise, the Labour Party is in disarray and Parliament has delivered a resounding 'No' to a second Referendum despite there being over 4 million signatures to a petition that was begun on 23rd May (well before polling day) – all in the space of one week! Still, they say 'a week is a long time in politics' – who knows where we will be by the end of the summer – that's another eight weeks or so of 'long times'!

In the midst of such turbulence, it is good to know that some things do not change.

The Bible speaks of a God who is constant in his love and unchanging in his goodness. We often find words like 'rock', 'fortress' or 'mountain' in passages about God - words that contain within them nuances of stability, strength and protection. Whatever uncertainties and changes may come the way of our nation over the coming weeks and months, one thing that is certain is that God will not change. God does not take political sides – He sides with the individual because He cares for each and every one of us. As Anna Waring, the hymn writer once put it:

In heavenly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?

With warm wishes for a good summer (or should that read 'with good wishes for a warm summer?').

Rev Jenny Elli



Napest Committee Roundup Report

Firstly, many thanks to all who came to support this year's NapFest 2016 weekend. It was the best year ever both in terms of great atmosphere and its financial contribution to keep our Village Hall running. Despite the rain, and thanks to the marquee, Friday night ticket sales were slightly above last year.

After feedback from villagers in 2015, that there were too few stalls & entertainment during the fete itself, our committee put a lot of effort into inviting new stallholders to attend, as well as arranging a full programme of entertainment in the arena, which was enjoyed by all. We could not have done this without the huge support of the RAF and the Gurkhas, who were amazing! They provided funding for one of the bands for Friday, a troop of willing volunteers to set up on Saturday morning, some fantastic food and entertainment during the Fete, as well as giving up their time to be part of our committee throughout the year.

Big thanks go also to all our regular stallholders who give their time and donations year after year, and finally to my fellow committee members without whom none of this would come together! Roll on NapFest 2017! If you would like to be part of this growing community event then please contact us via nwafete@hotmail.co.uk.

Napfest Committee

Classics on the Crick

Well, I think the dust has just about settled and we've been able to take stock. As expected the weather did play a major factor in the outcome but we still made a profit.

In my last article I forgot a couple of big thanks, firstly to our sponsor, Sytner BMW. Without their very generous sponsorship the event wouldn't have been the success (given the conditions) it was. Thank you very much to Sytner BMW!! The other big thank you is to Chris Bunce from DC Sound Systems. Without him we wouldn't have had the PA system and Elvis would have struggled to be heard. Thank you Chris! I would also like to thank the Horse Trust for the loan of their fields for public car park, this did work very well and I hope we can do the same next year. All the photos are now uploaded so if you want to have a peek, please visit www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk.

After taking into account the reduced turn out and the poor weather, we are very pleased to say that we are able to donate £3000 to the Air Ambulance and £500 to the Horse Trust. Given the conditions I think this is a fantastic achievement and let's see what we can do next year. We are already considering options for next year and how we move forward. We are a small team and if you would like to get involved, either on the committee or as a volunteer on the day, please let us know. We would welcome one or two more members on our team so please don't be backward in coming forward if you think you can help.

Thank you once again to everyone who came and helped on the day, we hope you enjoyed it!

The Classics Team, Ian, Mark, Sam, Richard and Bill.

RAf Benevolent Fund, Supporting You, Supporting Us

Service personnel, civil servants and contractors from RAF High Wycombe came together on Wednesday 29 June 2016 to participate in a charity netball tournament in order to raise money for the Benevolent Fund.



The station entered four teams, a mix of ranks, abilities and sections to make the event a successful one. The enthusiasm was apparent throughout the tournament with an interesting assortment of fancy dress costumes, a

deliciously tempting table of cakes to purchase and a raffle to conclude the event which only added to the obvious competitive atmosphere.

The event itself raised nearly £200, which just proves how easy and fun it is to raise money for charity considering how busy a station RAF High Wycombe is. The Charity Netball Tournament was organised by SAC Moxham who said:

"The RAF Benevolent fund is a really worthwhile charity to get involved in"

With Miss Hill and Cpl Jo Webb umpiring, Mr Exeley cake baking and Cpl Natasha Broomfield time keeping, raffle ticket selling and sports photographer, there was clear dedication from personnel to get involved. The immediate feedback of the participants that most people underestimated not only netball as a sport, but the important and valuable work that the Benevolent Fund carry out within the community and what kind of support and advice they provide for serving airmen as well as veterans. A worthwhile event for a charity close to many people's hearts.

RAF High Wycombe Volunteering Project Gains Momentum!



In the last edition, we told you about an exciting new volunteering project being run by Community Impact Bucks (the nationally accredited Volunteer Centre for Buckinghamshire) in partnership with RAF High Wycombe. Funded by the Armed Forces Covenant, the aim of the project is to promote local volunteering opportunities for station personnel to strengthen the relationship between the base

and the local civilian community.

In her update to us, Hazel Finney, Lead for Volunteering at Community Impact Bucks, says: "There has been a fantastic response from local charities and community groups interested in getting

involved, and we are delighted that 10 organisations have booked stands at the base's Volunteering Fair on 6 September. We are also receiving lots of interesting group volunteering opportunities! We urge local organisations looking for volunteers to get their roles on Do-it.org as we will be promoting this to the large community on the base".

Comment from Station Commander

"RAF High Wycombe is nestled within 3 parish councils: Walters' Ash, Lacey Green and Bradenham. This is a tight community and one whose company the RAF has enjoyed for 80 years. However, our involvement in the local community extends beyond these parishes into High Wycombe and more widely across Buckinghamshire. Engagement and integration within the local communities in which we serve and live is important to me as the Station Commander; we consider ourselves very much members of these communities and we continue to work with the local authorities and partners to develop a sense of 'one community'.

"Voluntary work in partnership with Community Impact Bucks provides RAF High Wycombe with the continued opportunity to engage with and help our local parishes develop community projects. I will, over my remaining time in command, strengthen our bonds with our neighbours, ensuring that we embrace the opportunity to enhance the local area."

Please contact Hazel Finney on: hazel@communityimpactbucks.org.uk or 0300 111 1250 for further information.

Naphill Annual Firework Display

Saturday 5 November

Further details in October Gazette

Naphill Christmas Fayre

Friday 25 November

6pm-9pm

Further details from Cathryn Carter

More in October Gazette



WANSA Fete July 2016

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

The fete, which took place on the ninth of July, was a huge success- we had a Zorb Football Tournament which was tremendous fun. Also there were a tombola, a coconut shy, several big bouncy castles and many other fun activities too.

On a more serious matter, in assembly we have learnt about the Battle of the Somme; we learnt about a 12 year old boy who fled home to fight in this ghastly war. This was an extremely sad time in history because many young people went to war fighting for glory.

This is the Yr6s very last two weeks at primary school: we are excited, nervous and sad for this new step in our education and in our lives.

Another exciting thing in the lives of our Yr6s has been the Yr6 games. This is a multi-sport competition which includes football, tag rugby, hockey, cricket and many more. Each of our teams did very well in their respective tournaments; we all came 1st or 2nd in each sport which resulted in us winning the games.

The Yr6s have been working extremely hard on their leaver's production. This year the production is Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies, loosely based on the classic story of Robin Hood and his merry men, but with a fun twist. In this variation, Robin and his merry men are professional entertainers, not a fighting force. But when Maid Marion accidentally hires them to help defend Sherwood from the devious Sherriff of Nottingham she gets the surprise of her life. We hope our parents have as much fun watching us as we have had rehearsing.

Saanvi Bajaj, Theo Reid-Cain, Daniel Crinyion

Our Village School has Governor Vacancies

Are you interested in education and do you want to contribute to our school which sits at the heart of our community?

Naphill & Walters Ash School will have some vacancies for new Governors in the Autumn Term and we will be recruiting in September. At our school we value having parents on our Board, but you don't have to be a parent to be a Governor, you just need to have energy, commitment and a willingness to work as part of a team that wants our children to get the best from their education.

What do we do as a Board of Governors and what sort of work is involved?

Aside from helping at the Summer Fete barbeque, our primary tasks is to provide strategic leadership and accountability for the school, just like the Board of a company does. Miss Gwynn and her Leadership Team run the school on a day-to-day basis, it is our job as governors to support them and ensure that they continue doing that to a high

standard. We also ensure that money is spent appropriately and, most importantly, that we get the best education for the children that we can, given the resources that we have.

To achieve this, we hold 3 board and 3 committee meetings each term, where we set and agree the budget, review policies, monitor the children's achievements, and help Miss Gwynn and her team develop their plans, and challenge them where appropriate. We also carry out Governor Walks, going in to school and talking to the staff and children. You will be given guidance for these walks and will be with a member of staff; personally I really enjoy the chance to find out what the children think about what they're doing.

What don't we do?

We are not there to further the interests of our own children, we are there for the benefit of ALL of the children. We are there to ensure the parents' viewpoint is considered not just our own viewpoint, and that the school is run in a professional and accountable way.

How much work is involved?

Well, like anything, you can contribute many hours if you have them to spare, but it isn't necessary. You will be expected to attend one Full Governing Board meeting per term and one of the committee meetings per term. There is a certain amount of reading required for the meetings, and you will also be expected to carry out an occasional Governor Walk. Many employers also support and value their staff working as school governors, and often have a policy to allow time off for the role, it's worth checking.

What skills do I need?

Full training is provided free of charge, so we don't ask for a specific set of skills, but we do need people who can think strategically and see the bigger picture. It doesn't matter what your current job is, or if you have retired, we can put your skills to good use. If you have skills in accountancy, project management, leadership & management, health & safety, education, human resources, law or many other areas, then so much the better, but what we really need is committed people, who are prepared to do some work and be involved, and who can work as a team whilst being able to think independently. If that sounds like you, if you want to make a real difference, and you'd like a new challenge then please apply.

You can get further information from this website: <http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx> and if you have any questions or wish to apply then you can contact me on 01494 565814 or give your contact details in at the school reception.

Ronnie Smith

Chair of Governors, Naphill & Walters Ash School

Bradenham Parish Council Report

A working party of councillors led by Richard Langridge has spent a morning in June clearing the area around the Bradenham pond, much has been achieved, the area already looks better. Broken fencing has now been discovered which the council will ask the National Trust to repair, if you are taking children and dogs near the pond, please be aware that there are gaps in the fencing. There is still more work to be done, but it was decided to get some conservation advice first, to ensure the pond is sustainable.

The council decided that it will submit comments on the Wycombe Local Plan, once it has been studied in detail. Housing plans for Princes Risborough will affect the traffic flow on the A4010.

The Bledlow cum Saunderton neighbourhood plan will also be commented on.

A new locally made notice board has been ordered. Our District Councillor Carl Etholen is thanked for his generous contribution to the purchase of this board.

The next meeting will be Monday 5 August 2016 at the Cricket Club, Bradenham.

Deirdre Hansen

Clerk to the Council

Points of Interest

The Editor has kindly asked me to give an update as to what is generally happening in the County and District which might or should be of interest to the Gazette's Readers. Although no longer an elected member I have the privilege of being appointed as an honorary alderman to both authorities and as such attend Council Meetings as a silent observer! It is also a requirement of my honorific that I do not become involved in any political statements or controversies, therefore any articles I might write must be non Political and purely for information. So with these understandings I will try and update readers as to what is presently happening in local government.

The single most important happening in the District is the publication of the District's Local Plan. A government requirement for planning authorities to publish their development plans, identifying where building land can be developed to accommodate the house building targets set by government. These Plans both for Wycombe and Aylesbury are now available for public consultation and it is essential that we all take the opportunity to write with our comments on the planning proposals in our villages before the consultation closes in early August. Removal of the Green Belt protection from land within our villages at the RAF headquarters in Walters Ash and a field off Clappins Lane below Allen Drive will be of particular interest to all residents.

Despite my retirement from local councils some three years ago, I have been appointed as chairman of the Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum responsible for access to much of our much loved open spaces by

footpath and bridleways. On the 1st January 2026, less than 10 years away, the official definitive maps will be closed against the addition of paths claimed on the basis of historic evidence. Quoting from the Open Spaces Society, "the process which path walkers all over England and Wales have used since the first definitive maps appeared in the 1950's, and which has steadily extended our freedoms everywhere will become a dead letter. The ancient legal maxim on which so many claimants have relied 'once a highway always a highway', will be shattered. Unrecorded paths, even if they are still in use, could and often will be lost for ever." I can think of several local paths which I have walked for over 60 years but which are not definitive paths, i.e. registered and these could be challenged after January 2026. One such path is that which runs from Forge Lane to Downley Road along the frontage to many houses, mine included. This was originally a service path but is not a recorded footpath.

Ten years will pass all too quickly so action must not be delayed. I hope that walkers and ramblers and the parish council, will take note.

Finally I am assured by our County Councillor, David Carroll that Main Road Naphill will be re-surfaced in this current year. I tried for five years, I hope he is more successful.

Richard Pushman

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Autumn Show

Saturday 3 September, Naphill Village Hall at 2pm.

O.K., hands up anyone who has not had plants decimated by slugs this year- my beans were eaten overnight & the dahlias are just recovering, so I may get some flowers in late summer...and fortunately I had saved some bean seeds so was able to replant- fingers crossed that this lot survive.

If you have had more success than this, then we hope you will be proudly showing off your beautiful flowers and vegetables at our Autumn Show. This is your big chance to show off what you have been nurturing in your gardens and allotments over the year- we do ask you to make sure that all wildlife has been removed from your exhibits first!!!!

There won't be any flower arranging classes this year, but we will still have the general flower and plant classes as usual.

It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible at this village event, and we always welcome more exhibitors, young and not so young – so, don't be shy, take a look at the schedule and have a go. The show is meant to be fun and not the fierce competition you may think, although competition can be quite fierce during the auction of donated produce..... There are flower, vegetable, cookery, photography, and handcraft classes, and of course special classes for children (in case you are looking for something to do in the last few days of the holidays!).

Full details of all the classes can be found on our

website, along with advice and handy hints on how to stage your exhibits.

The schedule in printed form is available from Paul Ceurvorst, the Post Office, Bon Ami or myself.

We open to the public at 2pm, when exhibitors and visitors can come and admire the exhibits (and find out what you have won!), and have some refreshments before the ever popular auction of donated exhibits at 4pm.

Looking ahead, our annual Cheese & Wine evening will be on Friday October 28th, but more about that next time.

Cathryn Carter (563233)

News from Christians in the Community

What a wonderful service was given to the new Vicar of Hughenden – I am sure that he and his family will be warmly welcomed by all members of the parish.

Christians in the Community also helped on the church stall at Hughenden Village Day – it was the same as Naphill Napfest – a children's tea party – no charge!

We hope you all have a happy summer holiday.

Norma Clarke

Shear Madness

I was very sad to hear that Ted had passed away, although he had downsized to Risbo he still used to pop up and see me and I kept all the Gazettes for him to take home, he loved them, so thank you to Sonia and the team for making an old man very happy.

School holidays at last I hear you cry !!!! I hope you all have a wonderful summer and that we actually get some sunshine at last. Stay safe and don't forget the sunscreen because before you know it, it is the dreaded exam results, starting school, new schools and off to Uni.

I will be tagging a couple of days onto the bank holiday weekend as we have another wedding to go to and I'll be having a two week holiday middle of September, notices will be on the door.

Once again have a wonderful summer

Mandy

Naphill Evening WI

Our June Birthday Party lived up to expectations, with a lovely spread provided by members. The committee had set beautiful tables and served us with wine and soft drinks. There was a pink theme, with pretty flowers in pink baskets on each table. Everyone enjoyed themselves, I am sure.

At our July meeting we will have a talk entitled "Blessed are the Cheesemakers".

By the time you read this Valerie's croquet/games evening will have come and gone but again, it will be a fun evening.

The Food Group will be having afternoon tea in Taplow

on 16 August and a lunch on 23 September (venue to be advised).

Talking of afternoon tea, seven members went for tea at the Marlow Rowing Club on 11 July. This was organised by the Disraeli Group, to which Naphill Evening WI belong along with six other WIs in the area. We had a lovely afternoon and were served a really delicious tea in the Scullers Café which is a social enterprise providing a real working experience for young adults with learning disabilities. They are open to the public from Wednesday to Saturday (please check their website for times if you are interested).

I for one am hoping that we all have a lovely summer – perhaps with a bit of sunshine!

Carol Gilliam.

Naphill Tennis Club

We are fortunate in this village to have a wonderful amenity in the 3 well-maintained all-weather tennis courts on The Crick. These are run by Naphill Tennis Club, which offers both junior and adult coaching, club sessions (ideal for anyone who wants to play but hasn't anyone to play with), social activities, team matches and private coaching. Our annual membership rates are very good value at just £60 for a new adult member.

The Club has teams in the Bucks Shield, the Aylesbury League and the High Wycombe League. So far this season, our ladies' team has been unbeaten!

On the social front, the Tennis Club is planning a Barn Dance & Supper in Naphill Village Hall on FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER which will be open to all and promises to be a fun evening. Put the date in your diary now! Further information and tickets available at the Tennis Club or from the Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel, on 01494 563706.

Jenny Tench

Naphill Neighbours

We are hoping for good weather for our CREAM TEA PARTY on Monday 8 August. We are holding it at the Village Hall at 3pm to 5.30pm and if the sun does shine we will hold it in the little garden (beside Downley Road), otherwise indoors. Entrance £4. We do hope everyone will come along with friends and family and enjoy a cream tea, Bring and Buy, raffle and a friendly chat.

Our September club meeting will on Monday 12th at 8pm when Joan Dark will entertain us, her subject is WHATEVER HAPPENED TO PASSION!!

Our next outing will be to Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 13 September. We leave the Village Hall at 9 sharp and depart London after the visit at 4pm for the journey home.

Wishing everybody a pleasant summer – and better weather than we are having at present. (A bit warmer would be very nice.)

Hazel Vickery, 563977

The Wheel

A massive thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate our 10-year anniversary, it was a brilliant night. JJ Newman and Sandy were amazing as ever and I know I could watch them play all night, there were a few of us girls who got up and danced the night away. We even had a special 10-year anniversary song and a song about pub dogs!! It was great to see so many people that made the effort to be here including some old customers who have moved away, and of course Steve from St Albans made it too! From my point of view it was a long weekend with the RAF summer ball, Sam, Julia, Tara, Linda and I looked very lady like (until the end), Steve and Taff looked very dapper. Thanks for a great night.

Congratulations to us for winning the local Camra Summer Pub of the year 2016, well done to all our staff for helping us achieve this great award again. Also thanks to all the locals who voted for us.

Well, the next month is all about holidays, I believe all the staff are going away at some point and from what I can hear from our customers you are all off to seek some much needed sunshine too. Due to the holiday season we haven't got any special nights running during August but they will start again in September, so do keep an eye out on our chalk boards to keep updated as there is no September gazette anymore. This does tend to make this article a little shorter than usual!!

So what's coming up? Very little during August, but Chef and I will be doing the Christmas menus and generally organising for the year to come. Next dates are-

- 15th September – Spice Night
- 27th October – Burger Night

We hope everyone has a great summer either here or in the sunshine abroad. See you all soon and thanks again to everyone.

Claire and Mark

Black Lion

Hello everybody, I hope you are well as you read this. We haven't put an article in the gazette for a few months now and for that I apologise. Unfortunately we have been extremely short staffed recently and there have not been enough hours in the day. Which brings me onto advertising for staff. We are looking for bar staff that can work part or full time and we are also looking for a chef/cook that can run our kitchen 5 days a week. If anybody knows anyone we would appreciate you passing this on to them.

There are a few changes taking place at the Black Lion which we are extremely excited about. By the time you read this we will have our brand new stone baked pizza ovens installed and will be serving them in house and also to takeaway. We have joined forces with a company called Barrel and Stone who provide us with the finest Italian ingredients for us to make 5 star pizzas for you fresh every day. Head to our website to see our new pizza menu.

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Finally the changes we made to our menu for summer have gone down a storm and we couldn't be happier. Thank you to all of you for your support on this and we hope you all continue to keep coming in and trying our new specials.

We hope all of you have a lovely summer holidays, fingers crossed it is nice and sunny.

Jack and all the team

Pony Espresso

Who'd have thought that Pony Espresso (for the pun in the name) would get a mention in the Sun newspaper last month! Fame at last! See our Facebook page for the "full" story.

It was very special to receive a letter from Maurice Saunders (nearly 100) formerly of Naphill, saying last month's report of my trip through Europe reminded him of a similar trip he had done, but with better weather. I shall have to try again! And Maurice, lunch is on us!

The sharper eyed customer may have noticed our new hanging baskets, laden with sweet smelling flowers of all colours.....okay, so we need some sun and warmth for that - but hopefully these will not have the wasp attracting qualities that our little trees had. In fact, I suspect the wasps that swarmed out of them when accidentally knocked, might have had a hand in killing one off.

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Blaine

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Last Word

The sharper eyed amongst you will notice that some of the regular articles are not included this month but this is not necessarily down to me! Richard kindly agreed to not publish "Picture This" to make room for the extra articles on local matters and events. Otherwise I have sent out all the regular requests and extra reminders and frankly, eventually gave up the chase. I do ask that contributors contact me if they do not receive an acknowledgement for their contributions within 24 hours to ensure that all sent material has been received. Because of lack of space I have not included any extra 'one off' commercial ads and I have carried over an article by Geoff Nicholls which I will look forward to sharing with you soon.

In this month's edition we have an important article from the Chair of Governors at our local school asking for volunteers to join the school governors. Our school is central to our community and this is an important community role and a great opportunity for people with enthusiasm, organisational skills and good will to really help! Ronnie Smith, Chair of Governors, has assured me that the school governors have appointed one of their number to write "grown up reports" on the school activities and progress and I look forward to publishing these in the future.

My thanks to Richard for our fabulous Summer cover, a happy Summer to you all and I look forward to our October edition with more news of the Firework Display, the Christmas Fayre and all the other Autumn/Winter events.

Sonia

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24 October - Burger Night**

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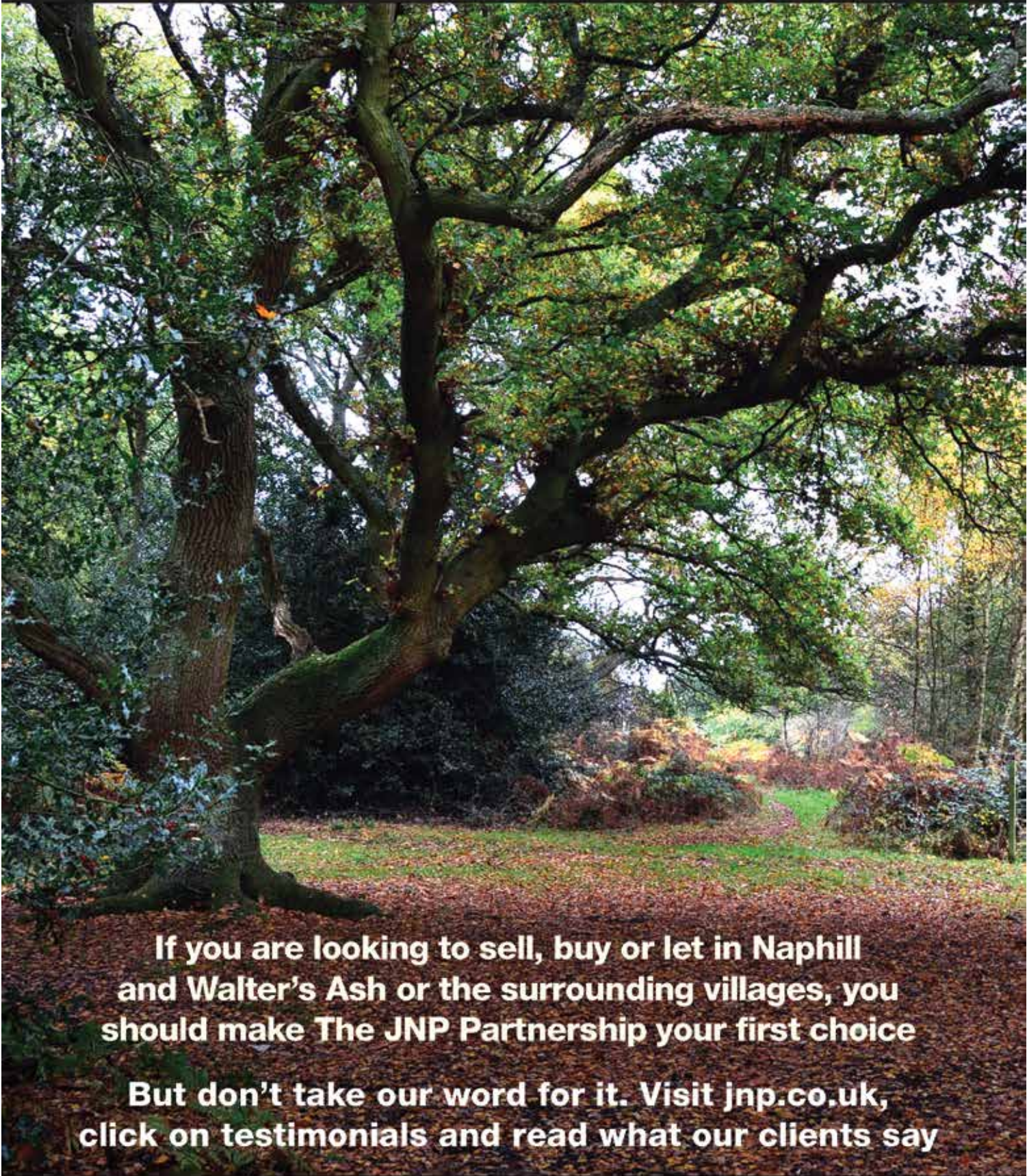
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Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45-8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564469
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Peggy Ewart chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30-9.30pm	Scouts & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga Stretch and Tone	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
WI	3rd Thursday in month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sally Woodbridge 562281

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Editorial

Welcome to the October edition of our magazine. I hope that you have all had a good Summer and are looking forward to all the Autumn and Winter events and festivals. News of the Summer events and the forthcoming events are pouring in as I type and I am looking forward to editing this month's magazine.

The children are of course back at school and the year 6 pupils have completed their 11+ tests. Because September is such a busy month for the year 6 children we have no report from them this month but we look forward to welcoming a new team of junior reporters in November and wish children, staff and governors a happy and successful new school year.

Perhaps I am old fashioned as I still very much enjoy hard copies of books and magazines and whilst we archive a digital copy of our magazine on our website there are no plans to discontinue the printed version which is delivered to you. However I have long been concerned that in this digital age our feature advertisers are not included on our website. I recently raised this with our web master, David Kidger, and he has agreed that we should trial including all the advertisements in our archived editions as of July this year.

Over the Summer I have struggled more than usual to get out and about and appreciate the environment and local events and so have relied on our photographers to help me. Himself has made it his Summer mission to photograph as many species of local wild orchids as he could find and even managed to photograph the odd harvest mouse on his forays. He also got dispatched to the Horticultural Society's Autumn Show. I am indebted to Alan Ross for his superb photographs from the recent Birds of Prey display at the Wheel and to Susan Maguire who answered my plea for photographs from the Black Lion MacMillan Fun Fund Raising Day. Subject to space, I am looking forward to sharing some of these with you in this edition. So once again my regular request! Do please send me your photos and tell us about the things which interest you, you don't have to be a regular contributor - everybody is very welcome to send in articles and photographs.

Well, time to get busy and compile the October Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette!

Sonia Goby

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Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

I am pleased to be able to report that Naphill scored sufficiently well in the Best Kept Village competition this year to be awarded a certificate of merit. The village was considered to be generally tidy and well kept. Some of our features were particularly praised. The children's play area was judged to be in good order and well equipped, and the judges particularly liked the 'green benches'. They thought Naphill Common was a great asset and praised the sterling job that the Friends of Naphill Common do in keeping the various footpaths open. The village hall was regarded as well maintained and they noted the attractive hanging baskets. (The red, white and blue flower baskets have been particularly good this year; many thanks to those who have created and cared for them). The Wheel was seen as well kept and welcoming with an attractive garden, pleasant seating and good signage. The War Memorial also received praise (Thank you, Trish). Less satisfactory aspects were the weeds in Pickups Pond, the untidiness of the corner of Chapel Lane where the WI tree is, and the strip of garden by the Scout and Guide HQ. The judges' comments were very detailed this year and provide some useful guidance for the future.

The Council met on September 5th after the short summer break. Among the items agreed were the reformation of the maintenance committee, with Norma as Chairman. This committee will deal with immediate problems as well as inform us of plans for the future. An electrical survey has been carried out during August and the report's recommendations will be acted upon shortly. As soon as the kitchen of the Scout and Guide Headquarters has been refurbished, decoration can begin and the toilets will also be updated. The Council is arranging for a Fire Safety Officer to give advice about the current arrangements. Some amendments have been made to the Council's constitution, as requested by the Charity Commission and a complaints procedure has been agreed, as has a code of conduct for Trustees. These latter items are not exciting in terms of improvements to facilities but are a necessary part of the efficient governance of the Village Hall Council. The Council is grateful to Judy Whitehouse for dealing so well with these aspects.

Trustees will be taken on a tour of all the nooks and crannies of the Hall before the next Council meeting on October 3rd. All part of raising awareness of what we are responsible for! Now that is exciting!

Peggy Ewart

Chairman Naphill Village Hall
and Playing Fields Council

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

QUIZ NIGHT. Friday 11th November, Naphill Village Hall. 7pm doors open. 7.30pm Quiz starts. Teams of up to 6. Book early for a thoroughly entertaining evening with popular **Quiz Master Peter Oxbrow** and his team. There will be Prizes, Raffle, Full Bar, and a delicious meal of Chilli con carne with rice, Vegetable Lasagne, Salad, French bread and butter. An idea of the number of veggie meals required would be helpful when you book your tickets. **Tickets at £11 per head from Gloria 563634 and Liz 562697** or email Gloria on glorialeflaive@msn.com. A donation goes to Children in Need.

At the **AGM** on 8th September the following were elected to the NAWARA Committee. Mark Booth, Liz and Phil Conran, Robert Harris, Daisy Leek, Gloria Leflaive, Claire Patten, Marek Pawlik, Jill Shiu, Dave Talbot, Derek Underwood. After the election we were all treated to an extraordinarily interesting talk on the history of High Wycombe's furniture industry by Marian Miller.

Draft Local Plan Report will be published in a few weeks. The Res. Assn. responded with very strong objections to WDC's proposed **removal of Green Belt status** from 5.43 acres of Clappins Lane field to permit development of up to 50 dwellings!

Planning to 10th August. 16/06817/FUL Stoneleigh Coombe Lane Naphill. Amendment awaited

Decisions. Permitted.

16/06604/FUL 5 Moseley Road, Naphill.

Householder application for construction of part single storey, part two storey side extension, insertion of 2 x front dormer windows and 2 x rear roof lights in connection with loft conversion and associated alterations. **16/06449/FUL Walters Ash Service Station 243 Main Road Walters Ash.** Application to raise existing height of canopy by 1m. **16/06521/FUL. 228 Main Road, Naphill.** HA for construction of two storey rear extension, double garage with single storey link to dwelling and external alterations. **16/06377/FUL. 1 Model Cottages, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill.** HA for erection of single storey side extension with insertion of 1 x roof light following removal of existing lean-to.

Planning to 7th September: 16/07298/FUL Cherry Coombe, Coombe Lane, Naphill HA for raising of roof, roof extensions/alterations demolition of existing garage and construction of single storey side extension. Validated 1 Sept. 2016. **16/07273/FUL Homelands Clappins Lane & Baltic House Stonefield Road Naphill** Demolition of two existing dwellings and erection of 4 detached 4-bed dwellings, Plots 1,3 & 4 with integral garages & Plot 2 with detached single garage. Alteration to existing

access for Plot 2, creation of a new access from Clappins Lane for Plot 1 with creation of two new accesses from Stonefield Road to Plots 3 & 4 with associated parking and landscaping. Validated 5 Sept. (Concern: further overdevelopment).

16/07273/FUL. 139 Main Road, Naphill. HA for erection of new front porch following removal of existing. Validated 22 Aug.

Decisions. Permitted.

16/06823/FUL. 235 Main Road Walters Ash. HA for erection of single storey side and rear extensions linked to existing stores. Demolition of existing rear chimney and dormer window. Construction of enlarged dormer to rear.

Date of Next Meeting. 8pm Thursday 13th October 2016. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive
563634

Friends of Naphill Common

A wet spring and a sunny summer look like bringing a fine wild harvest of berries which, in turn, should bring in the autumn and winter visiting birds, especially redwings and fieldfares. It will help our struggling residents too. The beech and oak trees on the Common will add to the attraction having produced an abundance of beech masts and acorns. With luck we may even have a chance to see Hawfinches, but they tend to feed at treetop height. Unfortunately the felling, which is planned to start this autumn, may be a deterrent.

We have a lot to do over the next few months and our working parties will be busy. Fortunately FONC has been given a 44" ride on mower which will enable us to clear larger areas and more paths. The mower itself was in need of a little TLC having been stored in a garage, unused for ten years. After a little persuasion it was coaxed back to life and treated to a new battery, replacement blade and a service. We offer many thanks to Sarah Leyton for this gift. If you would like to join our working parties (and even ride on the mower) please join in. Contact Peter Davis or visit our web site: www.naphillcommon.org.uk.

We also have to mark those trees we want to be saved during the next round of felling. The area to be selectively felled by Wessex Woodland Management is alongside the previous area. It is an area roughly bounded by Lady's Mile, H21, H2 and H1 (see maps on our web site). There are many veteran and other important trees within this area, together with some archaeological features, which must be guarded from damage. We will do our best.

Another task for this winter and / or next is to attend to some of our ponds. Dew Pond has almost disappeared since the Great Beech collapsed into it. The best solution is to cut off the side branches and leave the vast main trunk arching over the pond. It

is a huge undertaking but perhaps West Wycombe Estate will do this work. Daisy Pond is in desperate need of attention. It is smothered with flag iris and floating sweet grass and has no open water. This is the pond which produced the internationally rare starfruit back in the 1990s and, since the seeds last for decades, perhaps it would do so again if we gave it a chance. We would have to do the work with expert advice as the starfruit is so precious. Lady Horse Pond is also almost dry and covered in vegetation so, given enough time and volunteers, we could improve that one too.

Our Fungus walk and survey will be on Sunday 23rd October, starting at 10am from the Village Hall, led by experts from the Bucks Fungus Group. They really are experts and can identify virtually any specimen from the rich variety found on the Common. Everyone, including children, is welcome – and it is free.

You are also welcome to join our (free) regular walks which generally go well beyond the Common. The short walks (2-3 miles) are led by Chris Miller starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Ron Collins leads the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third Monday of each month. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9:30am sharp. You can expect a warm welcome and good company.

We are lucky to have such a magnificent Common so why not enjoy it? Follow our activities on Twitter: @NaphillCommon.

Chris Miller - Chairman

David Lidington MP

Well, 2016 has certainly turned out to be a turbulent year in politics. For myself, I am very much enjoying my new responsibilities as Leader of the House of Commons. I loved my time at the Foreign Office. But six years is a long stint and I'm not missing the dawn dash to Heathrow or to Eurostar.

The new role involves responsibility for managing the Government's legislative programme. I work closely with the Leader of the Lords and the Chief Whips in both Houses.

I am also responsible for various, largely behind the scenes, parliamentary matters. Security is a constant concern, particularly after the shocking murder of Jo Cox. Also important is the state of the buildings, or more accurately of electrical, water and sewerage systems that are worn out and at risk of breaking down. We've just received a report from a joint Lords and Commons Committee that's been looking into all this in detail and recommended a major overhaul involving both Houses vacating the Palace while works are carried out.

I also serve as Lord President of the Council. Chiefly this involves leading the business at the monthly

meeting of the Privy Council with Her Majesty the Queen. It's quite a privilege to hold an office which goes back to the Duke of Suffolk under King Henry VIII.

Locally, I continue to keep a close eye on the emerging Local Plans that both Wycombe and Aylesbury Vale District Councils are developing. And I hope that many local residents have sent in their views to the Wycombe planners. We do need more homes – I meet too many young people who, despite being in full-time work, cannot afford to get onto the housing ladder – but it's important that local views about the scale and location of development are heard.

The other big local issue coming down the track is over local government structures. Frankly, whoever is in office nationally will have to continue to control spending and pay down debt. The present division between District and County Councils is going to look less and less affordable.

I think we need to abolish both County and District Councils in favour of either one Unitary Council for Buckinghamshire, or two authorities for the North and South of the County respectively. My vote will be for whichever option provides the best local services for the least cost to council tax payers.

David Lidington MP

Hughenden Parish Council Report

HPC FACTOID #9 - Hughenden is now one of over 84 Parish and Town Councils to have taken on grass cutting from Bucks County Council. We are however ONLY responsible for those roadside verges within a 30MPH limit or less. Transport for Bucks remain responsible for the rest.

Summer is traditionally a quiet time for us Councillors. Not so this year. Having taken over some of the verge and hedge cutting services from Bucks Country Council back in April, there have been a few teething issues that have got residents fuming. We have therefore been busy highlighting these oversights, errors and issues with the County Council. They are not all resolved yet but mainly have to do with the County not having accurate records of where all the small sections of urban 40MPH (which BCC are responsible for) are within the Parish. Please be patient but do get in touch with the Parish Office about any verges or hedges which are causing an obstruction or dangerous and we will endeavour to get it sorted quickly.

We are also pushing Wycombe District Council to replace the bin outside the Co-op in Walter's Ash with a larger one. Whilst it's encouraging to see people putting their rubbish in the bin rather than littering, that particular bin gets used a lot and is often overflowing before it gets a chance to be emptied again.

Our Planning Committee issued its objections to the Local Plan suggestion to take away the Green Belt status of a field off Clappins Lane, opening up the possibility of it being developed in the future. It was also great to find that many residents had also submitted their objections along similar lines. There was a delightful suggestion on the NAWA Community FaceBook group that we convert the field to an orchard with residents chipping in to buy fruit trees to plant. Whilst a lovely idea, as the field is privately owned we would have to first buy the field itself!

The continuation of the repairing of Main Road finally kicked off in Naphill over the summer. The section from Clappins Lane to Stocking Lane is not quite as smooth as a billiard table, but is a lot better than it was. Fresh line painting has also helped to make the road safer as well as looking better. We don't want to see vehicle speeds creeping up though, just because the road is smoother! Our Road Safety group are aware of a number of road incidents that have occurred since July, the latest being a Mother and young son knocked off their bike by a motorist on the way to nursery at the junction of Kilnwood. Fortunately no one was badly hurt, and there was lots of praise for the speed that people came to assist. Please be careful when travelling along the roads, be you motorist, cyclist or pedestrian.

Unfortunately, whilst the communication from Transport for Bucks to local residents along Main Road stated that the repairs would go to just past Hunts Hill Lane, we have now received word that the road is in a worse state than originally surveyed and that the budget ran out just past the Wheel pub. This means the rest of Main Road will now not be resurfaced until after April 2017 and the new financial year. TfB have indicated that it is actually more likely to be Sept 2017 before it is carried out.

This news will not delay the installation of new painted parking bay and Keep Clear lines outside the Post Office which are due to go in in late September. TfB have assured us Ward Councillors that they will also repaint them again next year when that part of the road does get resurfaced.

Our next Full Council meeting will be on Tuesday 11th October. As part of our initiative to raise awareness of the Parish Council and what it does for residents, we will be holding this meeting not in the usual venue of the Council Offices in Great Kingshill but at the NAWA School hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend and come and see the Councillors making decisions on your behalf. This is also an opportunity to meet your local Councillors in person (if you don't know us already) as well as raising questions to the whole council. We are also hoping to be able to co-opt (vote in) a new Councillor for Naphill & Walter's Ash as a replacement for Councillor Hackling who stood down in April.

We recently voted to financially support the parish-wide film evenings this year. After the initial screenings last year, the organisers hope to show two popular/classic films in each Village Hall in the Parish during October. The dates for the Naphill showings should be published before you read this article. They are a fun event. Go early and catch up with friends and neighbours as well as watch a great film.

We'll end where we began - Bucks County Council.

They have recently set up <http://futurebucks.co.uk/> which lays out why becoming a Unitary Authority (scrapping the District Councils & County Council in Bucks) will help reduce cost, increase efficiency, and improve services.

Your Parish Councillors

Phil Crawford, Chris Waterton & Peter Williams

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Naphill Neighbours

Laughter filled the Village Hall at the club's September meeting when we were entertained by Joan Dark, her subject "Whatever happened to passion?". Then, up early next morning on a warm and sunny day and off to London to see the exhibition of the Queen's clothes at Buckingham Palace.

We meet again on Monday 10 October for our AGM (hopefully brief and businesslike as always!) followed by a return visit from Diana Hayes, an excellent speaker. This time her subject will be WASHINGTON DC.

Names will be taken and menu choices for our Christmas dinner will be made at that meeting – it seems awful to be thinking of Christmas on one of the rare really hot and sunny days of the summer as I write this!

Our meetings are always OPEN, so if our speaker's subject appeals to you, please do come along to the Village Hall at 8pm on the second Monday of every month. You will be most welcome.

Hazel Vickery
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Growing Your Own

October is the month for enjoying the crops sown earlier in the year. It is also the month for sowing (or rather planting) the last vegetables of the year – garlic, shallots and over-wintering onions (both red and yellow). I try to plant them on 1st October or thereabouts. They will start to grow and by the time of the first real frosts should be about 3 inches high in the case of the garlic and shallots, and 6 inches high in the case of the over-wintering onions. They then go into suspended animation until the warmer weather arrives in spring. In March, having established good roots, they will power ahead and produce abundant crops by June or July. I plant the onions fairly deep with just their tips showing after soaking them in water for 24 hours, then cover them with fine-mesh plastic netting to keep the birds off. (The birds seem to take a perverse delight in pulling them out as soon as one has planted them.) I grow elephant garlic since it is virtually immune to onion rot which in the past has devastated 90% of my crops of ordinary garlic. I plant them deep, with their tops 2 to 3 inches below soil level. They seem to like growing underground and I have to dig them up with a spade when harvesting. I have had difficulties with shallots in recent years and

am trying to find a good variety for my soil. Once my garlic, shallots and overwintering onions are planted that is it for sowing and planting for the year.

October is the month for protecting some of the delicate vegetables from frosts. I cover celeriac, celery and silver chard with fleece and try to ensure that mature bean pods are gathered in for seed for next year (and to eat some of the dried beans after soaking them in water for 24 hours). I also stretch wire chicken netting over the silver chard and carrots to stop the Muntjac deer having a feast.

A major crop to be gathered in is cucurbits – marrows, pumpkins and squashes of various kinds. I leave cropping to the last possible moment, ie just when we have had our first light frost. The reason is to ripen the skins as much as possible since they store better when fully ripe and when they have dried out a little. I take about three wheelbarrow loads home, wash off any soil, then store them in the garage in orange boxes or similar. The boxes can be stacked so they don't take up much floor space. Frequent inspection is necessary during the winter since it seems impossible to predict which of them will go off in storage, but generally the smaller ones keep longest, say until March. The cucurbits make delicious soups during the long, cold, wet winter or, in the case of the vegetable spaghetti, a delicious hot vegetable on the plate!

Good gardening!

Mike Mason



Naphill Brownies

Over the summer some of our brownies took part in our annual Brownie Stayaway with our brownie friends from Walters Ash and Hughenden



We had 2 nights away, sleeping (a bit) in the new Guide Hut in Beaconsfield

Our theme for the weekend was Alien visitors from Outer Space and we did all sorts of games, challenges and crafts on a Space theme. Even our food had an alien twist to it.

We all had a great time and managed to be extremely cheerful throughout, even when we were tired and so now we are now looking forward to a fun-packed Autumn term!

We have some great outings to look forward to. We have annual events such as the Jumble Sale, 1 October, Remembrance service, 13 November and Carol Service, 7 December, as well as lots of other activities.

We will be doing our Designer badge this term too and are always open to ideas for fun activities to tie in with our badge theme. All suggestions welcome. Or maybe you have an idea/ skill that you'd like to come and share. Please do get in touch.

We hope to see you all at the Jumble Sale on the 1 October (1.30pm start).

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)
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Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Firstly, thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Autumn Show. Whether you were an exhibitor, a viewer, or a buyer at the auction you helped to make the day a great success. Entries were noticeably down on last year, which is not surprising given the very dry weather and also the fact that show day coincided with the resurfacing of Main Road! One of the best supported classes was the Fruit Loaf class for men only, or the "Man Cake" class as it became known on the day. As always, it was lovely to have new exhibitors and to see them win prizes- especially in the children's classes where competition for the best crispy cakes was fierce! So thank you all.

The biggest thank you however, must go to Paul Ceurvorst, our new Show Secretary who made it all look so effortless, but the rest of us know that this is not the case.

Our next event for your diaries is:

Cheese & Wine Evening

Friday October 28th

Naphill Village Hall

7.00 for 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00

Wine & Soft Drinks Bar

If you would like to join us, tickets are now available for our Cheese & Wine Evening, which is always a popular event. We are delighted to be welcoming Maggie Bateson, County Organiser for the NGS Yellow Book scheme, who will be telling us more about the scheme, and showing us some of the beautiful gardens to be visited in the our area.

At around 9pm we will tuck into the now famous buffet of cheese, pâté, salad etc.

Numbers are limited, and tickets always sell quickly.

Cathryn Carter

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Photographs courtesy Paul Goby

A First Foray into Produce Showing

I walk every first Wednesday of the month with F.O.N.C., A friendly group led by Chris, who takes us two to three miles on Naphill common and local woodlands, takes about an hour with plenty of chat. During one of these chats on the August walk, I was talking about gardening, and by the end of the walk the lady I was chatting with had persuaded me (maybe) to try and exhibit at the local show in September. The reason? Not enough people joined in, which makes it a thankless task for all the hard working folks that do the organising and planning!

On the morning of the show, eight a.m. saw me raiding the garden and greenhouse to find anything that was not slug eaten or suffering blossom end rot (that's what the schedule said!).

I put flowers in vases, not spectacular veg on white plates and named my vase of herbs- I closely stuck to the 'rules' as I had not put anything in a produce show before!

I arrived at the village hall clutching my efforts ('don't worry' my walking companion had said 'it's not a grand affair'), well, as I entered the hall my first view was of Chelsea standard display of perfect chrysanthemums, dahlias and gladioli! Before I could turn tail and run I was scooped up by friendly folk and ushered in to register my efforts. I was shown exactly what to do and where to go, it was beginning to be fun.

At three pm my husband and I returned to the hall to find I had won 'six firsts' and 'two seconds', O.K. before you think Naphill has spawned another Carol Klein, I have to admit that in most of the classes I entered there were only a couple of entries and in one I was the only one! But I was as proud as anyone, it was fun and I would do it again. The beautiful produce was auctioned off at the end making for a lively and entertaining finish to the day. Rivalry for the best lots was strong!

I didn't think the afternoon could get any better when, wait for it my husband won first prize in the raffle, a magnificent basket of fruit with a selection of jams, pickles etc. We have never won anything like that before in our lives.

I hope this will encourage everyone in the village to have a go next year, it's true, it is fun, and makes you feel part of the community.

My Nieces comment after my boasting on face book- 'They won't have you back next year!' Try and stop me 😊

Margaret Hunter



The Wheel Camra Award Winners 2016



It feels like it has been so long since I last wrote in the Gazette as it has been an absolutely amazing summer. The August weather really brought everyone out, and it has definitely been an extremely busy few months. Thanks to all our staff who have worked so hard and also to our customers who also helped us out too. Winning the Camra Summer Pub of the year 2016 was a great achievement and thank you to the Bucks Free Press for publishing an article about us. (I think this may have helped August)!!

We were really pleased to hold our first Falconry Display, which was an amazing day. Helen and Graham arrived on the Sunday morning with eleven birds of prey, which ranged from falcons to an Eagle Owl. The sun held out for the whole day and so many people came into see the beautiful birds, many of the kids and adults got to hold some of the birds (I am officially in love with the Eagle Owl and want one of my own). I will definitely be planning at least another two days next year.

The road closures have been entertaining in so many ways, Mark and I could have sat outside the pub for hours watching the chaos. The Wheel as ever became Naphill's roundabout, as vehicles were turned around, the signage (or lack of) did not help the mayhem, but I have to say the

abuse and language that the workers got really surprised me from this village. Anyway it's all good and we now have a pothole free road!!!

Well, we are now planning the next few months, Bonfire Night on the 5th is the next big event. This year we will be doing our Box Menu during the evening for 5pm till 8.45pm, hopefully this will mean that we can reduce the food wait times and also ensure you can all be fed easily. Chef and I were busy during August planning our Christmas menus and I'm pleased to say they are ready and can be collected from us whenever you want.

Other dates to remember and book for:-

- 27th Oct – Burger Night
- 5th Nov – Bonfire Night
- 13th Nov – Remembrance Sunday
- 17th Nov – Game Food Night
- Christmas!!!!

As I finish writing this while enjoying a lovely cappuccino from our new coffee machine, I can't believe a new school year has started, but it is nice to have a little normality back. Thanks to everyone as usual and we hope to see you all soon.

Claire and Mark

Birds of Prey at The Wheel

Photographs courtesy Alan Ross



Apple Day at Hughenden



Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 October
10am - 4pm

Celebrate the English
Apple with stalls for
tasting, pressing and
much more!

Normal Admission Applies



Residents Association Quiz Night



11th November 7.30pm

Naphill Village Hall

Quiz Master Peter Oxbrow

Doors Open 7.00pm

Teams of upto 6

Delicious Meal
(with veggie option)

Bar

Raffle

Tickets £11 per head

from

Gloria 563634

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Characters from Village Life in 1930's Remembered

Tommy Tittlemouse

I don't think I ever knew his name properly, I knew him by his nickname and that was Tommy Tittlemouse – goodness knows why! I can vaguely see him still, you know. When I was 7 or 8 he used to go round the village catching moles, trapping them. And that's how he earned his living. He lived in the row of cottages on the main road, just past the estate agents. He used to take the moles home and skin them, put the skins to dry, and then he used to sell the skins – but can you imagine how many skins you would need to make a woman's coat?! I don't know where he sold them. I guess he buried the bodies somewhere. Oh and they used to use them for gentlemen's hats. Oh, and plumbers used them – I think they still do – for rolling a joint between lead and copper pipes. They would heat lead until it melted, fit the lead pipe over the copper, resting them on two bricks on their sides, and then keep rolling it, holding it with the moleskin to protect them from the heat and smooth the join. I can see Ted Smith there, rolling away. He was a good plumber...

Arthur Tillbury 'the Pigeon King'

My grandfather (Arthur Tillbury, my mother's father) was known as the Pigeon King. He used to go

round the woods shooting wood pigeon. Of course when the war was on, meat was rationed – I think we got 4 ounces of meat per person per week! – anyway, Grandfather used to shoot these pigeons and sell them for tuppence or thruppence and that's how he earned money. He had been a chair worker, but the bottom fell out of that in the lead up to WWII.

Benny Grimsall

Then there's Benny Grimsall, who had a horse and cart, and used to earn his living by collecting things from Wycombe station, or running things around for people. You had to be very careful and make sure that you were far enough away for a flea to jump! Because when he stood there talking to you he always had a hand down his trousers scratching his fleas! He lived in two tiny huts on a dangerous corner of the road. The council had been trying to get him to move so they could make the road safer, but he owned this little patch of ground where his huts were, and he wouldn't leave. As you go up Chapel Lane, on the widest part there – I think we built the house there – I think the people called that house 'Benny's' and I have often wondered whether they knew about his fleas... One hut was tiny old chicken shed, and he wasn't very tall himself, but he used to crawl in on his hands and knees – that's where he slept! And the other one was a tool shed, and I think he had a stool and an old primus stove

in there to fry his rasher or whatever. Poor Benny. I was 10 or 12 then – still at school anyway. And it was either the silver jubilee or the coronation, there was a bonfire on the Common and poor Benny was having a warm around the bonfire before he went back to his huts, you know. And little did he know that someone had set those huts on fire while he was away. I know who did it! Both men are dead now. Neither of them were convicted or anything but everyone knew it was them – it saved the council. There's a electricity transformer there now I think. There had been a motorcyclist killed on that bend – there was a bit of an orchard straight ahead, and the post office on the corner, and people would come off their bikes on the bend and finish off in the orchard! And then there was a girl on the back of her boyfriend's motorbike, she was killed. And only then the council started to take notice of it and do something about it.

After that the farmer Kimber at Hughenden gave Benny a shepherd's hut to live in, and it was up Chapel Lane on Lacey Drive where Benny had got this shepherd's hut on this little strip. Of course all the hay work and that was done by horses. One day Dad was mowing the hay on the mowing machine, and I was sharpening knives, home on leave from the army at this time. Dad came up to me and told me that there was one of Benny's boots in the field on the way round, and he was worried about cutting it, so I went and got it, and went over to the huts and called his name several times but he didn't come out. I knew he was in there, because there was some smoke coming out of the little chimney. It was a really hot day, I was wearing shorts and didn't have a shirt on it was that warm. Finally he came out and I asked him if it was his boot, and he didn't even look over in my direction. I can remember that as if it were yesterday: he said "What am I up to? Cleaning these b***** ashes out, I've been making them all day!" and it had been a boiling hot day! Far too hot for a fire. He was going a bit funny then. He ended up in Amersham Hospital, which used to be Amersham Workhouse then. That's where he died.

Birdy Wingrove

Oh and then there was Birdy Wingrove, he was recognised as a kind of keeper of the Common, and he lived with his wife in an old tin shack across the Common. Boys will be boys... snow was on the ground, Birdy would upset the boys by chasing them off the common and that, and so we were getting our own back by pelting his tin shack with snowballs, you see. Birdy had always got this vicious temper. There was a little paddock attached to this shack I saw him with this double-barrelled muzzle loaded in his hand going down there, so I shouted to the rest of the boys. That bloke Roger Bannister who was supposed to have broken the record for the 4 minute mile, he didn't! I broke it! Long before that! Even though there was snow on the ground I came across

that common like anything – I could feel those pellets coming out of that muzzle loader! He never shot it... We scarpered and were gone.

Geoff still smiling in 2016



*Sarah Rogers
on behalf of Geoff Nicholls*

BARN DANCE
Naphill Tennis Club
 are holding a Barn Dance in the village hall
Friday 14th Oct 2016
 from 7.30-11.30 p.m.
TICKETS: £12.50
available from Sarah Rogers 01494 563710
 Price includes light supper
 (please bring your own drinks)
ANYTHING ELSE?
 Cowboy
 & cowgirl
OUTFITS
 available
 Please
PARK
 your
 horses
on
 THE
 GREEN



Fungus Walk and Survey

Sunday 23rd October

Starting at 10am
from the Village Hall

*Led by experts
from the
Bucks Fungus Group*



Guide & Brownie Jumble Sale

1st October
Naphill Village Hall
1.30pm

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

NO ELECTRICAL GOODS PLEASE!



It was Raphella's 5th Birthday today and she had a great adventure in the woods with her friends and their families. Raphella and her family have just moved to Walter's Ash so welcome to the village!

Photograph and comment courtesy of Richrd Holroyd

24th Annual Naphill Fireworks & Bonfire

The fireworks display will be held on Saturday 5 November this year.

As last year we will be fencing off the bonfire area 2 weeks before on 22 October. The site will be open for you to bring your own wood for the bonfire on the 2 Saturdays before the event but closed on other days to control the amount and type of wood and where it is put. As last year we can only accept pallets and timber. Fir trees and other green wood cannot be accepted as it lengthens the time to burn and there is a risk of too much smoke. With a slight wind that can be unpleasant on the night as well as increasing the danger of hot ash in the eye. This worked well last year so I expect it will be good this year as well. Any commercial organisation wishing to deposit timber should give me a call to arrange an appointment.

Tickets for the event will be available from 22 October at reduced prices up to close of business at the village shops and pubs on Friday 4 November. Please remember that the shops and pubs cannot accept credit card payments for the tickets as they do not make any money out of selling them. It is all done for the good of the community. We have put up the price of adult tickets purchased at the event by 50p - they have been £7 since 2012. The child price has remained the same since 1999! All other ticket prices are the same as last year.

As ever we need a large number of volunteers to help us run the event so if you can help please let me know.

Please remember not to bring sparklers or other fireworks to the event as we will not let you in. Also please do NOT bring dogs or other pets to the event, and we cannot allow you in if you are wearing a reflective jacket. I would also ask Vincents Way residents not to access the Crick by their back gates.

We hope you come and join this highly enjoyable event and have a good time.

Andrew Wasilewski
Chairman – Fireworks Committee
Tel: 562770

Naphill Evening WI

We do not meet in August, but some of us have got together once or twice in Bon Ami to celebrate a birthday or just to have a lovely cheese scone and a chat. The Food Group have also met for afternoon tea and lunch. Their next event will be an evening meal with partners and friends on 27 October at Three Crowns, Askett.

Five members of the Craft Group spent a very hot afternoon at a local knitting and wool retailer 'Clickety Clack' learning to crochet. Some of us had more success than others! We are also thinking forward to Christmas and busy making various bits and bobs and doing a lot of talking and tea drinking of course.

I am sorry to have to tell you that Cynthia Rothwela member for many years, has sadly passed away. I know I speak for us all when I say she was a lovely person.

We are looking forward to visiting our twinned WI in Napton on 11 October when we will visit a Guide Dog training centre with them. These visits are always fun.

It will be our Annual Meeting on 20 October when we will elect our new committee. We will also have a quiz and draw our annual Bursary, which can be put towards a course at Denman, the WI's College near Abingdon. A lovely place to stay at with courses on so many different subjects and interests that it would be hard to choose.

We also have a Group Meeting on 25 October when we join several other WIs. This time we will be hosted by Downley Evening WI and hear Malcolm Nelson talking on "40 Years Catching Smugglers".

Carol Gilliam.

WI Welcome Meeting

Naphill Evening WI invite you to join us for coffee and a chat at Bon Ami on Monday, 7th November 10.30 – 12 noon. We would love to see you there but if you cannot make it and would like to know more about us, please phone Carole on 563518.



Important Napfest Notice!!!

The Napfest committee urgently need the support of the village, we need at least an extra three or four people to join our committee so that this brilliant weekend can still go ahead. Our meetings are held during the evening and are generally every four to six weeks. We need people who are committed, organised and can work to deadlines.

On this note we are also looking for a new Chairperson as I have resigned this year.

Please contact me at The Wheel, 01494 562210

Claire

Naphill Tennis Club

Everyone is welcome at our BARN DANCE/ SUPPER EVENING on FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER in Naphill Village Hall. Tickets from the Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel (01494 563706) - please see poster!

On Fridays until 14th October at 4.15pm, we are holding Junior Tennis Coaching for anyone who is interested. Details on Naphill Tennis Club website (www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk) and on our Facebook page. An excellent chance for youngsters to improve their tennis skills!

Jenny Tench

Picture This

One of the really wonderful things about being a photographer - and that's anyone who uses a camera of any sort - is that you find out how your world looks when you make a photograph of it. Despite that old adage 'the camera never lies', the fact is that the camera never tells the truth; it simply can't.

So I'm one of those photographers who are constantly fascinated by how I can choose the story my camera tells. What do I want you to see and what do I conceal from you? And when I show the picture to you, how do you feel; what do you like about the picture and what do you not like?

The cover picture was made on Naphill Common. I was struck by the power of the two beech trees that take centre stage in the picture. In reality, when I first noticed them, they didn't look the way they do in the photograph. They only stand opposite each other with the gentle curve of their trunks reflecting each other when you stand in a certain place. As I looked, they brought to mind the elegance of the Gothic and Perpendicular style columns of Lincoln cathedral with golden light streaming through the clerestory windows into the aisle. Magic! Once I had found the place for my camera, 'taking' the photograph was simply pressing the shutter.

For the technically minded, the picture was made on a film camera using a clockwork shutter. The slow shutter speed I used has captured the movement of some of the branches and leaves as the breeze brushes past. Oh yes, and a tripod was used too.

I've used the following quote before but I thought that it might inspire you to create your own story.

"Some days ago, the hazy pre-dawn found me on the edge of a field waiting for the strengthening light to develop and provide contrast; it was one of the loveliest waiting periods I have known. During the hour or so, and remaining in the same position, I entered into what felt like a heightened

world of closeness to everything. Observing the sky and its capricious nature is par for the course for me but, on that morning, my sky was full of misty continents and beautiful drifting cloud. Below, hares, pheasants, foxes and a thousand conversations from birds filled me to the brim with silent joy in which all the questioning disappeared. I remained there, smiling, transported away from my concerns and myself. I knew in my core that the need to no longer be so dislocated from the natural world is of paramount importance for all of us."

Charlie Waite - photographer

Enjoy your photography and do share your pictures with the Gazette Editor.

Richard Holroyd

Richard@richardholroydphotography.com

Letters from the Vicarage

As October begins, so the close of the year dawns. The trees are now well advanced in their leaf fall and the countryside is ablaze with colour – nature's glorious farewell to the long days of summer and her guard of honour to usher in the long nights of winter. Soon the clocks will go back – the bliss of that extra hour in bed being quickly overshadowed by the early dark evenings. We grumble about the increasing gloom and cold, wishing for warmth and sunshine - how quickly forgotten is the discomfort of those very hot days in August.

It always amazes me how each season has its own unique beauty. Witness the exquisite brightness of the stars on a frosty winter's evening. Then there's the fairy-crystal dusting of hoar frost on twigs and late autumn berries, or the intense, Spartan blackness of skeletal trees silhouetted against early sunsets. And the food. Did I mention the food? Apple pies, pumpkin soup, mulled wine, roasted chestnuts. This season brings much to look forward to and enjoy. As someone who just may possibly be the world's worse gardener, I heartily relish the fact that I do not have to mow the lawn for a good 4 months or so!

As the days darken and our bodies begin to yearn for more sunshine, so we have the brightness of Christmas and the fresh start of a new year to look forward to. Just when it gets too much, the days lengthen. Frost crystals are replaced by dewdrops, withered leaves by bright buds and blossoms. No longer are we tight bound in scarves, mufflers and boots – now we enjoy the freedom of tee shirts and flip flops. And the year completes another circle, every day, every month, every season with something to find beauty and wonder in, if only we would recognise it. The Old Testament writer of the book of Ecclesiastes wrote:

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heaven.....He has made everything beautiful in its time. (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11a)

Learning to find beauty and take pleasure in every moment does not sit comfortably with the lives we lead, yet how much more comfortable would our lives become if we could learn to look for the good, the beautiful and the noble in all that we encounter. Our media is brimful with stories of pain, horror and destruction; stories of inhumanity, greed and lust for power. The woes of the world; what the Bible calls 'sin'. Yet within its pages, the Bible also offers hope, encouraging us to consider 'whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things'. (Philippians 4:8)

Words written not by a scholar in some comfortable study, but by Saint Paul from a prison cell in ancient Rome.

Why not try out Paul's advice? If you can find the beauty in each moment, then every moment will become beautiful.

Rev Jenny Ellis

Sheila's Tea Party

We would like to thank everyone who supported our tea party in aid of "Aspire Spinal Injuries" recently. We were really amazed and delighted that we raised a total on the day of £689.06 plus some generous donations of £310.94 which meant that we have been able to send a cheque for £1000.00 and donations are still coming in from friends who were unable to come on the day.

We have organised annual tea parties for many years now, for various charities, which have always been very well attended by the residents of Naphill and this has been very much appreciated. Will we see you again next year?

Sheila and Elaine.

World Challenge Quiz Night Fundraiser!

On Saturday 15th October I will be holding a quiz night to raise money for my World Challenge expedition to Borneo in July 2017. The challenge includes taking part in a project to help a local community to create a sustainable income rather than selling their land to palm oil producers and to help them improve the basic public utilities in their village. We will also climb up Mt Kinabalu - the highest mountain in South East Asia. It is a physically demanding challenge and requires my team and I to carry all our belongings in a large rucksack - a bit like a long D of E expedition! I will

be developing myself, using vital survival skills and learning to use my initiative.

The tickets are £10 each, which includes a hosted quiz night with a meal. You can bring your own drinks, and the teams will consist of 8 people. I am trying to fill four more tables so please come along with your friends if you can! If you want to come as an individual or couple, we can put you into a team with other people.

For more information or to buy tickets, please contact me at 07748 050608 or maya.goddard1@btinternet.com

Maya Godddard

Wycombe Photographic Society

As this is our first appearance in the Gazette here is a bit about us.

We are a friendly group of photographers who get great enjoyment from our hobby. Our meetings are open to all ages and abilities and held most Thursday evenings from 07.45pm (for an 8pm start) through to 10pm, from September to June at Micklefield Community Centre.

The meetings cover all aspects of photography, guest speakers on a variety of subjects, practical sessions and competitions. However, do not let the thought of competitions deter you from coming along as the judges give out a wealth of knowledge plus tips and tricks of taking photographs. You will very quickly find yourself taking Photos not just another Snap of Aunt Millie with her flower hat on her head or granddad asleep in his favourite chair. After all, we have an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty right on our doorstep whilst others have to travel to the area so no excuses for not taking a great photograph to show your friends the magic of where we live.

In October we have a guest speaker talking about "Street Photography in Monochrome" and in November a workshop discussion group on "Alternatives to full colour including Monochrome and Infrared."

Have a look at our website for more information and how to contact us plus have a look at some of the images in our members' galleries:
www.wycombephotographicsociety.org.uk

David Greenwood
Secretary Wycombe Photographic Club

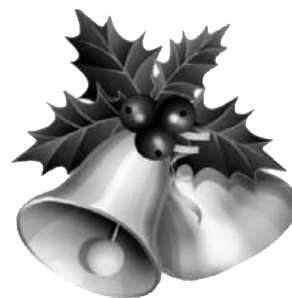
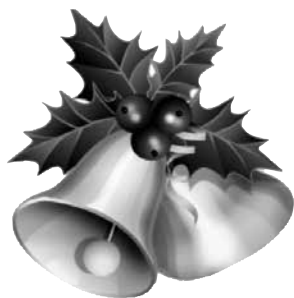
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Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre

Friday 25th November

At the Village Hall

6.00 p.m - 9.00 p.m



Stalls booked so far include:-

Soy wax candles from "By Candlelight"

"Beads & Bracelets"

"Little Goat Soap Company"

"Cotswold Pens" Wood Turning

"Christmas Common Conserves"

Christmas stockings, Tree skirts & Decorations

Cake Stall Door Wreaths

Christmas Trinkets

Grand Draw

And much more!

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies



Bon Ami

We love Autumn at Bon Ami with it's abundance of wonderful harvest ingredients. You can expect to find: Plum & Orange cake, Fig and Raspberry Crumble cake, Spiced Apple & Cider cake, Hazelnut cake and Blackberry Cupcakes along with a daily freshly made soup on our menu.

By the time you read this we hope to have had an amazing fundraising day for Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 30th September. We will let you know the total amount raised in the next edition. If you didn't manage to join us on the day but would still like to make a donation it is not too late. It will be a few days before we bank the final total.

We have the new Autumn/Winter Phoenix card catalogue in the coffee shop together with a lovely stock of Christmas cards. Do come and have a browse and even write some over a cup of coffee?

On 7th November the W.I. will be hosting an information morning (10.30-12.00) at Bon Ami.

So if you have even wondered what the W.I. do when they are not making calendars do drop in and have a chat

See you soon.

Amanda & Ruth.

Christmas Gift Fayre- Friday 25th November

We know it is may seem rather early to be mentioning this, but we wanted you all to know that the Christmas Fayre has undergone a make-over this year, and will now be an evening event giving you more shopping opportunities from local suppliers along with mulled wine, and the usual very Grand Draw!

Please take a look at the ad. in this edition, and most importantly Save the Date! We want you all to come along on November 25th and enjoy this fun and festive event at the Village Hall.

Cathryn Carter & Moira Harris

Restoring the Record

On 1st January 2026 – not 10 years away – it will no longer be possible to use documentary evidence to claim 'lost ways'. Any path, track, alleyway, bridleway, cut-through, etc. not registered on the definitive map could be in danger of being lost forever. Even old and still well-used, but officially unrecorded, paths and tracks may at risk. The ancient maxim on which many past claimants have relied: 'once a highways always a highway' will be

history.

What does that actually mean to those of us who walk, cycle or horse ride along our local public footpaths and bridleways? Simply...if it isn't registered, an owner could put a gate or fence across it and prohibit all entry to the public – quite legally – and think how that could hinder our access to the countryside. Here are just a few questions worth considering.

Just in your parish:

- Are there old lanes not currently used, but could potentially be useful in the future;
- Do you remember a route you walked as a child that is not currently accessible;
- Why does that footpath or bridleway suddenly end at the parish or county boundary or why does that bridleway suddenly end and become a footpath;
- Are all public footpaths and bridleways accurately mapped by the Ordnance Survey;
- Do routes you use join the metalled highway or is there a strip of gravel not marked as a footpath or bridleway on the map;
- Is that track or hollow way you use through your local wood actually a definitive path?

After 2026 historic map and documentary evidence will be inadmissible to claim 'lost' or existing routes not on the definitive map (though it will be possible to claim paths on the basis of 20 years, unopposed, use).

The basic message is starkly simple – the risk is that we take our access to the countryside for granted; we use routes for recreation and as a means of linking places together; but if we don't check what we already have, or what has been used in the past, we could lose it. If we don't research what we use now and have done in the past, we may never get another chance to register it in future.

Do you have any old maps, letters, books or photos which show that paths once existed? They could be very important – verbal memories also often provide worthwhile clues! Fortunately, the Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum, Open Spaces Society, the Ramblers and British Horse Society, among others, and our parish council are taking an initiative to do what they can for the benefit of local parishes and our neighbours to secure unrecorded paths for future generations to enjoy. Will you help us, please?

We may need people to check maps, walk paths, do research and get new links approved – this is both a countywide and countrywide initiative.

If you are interested and are prepared to help, contact Ross Osborn (rossosborn41@gmail.com) who can either put you in contact with your local volunteer, or will send you all the information you need to know to start out on this potentially fascinating detective hunt.

County wide project article
Sent in by Deirdrie Hanson



QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 15th October
Naphill Village Hall
Doors open 7pm for a 7:30 start
Food will be served at 8:30pm
£10 per ticket
Contact 07748 050608 or
mayagoddard1@btinternet.com for
more information



OUTLOOK EXPEDITIONS



World Challenge

GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2016 ON THE CRICK

Fire lighting at 6.15pm, display from 7pm

Tickets: Adults £5.50 before the day £7.50 on the day

Children £1.50 before the day

£2 on the day (under 5s FREE)

BAR, BARBECUE & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

PLEASE DO NOT BRING SPARKLERS ETC. TO THE EVENT

Volunteering Fair at RAF High Wycombe



6 September saw Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Wycombe Museum, The Royal British Legion, Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway, Bucks Mind, South Bucks Hospice, Bucks Adult Learning and Parkwood Healthcare set up their stands at RAF High Wycombe's Volunteering Fair. This was part of an initiative led by Community

Impact Bucks (CIB), the nationally accredited Volunteer Centre for Buckinghamshire, and funded by the Armed Forces Covenant, to promote local volunteering opportunities for station personnel and their families.

Hazel Finney, Lead for Volunteering at CIB, had this to say about the day: "This was a great opportunity for local organisations looking for volunteers to come together and promote their roles. Many enquiries were received, and some new volunteers were even signed up on the day! We know from experience that Volunteer Fairs provide an excellent chance for people interested in volunteering to really get under the skin of what local charities do, and ask those burning questions. It was a busy day, and even some dogs from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf put

in an appearance!"

Later in the year, personnel from the base and their families will also be supporting Chiltern Rangers to clear woodland, as well as arranging a Christmas lunch for elderly local residents.

Please contact Hazel Finney on: hazel@communityimpactbucks.org.uk or 0300 111 1250 for further information about the project.

Bradenham Parish Council

We hope you all had an energising and enjoyable summer.

Final agreements with HS2 were reached which did not affect us directly, but do affect West Wycombe, so it looks like all our efforts on the HS2 construction work have paid off. The next phase will be implementing the road safety features which HS2 is going to pay for.

The parish council has taken advice from the Chiltern Society on pond management for the pond in Bradenham, we hope to start work in the autumn with help from the Chiltern Society volunteers. Our accounts were returned from the external auditors, who found them in order and compliant with current legislation.

We have requested Bucks County Council to clear drains in Bradenham and cut back the overgrowth tree branches obscuring the lights at the pelican crossing on New Road, Walter's Ash. Fly tipping is

again occurring where the recycling bins are near RAF no.1 site entrance. This is unpleasant and has been reported. Bucks County Council will prosecute and have been successful in securing convictions in recent months.

At our next meeting on Monday 7th November, Bucks County Council will come and speak about "Streamlining Local Government". All are welcome to come and hear what they have to say. The parish council will meet at Bradenham Cricket pavilion at 7pm. For minutes and agendas see our web site: www.bucksvoice.net/bradenham-parish-council or just google Bradenham Parish Council.

Deirdre Hansen - Clerk to the Council.
clerk@bradenham.org.uk,
Tel: 01494-562254

Christmas along with Quiz Nights and Barn Dances so memories and reports will be much appreciated please.

I have also included an article from Wycombe Camera Club as this is one of our nearest camera clubs and several residents are members. They also welcome new members from our villages! I hope we will be including further articles and photographs from them. My sincere thanks to all our contributors and to Richard for this month's cover photograph.

The copy date for the November publication is 15 October and I look forward to receiving all your copy on or before this date please.

Sonia

Small Ads

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Last Word

So as to avoid being sat in my office on what I thought might well be a blazing hot August day composing this magazine we had an August/September combined issue. Little did I bargain on this September producing two of the hottest September days on record and me being sat here at my desk. Well, never one to complain about the sunshine and with the job to be done, the October Gazette is about to be proof read and on a much cooler September day, get dispatched to PK InPrint where I hope it will pass Geoff's eagle eye and be printed.

This month I have included a lovely article of Geoff Nicholls memories of his friends from the 1930's and a special article by Margaret Hunter about her Flower Show successes. We have lots of events including Remembrance Day, Fireworks and dare I mention

Post it Board

Hughenden PC
Tues 11th October- Full
Council meeting 7.30pm-
10pm, Naphill & Walter's
Ash School

**World Challenge Quiz
Night**
15 October
Village Hall

**Tennis Club
Barn Dance**
14 October
Village Hall

FONC Walks
Short - 5 September
Long - 17 October
Fungi Walk
23 October

**Horticultural Society
Cheese & Wine**
Village Hall
28 October

Wheel
27th Oct – Burger Night
5th Nov – Bonfire Night
13th Nov – Remembrance Sunday
17th Nov – Game Food Night

Fireworks Display
5 November
on The Crick

**Bon Ami
MacMillan Cancer
Support Day**
Thursday 30 September

Christmas Fayre
FRIDAY 25 November
6pm-9pm
Naphill Village Hall



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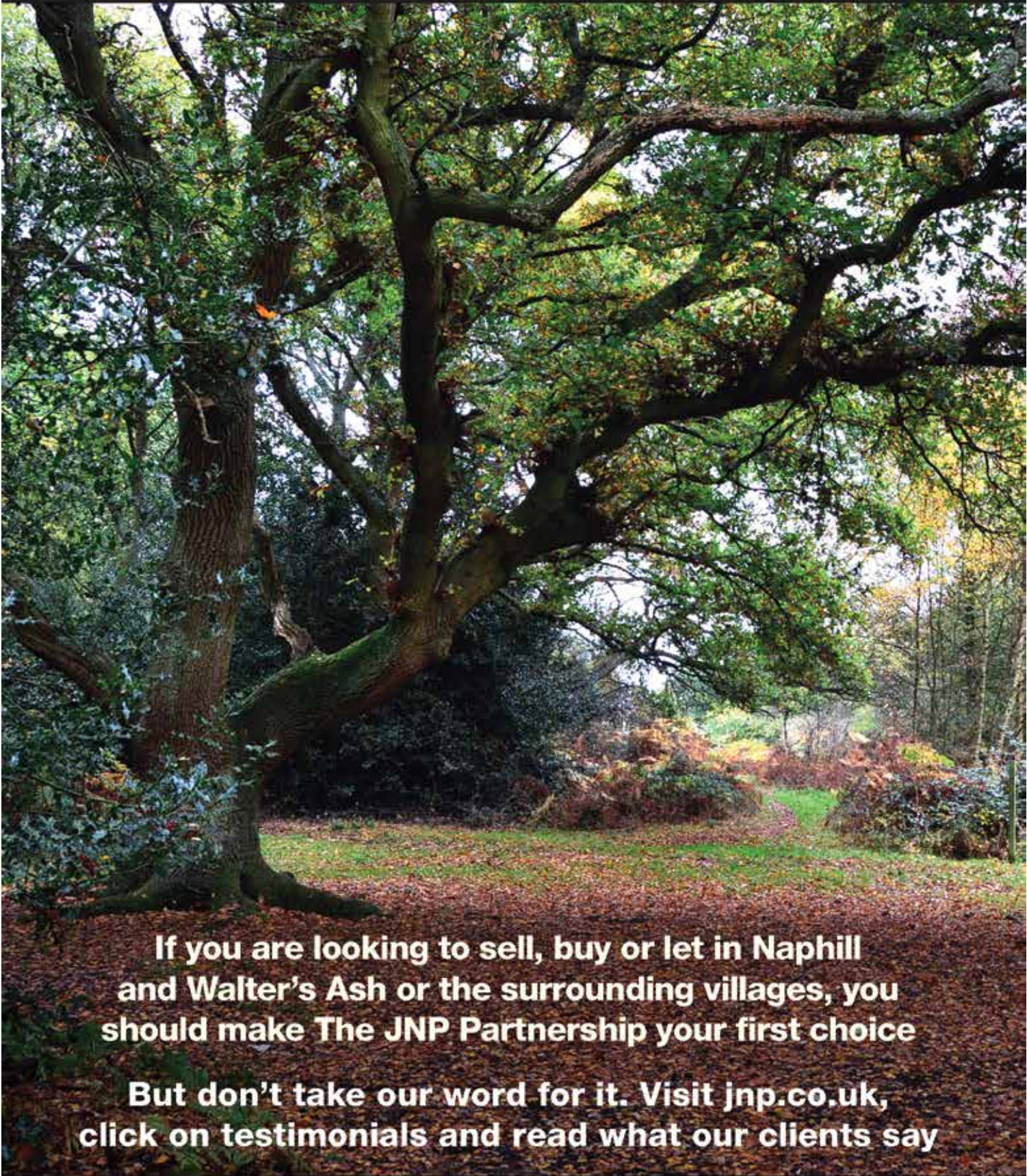
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	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
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Editorial

November! The time of year when the Goby household divides itself into two quite distinct camps - those who feel the cold and would rather hibernate and those who do not feel the cold and cannot understand why the central heating is running at full speed and the fire in the lounge is blazing every evening. There are no prizes for guessing that Pedro, our short haired Chihuahua and I are in the former and Himself and Carlos, our long haired Chihuahua are staunchly in the latter camp! Sometimes, Himself being of a hardy nature does have its advantages as he will run the errands and take his camera out and about taking the photographs I want for the magazine whilst I stay in the warm.

As the editor of this magazine I will usually only publish information and articles about current events and so I do ask that NapFest reporting ends in our July/August edition and does not feature again until February thus giving priority to our Autumn and Winter events. However, the NapFest committee has appointed a new chairman, Linda Clark, who has bravely taken up the cudjels from Claire, the retiring chairman, and who the Napfest Committee would like to introduce to us. In these exceptional circumstances I have agreed to include an article this edition. I extend a warm welcome to Linda and I will look forward to working with her in the New Year when we start looking forward to NapFest 2017.

This month's magazine features our annual Bonfire & Firework Display, the Village Hall Christmas Fayre, the WANSA School Christmas Fayre and various other village events plus, hopefully, announcements of the rest of our traditional Christmas village events. As always so much work goes into organising these things and often the money raised is used for the benefit of our community. I would urge you to take a look and do everything possible to go along, join in, and support them please.

13 November is Remembrance Sunday and there are details about this in our magazine. Sometime ago I included an article entitled "A Hero in Our Midst". This month we have another article about this hero, our own Ron Crutchfield who was actively involved in the D Day landing and who's bravery has recently been recognised by none other than the President of France, My congratulations to Ron, our community is so proud of you and all those who fought alongside you so that we can be free.

Sonia Goby

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Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

Most Trustees were able to come to the October Council meeting early (ie 7pm) so that we could all familiarize ourselves with the extent and complexity of the accommodation in the Village Hall. We explored the Scout and Guide Headquarters, the Men's Club, the two halls, Bon Ami, the kitchen, the roof space, the boiler room, changing rooms and various storage spaces. It was an hour well spent as some trustees were only familiar with the main hall and kitchen; there is so much more to our facilities than that!

We also have a recreation ground which is becoming popular with various activity groups; we need these groups to get in touch with the Lettings Secretary, or with me, so we can resolve issues around overcrowding in the car park. Also groups are not covered by the village hall insurance if they do not have a lettings agreement; commercial use of the facilities run by the Charity should incur a letting fee. It is great that activities are taking place and any fee would be small. We just need to know who is using the Crick on a regular basis so we can manage our facilities to the benefit of our residents.

There have been some complaints – AGAIN!- about dog fouling not being cleared up. This is very unpleasant, and potentially dangerous to the health of sports' teams and children. We would not want to ban dogs from the Crick but it is very important that owners use it responsibly. Please bag it!

One of the administrative jobs on the Council agenda at present is the renewal of the tennis club lease. The present lease runs out in a couple of years and we are wondering if there is a retired solicitor in the village who would be willing to give us some advice about this. Please get in touch if you feel able to help.

There are two fundraising events to look forward to in November. We would welcome a dry evening with just a light wind for the Fireworks on November 5th; this promises to be as spectacular as ever! The Christmas Fayre will be on the evening of Friday November 25th. All the tables have been taken and there will be an excellent selection of gifts from which to choose. We hope to see many of you on these occasions.

Peggy Ewart (565969)

Chairman Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

Carols by Candlelight



**11th December
4pm**

**Naphill Village
Hall**

Christians in the Community

We had our first meeting with the new vicar of Hughenden, Keith Johnson, and have planned some interesting events over the next few months.

There was a great welcoming service for the new Bishop of Oxford at All Saints Church, High Wycombe. A full church (lots of testimonials from groups of children and adults), wonderful music, a Zimbabwean choir, finished off with wine and food!

Please let us know if you have a neighbour or friend, they don't have to be a Christian, who would welcome a visit from one of us.

Norma Clarke
563116

Naphill Scouts

With the uncharacteristic, relatively warm and dry weather, the scouts had a very successful cook out in the woods. We have had four new scouts join us this term and they enthusiastically joined in one of our favourite traditional scout activities, earning themselves the Camp Cook badge. We expect to induct our new joiners into the troop properly sometime after half term, at which point they will be able to wear their scout badges with pride on their new scout uniforms.

The term schedule has had a bumpy start, with a number of scout weeks having to be postponed due to leaders having work commitments, but usual service should be resumed after half term.

We will finish this half term with our traditional pumpkin carving competition; big prizes to be won for best scout patrol team effort, and one prize for the pumpkin which is judged individual best overall. Hopefully we can include a picture of the winning pumpkin in next month's Gazette.

Mark Powell

Christmas Gift Fayre

Friday 25th November 6pm – 9pm

The new-look Christmas Gift Fayre Evening is almost here, giving you the perfect opportunity to buy attractive and unusual gifts from local suppliers, along with cards, decorations and all things Christmassy, whilst enjoying a glass or two of mulled wine! There will be stalls in both the main and small halls, giving more space for you to browse, and don't forget to buy some tickets for the Grand Draw which will, as always, have lots of fabulous prizes.

So make sure you come along and join in this very festive and fun evening. Full details are on the poster in this edition and on the Village Hall website

Cathryn Carter

Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre

Friday 25th November

At the Village Hall

6.00 p.m - 9.00 p.m

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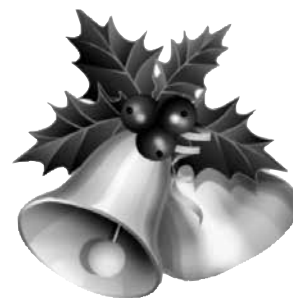
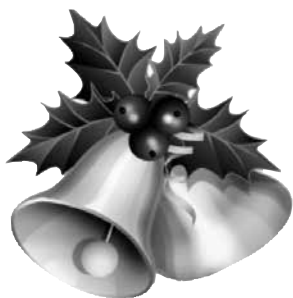
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Do come along and join us. You will be very welcome.

**Naphill Evening WI
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Coffee Morning
at Bon Ami**

7th November at 10:30 am

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about WI please do join us
for a coffee and a chat**

Bon Ami

Firstly, we are thrilled to announce that we had a great Macmillan coffee morning. We raised £353.76!

Our current new cake favourites are: Toffee, Apple and Pecan loaf and Fresh Fig and Raspberry crumble cake. Delicious with a cup of freshly ground coffee.

With the chilly weather now upon us, we are once again offering our signature Winter Magic Coffee (cappuccino with hazelnuts & chocolate, flavoured with cardamon, cinnamon and ginger.)

In readiness for Christmas we are hosting a ladies' Christmas evening on Thursday 8th December. Please call into Bon Ami to find out all the details.

See you soon,
Amanda & Ruth

Announcing the New Chairman of the NapFest Committee

The NapFest Committee are pleased to welcome Linda Clark as their new Chairman. Linda extends her thanks to the retiring chairman, Claire Christian, for all her hard work in organising the past successful NapFests.

NapFest 2017 dates are 9 -11 June 2017 and will follow the usual format of Music on the Crick, Naphill & Walter's Ash Fete Day and Classics on the Crick.

If you would like to join the committee, book a stall for NapFest or require any further information please contact the organisers at nwafete@hotmail.co.uk.

The Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette will look forward to publishing more details about these events in the New Year.

Naphill Neighbours

Our 15 minute (!) AGM took place last month and we elected the committee to run the club for the next 12 months. The Committee members are – Sheila Rolfe, Hazel Vickery, Joy Stroud, Yvonne Cook, Janet Judge, Valerie Whale, Shirley Clark-Pearson and Christine Heffer. Betty Jones retired after many years of tireless service on the Committee and we welcomed Ann Roberts as her replacement. Afterwards we were entertained and informed about Washington DC By Mrs Diane Hayes. It was an interesting talk with fascinating details, particularly about past presidents and their wives.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 14 November. Unfortunately, we will not be watching the planned Victorian Magic Lantern Show due to the ill health of Mr Tony Brown but Marion Hebboure has kindly agreed to show us how to create some seasonal flower arrangements. Please remember to bring along your cheques (£20) for the Christmas dinner.

Hazel Vickery,

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Remember QUIZ NIGHT. Friday 11th November, Naphill Village Hall. 7pm doors open. 7.30pm Quiz starts. Teams of up to 6. Register your team early for an entertaining evening with popular Quiz Master **Peter Oxbrow** and his team.


There will be Prizes, Raffle, Full Bar, and a delicious hot meal of Chilli con carne with rice, Vegetable Lasagne, together with Salad, French bread and butter. An idea of the number of veggie meals required would be helpful. Tickets at £11 per head from Gloria **563634** (answerphone available) and Liz **562697** or email Gloria on glorialeflaive@msn.com giving your address and I will deliver your tickets to your door if you wish. Everyone welcome.

Planning to 13 October 2016. 16/07702/CTREE High Beech, Louches Lane, Naphill. Works to Copper Beech (T2) to maintain good form and reduce risk of damage to buildings with shaping and crown reduction up to approx 1.5m plus removal of some low level branches. **16/07728/FUL. 71 Woodcock Avenue, Walters Ash.** Householder Application for construction of part two storey side / rear and part single storey rear extension. (NAWARA. concerns over curtilage). **16/07483/PNP16A CTI Site, Stocking Lane, Hughenden.** Prior Notification for the installation of 3 no. antennas and 3 no. mast head amplifier units on an existing headframe on the existing 35m high tower, together with support bracketry, feeder cables and ancillary development. **16/07433/FUL. 20 Allen Drive, Walter's Ash.** HA for demolition of existing single storey front entrance porch, construction of two storey front extension and new front entrance porch, with minor internal alterations. **16/07298/FUL Cherry Coombe, Coombe Lane, Naphill.** HA for raising of roof, roof extensions/alterations demolition of existing garage and construction of single storey side extension. (Objection. Overlooking). **16/07448/FUL. 32 Main Road, Naphill.** HA for erection of single storey rear extension with lower ground garden room beneath.

Decisions.

Permitted. 16/06817/FUL | Stoneleigh, Coombe Lane Naphill. Erection of 1 x 4 bedroom detached dwelling with integral garage and construction of new detached garage for Stoneleigh and associated access alterations **16/07232/FUL Woodlands 12 Brackenwood, Naphill.** Householder application for construction of two storey side/rear extension, new bay window to rear and associated internal/external alterations. **16/07086/FUL. 52, Main Rd., Naphill.** HA for demolition of existing rear conservatory and lean-to structure and construction of single storey rear extension with some minor internal alteration works. **Refused. 16/06742/FUL Pippins, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill.** Householder application for construction of roof extensions and alterations including side dormer extension, single storey rear extension and fenestration alterations.

Gloria Leflaive - 56363



Residents Association Quiz Night





11th November 7.30pm

Naphill Village Hall

Quiz Master Peter Oxbrow
Doors Open 7.00pm
Teams of upto 6
Delicious Meal (with veggie option)
Bar
Raffle

Tickets £11 per head
from
Gloria 563634
Liz 562697



Help with Online Applications and Forms?

So many services and applications are online now and those without computers or who are less confident using the internet may be struggling to keep up. It's great if you have family or friends who can help out but if you are on your own it can be very daunting.

I have helped a couple of local people recently with online applications and I wondered if it was time that the village had some named volunteers that people could contact if they are stuck or struggling with the digital world?

I am happy to be one myself but am not at home during the daytime so if there is anyone else that feels able to join me please let me know. I was hoping that, like the prescription service, we could put our details in the gazette so that people know how to get hold of us.

Judy Whitehouse

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Friends of Naphill Common

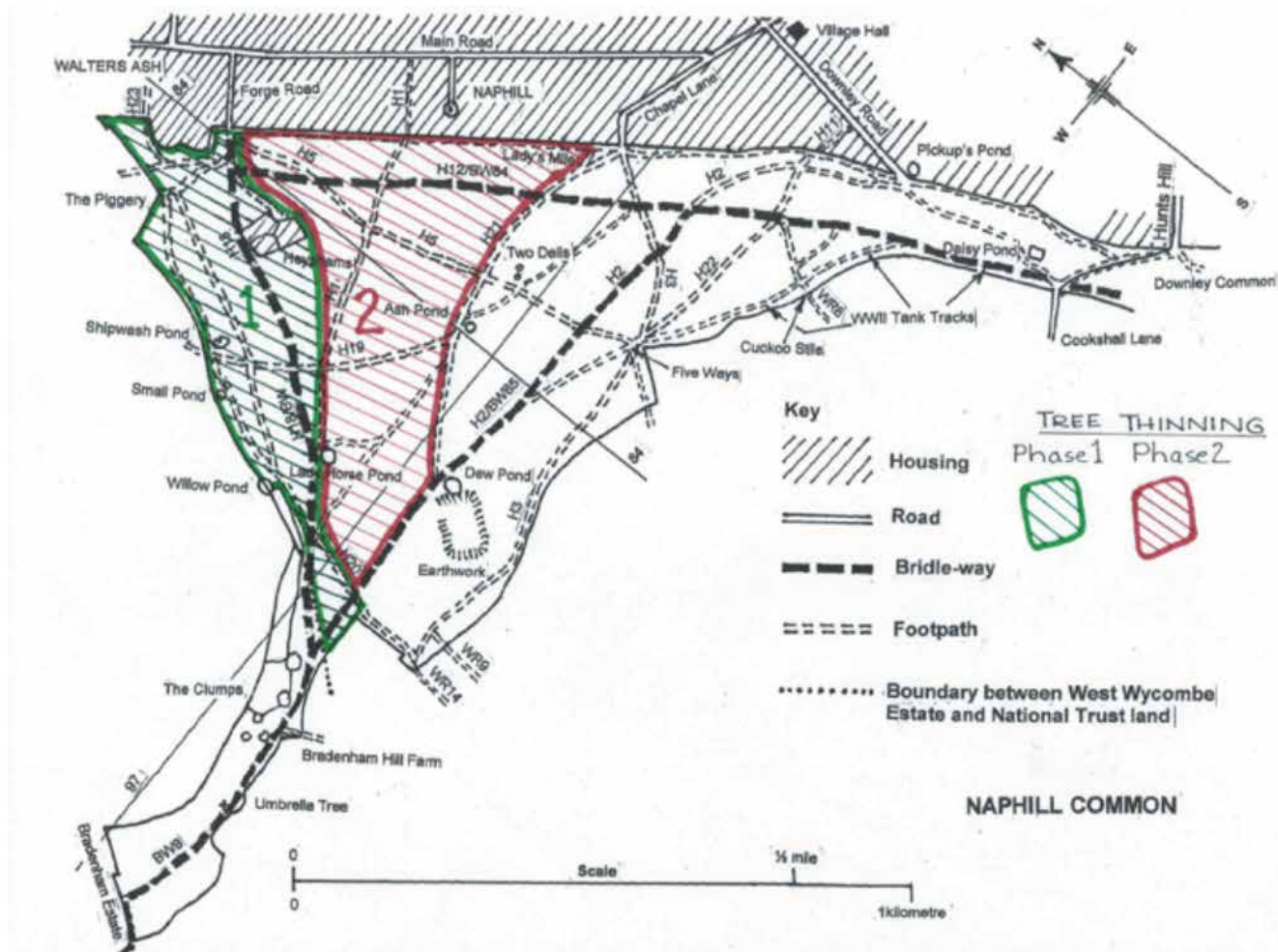
The autumn colours will soon be with us and nowhere better than on the Common. At the time of writing only the horse chestnut trees have brown leaves. Sadly this is due to the effects of a tiny moth whose grubs burrow inside the leaves. This Horse Chestnut Leaf-Miner moth (*Cameraria ohridella*) first appeared in Europe (in Macedonia) in 1985 and was first reported in Britain in 2002. It has spread steadily northwards and has now almost reached the Scottish border. It does not kill the trees but reduces their growth and weakens them by making most of the leaves useless within a few weeks. The moth itself is less than ¼ inch (5mm) long and is reddish-brown with narrow black and white cross bands. As there are only a few horse chestnut trees on the Common; all near The Clumps, our display of colours will be the normal effects of autumn.

As yet we do not have a firm date for the start of Phase 2 of the felling. The area affected is shown on the map. We have started the task of putting a green band around those trees we do not want removed. We have chosen the larger trees, especially the veterans, but also some other special trees. Don't be alarmed; Wessex Woodland Management will not fell all of the unmarked trees: they will just do some thinning, much the same as

in Phase 1. FONC has no legal right to determine what thinning is done but if you have any concerns about a particular tree, whether to keep or fell, please let us know and we will do our best to influence Wessex Woodland Management and West Wycombe Estate who own the Common.

Our strength comes mainly from our membership. This year we have 124 members which is admirable, but if you want to help – if only by swelling that number – please think of joining. It is only £5 per year. Almost all of our activities are free and you are welcome to join our (free) regular walks which generally go well beyond the Common. The short walks (2-3 miles) are led by Chris Miller starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Ron Collins leads the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third Monday of each month. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9:30am sharp. You can expect a friendly welcome and good company. Another way of getting involved is to join our working parties, led by Peter Davis. They are working to clear paths, remove excessive holly, clear the ponds and so on. See our website for details and dates.

Chris Miller. Chairman.





Remembrance Day, 13th November 2016

November is the time of the year when we remember those men and women who gave their lives in the cause of our freedom. This year is of particular significance marking the battles of the Great War 100 years ago. Several of the men named on our memorial stone were killed at this time. A Service of Remembrance will be held at Naphill Village Hall, commencing at 2.45 pm and conducted by the Royal Air Force Chaplain, Sqn Ldr Mike Hall. All are welcome to attend.



Naphill Tennis Club Barn Dance

There was a fantastic turnout for our Barn Dance on 14 October! I doubt that we could have fitted any more people into the hall and actually managed to dance.

Everyone had a great time mastering the dances which included the great favourites - the Cumberland Square Eight, the Dashing White Sergeant and of course, Strip the Willow.

During the evening we held a raffle in aid of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and raised over £100.

It was a great evening full of fun and dancing, a tasty supper and a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Donna Tandy



Growing Your Own

What is growing on my allotment and worth more than its weight in gold? Read on!

November is a fairly quiet month for the garden's vegetable patch and the allotment. There is nothing to sow, but November is the ideal month for planting-out new fruit trees and fruit bushes so that they have plenty of time over the winter to settle in and get their roots established before the warmer weather comes in spring and those roots have to start performing, passing nutrients and water up to the tree or bush above. Most of the rest of the work is recovering from the previous season and getting the plot ready for the next one. Weeds and old plants need to be removed, with special attention to those weeds which can let drop a multitude of seeds such as groundsel, chickweed, plantains, grass and dandelions – they should be dug up by the roots and the whole plant put in the compost heap. A good tip, if you have cleared a reasonable area of land, is to cover it with a large sheet of black impervious polythene sheet obtainable from builders' merchants. The aim is to prevent weeds germinating during the winter so that, in spring, the plastic sheet can be removed, the land raked, and seeds sown. There is no need to dig the plot over. The soil micro-organisms which supply the plant roots with nutrients and water are our friends and we should not disturb them or kill them by digging. I have not dug my allotment since the year 2000 and my crops are very good.

Taking crops from the allotment is great in November, the reward for all that work during the year. Apart from the more fragile crops put into store earlier, I shall be cropping various kinds of brassica, carrots, parsnips,

celery, celeriac, leeks, salad crops of various kinds and, in a normal year, beetroot (mine bolted this year for the first time and I don't know why). I shall also have Witloof chicory growing in the garage and in the loft for really nice salads.



Now, what is worth more than its weight in gold? Why, saffron of course! Saffron is produced by the autumn crocus and I have been growing the bulbs for many years. I put in 35 bulbs and about half of them have died but the survivors have reproduced to form large clusters of bulbs. The rate of growth is spectacular in October and November. In 24 hours a flower will spring up, open, and expose the stamens

which are the source of saffron. The stamens are an intense red colour and need to be picked daily since, by the second day, they will have wilted and died. It really is a race against time with saffron growing. The photograph shows the spectacular contrasting colours of the red stamens and the blue flowers. (By the way, for gold-diggers, the stamens are incredibly light!)

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

World Challenge Fund Raising Quiz Night



My fundraising quiz went off really well. The hall was full and it was a great atmosphere. We had eight rounds of questions - topics including Maths, So You Think You're British? and Borneo. I was told they were quite tricky - GCSE maths is tricky! Thank you to everyone who helped before the event, who came to participate on the night and were so generous in the fundraising activities. I raised a total of £650 on the night, before costs, which puts me well over half way to my target. The winning team, 'Go Big or Go Home', were the youngest contestants - Nicky, Andy and their four children. Well done to them.

Maya Goddard



AUTUMN

A Visit to Hughenden Manor Apple

Although the day was dull at first, the Church of England venture to Hughenden Manor and their a

Living in Naphill, a bike journey along the road after the disaster, but nothing deterred our two school children from church Lane from the corner of Hunts Hill. We had a bike lock and National Trust cards we were

We found the busy orchard full of exciting things to do. We pressed the apples in a press. With inherent ideas of destruction, we put the apples in a chopper and cranked the handle, resulting in a cheese and then finally to be pressed. TV from the apple, this is a slight exaggeration. The taste was heavy with hessian sack u tastes great!

We headed for the cakes and with a choice of moist apple cake along with the mulled c

We followed the boys and found a craft table. After finishing our poems there was just enough time. The tent was full with all the different apple varieties. We moved on to the next apple again. Last year there was no chance to make a cake. We managed to lose ourselves for two hours. The bike journey back, though uphill, was not too bad. We had to stop at The Wheel, the first pub w



Autumn is here!

Day

Autumn mist burnt off quickly, ready for a family autumnal Apple Day.

The main roads with children might have been a procession of school boy riders. Taking the bridle way on Mill Lane we rode directly into the car park and with a sense of readiness for anything.

The sounds and smells. We went directly to the apple press, our two very enthusiastic small boys put apples into the press resulting in mashed apples ready to go into an apple juice. The ads show crystal clear juices flowing straight from the press as what we saw was brown/green thick juice. The undertones but when you have made it yourself it

The juice from the heart it had to be a dense, deep and rich. Oh yes! This is the taste of autumn!

It was a pleasure to write poems about apples. When we had a little space for a smiley face and a name. The apple varieties of the NT orchards. How amazing to try them again and again! The tastes were so unique. Unlike the autumn posy or apples on a string but we still enjoyed them. We were getting a bit hungry, so time to leave. The day was filled with positive superlatives and of course, we all came to. The day was complete.

Beth Foster



RAF High Wycombe hosts a visit by the Parish Council Engagement Group.



Photo of the respective Parish councillors for Bradenham, Hughenden and Lacey Green sitting at Sir Arthur "Bomber" Harris' desk situated within HQ Air Command, RAF High Wycombe, formerly the site of Bomber Command. In Bomber's chair is Councillor Paul Nicholls and 5th from the left is the lead for the visit, Councillor Peter Williams.

On 3 Oct, eight local parish councillors visited RAF High Wycombe to learn more about the history of the Unit that sits within the parishes of Bradenham, Lacey Green and Walter's Ash, and neighbours Naphill and Hughendon Valley Parishes. The Station, under its 'One Community' banner, extended the invitation to the parishes so that they could visit and understand what their local RAF station does and the importance of its past and its long standing presence in the community.

The visitors were hosted by Squadron Leader Al Smith, Station COS, and Mr Dave Brown, a member of the Unit's staff and Curator of the Harris Room. In attendance were: Arabella Grandage (Bradenham); Teif Jones (Bradenham); Councillors Peter Williams (Hughendon), Paul Nicholls (Hugehendon); Roger Craft (Lacey); Philip Suter (Lacey); Cathryn Davies (Lacey); and Elizabeth Patient (Lacey).

During the visit the parish members were able to view the Bunker with the Station Commander, obtain a brief from the National Air Defence Operations Centre on its purpose, and visit the Harris Room and tunnels under 1 Site.

The Station Commander stated, "It was a privilege to be able to host such a distinguished group. We have strong ties with our local community which I am keen to sustain. This builds upon a breadth of activities within our community over the summer including the highly regarded Napfest".

Text and photograph courtesy RAF High Wycombe

Crossing Patroller's Courage Saves Toddler Mark

Courageous School Crossing Patroller Kate Cooper put her life on the line while saving a toddler from stepping into busy Main Road, Walters Ash. Kate, the lollipop patroller for Naphill and Walters Ash, dove in front of two-year-old Mark Williams as he toddled on to the pavement outside the school to meet his big brother, blissfully unaware of the dangers ahead. She used her STOP pole to prevent him from stepping into oncoming traffic, but pulled a muscle in the process. His Dad, Peter Williams, was very grateful that Kate was on duty and said it was a valuable road safety lesson for Mark.

Kate's heroics didn't go unnoticed and on 27 September she got a surprise visit from Buckinghamshire County Council Transport Cabinet member Mark Shaw with a gift voucher, chocolates and flowers. Mark Shaw said: "I was delighted to present Kate with her gifts. Without her selfless action, young Mark could have ended up with serious injuries or worse. Kate is an exemplar among our fantastic School Crossing Patrol Team in Bucks." And two-year-old Mark also showed his gratitude by presenting Kate with his own thank you picture the following day. Self-effacing Kate said: "I'm very flattered by all of this. I was just doing my job!"

Mark Shaw commented: "Every day our crossing patrollers meet the public and make an important contribution to our communities by ensuring thousands of children and parents have a safe journey to and from school. We could do with more public-spirited people like Kate to help our children cross busy roads near their schools."

News from Buckinghamshire County Council
Jamie Simpson



Photograph courtesy Donna Tandy

The Naphill Railton win the Kop Hill Soapbox Challenge

This prestigious trophy is awarded to the team who has travelled the furthest distance averaged over the 9 race runs over the 2 day event.

The pictures shows the victorious and aptly named Naphill Railton with the trophy.

Driver Owen Hart - right

Driver Robbie Cox - left.

Constructor Neil McDonald - middle

Congratulations to them all!



Report & photos courtesy Judy Whitehouse

Look who dropped into Pony Espresso!



Photograph courtesy Blaine Wilsworth

Happy 100th Birthday Maurice!

Pony Espresso were delighted to welcome long time former Naphill resident, Maurice Saunders when he recently dropped in for a coffee and a sandwich.

Maurice now lives in a care home in Princes Risborough and is much missed as a Naphill resident by his many friends here in our village.

Maurice recently celebrated his hundredth birthday and we are all sending him our very best wishes and birthday greetings!

Blaine

Editorial Comment: I too have fond memories of this lovely gentleman as a member of Naphill Methodist Church and send my hearty congratulations.

Sonia



A Local War Hero is Honoured

Ron Crutchfield has just been appointed, by the President of The Republic of France, to the rank of Chevalier (Knight), in the Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur.

France's highest award is usually for French nationals only, but Hollande recently decided to award it to all surviving D-Day veterans who went ashore that day, June 6th, 1944, to begin the liberation of France from German tyranny.

Ron is very proud to be recognised for his bravery of 72 years ago. Under a hail of German machine gun fire, he went ashore from his landing craft, onto Sword Beach with his Regiment, Kings Shropshire's Light Infantry. KLSI.

He's not been in great shape recently, so his colleagues at the Villiage Hall luncheon club may have wondered where he has got to.

Report and photographs courtesy of Neil McDonald

Services at St. Botolph's

6 November	11am	Eucharist	Rev. Jenny Ellis
13 November	11am	Remembrance Day - <i>Lychgate</i>	
	10.55am	for the Silence before the Service.	Rev. Jenny Ellis
20 November	11am	Eucharist	Rev. V. Beaumont
27 November	11am	Matins	Rev. Jenny Ellis
			<i>Peggy Ewart</i>

Letters from a Vicarage

November has become our month of remembering – All Saints, All Souls, Remembrance Sunday, Remembrance Day. But what are we remembering? The number of people who can actually remember the last global conflict grows fewer with every year that passes. On 5th May 2011 the horrors suffered by those who fought in WW1 ceased to be living memory when Claude Choules died in Australia. The generation that fought for our freedom in WW2 will soon exist only in our memories too.

As the years roll on and younger generations take the place of their forefathers, the need to remember seems more urgent than ever.

Those engaged in battle a century ago believed their efforts would bring about a better, lasting, peaceful society with no more wars after what they called 'The Great War'. In spite of their sacrifice, hardship, endurance, courage and grit, the 'War to End All Wars' did not. Just 21 years later there was another global conflict.

Since 1918 there has been no time when there have not been armed conflicts in the world. It begs the question have we learnt the lessons of history? Actually, I think the answer is 'Yes' but as every teacher knows, once you have taught one lesson, there is always another to be learnt.

In spite of all our best efforts, humanity seems unable to live in peace. But what IS peace?

The Old Testament prophet Micah gives us a vision of a future state of peace. The poetry of the vision is beautiful –

'They will turn their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks'. The symbolic weapons are not random choices – the technology that went into making instruments of destruction goes into making implements of provision. The sharp edge of the sword is turned into the cutting edge of a plough, the shaft and keen blade of a spear are turned into the long handle and cutting blade of a pruning knife.

We no longer fight with swords and spears, but I once asked a class I was teaching how this verse might sound if Micah were writing today. They wrote

they shall turn their battleships into hospitals,

their warplanes into libraries,

their tanks into schools,

their guns into homes for the poor,

their canons into wells for the thirsty.

Because peace is so elusive and all human efforts to achieve it seem destined to fail does not mean we should not seek it. Jesus gives us the means by which we can do this – he tells us to 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you'. A tall order – just how do you 'love' the members of IS? I have no answer, but Jesus gives us a two pronged course of action – to love and to pray. Prayer is something each of us can do.

Lord Tennyson once wrote 'more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of'.

Be part of the dream!

Rev Jenny Ellis - Associate Priest

The Wheel

I cannot physically comprehend that it is already the beginning of November! This year has flown by extremely quickly. The nights are drawing in, the seasonal ales are getting darker and there is definitely a chill in the air, which can only mean one thing... its nearly time to light our open fires!

Firstly, a few reminders regarding Bonfire Night on Saturday 5th of November. As we are fortunate enough to be opposite the display and the crick, we would like to remind the village that the display is not free to watch from our carpark or gardens. My team of fund collectors will be out asking for donations. We will not be taking any bookings for food, as we will be running our event Box Meals from 5pm-8.45pm. Parking will be pretty limited here too!

Mark and I have had the pleasure of attending two very important, and special weddings over the last two months. The Wheel would like to congratulate Kat and (Why-I) Kai McFarlane, and Tim and Leanne Page, for successfully exchanging vows!

So what to book in for next??

- Celebrate Bonfire night – 5th Nov
- 13th Nov – Remembrance Sunday
- 17th Nov – Game Night (food)
- Christmas – December – please book early!!
- 25th Jan – Burns Night – Booking only!!

Christmas is fast approaching and if you are wishing to book for Christmas dinner please do very soon, as we are taking a lot of bookings already. New Years Eve this year will be a party and hopefully all will be making an effort in their dress code. We will as always be collecting for Air Ambulance again.

In the New Year Chef will be doing a Traditional Burns Night Supper. This is bookings only and it will be the first come first booked in, as this is always a very busy night.

Some of you have noticed a few fresh and new faces behind the bar! Annabel has now gone back to university and has promised to help us out over the Christmas period. So we would like to introduce you to

Juliet, whom has kindly taken over her sisters shifts! Maisie Gunn has joined us in the kitchen to help us out on Sunday afternoons, and she always has the biggest smiles! Welcome to The Wheel family girls!

And finally congratulations to my husband Mark who finished his motorcycle racing season 3rd in Class and 16th Overall in the National Hill Climb Championships.

Last but not least thanks to all our wonderful staff who have covered our holiday and also put up without me on Bonfire Night. You're all amazing.

Thanks
Claire and Mark

Naphill Brownies

It's great to be back at brownies after the Summer. Sadly we have had to say goodbye to four of our older brownies as well as two of our leaders - all moving on to new things. As ever we are hugely grateful to all who give so generously of their time to make brownies possible. We are delighted to welcome two new brownies this term as well as a new young leader and new adult leader to the team. We hope you will all enjoy your time with Naphill brownies.



This term we are doing our Designer badge. We are learning to use our imagination when we do crafts rather than just following instructions. It is interesting to see the original ways in which the

brownies make their designs their own. So far we have done variations on a simple woolly monster, designed holiday outfits, and used a wide variety of materials to do autumn pictures.

The last of the light evenings have allowed us to get outside for a couple of sessions, both for some games on the Crick and for an Autumn photograph hunt along the common (two wonderful natural facilities right on our doorstep)

Thank you to all who supported our Autumn Jumble Sale. As ever people were wonderfully supportive in saving their jumble for us and our awesome team of helpers made light work of sorting and selling. Not only does this event provide funds for the Brownies and Guides, but because of the great people who help, it is actually good fun too. The brownies will be spending their money on trying their hand at climbing at the new climbing wall at handy cross during half term.

We always enjoy going out to do new activities like this as well as having people come in to share their skills and experience. If you have an idea of something we might try or a skill that you'd like to come and share. Please do get in touch.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)
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Letter from David Lidington MP

Normally, the last thing that constituents have on their minds is the structure of local government. But just now it's important for people to think about just that issue, because a very big decision is looming about local government here in Bucks.

Our County and District Councils all believe that the current system cannot carry on. I agree. Whoever is in government, money will be tight. In this context, it isn't sensible to continue with five separate councils, each with back office structures and management teams.

Often, the division of responsibilities is confusing. Wycombe District Council is responsible for housing and planning, while Buckinghamshire County Council is responsible for the infrastructure that supports those developments and is the lead authority for managing flood risks.

Wycombe collects our rubbish but Bucks is responsible for disposing of it. We pay our council tax bill to the District, but the biggest slice goes to the County, which has to fund expensive services like social care.

Perhaps in the 1970s, when the present system was set up, this all made sense, but now we need reform. Fewer, larger councils would provide economies of scale.

So I welcome Bucks County Council's plan to abolish itself and the four District Councils in favour of a single, unitary council for the whole of Buckinghamshire. They reckon £18 million a year could be saved. The number of councillors would drop from 238 to 98. There'd be just one phone number and email address for "the council". We wouldn't need to puzzle out which council did what.

I was pleased that the plan recognised the need to devolve power within Bucks, and it contains interesting ideas about delivering services through community boards where Unitary Council members would sit with parish and other local community representatives. The idea that some services and assets like buildings could be devolved to town and parish councils like Hughenden is also welcome.

I'm now waiting to see what is in the proposals due soon from our District Councils. They also want a unitary system but seem likely to prefer two or three councils to just one.

Once we can all read the small print of the different plans, we all need to decide which outcome we think is best. For me, it's matter of which option will provide the best services for local people at the least possible cost.

David Lidington MP

Points of Interest

With all the excitement of both National and International politics, local issues might seem a bit mundane at the moment but there have been some interesting items appearing on both County and District agendas in recent weeks. The question of Unitary Authorities has again been brought to the forefront, after the County Council approved the plan to proceed with one authority at its meeting on 22nd September. This doesn't mean that it will automatically happen because the District Councils have published their suggestions as to the way forward for local government reform.

It is generally agreed that the present three tier system of Parish, District and County is cumbersome and bureaucratic and confusing to the public who are not always sure of which authority is responsible for what service. The County Council claim that one Unitary Council will save £18.2 million per annum and that the net revenue savings over 5 years would be £45.4 million, a not inconsiderable sum of money! Such a scheme would involve Parish and Town Councils running some of the current environmental services. On planning issues, groups of local councillors would make the decisions together with a planning officer. Larger development schemes would be dealt with at county level. There would be a series of Community Hubs and a Community Board for residents to have their say. We will now have to see what the Districts have to say following their consultant's recommendation. One thing is certain - there will be public consultation before the final decision is made and it will be important for everyone to participate. There is little doubt that local government reform will happen within the next five years. Parish Councils will have to accept more responsibility and here size will matter. I feel sure that the future will see much to debate on this subject.

Richard Pushman

Naphill Tennis Club

A facelift for our tennis courts!

Come and try our new 'Tiger Turf' no, it won't bite you but it will be kinder to your joints!

The 3 courts at Naphill have now been updated and modernized with synthetic grass similar to the courts at The Halton Tennis Centre. This means we can continue to play all the year round. The courts are quick-draining and frost is not an issue as it was with the old tarmac surface. To try it out for yourself, you are very welcome to come and join us on a Tuesday morning from 10 am or on a Sunday afternoon from 2 pm or, for further information, please contact our Membership Secretary on 01494 563706.

Other events:

- Our AGM will be held in The Wheel Pub in Naphill at 8 pm on Monday 21 November. All members who attend will be entitled to a free drink .
- On Saturday 10 December, we shall be holding a Festive Tennis event from 11 am with mulled wine and mince pies followed by a 'bring & share' lunch in the clubhouse. All welcome.

Jenny Tench

Wycombe Photographic Society

November is looking like being a very busy month for club activities.

We start the month with two competitions on the one evening and they are our only themed competitions during the year. The theme for Prints is "Detail" and for Projected Images it is "Low Light". Both themes will really test the skills of those planning to enter the two competitions.

Mid month is another Print competition and this time there is no theme so it is prints of any subject.

At the end of the month and the start of December we will be entertaining a number of other Photography Clubs from Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Surrey and Hertfordshire. The photographs competing are the best eight from each club entering so they will be the crème de la crème of photographs and well worth coming along just to see the entries.

The November Workshop is all about "Alternatives to full colour including Monochrome".

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to see where and when we meet, a full programme of events for the next 12 months, plus members galleries of some of their photographs as well as photos that have been entered in competitions.

Visitors to any of our evenings are always welcome, you do not have to be an expert photographer, all our members at one stage struggled to use half the functions on their cameras and understand what composition was all about.

Whilst it may look as though we are all about competitions we are not, we are a group of people of all ages who just enjoy our hobby which happens to be photography.

David Greenwood

Naphill & Walter's Ash School Report

This month a lot of things have occurred. The JLT was announced, sports teams were formed with competitions just around the corner and so much more.

JLT: A few weeks ago the JLT was announced; a team of responsible children who have been entrusted with certain responsibilities. The Junior Leadership Team was created to give the other school children help, give guidance and support; telling the younger ones how they survived the other years at school. The JLT are: Head Boy (Tom Lawrence), Head Girl (Ellie Scarlet), House Captains (Tom Farrell, Dylan Godden, Eloise Copse and Eva Sandy), Vice captains (Flo Morgan, Lottie Rowley), Caleb Stationery Shop managers (Ameema Mahmood and Daisy Robson), the Buddy Captains (Shannon Keeffe and Chloe Bird) and the Sports Captains (Samuel Eyres and Emily Gray).

Our Goals: Last year the students excelled at their work achieving all the goals given to them. This year everybody is aiming to achieve what the previous year did and go beyond them. Also, this year all the children are doing all the 5R's, responsibility, reasoning, reflectiveness, resilience and resourcefulness, to help better themselves and improve the school environment.

Netball: The year six team have really been pushing themselves to do well as their netball tournament is just round the corner! It will be a tough match against Monks Risborough and hopefully they'll do well.

Y1 buddies: Two weeks ago, the year sixes were partnered up with the year ones for a special reason: our buddy system. This means that if the year one gets upset, lost or just needs guidance, they can turn to their year six buddy. When the year 6 first met, they got to ask their year 1 a little about themselves. After this, they helped the year 1 to draw their first ever portrait. This meant that the two children got to know each other and became friends. A fortnight later, there was an assembly in which the Year sixes told the audience all about their year one buddy (off by heart) before the year one showed the audience their portrait.

Freddie Jennings , Thomas Reed, Zahra Greaves-Mannan

24th Annual Naphill Fireworks & Bonfire

As you will know by now the fireworks display will be held on Saturday 5 November this year.

By the time you read this there should be a large amount of wood on the Crick ready for the bonfire. We will be in the Crick on Saturday morning 29 October and of course on the day itself if you want to bring any wood. I am afraid we cannot accept

fir trees and clippings due to the potential smoke hazard.

The tickets should also be for sale in the shops and pubs in the village. They have already been printed and are ready for distribution. Please remember that the shops and pubs cannot accept credit card payments for the tickets as they do not make any money out of selling them. It is all done for the good of the community.

Finally please remember not to bring sparklers or other fireworks to the event as we will not let you in. Also please do NOT bring dogs or other pets to the event, and we cannot allow you in if you are wearing a reflective jacket. I would also ask Vincents Way residents not to access the Crick by their back gates.

We hope you come and join this highly enjoyable event and have a great time.

Andrew Wasilewski
Chairman – Fireworks committee
Tel: 562770

Hughenden Parish Council Report

FACTOID #10 Hughenden Parish Council began in 1894, with the inaugural meeting being chaired by Coningsby Disraeli (nephew to Benjamin).

It is always good to be able to start with some positive news. This month we are delighted to welcome Councillor Martin Burch of this Parish to help represent our ward. Martin has lived in Naphill for the past nine years. Married with three grown up children, he is retiring at the end of November and is looking to use his skills and experience for the benefit of the community. You can reach him directly via Martin.burch@hughendenpc.org.uk or our ward email address at the end of this article.

Our October meeting held at NAWA school was a busy session, along with Martin we co-opted (the process of electing a Councillor without holding an election) Stan Jones for our Widmer End ward. This particular meeting also marked the final public duty for our current Clerk, Peter Wetherman, who will have left us by the time you read this. Peter has been with us for 3 years and will be missed. We have however, managed to secure his replacement who will be joining the Council full time very shortly. We will have more for you on this in next month's Gazette.

The Chair and Vice Chair attended RAF High Wycombe's Parish Council Engagement meeting in October. Arranged by the station for members of the 3 Parish Councils which Sites 1,2 & 3 sit on, this included a tour of Site 1 including a visit to Sir Arthur Harris's restored office. It was also an opportunity for the Parishes to discuss local

issues with the Station Commander and for him to update us on matters affecting residents locally. The delayed fencing around Site 3 being one of these and speeding on local roads being another primary topic along with their continued wish to be involved in Napfest. We remain committed to working and supporting RAF High Wycombe as our Parish's largest employer as well as a significant contributor to our local economy & welfare.

In October's article we praised the resurfacing along Main Road and explained that TfB had run out of budget to complete the work as planned down to Coombe Lane. We have been assured by (County) Councillor Carroll that the rest of Main Road from outside The Wheel hostelry to the junction of and including Hunts Hill Lane will be prioritised for the 2017/18 program. You may have also seen that there has been continued work along the recently resurfaced section as ironworks have been lifted and reset which certainly for cyclists and motorcyclists marks a significant safety improvement. We are also pleased to have had positive feedback on the new line painting outside the Post Office with the additional KEEP CLEAR signs as well as the painted parking bays right outside.

Can we appeal especially to those of you who have trees and hedges bordering roads and footpaths that you please give them a good trim back before the next growing season. Overgrown hedges in

some parts of the Parish cause safety problems for highway users ranging from obscuring visibility at junctions to forcing pedestrians to step into the road when walking along footways and footpaths. Our role is to ensure that landowners or occupiers responsible for overgrown hedges maintain them to avoid these problems. We will first send a politely worded letter or make a telephone call to the property. However, in some cases it may be necessary to serve a Hedge Cutting Notice under the Highways Act 1980 which we would much rather avoid.

Further to the information shared with you by us on Unitary Authority plan by Bucks County Council last month, the District Councils, including Wycombe have published their alternative analysis and plan at <http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/mlg>. These will directly affect us all in terms of delivering essential local services from education and house planning to waste collection so we would urge you to stay informed and engage either directly or through us by sharing your thoughts, questions or concerns.

Your Parish Councillors

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Last Word

Another busy month. My grateful thanks to all our contributors along with a very polite reminder that the editor, currently me, does have the final word on what goes into the magazine and how it is laid out. I do have the right to alter articles and I will never publish anything which I believe might infringe copyright.

Sadly we have no "Picture This" this month but Richard has still very kindly designed our cover as always and I am very grateful to him! This month he has used a photo taken by Himself, alias my long suffering husband, Paul Goby. I have never seen a live harvest mouse so, amid the shouts of nepotism, I love this photograph and thank the photographer for allowing us to use this.

Next month is our December/January combined edition, which Christmas and the New Year. I know we have many well travelled residents so articles about how Christmas is celebrated worldwide and articles from our older residents telling us about how Christmas celebrations have changed over the years will be especially welcome please. As always I will be delighted to publish Christmas advertisements from our advertisers and greetings from our contributors. I will happily help with these if you wish but it does help if I have some advance warning please!

Finally, let's hope the weather is clement on 5 November and the Firework Display and bonfire are enjoyed by everyone!

Sonia

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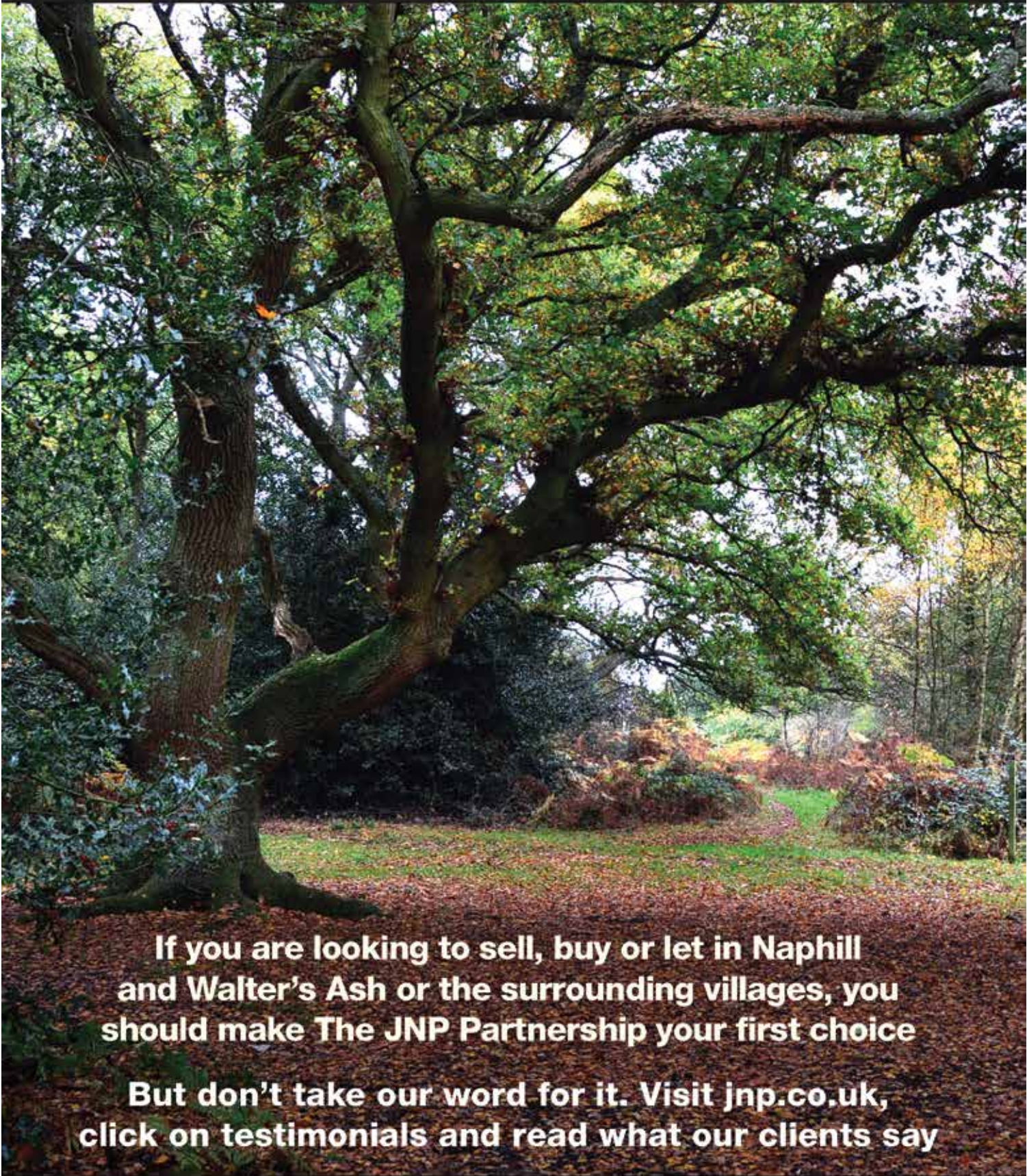
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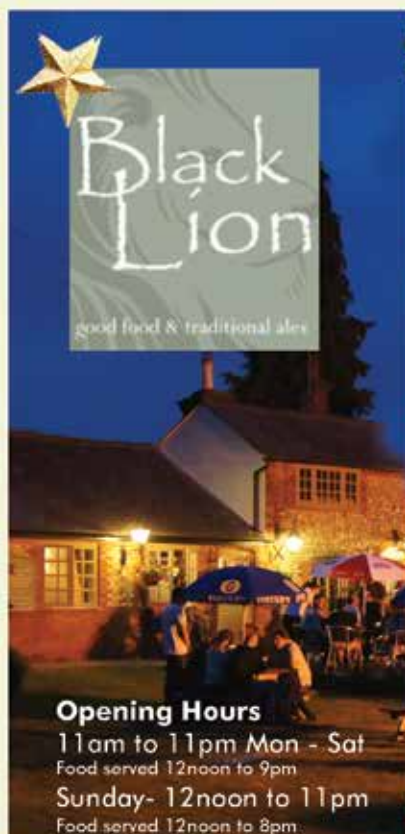
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Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564469
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Peggy Ewart chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk
Help with filling in online forms	Judy Whitehouse 562742 or Sheila Draper 563670		
Yoga Stretch and Tone	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
WI	3rd Thursday in month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Juliet Shortall 565018



A special photograph, very kindly sent in from OUR school, Naphill & Walter's Ash Primary. They are currently rehearsing for their yr.2 annual Nativity play and this is this year's Mary and Joseph. A retired primary school teacher, I do miss this aspect of school life and I am delighted to share this photograph with you all!

Editorial

Christmas 2016! Of course I would love to tell you that Christmas preparations are in full swing here at World Headquarters but unfortunately, as usual, I am very slow off the mark but I am, of course, being helped and encouraged by the grandchildren! Their Santa lists have been delivered and their Christmas jumpers are about to be distributed. It has pretty much become a family tradition that Grandma buys Christmas jumpers for the family. Until last year this festive chore was confined to the children but last year our granddaughter Naomi was adamant that Granddad and the adults must have festive jumpers which she would choose. For Granddad she chose a tasteful little number with a huge Rudolph embellished upon it and of course, the obligatory flashing nose. As this didn't seem to get too many outings I felt sure it would do for another year. Sadly it seems to have "vanished" but fear not Granddad, Naomi has chosen a flashing Christmas tree version to replace it so Christmas is on its way AGAIN!

It has been a busy year here in our villages with lots of great events. Last weekend there was our fabulous

Firework display which was again a hugely successful event and I extend my congratulations and thanks to the organisers. By the time you read this, the Christmas Fayre will have been and gone and we will be looking forward to Carols by Candlelight and lots of other village club Christmas events.

Today I received the very sad news that one of our oldest village societies is sadly closing through lack of support. This is a timely reminder that if we don't support our village clubs and societies, if we don't make the effort to support village events we will lose them!

My wonderful team, The Gussetteers, join me in wishing you a merry Christmas and a very happy 2016. I again thank them for their unstinting help, hard work and support. It is this team, our contributors, the advertisers, our printer and you our subscribers which make the Gazette and I genuinely thank you all!

Sonia Goby

Editor of the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette

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Naphill Neighbours

On Monday 12 December we will be celebrating Christmas with a traditional dinner amongst friends. As usual, we are asking you to arrive between 6.30 and 6.45pm when a welcoming glass of wine will await you in a festively decorated Village Hall.

Our club's new year begins on Monday 9 January 2017 when we will be entertained by Roger Wilding telling us all about A LOCAL STREAM OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE. This talk about the River Wye will, I am sure, be of interest to a lot of people – you don't have to be a member of Naphill Neighbours to come along and hear about this piece of local history. Our meeting starts at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Just a reminder – please remember to bring along a cheque for your £15 annual subscription.

The committee is already busy planning our outings for the new year. We hope our choices will be of interest to everyone (members, friends and local residents) as we need your support to make outings viable. It would be such a shame to give up this enjoyable part of the club's programme.

Wishing all our members and their families a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.



Hazel Vickery,
563977

Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

The fireworks event on November 5th was a great success. Many thanks to Andrew and his team of organisers, for all their efforts in making this evening such an enjoyable one. The attendance was the highest ever at 2700, possibly because it was a fine evening with very little wind. Ideal for fireworks and hot food!

By the time you read this, another of our events will have taken place. Thank you, Cathryn, for organising

the Christmas Fayre. We look forward to seeing how popular the change to a Friday evening will be (25th November).

The Council continues to care for the village hall itself. The report from the recent electrical survey has shown that the electrics are satisfactory, but a number of recommendations have been made; these are currently being prioritized. It is expected that about £1500 will be spent on this. Some heaters in the Scout and Guide Headquarters have been replaced, the new kitchen will be fitted shortly, and other decorating and refurbishment will be done after that.

It is pleasing that the Hall is so popular and well used. However, this brings some problems as we have to keep it in good order, and clean it as well as we can. We are still advertising for a Sunday evening or Monday morning cleaner so that the weekend activities can be properly cleaned away before the week begins. We have had some damage to the main hall floor recently and are in the process of having that rectified; the area of pine by the stage will be dealt with at the same time. Splinters should be a thing of the past! More, and brighter, lights have been installed overlooking the car park; it is hoped these will aid returning to cars after an evening meeting.

Car parking has been a bit of a problem recently. Our car park is quite large but it is private property and for the use, primarily, of those using the hall. Sometimes people park early and do not realize how busy the hall is later on. It is recognised that people going on trips find it convenient to meet and park at the village hall. If you have to do this, please try to share cars so there is room for hall users, too. There is quite a bit of space behind the main hall that is under used. If we all show consideration for other users, it should be possible to accommodate everyone. The position will be monitored in the coming weeks so we can see if anything further needs to be done.

Peggy Ewart
565969

Chairman Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields



Naphill Tennis Club



Our lovely new re-surfaced courts are fully operational and very enjoyable to play on. The official opening took place on 8 November – see below – and we look forward to welcoming lots of new members. For further information, please contact our Membership Secretary on 01494 563706 or www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk.

On Saturday 10 December, we shall be holding a Festive Tennis event from 11 am with mulled wine and mince pies followed by a 'bring & share' lunch in the clubhouse. All welcome.

Jenny Tench

Growing Your Own

December and January are gardening months where it is time to pause, just tidying up the garden or allotment, getting them ready for the new planting season, perhaps perusing seed catalogues to look for new fruit and vegetables - or new varieties not already tried. Planning is essential, so I would like to offer a few facts, which could influence your decisions.

Farmers in the UK derive 77% of their total farm income from grants from the European Union, yet they grow only 53% of our food. In a couple of years the UK government will have to decide whether to continue those payments to our farmers or to spend the money on other worthy causes such as the National Health Service. When taken together with the recent drop in the pound sterling it seems very likely that the cost of food in the shops will rise appreciably. Many farmers could go out of business and we shall have to import what they have been producing, again at higher prices. (In 2014 the bottom 25% of UK arable farms made a loss of £223 per hectare even after receiving massive handouts from the EU.) The conclusion: growing your own will become even more worthwhile. In addition to the nutritive benefits from really fresh completely organic food, the food will also be much cheaper. So, in your planning this December and January, give some thought to making your existing plot more productive and, perhaps, converting more of your garden to growing nice things to eat.

Now to another topic. In 2015 and 2016 I have noticed hardly any small birds in the garden and on the allotment whereas in previous years there were plenty. We have our glorious red kites of course, but here I am talking about the usual small birds such as robins, blackbirds, tits

and starlings. I have also noticed for the past two years there have been very few insects impaling themselves on the front of my car as I drive in the summer. The insects are, of course, vital to gardeners for pollinating fruit and some vegetables. Have the farmers largely won their battle to exterminate all insects? The denial of that food source could be a cause of the birds' demise. Also, glis-glises are a plague in the Chilterns and they can climb bushes and trees and devour birds' eggs and young chicks, so they may be partly responsible for the absence of small birds. Has anyone else noticed the lack of small birds? Please let the editor know whether you have noticed their absence or, alternatively, whether you have seen as many small birds in your garden as usual. The results of this survey will be given in the next Gazette, so email editor@naphill.org.uk or phone Sonia on 569428 right away!

Meanwhile, taking crops from the allotment goes on and the photo shows a carrot and a parsnip, completely organic of course.



Good gardening,
Mike Mason

Naphill Evening WI



Those of us who visited our twinned WI in Napton on 11 October had a great day. After a delicious pub lunch we were taken to the Guide Dog Breeding Centre in Leamington Spa. Here we were taken on a tour of the facilities and were able to see the care taken of the dogs and puppies as they begin their first steps on the way to becoming Guide Dogs for the Blind. We had our Annual Meeting on 20 October and now have a new President, Juliet Shortall, who will take over from Sally Woodbridge who has been a great President.

Food, as usual, features highly in our activities, with the Food Group having an evening meal for members, partners and friends at the Three Crowns in Askett.

Their next outing will be Christmas Lunch at the Grouse & Ale, Lane End on 6 December. We then have our Christmas Party to look forward to on Friday, 16 December. Before then quite a few of us are off to the Mill at Sonning for a meal and a show. Thanks go to Marion Lawrence for organising this.

The Craft Group have been busy knitting and sewing items that will hopefully be sold at the Christmas Fayre and there will be a WI cake stall too.

Some of us met up at Bon Ami on 7 November, when anyone wanting to know more about our WI could come along. If you missed that date and would like to find out more about us, please just come along in the New Year, we meet on the third Thursday of the month and you will be made most welcome. We have a really interesting programme for 2017 with a wide range of speakers.

Carol Gilliam

David Carroll - Your County Councillor

Can I just take this opportunity to thank my residents for their support over the years. We have had many challenges which we have taken on board and resolved together. I have tried my utmost to keep our part of Bucks a great place to live and I will continue to do that with your help. Local Government have limited funding available for me to spend but I try to be fair with my budget, e.g. resurfacing the Main Road and other roads plus more in the pipeline for next year, bearing in mind my area now goes from Ellesborough all the way up to Widmer End so it is a big area to accommodate. In conclusion I am very proud of being part of your community. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

*Kind Regards
David.*

Maurice Celebrates His 100th Birthday



Dear Friends,

It surely made my day to receive so many good wishes from friends in Naphill on my 100th birthday! This, plus my telegram from our Queen made the occasion a lasting event in my life.

*Yours sincerely,
Maurice.*



Merry Christmas

From all the Team at the ..



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Leigh Lewis
optometrist

01494 564600



***Best Wishes for Christmas
and the New Year!***

Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

By the time you read this, the Christmas tree outside the Village Hall should be lit up and brightening the dark winter evenings. I'm sure we all feel the stresses of the day fade away when we see the tree looking so wonderful on our way home. I know that some even change their route home just to admire the tree!

However, even though the bulbs are LED and use less energy, the lights still use a lot of electricity, so we are asking you to dig deep to help cover the running costs and the all-important insurance for the intrepid team of volunteers, led by Mike Mason, who climb the tree each year to put the lights in place and take them down again in January- often facing everything the weather can throw at them.

If you would like to make a contribution, collecting tins are in all the local shops and both pubs, so please, donate what you can.

Enjoy the lights and have a very Happy Christmas!

Cathryn Carter

Celebrating 41 Years of Lighting Naphill Village Hall Christmas Tree



*Seated, left to right: Ron Collins; Mike Mason; Mike Leggett
Standing, left to right: Peter Davis; Kevin Oxnard; Peter Brown;
Neil McMinn; Terry Aldridge; David Greenwood.*

*Gary Britton Photography
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Friends of Naphill Common Fungus Foray 2016



Friends of Naphill Common

The Common gave us a glorious exhibition of autumn colours, now rapidly disappearing as frost and wind scatter the last of the leaves. The two dominant species play different roles in the display; the beech with its brilliant splashes of colour and the oak with its more subtle shades. These two species dominate because the Common started as open pastureland dotted with pollard oaks and beeches. The other species of tree reflect its subsequent history. As grazing was reduced, first gorse and juniper moved in, followed by birch and yew along with a few wild cherries, plus ever prospering holly. Over the last few decades trees have covered the whole Common; and things are still changing as the larger species overshadow the birch and the few remaining gorse and juniper bushes, while the holly seems impervious to the overshadowing. This history also explains why the Common lacks most of the flora which characterises most Chiltern woodland: there is almost no dog's mercury, yellow archangel, wood sorrel, bluebell or even brambles.

However, the Common does have a very rich variety of fungi and the Bucks Fungus Group (BFG) has honoured us with two visits this autumn. The first, on Sunday 23rd October, was FoNC's annual Fungal Walk and found 85 species, 19 of which were new to Naphill Common. Then on Sunday November 6th they returned with over seventy keen fungus hunters, together with several top authorities including the renowned natural historian and TV presenter Richard Fortey. They roamed all over the Common (with three people from FoNC to act as guides) and returned to the Village Hall where, after coffee, tea and biscuits, the experts talked about their finds. Penny Cullington from BFG reports that they found 90 species, of which 16 were new to the Common including three that were new to the county. One species identified by Richard Fortey has only 28 other UK recordings. But the show was undoubtedly stolen by the specimen of *Hericium Erinaceus* (variously known as Bear's Head, Lion's Mane or Bearded Tooth) which has once again appeared on the fallen Great Beech at Dew Pond. This is a Red Data Book species, thought extinct in Bucks and very rare – as well as being very spectacular. If you get a chance, go and see it, but please don't touch: it is a protected species.

Ron Collins has organised a guided walk on Boxing Day. It will last about two hours, starting from the Village Hall promptly at 10.30am. Meanwhile our walks are continuing as usual. The short walks (2-3 miles) are led by Chris Miller starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Ron Collins leads the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third Monday of each month. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9:30am sharp. All these walks are free and all are welcome including dogs. You are also welcome to our work parties, led by Peter Davis. They are working to clear paths, remove excessive holly, clear the ponds and so on. See our website for details and dates.

A future date for your diary: our AGM will be in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm on Friday, 10th February. Our guest speaker will be Bernie Knill from the National Trust at Hughenden Manor. His presentation will include an overview of Hughenden's history – the manor, the Disraeli story and its use during the Second World War. In the meantime, we wish you a fine Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Chris Miller - Chairman, FoNC

Gazette Deliverers

We have had a slight change recently among our stalwart band of deliverers.

A big 'thank you' must go to Dorothy Crawshaw, Jean Wynn and Roger Beavil, for the contribution they have made in getting the Gazette out to houses on their rounds.

Taking over from them are Suzanne Sinclair, John & Julie Pert, Christine Lewis and Lynn McMinn. Thank you, and welcome.

I must also say 'thank you' to a few residents who have agreed to go on my reserve list. This is helpful for sudden 'emergencies' and also for possible takeover of a round in the future, should an existing deliverer decide to stand down.

Finally, to all deliverers, I really appreciate how hard you work each time we drop the Gazettes off so thank you too and enjoy a rest over the Christmas period. Our next drop will be toward the end of January.

Pauline Pool - Distribution Manager

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Our recent Cheese & Wine evening was once again a fabulous occasion, so thank you to all of you who came along. The evening started with a very informative talk by Maggie Bateson, the County Organiser for the National Garden Society (NGS or Yellow Book as many of us know them) who told us more about the work the NGS do, and how millions of pounds is raised each year by people opening their gardens to the public. I do hope it has encouraged you all to go out and visit some of these gardens next year. I know from experience that there is tea and delicious homemade cake available at most properties!

Once again, the cheese & pate buffet was demolished in record time- what more can I say?

Well, actually, what I sadly have to tell you is that it was our last one.

The Cheese & Wine evening and plant sale are both run to raise the funds to stage our show, and although it may have seemed that this year's show was successful the statistics do not bear that out. Unfortunately, there were only 117 exhibits this year, 48 entered by the two growers from outside the area, 37 by Committee members and 32 by local supporters, one of whom, participating for the first time, entered 8 winners. This downward trend has been noticeable over the last few years.

It was disappointing that the whole population of Naphill could only produce 16 individuals able to submit entries to its own local show to support the work of the Committee. Some blamed the roadworks for making it difficult to reach the Village Hall, but the judges turned up!

So, as the village has voted with its feet and stopped supporting our show, The Committee have made the very hard decision that after 71 years Naphill Horticultural Society is now shutting up shop!

On behalf of the Committee, thank you to everyone who did support us over the past year, and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Naphill Brownies

With the Autumn evenings drawing in the brownies have been having fun indoors. We spent an excellent evening at the new climbing wall at Handy Cross sports centre. The climbing instructors were fantastic and all the girls managed to get way higher than we expected. It was like watching yellow and brown spiders scurrying up the wall.

We celebrated Halloween with a range of wacky Halloween games like apple-bobbing (making us very wet) and wrapping each other up as mummies

Bonfire night saw us making brightly coloured twirling ribbons and then making swirling and zig-zagging firework patterns with them – Fireworks with a brownie

twist! This was also part of our Brownie designer badge, which we have completed this term

We were proud, as ever, to take part in the Naphill Remembrance Service. As brownies, we 'promise to serve the Queen and our community'. Nothing could give us a better sense of our community than this whole village event.

In the next few weeks we have a visit to Tesco in Princes Risborough to find out a bit about where our food comes from and then we move on to all things Christmassy!!!

Merry Christmas everyone and all the best for 2017

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)
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Advertising in the Gazette

Advertising in the gazette is obviously a considerable advantage to local businesses as demand for space is high.

The advertising year starts with the March edition and our editor has to get all the adverts in place by the middle of February. This is a considerable task so early applications are appreciated.

Invoices will be sent to existing advertisers by early December on the assumption that they wish to continue advertising. Prompt payment will secure their space.

The rates will be the same as last year and are as follows:

- Full page colour - £625 (back page is taken year on year by JNP Partnership)
- Half page colour - £340
- Quarter page colour - £180
- Eighth page colour -£95
- Half page greyscale - £180
- Quarter page greyscale - £90
- Eighth page greyscale - £48

If existing advertisers wish to change their adverts then details must be sent to Sonia by the middle of January. New advertisers will be allocated space but this does depend on availability.

The alternative to display adverts is the small ad column. Space is limited so new adverts will be limited to five lines or 250 characters. The rate for a small ad is £35 for the ten issues.

We sincerely hope that advertising in the gazette will continue to be successful for all our advertisers.

Mike Pool, Treasurer





Firework Display

What a wonderful evening. The weather was cold and dry, just what you want for bonfire night. I think you will agree the display was fantastic with even more fireworks being fired electronically, giving a more polished and synchronised performance. Our gate stewards reported that when the spectators were leaving many commented on how good it was. I have had many people come up to me since saying what a wonderful display it was. It is very gratifying to all the committee and helpers to know that their work is appreciated.

The only rain prior to the event was on Friday, but there was not enough to make it difficult for the preparations or on the night. You may have seen tracks going into the bonfire area - we had laid a roadway from the car park to the bonfire so that lorries and vans that delivered wood, would not get stuck and also not leave huge ruts for us to fill in later, which happened last year. We also hired and used a lift to help us pile the pallets up high. In the middle they were about 30 tall!

The bonfire was lit by the RAF station commander Group Captain Phil Lester who is very enthusiastic about the village events and in the fireworks in particular. He brought all the family this year and they had a great time. We are sorry that he will be leaving us in a few months time, but I am sure his enthusiasm will be passed on to the next station commander.

The bonfire was almost exclusively made of pallets and large pieces of timber which meant that it burned cleaner with only a little ash and smoke. This is the second year that we have done this but this year bears out last year's results so that will be continuing this policy into the future. It generated a huge amount of heat when it was first lit, which I can only assume was down to the fact that it was almost dry. Last year we had a lot of rain prior to the event which must have dampened the wood.

I am very glad to report that this year no one had to be treated by our first aid.

We have counted the number of people who attend for 2 years now and the figures are:

- 2015 – 2,400
- 2016 – 2,750

A very pleasing increase in the number of people attending – nearly 15%.

Needless to say that both the bar and the BBQ did well. The beer and burgers sold out and so did the vast majority of the hot dogs. We also sold all the sweet as well as the mulled wine.

The initial indications are that we have made a record profit for the Village Hall. Last year was £7,800 and this year over £12,000. This goes to the maintenance of the Village Hall and the playing fields, the children's play area and ball wall etc. If there are any suggestions as to where villagers think the money should be spent, particularly for the young, then I would be happy to pass them on to the Village Hall Council.

Firstly, my thanks to all those who turned out in the morning to help. All the committee members were there plus quite a few others and a very welcome contingent from the RAF headed by the SWO, Steve Marshall who personally gave up much of his time. They made life considerably easier for us.

A lot of work goes on prior to the day and then on the day there is a lot of setting up and then clearing away. I would like to thank all of those who contributed in a

Photographs courtesy
Paul Goby

py & Bonfire 2016

way towards the fireworks display. Thanks, in no particular order to:

- The Wheel, the Black Lion, and Michael Holland of 5G Communications in High Wycombe for their generous donations of barrels of beer,
- Wycombe Trade waste for the bins and considerable numbers of pallets,
- The RAF station commander Group Captain Phil Lester who lit the bonfire and was very enthusiastic,
- RAF for their fire tender and other contributions of supplies and manpower,
- The RAF SWO, Steve Marshall for his help and enthusiasm together with his team of volunteers
- All the shops, pubs and Bon Ami which sell the tickets at no profit to themselves,
- Darren Lomas and his BBQ team,
- Adam Pool, John Harris and the firing team (the Pool family). Adam goes on training course every year to allow him to continue, and uprate (to Pro-Firer) his firing licence, as well as updating the risk assessment and taking the final decision of whether we go ahead with the display,
- Ron Carter and his army of stewards on the numerous gates and entrances,
- My slightly smaller army of marshals to guard the bonfire and fireworks fall-out areas helped by Kieren Moore,
- Kieren Moore for his radios and his "Bucket Collection" team who collect money from those who look over the hedge along Main Road,
- Clive Lawrence and his bar staff who run the Men's Club bar,
- Mike and Cherry Grout at the first aid post – nothing major this year to report thankfully,
- Steve Curtis who handles all the electrics,
- Moira Harris, her daughter Emily, and Liz Moore who run the soup, mulled wine and hot chocolate stall,
- Monika Maculewicz (my fiancée) helped by Ruth Bond on the necklaces and swords for the children,
- Cathryn Carter who was behind the scenes all day helping with the BBQ preparations, providing coffee, and helping with the stewards,
- Dave Webb for driving the National Trust Land Rover by kind permission of those at Hughenden Manor
- Darren Lomas is also responsible for the artwork on the tickets, posters etc.

I sincerely hope that I have not missed anyone out, and apologies if I have. We must have over 50 volunteers making this evening the success it has become.

We have now organised 24 fireworks events, next year's 25th will be my last as chairman. We have some younger members joining us on the committee with a view that one of them will take over the reins after working with us in 2017. Some other committee members will also be taking a back seat in 2018 but we will still be around to help with the event in the future. We all hope you enjoyed this event and we look forward to arranging next year's display on 4 November 2017.

Andrew Wasilewski

Chairman - Fireworks Committee
NaphillVillageHall@Yahoo.co.uk

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from The Wheel

First and most importantly, a massive THANK YOU and well done to the Fireworks Committee for another truly amazing display. I personally would also like to thank Mark and our brilliant team who managed without me on this extremely busy night. Cheers to you all.

The festive season is here again, and Santa is back visiting us, please don't disturb him too much while he's sleeping!! December as ever is a full month with lots of bookings and parties happening, so please ring and book so we know we can accommodate you during this busy time.

Our opening times are on our Website, Facebook and on posters in the pub. Most are normal but, Christmas day 12-2pm drinks only, Boxing Day 6-11pm drinks only. New Year's Eve is til late, smart (ish) dress, New Year's Day 6-11pm drinks only, (hope that helps a little).

Things to look for in January and February are; 25th Jan – Burns Night (bookings only), we also have the start of the 6 Nations (bring on the rugby).

The Staff, Mark and I would like to wish you all a fabulous festive season, and we look forward to celebrating with you soon!

Claire and Mark

Santa Baby by The Wheel (an ode to staff)

Linda Baby, slip a Merlot under the tree, for me;
Been an awful good girl, Maisie Baby,
And Hurry down The Wheel tonight!

Julie Baby, how's about a Pinot or two, for you?
Double up for me dear, Juliet cutie,
Meet me down The Wheel tonight!

Georgie Baby, A Jäger Shot, and really that's not, a lot!
Been a diamond all year, Rhysie honey,
And hurry down The Wheel tonight!

Rachel Baby, I really need a G and T - or three!
With some ice and a slice, Rachel Baby,
Let's drink down The Wheel tonight!

Lukey Baby, order me an Angus and fries, stack sized,
Get the Chef a pint too, Lukey Baby,
We're tipsy down The Wheel tonight!

Chloe Baby, forgot to order one last thing, scratchings!
Don't pay off my tab yet, Chloe Baby,
Let's party down The Wheel tonight!
A Party at The Wheel, Tonight!
The Wheel Tonight!

Merry Christmas, and festive cheer to all!
The Wheel

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

Key stage 1 Nativity - The kS1 nativity is being rehearsed with the year ones playing the main characters: Mary the mother of Jesus and her husband Joseph, the three wise men, the North Star, angels and finally the donkey. There is lots of singing so people are free to join in with the songs: We Wish You a merry Christmas, Away in a Manger and Little Donkey.

KS2 News - In year 6, Evelyn Fisher wrote a poem 'Life is an unsolved mystery'. We thought you would enjoy reading it too.

Life is an unsolved mystery - By Evelyn Fisher

Life is an unsolved mystery,
Waiting to be solved,
We are its creatures,
Over years we've evolved,
People come and people go,
Through rain, shine, clouds and snow,
Life is a ball of twine,
Waiting to be unravelled,
A whole world out there,
Waiting to be travelled,
Living organisms dwell on Earth,
Curious and fantastic even from birth.

Art: - This month children have been excelling in art; the Year 5s have been working especially hard on a portrait of the final moments of The Lady of Shalot. Our previous artwork has astounded many and made lots more parents proud of their children's work. As we said in the previous Gazette, our school has done so much amazing art in the past and we hope the children this year will achieve similar goals.

Christmas Fete - Christmas at Naphill is great fun and The Christmas Fete (Saturday 26th November) is an enjoyable occasion with a wide variety of games, activities and stalls. It is a fundraiser with money going to WANSA to improve our time at school. It is a great chance to bring the family together and have fun.

Rugby Tournament - Last week children from year 6 had great fun at a Rugby tournament. The final score went down to the wire and they came second by just one try!

*Freddie Jennings, Zahra Greaves-Mannan and
Thomas Reed.*



Bon Ami

We are looking forward to a great build up to Christmas at Bon Ami. Firstly, we are holding a "Ladies' Festive Evening" on Thursday 8th December 7-10pm. This will be an evening giving you the chance to relax with friends over a drink and some nibbles (included in ticket price) while doing some Christmas shopping and maybe booking some treatments. We hope that this will be a great evening and we really look forward to seeing you on the night. Tickets are available for £5 at Bon Ami.

Throughout Advent we will have our Christmas Coffee and home made mince pies available. Our Christmas coffee is a blend of coffee with chocolate, hazelnuts, ginger, honey and cardamom. Our homemade mince pies have a delicate orange pastry, sweet mascarpone cheese and some alcohol!

We would like to thank ALL of our customers for their continued loyalty throughout 2016. We hope you all have a very happy Christmas and look forward to a prosperous New Year. We hope that you all understand that Amanda and Ruth would like to spend time with their families over the festive period and therefore Bon Ami will be closed from Sunday 18th December, reopening on Tuesday 3rd January.

Happy Christmas

Amanda & Ruth

A Christmas Message from Our RAF Chaplain

Who would have ever thought that 2016 was going to be such a momentous year? 'All change' is probably an appropriate phrase to sum up the life changing, nation changing and world changing events that have taken place in the last 12 months. Whatever our perspective, life is never going to be the same. The refugee crisis; the devastating conflicts in Syria and Iraq; the distressing racially motivated attacks in our own communities and most recently the US election have all left their mark on this year's page in the history books. However, the reminder of this all feels a bit heavy at a time of the year when we traditionally celebrate peace and good will, family life and the gifts of friendship and love. At the most shallow of levels the Christmas season offers respite from the busyness, the challenges and often the sadness of life. But is this enough? We all know that the parties and celebrations, holidays and special times with family and friends cannot go on forever, as 2017 will soon be knocking at the door of life and asking to be let in. As much as the moments of festivity are mostly enjoyable and re-energise us they cannot hide the issues of our lives and our world that need to be dealt with and responded to. The message of Christmas is not just about the birth of a child in poverty into a Roman occupied land 2000 years ago, who brought a message from our God of love, peace and hope for the generation that witnessed it, but it is about the life changing revelation of God's purpose of love for the whole of humanity forever. One of the popular songs

of Christmas parties is the timeless: 'I wish it could be Christmas everyday'. Well, we probably couldn't cope with the Christmas Day activities every day, but we could certainly do with the spirit of Christmas being part of the everyday experience – peace, hope, goodwill and kindness. The long-lasting gifts of the Christmas message are not meant just for a few weeks in the year, but are supposed to be a daily pattern for life. What would 2017 look like if that happened? Now that would be a year to write about in the history books!

Blessings and peace on you and your loved ones, and our world this Christmas time, and throughout 2017.

Padre Mike Hall

Chaplain, RAF High Wycombe

O Stars of Wonder *(Image supplied by Rev Ellis)*

I wonder if you have seen any of the amazing images from the Hubble telescope? The thing is, anything to do with space involves distances so vast that they cannot be measured in miles but in the time it takes light to travel – light years. To write down the number of miles in a light year involves 12 zeros and a number that few can even name, let alone imagine.



The image here is called 'The Pillars of Creation' and it is a mass of dust and gas possibly left over from a dying star. This is only a small part of a much larger patch of dust and gas called the Eagle Nebula. To give you an idea of scale,

the distance from the top of the tallest column to the bottom is 4 light years – the same as the distance between our sun and its next nearest stellar neighbour. I could go on – this is one tiny fraction of our home galaxy – the Milky Way, a modest sized galaxy that light takes a mere 120,000 light years to traverse, and our universe is populated by innumerable galaxies.

If you attend a service at Christmas, you may well hear the words 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God'. These form the start of John's Gospel, sometimes called the Christmas Gospel. John's words are powerful and poetic, full of imagery and symbolism, deliberately invoking the very start of the Bible in Genesis 1 – In the beginning...

The Gospel starts by taking us back to a time when the universe was void and empty, there was nothing except God, and with God – the Word. But the Word is not just with God, the Word is God.

What is this 'Word'? In Greek, it is logos and John uses it as a name for Jesus before his coming to earth.

John goes on to say 'All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being'. So this Word, this logos, aka Jesus, is somehow responsible for the whole of Creation.

John speaks of a God that can do that!

If you think that the universe is totally amazing, then look at what happens at the end of the reading

'And the Word became flesh and lived among us'

God, who created the earth and the heavens, a universe so vast that we cannot even name the numbers involved, becomes a tiny baby in a troubled backwater of the Roman Empire in order to bring His message of peace and love to humankind.

The infinite God limits himself to the form of a human baby that really cries, really hurts, really gets hungry and without the care of his mother would really die. This is what we mean by the 'Incarnation'. This is what we celebrate at this time of year. This is the essence of Christmas.

May you be blessed with the real spirit of Christmas this year and always.

Rev Jenny Ellis

A Remarkable Birth

I wonder, does Christmas fill you with joy, anticipation and a child-like wonder, or are you more likely to batten down the hatches and hope that it all passes without incident? Does the festive season mean getting together with extended family, sociable neighbours and good friends, to celebrate life, to overindulge, and to exchange gifts, or does it bring to mind sad memories, perhaps of those we have loved and lost?

I love Christmas! Carol singing in pubs and care homes, hosting joyful school carol services and a wide range of contemporary and traditional Christmas services - and especially having the opportunity to welcome all into our wonderful Church building, to join together in song, in prayer and in wonder, as we hear again the remarkable story of the birth of the Saviour of the World. The lead character is obviously a baby - but there are many other characters whose contribution to that nativity scene makes it an unique encounter between humanity and the divine. The divine - a vulnerable new born baby, entirely reliant upon its mother for milk, and sitting at his feet we imagine awestruck shepherds who have left behind their sheep in obedience to an angelic visitation - they became one of the privileged few who gazed at this infant with wonder, uncertain why that moment was so important, but utterly convinced that this baby was special.

We mustn't forget the wise men either. Their trip which ended in Bethlehem would have taken several weeks and was a remarkable journey of spiritual discovery. Their generosity in gifting gold, frankincense and myrrh for the child was further evidence that this birth was considered remarkable.

I invite you to join us in gathering together around the manger, and gazing in wonder at the baby, born to a remarkably brave and God-fearing mother, a loyal husband, and all those who found themselves in that same location, some 2,000 years ago. As we gather together, we will hear the story of the birth of the Christ child - Jesus Christ, the light of the world, in whom is found the hope of all humanity, for all those who put their faith in his life, death and resurrection.

I love sharing the Good News of the birth of Jesus, because we can always find hope in Jesus. His life was one characterised by love and sacrificial service, and his example is one which is followed to this day by millions whose lives have been transformed in choosing to follow in his footsteps.

Whether your Christmas will be busy or quiet, I wish you the joy and the peace of Christ. To those who have the opportunity to open their doors and to welcome in others, I encourage you to do so as we share that wonderful community spirit which exists in our parish.

Happy Christmas!

Rev Keith Johnson

St Michael & All Angels, Hughenden
www.hughendenparishchurch.org.uk

You are all very welcome to come and join us to celebrate Christmas!

Thursday 8 December

10.30am Christmas themed Tiny Tots

Sunday 18 December

10.45am Christingle Service

6pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve

9am Said service of Holy Communion

3pm Crib Service

11.15pm Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day

8am Said service of Holy Communion

9am Choral Holy Communion

11am Family All Age Holy Communion

5pm Christmas Carols & Lessons

May you know the peace & light of Jesus Christ this Christmastide!

Christians in the Community

Now, is it nearly time for the exciting Christmas period.

We have Keith the new vicar and John the Methodist Minister enthusiastically joining in and supporting us for carol singing in the Wheel and the Harrow and for Naphill's Carols by Candlelight.

For the carol singing in the pubs it may be Tuesday 13th and/or Thursday 15th December but you will need to check the local press for the actual details.

The Carols by Candlelight will take place in the Naphill Village Hall on Sunday 11th December at 4 pm. The offering will be for the Wycombe Homeless Connection and there will be mulled wine and mince pies at the end, of course!



Soon you should have the 2016 Christmas card dropping through your letter box giving times of the services over Christmas but should our army of volunteers have missed you just give me a ring - 563116.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Norma Clarke

Idle Ponderings on Christmas Puddings



A contented sigh and a smile for you Mum, as I admire the row of finished Christmas Puddings on the shelf.

In the past Christmas Puddings had always featured in a big way in my early childhood Christmas

memories – my first firm memory must be when I was about six years old (1946!)

The whole of the previous year my Mum would have squirreled away sugar (sneaked from our 'ration') any dried fruit that she would have stood in long queues for, saved some precious dried egg, and heaven only knows what she did to make certain the butcher had a bit of suet for her in early November! But, a Christmas pudding we always had. The creation of which was full of tradition for our family.

Sunday always seemed to be the chosen pudding day - I suppose because all the family were home including my Dad. Mum would start early to make bread crumbs from stale bread, the crumbs were made by hand, no processor to use then! A very large basin was prepared, in went the crumbs, suet (had to be grated as it came straight from the animal, no easy Atora!) any dried fruit my Mum had managed to muster, then the inventiveness started depending on what was missing! In a good year a small hard block of dried dates was supplied as a coupon free 'extra' at Christmas. Carrots were a good filler, as was swede, and together with apple were grated into the bowl. The dried egg was added with a good glug or two of stout. Then to me as a child the best bit, we all stirred in a 'big wish'! Precious spices were added at the end. Spices? their longevity not challenged by anyone, nobody looking aghast that they had been purchased pre-war, or insisting that at over five years old they were 'not safe' to use. Like all wartime cooking there was always a secret ingredient! Lack of dark, rich, dried fruit resulted in an anaemic mix so a spoonful of gravy browning was added. Last in was the all, the important silver sixpence, waiting to be found by one lucky person on Christmas day! Sadly that tradition, together with the 'old spices' have now gone to Health and Safety Heaven.

So you see Mum, I still make a Christmas Pudding, the easy way now, any ingredient I need easily purchased, but I make certain my Children and Grandchildren, all grown up now, are around to stir in the 'Big Wishes' so your traditions and my memories of you live on.

So 'Merry Christmas' and a 'Healthy New Year' are my 'stirred in' wishes for everyone. OH!.... and please don't check my spices, the dates could still be a bit 'dodgy'!

Margaret Hunter



Shear Madness

Wow it's nearly Christmas !!!! It's hard to believe we've been in the village for five and a half years already and I love it that customers have become my friends . Thank you all for your love, best wishes and kind words over the years, it means more to me than you could imagine.

I hope you all have a fabulous Christmas and new year and spare a thought for our emergency services who work so hard during the festivities. Christmas opening times are on our advert on the back page. Sorry, but there will be a small increase of 50p as from the 1st January but I'm sure you all understand.

Wishing everyone of you a Ho Ho Ho.

Mandy , Dawn and Zak the dog xx

Christmas in Naphill 88 years ago



I was six then. There was no village hall, no fir tree to decorate and any village events back then were held in a corrugated tin building just up the main road. It wasn't so many yards from the entrance to Christopher Close as it is today. The Carol Service was held in there on Christmas Eve, and the music was provided by the Naphill

Brass Band (the war came along and took all the younger players, and they tried several times to build it up again but it never got going). The bandleaders nickname was Brusher Parslow, I don't know why. We sang carols and they played until about half past eight when the service broke up. In the meantime, a lady came in with a great big teapot of tea (I can see that teapot now!) and this big brown enamel teapot got so hot she had to wrap her hankie around the handle! We didn't have fancy cups like today, what we had were great big thick china mugs, they weighed a ton without anything in them! Anyway, a mug of tea was half a penny. And I have a feeling that farthings were still in circulation then, if I'm right a cup of tea would have been two farthings. There were about 20 people, mainly made up of the Tillburys (my mother's family). As I say the service broke up at 8.30, and then I would come home and of course it was a late night for me, so that was straight to bed! In the morning, that was Christmas morning of course, Father Christmas had been and we had got our stockings, we got one apple, one orange and some nuts, parents couldn't afford to buy toys and games and such, this was what everyone got. We hung the stockings at the bottom of the bed. We were happy, we didn't know any different!

Being the farm (Vincent Farm, where Geoff's father was tenant farmer), dad used to breed turkeys, and he selected the biggest and the best one for us because Vincent Farm was full of relations and friends for the meal, and they were all drinking homemade wine (no sherry or anything). The only way of cooking it was the old range. The oven wasn't all that big so I think what they did was cut the turkey in half and cook it in two bits! Dad got up around 3 o'clock in the morning as he had to get up to do the milking and delivery – he had the labourers but on Christmas day they could come in late, after drinking the night before. Dad used to get the milk cart, it was

a peculiar shape, it was very low at the back – you could step off the road straight into it. When the customers used to come out with their jugs and saucepans dad had two measures, one was a half a pint and the other a pint, and most women would have an extra pint because they wanted to do something special for Christmas tea. It was the only time they had extra milk, they couldn't afford it the rest of the year.

In the village people would visit each other on Christmas day, and everybody was drinking their homemade wine and chatting away. Of course dad had been up since 3 o'clock, and of course they had the fire stoked overnight to cook the turkey. It was well cooked by the time we had it, and we would serve it up with brussels sprouts, roast potatoes, stuffing, the usual things that there are today. And there was poor dad in his chair fast asleep! Mum used to make a big Christmas pudding. It was a happy day. And here I am today at 94, telling you Christmas stories as if it was yesterday!

*Sarah Rogers
on behalf of Geoff Nicholls*

Seniors Lunch Club

The Seniors Lunch Club continues to run satisfactorily and has had another successful year with some new members joining in the last few months, helping to keep numbers in the low to mid thirties.



As always, we provide a hot lunch but of course, one of the essential ingredients is the opportunity to socialise with other members of our community.

Our traditional (with all the trimmings) Christmas Lunch will be on December 14, when we hope that most members will be able to attend.

Finally, as always, it is appropriate to say a deep and sincere thanks to all members of the team who every month help us to continue this amenity for senior members of our community and from all of us, a very happy Christmas.

Jan Gaunt.
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Traditions Bringing Warmth to Family Life

Autumn has been and gone, the days are shorter and shorter, the crisp winter air is making its first appearance and we all dream of cosy, lazy, days in by the fire. But us mums have a little niggle too, can we keep the children entertained and busy so the dreaded cabin fever doesn't kick in? What can we do that will provide learning opportunities but at the same time feel like fun and play, and the whole family can enjoy?

I find my answers always in my own childhood, realising that the most fun I had was when I spent time doing the things I loved with my family over and over again. That is how a tradition is born. Every autumn, in Macedonia as the leaves start changing colour us children enjoyed endless games in the woods, while learning about it and watching nature at its best. Our parents on the other hand turned their attention to preserving. In Macedonia even now people eat very seasonally, which meant lots of vegetables and fruits from the abundant summer had to be preserved and I loved nothing better than helping my mum make all the delicious jams, pickles, and relishes. So when autumn approaches here and the neighbour's apple or pear tree bears too many fruits and I don't want to see them wasted, I see it as a perfect opportunity to carry on the tradition, and keep my little ones busy. My husband measures the vinegar, my one year old son is dancing in his walker to the radio and my four year old daughter helps me chop the apples, stir the sugar, add the raisins and spices. Before you know it our kitchen is full of warmth, a comforting aroma and we have 10 jars of apple and walnut chutney. All in a rainy, dreary Saturday morning filling us with happiness and joy. Bringing us all closer together.

We don't stop there, we create our own new traditions. Pumpkins are not just for Halloween, we use them as wonderful crafts materials, we cover them in paints and watch them run down over the surface, magically transforming into new colours and shades. Hours of fun and learning at the same time.

But what better season than Christmas for traditions to take centre stage? So many activities to do together with our little ones to make it even more magical while we spend valuable time engrossed in their excitement, creativity and enthusiasm. In the lead up to Christmas we have started our own new traditions that keep us busy for many weeks. We make salt dough decorations each year and the children paint and decorate them all by themselves. We keep few each year and like to see the progress in their abilities from year to year. We make Christmas cards and presents for our family and friends. Then there is making the Christmas cake, the excitement of all those currants and raisins getting plumper and juicier in the brandy and the satisfaction we get as we stir them, with the knowledge that Christmas is not too far away. Ginger bread houses and men, also providing us with hours of delicious fun. We draw pictures to hang on the walls and all together decorate the house and tree while Christmas songs are playing in the background. My children are lucky to have two Christmases, the 25th of December and the one celebrated in Macedonia on the 7th Jan. So we carry on traditions from both cultures. From my childhood where Christmas Eve dinner is all about being with your family and the most exciting ritual is making bread with a coin hidden in it and the person that gets is the luckiest for the year to come, to my husband's English traditions of presents after breakfast and big turkey lunch with all the trimmings and family games. The best part, my daughter gets as excited about making the bread and (last year) winning the coin as she gets about all the presents she gets on the 25 December.

So please carry on the traditions, make new ones, connect, bond as a family and turn the ordinary moments into extraordinary. Bring extra magic and celebration to your holidays and winter days and before you know it spring will start knocking on our doors and the children can run around outside yet again.

Gordana Tancava Cobley



Photos courtesy of Gordana Tancava Cobley

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**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Conservatory!**

Payne's of Glass

Residents Association Quiz Night

A packed Village Hall saw 21 tables compete in the bi-annual Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Association Quiz Night under the watchful eye of Peter Oxbrow who provided an excellent range of questions which gave everyone the chance to get more than half right. The depleting alcohol and escalating noise levels gave a good indication of the enjoyment which was added to by the delicious chilli con carne and vegetarian lasagne provided by Kirsten's Kitchens. Proceeds from the evening will help NAWARA continue its work looking after the interests of the villages and will also see a contribution to Children in Need. Special thanks must go to Darren Lomas who once again, did such a sterling job behind the bar and to Peter and his assistants for giving us such a great evening.



Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning to 8th November 2016. 16/07832/FUL Beech View Cottage Naphill Common HP14 4SZ Householder application for demolition of existing single storey garage/store outbuilding, construction of replacement single storey garage/store/garden room outbuilding and construction of single storey rear extension (alternative scheme to pp 15/07762/FUL). 16/07814/TPO 279A Main Road, Walters Ash. HP14 4UU Fell 1 x Atlas Cedar tree (T1) due to health & safety reasons. (The tree to be replaced.) 16/07937/FUL Lone Pine, Bradenham Woods Lane, Walters Ash. HP14 4XP. Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of 2 x 4 bed dwellings, refurbishment of existing outbuilding to provide off street car parking and associated alterations (Objection: Overlooking neighbouring properties. Inappropriate development in a low rise area. Query over accuracy of measurements). 16/07933/FUL Pippins, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. HP14 4RL. HA for construction of first floor side extension and single storey

rear extension with associated alterations. **16/07448/FUL 32 Main Road, Naphill. HP14 4QB.** HA for erection of single storey rear extension with lower ground garden room beneath.

Decisions. Permitted. 16/07273/FUL Homelands Clappins Lane & Baltic House Stonefield Road. HP14 4SP. Demolition of two existing dwellings and erection of 4 detached 4-bed dwellings, Plots 1,3 & 4 with integral garages & Plot 2 with detached single garage. Alteration to existing access for Plot 2, creation of a new access from Clappins Lane for Plot 1 with creation of two new accesses from Stonefield Road to Plots 3 & 4 with associated parking and landscaping. **16/07433/FUL 20 Allen Drive, Naphill. HP14 4SS.** HA for demolition of existing single storey front entrance porch, construction of two storey front extension and new front entrance porch, with minor internal alterations. **16/07451/FUL Minuet, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HP14 4QX.** Householder application for erection of single storey rear extension with lantern roof light. **16/07298/FUL Cherry Coombe, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HP14 4QX** HA for raising of roof, roof extensions/alterations demolition of existing garage and construction of single storey side extension. **16/07187/FUL. 139 Main Road, Naphill. HP14 4SB.** HA for erection of new front porch following removal of existing. **16/06817/FUL Stoneleigh, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HP14 4QX.** Erection of 1 x 4 bedroom detached dwelling with integral garage and construction of new detached garage for Stoneleigh and associated access alterations.

Draft Wycombe District Local Plan. Hedgerows. At a recent WDC, Q&A session on the Plan, the Res. Assn. pointed out that within the outline of the area to be removed from the GB north of Walter's Ash, WDC had included not only the RAF Headquarters but also the GB/ AONB Hedgerows field owned by the Murphy/O'Connor traveller family. The error was accepted and in response to subsequent enquiries from the Res. Assn. and Bradenham Parish Council the Cabinet member for Planning gave an assurance the outline would be re-drawn excluding the Hedgerows field, which would retain its GB status.

Report on Draft Wycombe Local Plan Consultation. The WDC Planning Policy team say they are still in the process of summarising the 3000 responses to the consultation document, removing all personal details and reviewing policies. When complete, the appearance of the Report on the WDC website will be announced in the weekly Planning Bulletin.

Quiz Night 11.11.16. A full house and an entertaining evening. We hope that those who were too late in booking on this occasion will join us next time.

Wishing Everyone a Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Hughenden Parish Council

FACTOID #11. All Councillors at the beginning of a council meeting have to declare any interest they may have in an item being discussed. A list of current Councillors declared interests is published at <http://www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk/council-information/disclosable-interests/>

We were incredibly saddened to learn of the unexplained

death of a woman on November 11th in the woods off Hunts Hill Lane. Hopefully by the time you read this, her identity will have been found, her next of kin informed and the reason for her death understood. Our thoughts are also with the dog walker who first discovered the scene as well as those near neighbours who have assisted the Police with their house-to-house enquiries. It does come as rather a shock when incidents like this happen so close to your own doorstep.

The Council's new Clerk started in November. Shona Hadwen who lives in the next door Parish of Hazelmere joins us after having been in retail banking for almost 20 years with experience as a branch and area manager. Hailing originally from Stornoway in Scotland, Shona brings some fantastic skills to the role of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for Hughenden Parish. Shona can be reached via the usual clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk and the office number of 715296. Please join us in welcoming her to the role. She will continue to be ably assisted by Jill Armshaw, our Deputy Clerk and Laura Ripley our Clerical Assistant. Given the expansion in responsibilities and work that the Council now has, Shona is a full-time Clerk allowing our offices to be open five days a week, thus delivering an improved service to residents.

We also have a new Councillor as mentioned in last month's article. Martin Burch was successfully co-opted at the October meeting and so this is his first opportunity to contribute. In his own words here are his first thoughts

"Until recently my understanding of the Parish Council was limited to a sign located near a local pond making me aware that it existed. I was not even aware that there was a Parish Council Office."

"Since then, although I am yet to attend my first meeting as a co-opted councillor, I have been astonished to discover how much the Council does and how much additional responsibility may fall on it in the future."

"I'm sure I am not alone in this respect and yet it would seem logical that the more local a council is, the closer to its community it should be."

"I really hope that we can find ways to significantly increase the level of communication between the Council and the 9000 people that it serves as we move forward"

A number of people have asked about news on Wycombe District's plans for the local sites they identified in their plan as ripe for development in the future, in particular the field in Clappins Lane and its removal from Greenbelt. Our Planning committee are not expecting to hear back on any decisions before Spring 2017, not least because of over 3000 responses from organisations and residents on the plan.

We are equally waiting to hear back from Wycombe District Council on the request made though Councillor Waterton for a larger bin to be located outside the Co-op to cope with the large volume of rubbish that accumulates outside the shop.

Whilst a sombre event, the Remembrance service at the Naphill Village Hall and War Memorial has been increasingly well attended over the last few years. Once again, it was really wonderful to see Villagers, RAF personnel and the children from our local Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Guides turn out on a sunny but chilly day to reflect and remember those lost in the Two World wars and other conflicts since. That Police were able to stop the traffic on

Main Road for the crowd to witness the ceremony around the War memorial on the corner of Downley Rd was even more poignant as it made the 2 minutes silence complete.

December is a key month for most Parish Councils including ours. This is the month we hold our Precept meeting. This is where Council reviews its past spending, its requirements for the next financial year and sets its levy for the period April 2017-March 2018. This levy (or precept) is then added into every residents Council Tax charge. As a reminder, the Parish levy for an average household in Hughenden this year was £51 (the national average is £55).

We will be reviewing existing and submitted requests by community organisations and charities for grants, donations and loans as part of the meeting. We anticipate having to increase the precept for next year to cover increasing costs but will work hard to minimise the increase to what is necessary to deliver a value for money service across the Parish. The Precept meeting is held in public at the Council Chambers in Great Kingshill. You are therefore most welcome to attend and to participate in this important element of our local democracy.

It remains for us to wish all our parishioners a very merry Christmas and a jolly 2017.

Your Parish Councillors

Martin Burch, Phil Crawford, Chris Waterton & Peter Williams

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Hughenden PC Meeting Dates

6th December - Precept meeting 8pm-10pm ,
Great Kingshill Parish Office

13th December- Full Council meeting 8pm-10pm,
Great Kingshill Parish Office

Bradenham Parish Council

At its November meeting the Parish Council had a presentation by the Area Manager, BCC Community Engagement and Development Team, on the plans that the County Council have for Modernising Local Government. The County Council's plans will mean that a unitary authority will replace the county council and the 4 district councils in our county. There are savings to be made with these changes. Town and parish councils will remain. The parish council felt that little detail was forthcoming at the presentation. Two councillors attended the presentation by Wycombe District Council the following evening on the District Councils plans for modernising local government, which are not the same as the County Council's, they are looking at 2 or 3 unitary authorities in the county.

The Parish Council had expressed concern to David Lidington MP about the possibility of Government capping Town and Parish Councils as they have done with District and County Councils. This would cause problems for us carrying out our varied community duties.

The Chairman and Vice Chair visited RAF High Wycombe with councillors from neighbouring parishes at the invitation of the Station Commander and had an interesting visit.

The Chiltern Society came out on 5 November with a working party and helped the Parish Council clear the pond in Bradenham village. Their help was much appreciated and the pond area now shows a marked improvement. Two ducks have appeared as well. There is still some fencing to be done, which will be done by the National Trust.

Projects for the future were discussed as we start preparing the 2017/18 budget.

Dog fouling was discussed as we are finding that more and more plastic bags containing dog foul are left hanging from bushes. There is a lack of bins, this is partly due to the problems of emptying of bins on common land. The Public Protection Order in respect of clearing dog fouling does mean that everyone should ensure that they and their dogs do not leave any dog foul in public places, this includes plastic bags. The parish council decided to investigate siting more bins in places where they can be emptied.

We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Our next meeting will be on Monday 9 January at 7pm at Bradenham Cricket Club.

Deirdre Hansen - Clerk to the Council.

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Points of Interest

There are two matters arising from my last report regarding the possible re-organisation of local government, on which to update readers. The County Council's recommendation for one Unitary Council for the County was placed before several county wide consultation meetings with various interest groups during the Summer. These comments were incorporated in the final plan approved by cabinet and full council at their September meetings. Subsequent to this the four District Councils have released their consultant's report, which appears to support two Unitary Councils, one in the North and the other in the South. The County Council have already submitted their recommendation to Government and are awaiting their decision. We live in interesting times!

The Government have requested the Independent Boundary Commission to review the population make-up of the Parliamentary Constituencies throughout the UK and reduce the number of MPs. At present there is a general disparity in population size, especially between urban and rural areas for example, there is a variation in electorate of between 22,000 and 110,000. In order to better equate the number of voters in each constituency the Commission has now published its views on the representation make-up of Buckinghamshire. We still retain 5 MPs plus two in Milton Keynes but there will be significant changes for Naphill and Walters Ash and our near Neighbours involving a change in our current Member of Parliament. It is proposed that Naphill and Walters Ash along with Lacey Green and Speen and all of the Parish of Hughenden, that includes Great Kingshill and Widmer End, transfer from Aylesbury to Amersham and Chesham, this means that we will no longer have David Lidington as our MP but will move to Cheryl Gillam.

The Boundary Commission first published its Review on 13th September 2016 and consultation will finish soon after you read this article on 13th December. To obtain further details you can visit the Commissions website on [www. http://](http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-36888888)

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This contains a section where you can record your comments. It will not be too late to do this but my own view is that there is a general acceptance of the recommendations and there will only be minor adjustments to the proposals. It is a very complex exercise bound by many rules especially those which involve existing parish, district ward and county division boundaries.

With Christmas fast approaching may I take this opportunity of wishing all readers a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Richard Pushman

Wycombe Photographic Society

December is the month everyone starts winding down for Christmas and the New Year break, however, we have a number of events in which we compete against the best of the best from a number of other Photographic Clubs in the area. This is a series of round robin events with the eventual winner representing the area in the finals of the South East. If we repeat past years' performances we should be "in with a good chance".

In January we start off with what we are calling a "Show and Tell" evening in which we bring along what each member believes is their best image and "the audience" tell what they think of the image. There has been known to be much hilarity at some of the comments. Best Christmas image and all that!

In Mid January our Workshops commence again and the first of the year is about post processing software, i.e. Photoshop, Elements and Lightroom or in other words how to "present" your favourite image with that "wow" factor.

Mark February 2nd in your diary as we have a guest speaker who will be giving a talk, as well as practical, on "Creating Beautiful Light with Small Flashes", also known as....how to get the best from using the thing most people are nervous about....the camera flash.

As always, please visit our web site www.wycombephotosociety.org.uk to see where and when we meet, a full programme of events for the next 12 months, plus members galleries of some of their photographs as well as photos that have been entered in competitions.

Visitors to any of our evenings are always welcome, you do

not have to be an expert photographer, after all our members at one stage all struggled to use half the functions on their cameras and understand what composition was all about.

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David Greenwood

Last Word

So after a week of effort, the odd tantrum and tears, a few screaming hysterics and far too many cups of coffee, the Christmas edition of the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette is finally finished and about to wing its way to Geoff at PKinPrint. Because it is Christmas I have been extravagant with the use of colour and I really hope you all enjoy!

This has been a remarkably busy edition and I have carried over a few articles which did not essentially appertain to Christmas. These I will include in the February edition. My apologies to the contributors involved.

My sincere thanks to everybody who has contributed to this edition and to Richard Holroyd for our Christmas cover.

Season's greetings and best wishes to you all.

Sonia

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