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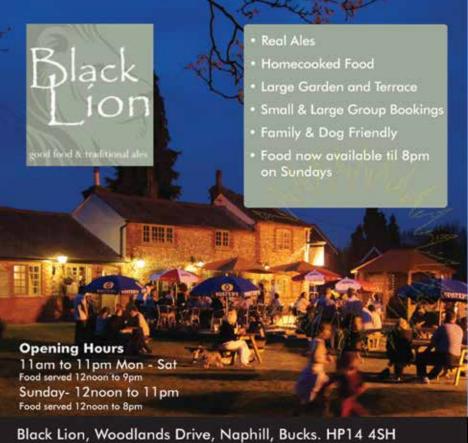
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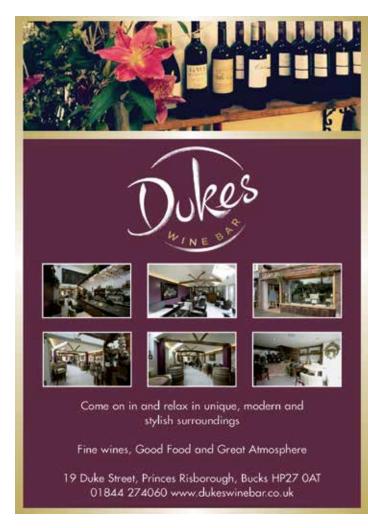
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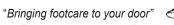
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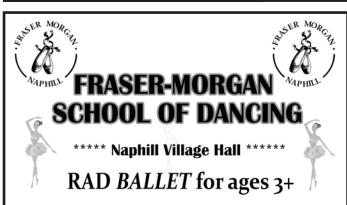






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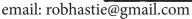
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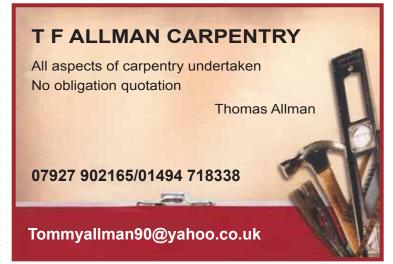
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Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -1220pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green		
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977	
Naphill 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	
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		07949 164613	
	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 Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com	
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	

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#### **Editorial**

The Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette did have a very short break over the Christmas/New Year period but we are very much back in business and working busily once again. This is quite a relief for Himself as my latest and greatest thoughts and ideas get channelled into the Gazette rather than his direction, which gives him more time for his own projects. The other downside of my spare time is that I have time to indulge in one of my favourite hobbies - BAKING! I never need any excuse to whip up a quick little something from buttery cookies for the grandchildren, cakes and bakes for the family or a citrus tart because there are a few lemons which need using, the list is endless. The downside, of course, is the expanding waistlines! Suffice it to say I am delighted to see that we now have a local Slimming World group and I will be sending them a new recruit, post haste, this coming Monday. I have also been barred from baking for the time being so it is just as well that the Gazette is keeping me busy.

Since early December the busiest member of the Gazette team has undoubtedly been our fantastic treasurer, Mike Pool, who has issued all the invoices to our advertisers and is now chasing the payments. If you haven't yet paid please do so and if you no longer require your advertising space please let us know. I do have a waiting list for advertising space, it is always in demand, but if you would like a space please let me know and I will do my best to accommodate you.

Our March edition will be the Gazette's eightieth birthday and my Gussetteers and I feel that this is an anniversary to celebrate and that we should have a special edition to mark this occasion. Your ideas and contributions for this edition will be very welcome. As part of my preparation I have been looking back at the early Gazettes in our archive at www.naphill.org.uk. This is so interesting, informative and at times amusing but one set of articles, "The Wife at Home" really set me thinking again. Perhaps we could have something similar. I would really like some volunteers for an "At Home" page - tales from the home, handy tips and recipes etc. it doesn't have to be too serious and it doesn't necessarily have to be written by the same person each month and of course, male/female all welcome.

It is now definitely time for me to set sail on this edition; all the final farewells and thanks associated with Christmas and the New Year, all the local club, organisation and society news and of course the NapFest and Classics on the Crick are events to look forward to in June. Fret not! The February Gazette and Spring are on the way!

Sonia Goby

Editor of the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette gazetteeditor@btinternet.com 01494 569428

## Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

The early days of 2017 are an appropriate time to reflect on the success of fundraising in 2016. The Fete and the Fireworks raised larger sums than usual thanks to hard work and good weather. As a result, the Council has several thousand pounds to invest in new projects. Income from lettings does not cover the full cost of maintenance so some funds raised have to be used for this purpose. This still leaves funds for enhancement so the Council is making a special effort to consult stakeholders about how they see future development of the Hall and the Crick. I am writing to all village organisations, and to regular hirers, seeking their views. We also intend to consult visitors to the Fete on June 10th by using the Main Hall for displays, surveys, and meeting Trustees.

The ways in which the Village Hall Council functions are not well known. The Council has some 30 Trustees who, as the Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council is a registered charity, have the responsibility to manage the facilities for the benefit of local people. Every village organisation chooses a representative to sit on the Council; there are currently 17. In addition, six Village Representatives are elected at the AGM; currently these are Sarah Bacon, Peggy Ewart, Clive Lawrence, Daisy Leek, Jenny Price and Andrew Wasilewski. Four Trustees are co-opted for specific 'jobs' and the Officers are appointed/elected at the AGM. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary Judy Whitehouse, Hon. Lettings Secretary Tanya Stevens. The Chairman is elected by Trustees at the first Council meeting after the AGM.

This year's AGM takes place on Monday April 3rd at 8pm and you are all invited. Village Representatives may be nominated and seconded at the meeting, or in advance in writing to the Secretary. A complete list of the 2016 Trustees will be published with the notice of the AGM.

Sorry if this piece is rather 'dry' but raising awareness of, and understanding about, the ways in which the Council functions is central to promoting interest. All committees need new blood. There are exciting times ahead. Please think about volunteering.

Peggy Ewart
Chairmans

#### **Naphill Gazette**

Do you know your neighbours? Do you know if they receive the Naphill and Walters Ash Gazette? Our deliverers do a great job and try to be aware of houses on their round who don't receive a copy of the Gazette BUT their time is limited and they can't always be knocking on doors. SO, if you know someone who doesn't receive the Gazette and would, perhaps, like to, give them my name and phone number. SPREAD THE WORD!

Pauline Pool
Distribution Manager - 564226



#### Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning to 14 December 2016: 16/08258/FUL. 249 Main Road, Walters Ash. HP14 4TH Change of Use from Use Class B1 (office) to Use Class D1 (Dental Surgery). (It was noted the plans include plenty of parking space). 16/08255/FUL. Little Burnhams, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HP14 4QX Householder application for construction of part single, part two storey rear extension, two storey side extension, new front porch and associated alterations and 1 x dormer window . 16/07931/FUL. 87 Woodcock Avenue, Walters Ash. **HP14 4TN** HA for construction of new hardstanding and new vehicle access with dropped kerb. (Objection. Consider this a dangerous place for a driveway entrance, being close to the corner of Woodcock Avenue and Main Road.) 16/08234/FUL. 25 Ash Close, Walters Ash. HP14 4TR HA for construction of single storey side and rear extension including x2 roof lights and associated alterations. 16/08173/FUL. 71 Woodcock Avenue, Walters Ash. HP14 4TN Change of use of land to residential curtilage and construction of part two storey, part single storey rear/side extension. (Objection. Insufficient information has been provided covering the previous use and ownership of the land.)

Decisions. Permitted. 6/07832/FUL. Beech View Cottage, Naphill Common. HP14 4SZ 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 (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. 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. 16/07730/FUL. 161 Main Road, Naphill. HP14 4SB HA for construction of single storey side extension and fenestration alterations.

Planning to 11th January 2017: 16/08489/
FUL Homeleigh, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HP14 4QX
Householder application for creation of hipped gable
to front & rear, erection of attached garage to side with
room in roofspace. 16/08419/FUL. 228 Main Road,
Naphill. HP14 4RX HA for construction of two storey
rear extension, double garage with single storey link to
dwelling and external alterations (alternative scheme to
pp16/06521/FUL). 16/08497/FUL Naphill and Walters
Ash Primary School, Kilnwood, Walters Ash. HP14
4UL Erection of 2.4m high palisade fence to replace
existing five bar gates (retrospective). 16/08449/FUL.
23 Ash Close, Walters Ash. HP14 4TR HA application
for erection of two storey side extension & new front
porch.

The New Wycombe District Local Plan. WDC officers say the results of the consultation on the Draft Wycombe Local Plan will be reported in MARCH.

Many in N&WA responded during the consultation period because there is a WDC proposal to remove from Green Belt protection, 5.43 acres of AONB agricultural field bordering Clappins Lane. This area fulfils an important Green Belt function, but WDC want to build a 50 dwelling housing estate on it to meet, it says, government demands. The officers don't accept that Clappins Lane could prove a hazardous feeder route for a new housing estate. As a narrow, rural lane with no footway, ill-defined passing places, single track along some lengths and carrying a weight restriction, it is already unsuitable for any increase in traffic. let alone the additional number of vehicle movements a new 50 dwelling housing estate could produce. WDC officers are taking comfort from the fact that once again Highways have come up with no objections.

WDC officers say the Final Wycombe Local Plan, which will go to the Secretary of State, will also be published in MARCH for public viewing. Members of the public can contact the Secretary of State in writing with their comments or objections to any part of the Final Plan within a 6 week period following publication. Those who do so may be allowed to put views forward at the subsequent Enquiry in Public by the Secretary of State, if they so wish. The Secretary of State could take a different view on certain Local Plan issues from those of WDC, if we are all persuasive enough!

Gloria Leflaive. 563634



## **Annual General Meeting**

## Friday 10th February 7:30pm at the Village Hall – all welcome

Hughenden Manor - from Disraeli to WW2

Illustrated talk by Bernie Knill

Everyone is welcome to our AGM on 10th February at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. After the briefest of business and an illustration of our activities over the last year, there will be a talk by Bernie Knill on the history of Hughenden Manor from Disraeli to World War II. It will also give you a chance to ask any questions or make any comments concerning what FoNC has been doing and what it hopes to do in future. We now have 110 members and if you would like to join just contact a member of the committee.

There is still uncertainty about the next phase of felling proposed for the Common. Wessex Woodland Management (WWM) were intending to begin last autumn but the funding was delayed. We are not a party to these arrangements so we can only report that WWM may be able to start soon, but we have no definite news. Obviously the felling cannot be left very long because spring will be upon us and the trees will come into leaf. In preparation for the felling we have been marking with green paint those trees we want to retain. We choose mainly the veteran and ancient specimens, together with those of special interest such as less common species and trees with many initials carved or those where the Scouts and Guides held meetings (on separate evenings of course!). This leaves the majority of trees unmarked but that does not mean that they will all be felled: WWM will take only a small percentage. The area proposed for this second phase includes some archaeological features, including the possible "Iron Age farmstead", and we will try to ensure that these are not damaged.

There are seven ponds on Naphill Common: Daisy, Dew, Lady Horse, Ash, Shipwash, Small and Willow. Pickup's pond is just off of the Common at the end of Downley Road and Manning's Pond is on Downley Common. It is important that we attend to them during the coming year because some are in a poor state. Daisy Pond is choked with yellow iris and floating sweetgrass, and is almost dry. We hope to clear some of the vegetation under the guidance of the Freshwater Habitats Trust. Dew Pond has virtually disappeared under the fallen Great Beech, but WWM have agreed

to remove the larger limbs while leaving the huge trunk arching over the pond, which we are assuming they will do during the next phase of felling. Lady Horse Pond, Willow Pond and Shipwash all have rather low water levels. Ash pond is in about the best condition and has plenty of water for the first time in living memory: felling and clearing holly has helped it collect water.

In 2016 we carried out environmental testing of the ponds with help from the Freshwater Habitats Trust, including DNA testing for the presence of Great Crested Newts and chemical testing for pollution by nitrates and phosphates. The DNA testing was restricted to Pickup's and Daisy Ponds, in which newts were known to have been present in recent years – it confirmed Great Crested Newts in Pickup's but not in Daisy Pond. No pollution was found (as we expected, since this is mainly a problem caused by runoff from agricultural land), except for a trace amount in Shipwash Pond – which could be a result of the pond levels being very low at the time of testing, which would have concentrated any pollutants.

So, there is much to do. If you would like to help, please join our working parties. Contact Peter Davis – you can contribute as much or as little as you choose. You are also welcome to join our (free) regular walks. 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.

As a new venture, Ron Collins and Neil McMinn led a Boxing Day walk from the Village Hall, which attracted around thirty people. Although it was a pleasure to see so many of our regular walkers, we were hoping for more new faces who perhaps may find it difficult to join our walks on working days. Nevertheless, we hope to have a similar walk next year.

Chris Miller. Chairman.

#### Naphill Evening WI

Our Christmas Party was great. We had a delicious three course meal provided by excellent caterers with readings by members between courses, some funny and some a little more serious.



We now look forward to the New Year with an interesting new programme including talks on Bagels and Bacon (growing up in the post-war East End of London), Spies and Subversives, Millinery, Medical Dogs and much more.

The Food Group will have had their first outing, a brunch at the Black Horse in Lacey Green and will be looking forward to lunch at the Harrow in Hughenden Valley on 21 February. The rest of the programme looks very tasty too.

Some of us met up in Bon Ami at the beginning of January to celebrate Vera's 96th birthday, which I hope she enjoyed.

Buckinghamshire Federation have quite a few events lined up for 2017, including an Investigation and Discovery Day in Aylesbury in March, a Rag Rugs Workshop in Amersham at the beginning of April and the Annual Council Meeting in May. Perhaps some of the Craft Group might go along to the Rag Rugs workshop.

An interesting year to look forward to.

Carol Gilliam.

#### The Wheel



would like to wish everyone a very belated Happy New Year and we hope it brings everything you want. So where do I begin, as it seems so long ago that I last wrote in the Gazette.

The staff, Mark and I

It has been a very long Christmas season for all of us at The Wheel, but it has also been a brilliant December and Santa was here looking after us throughout. You all kept us busy with Rugby Club Drinks, Football Club parties and so many big birthday celebrations (you all know who you are) and to add to all that lots of Christmas bookings, and generally lots of revelling. New Year's Eve was a great evening with all of those here looking fairly smart and the girls all made a huge effort. Thanks to Mark for his brilliant music mix that took us through the decades, so we all recognised something and were dancing the night away by the end.

January is here and it's time to clean lots and try and get the pub back to some normality, which in here is difficult. We all take this opportunity to try and get some well-deserved time off and rejuvenate for the rest of 2017. We will also have held our Game Fayre evening and Burns Night by the time you read this and I would like to thank Jim for doing the Address to the Haggis.

It's that time of year again when you will be able to hear Chloe and myself shouting at the T.V. Yep, it's the start of the Rugby 6 Nations ( my favourite time of year). All games will be shown in the front bar and during the England games we will be doing our Box Menu, so we can easily keep you fed and watered throughout. So that's the start of February through to March but here's a couple of other dates for your diaries.

- 6 Nations Rugby starts 4th February
- Spice Night 9th March
- St Patricks Day 17th March
- Mother's Day 26th March (please ensure you book)

Finally, we would like to congratulate our ex-staff members Nikki and Simon on their engagement, it's about time and we can't wait for the wedding.

Once again thanks to everyone for their support and here's to a great 2017.

Claire and Mark

#### Naphill & Walter's Ash School Governor

Looking for a New Years resolution? Want to give something back to the local community? We've got just the thing...... Come and join us as a school governor!

It's that time of year when we reflect on what we've done and what we could do as we start a year afresh. There are many of you reading this who already give a lot back to our fantastic little community. But, if you were like me 18 months ago, wondering what could I give, here's some information about being a school governor that I hope gives you some inspiration.

I'm a firm believer that education and our time at school is a fundamental influence to our full life experience. A bad experience or teacher can have massive ramifications on our future. But a good teacher can play a pivotal role in achieving our dreams. We are very lucky to have such wonderful schools in our local area, which are full of great teachers and support staff, giving kids an amazing adventure. The forest school experience at Naphill and Walters Ash School is a great example of creating fun educational moments that kids can remember forever.

Whilst we can't or don't all want to be working in a school, being a school governor can help support the schools development, make a positive contribution to children's education and in turn, the broader community. Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have an important part to play in raising school standards. The role of the governing body is key to the school's effectiveness.

It doesn't take too much time out of your life and you can give as much as you wish. A full governor meeting, a committee meeting, reviewing some papers and a school visit are the basic minimum requirements for each term. But we welcome those who would be willing to add an additional role such as health and safety governor, or special educational needs & disability, to help key parts of the school that need some additional strategic support or oversight.

At meetings we review policies for the school, check the budget and finances are in order, ask challenging questions of the head and staff about the schools performance and development, and ensure the right support is in place for the children and the staff.

You don't need to have experience in education or be a parent at the school, although that's of course very welcome, but anyone with enthusiasm, commitment and a passion for education can give it a go. In fact it's great if you can bring some outside experience to the team. You get training and support courses to help get you up to speed on what is expected and how to be an effective Governor.

There's really nothing to loose and a lot to gain, with the added bonus that you're supporting the Naphill and Walters Ash community at the same time. We hope to see you at the next Governor meeting in 2017.

Claire Neilson Noble, SEND Governor at Naphill and Walters Ash School.

#### Naphill & Walter's Ash School

Happy New Year. I know it's a bit late but the feeling's still here. Anyway this month we have a whole truckload of things to tell you. Read on for the juicy facts.

Last Christmas we did a 'reverse' advent calendar to support those less fortunate than us. Every day we had to bring in something to go in the box we were given. We could bring in common household items: washing detergent, soap, cans of food, toilet paper. We did this because we learnt the horrors of homelessness and being stony broke. The reverse advent calendar proved to be a great success and we donated a mean of 12 things per class. I hope we continue to do this activity on later dates as it

was a chance for children to think more of others at Christmas time.

With a new year comes a new topic for the years. There are many varied topics around the school. In Year 5 they are learning about space in their 'To infinity and beyond' topic and the Year 4s are learning about what robots are in their Humans vs. Robots topic. As you can clearly see we have many new things to learn this term and great opportunities to find new interests and make friends whilst learning. This is going to be a great term.

In assembly, we have learnt some interesting facts. First Miss Gwynn, the head teacher of the school, showed us the top ten New Year resolutions:

- 1. Lose weight
- 2. Lifestyle improvements
- 3. Better financial decisions
- 4. Quit smoking
- 5. Do more exciting things
- 6. Spend more time with family
- 7. Go to the Gym more often
- 8. Learn something new
- 9. Do more good deeds
- 10. Find a better job

Then she told us about a different type of resolution. This one was not about losing weight or eating healthier, but trying to do our best with everything we try. She told us that we should apply our 5R's to this new type of resolution, encouraging us to become better students.

Here at school, we have been suffering from the January blues – and not just in a mental sense. Temperatures have dropped below freezing several times since we got back to school. Because of this, the head teacher has issued a parent-mail ensuring that all children are wrapped up warmly with coats as a bare essential. We have also had a number of wet playtimes, though at times this was because of the temperature and not the rain. Here at Naphill & Walters Ash, we hope that it will warm up soon. Don't let us down, weather!

This month, Tom, (the head-boy), Ellie, (the head-girl), Mrs Lavender and Mrs Wallace were presented with a cheque from the Thrift Shop on the local RAF camp. You're probably expecting it to be a fairly small amount - £500 at most. Well, you'd be wrong, because the generous Thrift sent us a staggering £5000 for the new school library! That's not a typo, they really sent us five thousand whole pounds. We would like to thank them for their enormous generosity: this will really help us in bringing us closer to our goal of building a new school library. Thank you!

Freddie Jennings, Thomas Reed and Zahra Greaves-Mannan

#### **Naphill Scouts**

Christmas seems such a long time ago now! Naphill Scouts finished the Christmas term with our traditional Christmas party and welcomed our three latest joiners formally into Naphill Scouts by investing them into the world-wide scout movement. In the UK today there are around 400,000 young people meeting each week as part of the overall scout movement and of those about 130,000 are scouts. The others are from the other sections, Beavers, Cubs and Explorers.

As a group we met before Christmas for our annual carol concert, which is an opportunity for the two beaver colonies, the two cub packs and the two scout troops that make up our group to get together. In total it's around 150 young people from Naphill and the surrounding areas so you can see the scout movement continues to thrive locally.



For the spring term we will welcome 5 new joiners into Naphill Scouts, some moving up from Cubs and some moving into the area. Our program includes cook outs, construction, bowling, and lots of other exciting stuff! More next month on what we have been up to.

Mark Powell Naphillscouts@aol.com

#### **Naphill Brownies**

Happy New Year!

We had a last minute indoor campfire night with torchlight games, marshmallow s'mores, spooky tales and campfire songs by candlelight

And then we were all set for the Christmas season, with a fun-filled week of Christmas games and



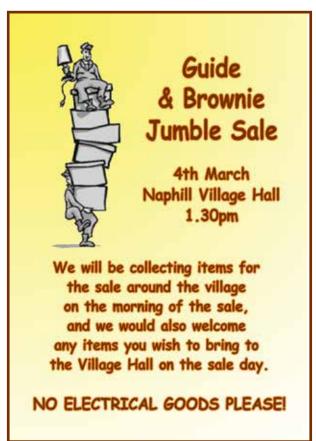
challenges including a snowman variation on beetle drive, blindfold drawing and making gadgets to fire paper snowballs

About 40 brownies from Naphill, Hughenden and Walters Ash Brownies had a fantastic day in early December making all manner of Christmas crafts. The girls made everything from plant pot angels to pine cone reindeer, tree decorations to cards.



Our term ended with the Hughenden Christmas Carol service at which all the brownie, guide and Ranger units put on a short Christmas-themed entertainment and we enjoyed a bit of hearty carol singing. Always a bit random, but good fun

So now we are all set for 2017, with some exciting visits and visitors lined up and a programme of activities guided (and occasionally led) by the brownies themselves.



#### TWO BARGAINS FOR SALE!

The first is a **Shark Rocket HV320 bagless "true pet ultra-lightweight" upright vacuum cleaner.**Three months old, used fewer than six times. Cost £149 (John Lewis £229.99!). £125 o.n.o. Can be seen in use on YouTube. The second is a **BT850 Advanced Call Blocker with answerphone** which will filter all calls. Used for 1 day. £20 o.n.o. Phone 01494 564512

#### **WANSA Festive Fundraising**

Thank you to everyone who came along to Naphill and Walters Ash School Christmas Fayre. We were incredibly lucky with the weather and although it was cold the sun was shining and the mulled wine was flowing!

We returned to our old format of hosting on a Saturday but this time with extended hours and we opened the gates from midday till 5pm - with our amazing pop-up ice-skating rink, a Christmas market jam-packed with stallholders and our outdoor Winter BBQ, we had one of our most successful, and profitable, events raising over £3,000!

Special thanks have to go to our sponsors of the ice-rink: Country Supplies, Tyre Team, BFBS Radio (who also came with their ice-cream van), RAF High Wycombe Station, RAF High Wycombe Thrift Shop, medical services company BCAS biomed, The Broadshires Osteopathic Practice and local marketing and design agency chicken/egg.

WANSA, the school parents association, run many events and fund-raising activities during the school year. To find out more, and how you can support the local school, please join our Facebook Group (search Walters Ash and Naphill School Association).

Karen Davis



#### Thank You from the May Family

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who visited our Christmas lights at the top of Coombe Lane this year. We made a very short video of the lights which was posted to Facebook on both the Naphill & Walters Ash page as well as the High Wycombe page. As of today the video had nearly 4,000 views and this has helped to increase this year's charity donation for BURPS (Baby Unit's Relatives & Parents Support) to £118. We raise the money to support the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital because they were magnificent in looking after our granddaughter when she was born prematurely.

I could not do this without the help of my not so little elves, John Evans, Peter Saunders and Gary Rush who continue to help year on year for very little reward - a pie and a pint usually works.

Thank you once again to everyone who donated and we look forward to seeing you again during Christmas 2017.

Janet & Trevor May



Photograph courtesy Trevor May

#### **Growing Your Own**

One of my most important activities on the allotment in February is to apply copious quantities of farmyard (ie cow) manure. This is because one cannot keep taking crops year after year without the soil becoming impoverished. I tested my allotment soil in 1973 and, finding the level of nitrogen very low, applied copious quantities of farmyard manure every year thereafter. In addition to raising the level of nitrogen I was also raising the levels of the 16 vital trace elements (selenium, zinc, magnesium, copper, calcium, iron, manganese, chromium, molybdenum, boron, sodium, chloride, nickel, cobalt, vanadium and fluoride). Many years later I decided to find out how much I had improved my soil and had representative samples of soil tested in a laboratory. I had improved the quantities by 157% on average; all 16 of the vital trace elements had been brought within the guidelines set by DEFRA (the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs).

However, the situation for British farmland today is not so rosy. The Ministry of Agriculture tested vegetables grown in British soil in 1940 and again in 1991. They measured the presence of 8 of the vital trace elements and found that there had been a deterioration of 40% between those dates. The reason was "The Green Revolution" which I consider was "The Great Disaster". Farmers used to spread animal manures on the land (which thus replenished trace elements taken away with the crops), but the use of just the new artificial fertilisers nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus changed farming. Farmers found they could double their crops but were blind to the fact that they were no longer replacing the vital trace elements. The impoverishment of the soil can be shown with the extreme example of copper; one needed to eat 10 tomatoes in 1991 to obtain the same amount of copper that there was in one tomato in 1940. The deterioration of the soil must have continued at the same rate or worse since 1991 so supermarket vegetables and fruit today (whether home-grown or imported) will probably be very low in the vital trace elements. Nutritionists prescribe Recommended Daily Amounts (RDAs) for the trace elements - if we do not eat the RDAs every day then we are more likely to have various ailments. For example, we are consuming only 25% of the RDA for selenium, so making us more likely to have heart attacks, cancer and diabetes. The situation with supermarket food is now impossible, so the only way to obtain your RDAs is to grow your own, look after your soil, and replenish the trace elements by the application of manure. As another graphic example, the people who check whether supermarket eggs are truly free-range or from battery hens is to measure the trace elements. Free range hens happily peck at the soil and devour any worms and other insects they find, so their eggs are rich in trace elements. Grow your own and be a happy free-ranger!

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

#### **Black Lion**

I would like to start by wishing everybody a Happy New Year and I hope you all overindulged during the festive period as I certainly did with my family, friends and customers!

It has been a very long time since we put anything into the Gazette and I know there has been a lot spoken about the future of the Black Lion.

Mike and Julie Schmid have decided to leave the Black Lion. The decision was made a long time ago. However, we wanted to make sure the pub stayed open and Sian and I were in a position to take on the business with the help of a third party. I am sure you will all get to know them very well over the next few years. Therefore we have been stuck in the mud recently and have not been improving our facilities, which you constantly need to do in this trade to keep people excited and interested.

So what is planned for the future of the Black Lion? Well, the answer is lots! We shall be decorating the inside of the pub and most importantly we are looking for a new head chef, someone who can run our kitchen and bring new life to our menu. If you know anybody who thinks they are up to the task of serving as many as 200 covers a day in the summer months please get in contact with us either on info@blacklionnaphill.com or 01494 563176. As we get closer to the summer, our garden is going to get a facelift and I cannot wait for you all to see it.

We have started running our very popular Chase the Ace raffle, which is drawn every Friday at 6pm. You can buy tickets at £1 each from the bar at any time. However, you must be present when the draw takes place because if you are a winner you need to draw a card and find the ace of spades to be in with a chance of winning our jackpot, which currently stands at £200. If the Ace of Spades is not drawn the jackpot rolls over with 75% of the ticket sales going into the pot and the other 25% going to Naphill Junior Football Club. It would be nice to see you all support this and who doesn't want to win a few hundred pounds!

It's nice to be back and let everybody know what's now happening with the Black Lion and thank you to everybody who has supported us through this difficult time. We hope to see you all very soon.

Best Wishes,

Sian, Jack and all the team.

#### **Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights**

Once again, we were all delighted to see our spectacular tree lights this year. Even in the fog they looked wonderful, and guided us home! They are the talk of the village.

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. 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 £280.81, the W.I also had a collection at their Christmas party which raised an additional £42.20, giving a total of £323.01, which goes a long way towards the running costs and the essential insurance for Mike and his team.

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

Cathryn Carter

P.S. We are planning to have an online donation system in place for December this year.

#### **Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights**

The team hope everyone enjoyed the lights, which were on from 26th November to 5th January. The lead climber was Mike Leggett. Driving the cherry-picker for putting up the lights was newcomer Mitchell Saville (welcome Mitch!) and he was helped in the cherrypicker by Stephen Fountain of Widmer End. Driving the cherry-picker for taking the lights down was Daniel Smith who was helping for the second time and also in the cherry-picker was Stephen Fountain. The team on the ground comprised Mark Blamey of Saunderton (this year with knee problems which stopped him driving the cherry-picker), Peter Davis, Glenn Gavin, Ron Collins, Kevin Oxnard, Terry Aldridge, John Harris, Peter Brown, David Greenwood, myself and Neil McMinn who was up a tall ladder for some time. This was a special Christmas for Ron Collins who was helping to put up the lights for the 25th time. Thank you Ron!

We must give special thanks to Arbourtech Services of Downley Road which loaned the cherry-picker once more at no charge. Thank YOU, the public for contributing so generously in the collection tins in local shops and to Cathryn Carter for distributing and collecting the collection tins. Thank you to Royal Air Force High Wycombe which generously donated £250 from their charity funds, to Hughenden Parish Council which also donated £200, and to village organisations which made collections for the lights at their meetings. We need funds every year in order to pay for replacing equipment damaged by the harsh environment, plus the essential insurance and electricity.

We were blessed with the best weather yet when we put up the lights on 26th November – a glorious day. Thank you to Claire Christian of "The Wheel" who brought out sandwiches at half-time and to Amanda of Bon-Ami for providing coffee to fortify us and keep us going. Thank you to Marlène Mason for providing tea and coffee and the essential mince pies, freshly made, hot and with a drop of whisky, at full-time. With all that attention from Claire, Amanda and Marlène we thought of taking the lights down and putting them up again for an encore! When we did take the lights down on

7th January we were again blessed with good weather (although the tree was very slippery) and all went well.

We received many compliments from members of the public but the best one this year was from a lady who said that her grandchildren come each Christmas and the first thing they want to do is to visit the Christmas Tree. There could be no greater compliment. Christmas is for children – and we are all children!

Mike Mason

#### **Wycombe Photographic Society**

Our first meeting of 2017 was one with a difference. Rather than a guest speaker or another competition it was a two part members evening.

The first part was the chance to "show off" to other members what one carries around in ones camera rucksack, shoulder bag or whatever it is that one carries their camera and "essential" gear around in.

Some members opened up their rucksacks and for the next 10 minutes kept on taking "stuff" out of the rucksack. Dr Who's Tardis had nothing on what some people carry around, maps, shiny plastic mirrors to reflect light, pillow cases to keep your camera in when on a dusty safari, large black garbage bags to kneel or sit on when the ground is wet and oh yes the occasional camera and assorted lenses made an appearance as well..... all good fun.

The second part of the evening was an opportunity for members to bring along an image and allow the other members the opportunity to critique the image in a helpful and friendly manner. This was a great exercise with members able to learn and take notes of positive comments as well as the occasional not so positive comment – after all this is the only way to improve your photography skills.

What is coming up in February?

Thursday 2nd Feb. – Guest speaker talking about "Creating Beautiful Light with Small Flashes". There will be a practical session during the talk.

Thursday 9th Feb. – Practical workshop looking at image composition and basic exposure compensation.

Also during February we have three multi club competitions – St Albans with 9 clubs competing (we have won this a couple of times) Stoke Poges with 5 clubs competing and an area wide competition which runs over a couple of months in which we are currently running second in our region

For full details of what is going on at Wycombe Photographic Society have a look at our website – www.wycombephotographicsociety.org.uk

Please come along to one of our meetings where you will be made very welcome. Remember every member started off as a "club newbie" at one point in time so do not think that your photographic skills may not be that good.

We all learn something each meeting which helps our photography.

This month's tip is to make sure the batteries in our cameras are fully charged before we leave home..... many an "expert" has been caught out by this one seemingly little thing....

David Greenwood

Membership Secretary - Wycombe PhotographicSociety

#### **Naphill Tennis Club**

Our Festive Tennis Day shortly before Christmas was a lot of fun with mulled wine and mince pies adding a little spice to the occasion. Due to our lovely re-surfaced courts, we can now play tennis on frosty mornings throughout the winter though I have to admit we do stop for a sociable cup of coffee!



The new tennis season begins on 1st April but new members are welcome at any time. Our membership fees are very good value for money with a special reduced rate for new members. The Club offers junior and adult coaching, both private and group lessons, and match-play against other local clubs.

Interested? Take a look at our web-site: www. naphilltennisclub.org.uk or speak to our membership secretary on 01494 563706

Jenny Tench

#### **Shear Madness**

New year, new madness!



After five years of my dog Zak giving our ladies hairdresser Dawn the biggest puppy dog eyes ever, she has relented and got a puppy. Baby Marley, a 13 week old whippet arrived in January. I was expecting utter chaos but so far no accidents (it's only been a week) the boys seem to be getting along and hopefully by the time this reaches you they will be best fur brothers.

A very warm village welcome to all new residents of Woodcock Avenue, lots of people are now moving in and I seem to have become a community information service, giving out old Gazettes for local tradesmen (sorry if I've made you are all very busy), telling them about the fete and fireworks and other community activities

Apologies for my reduced hours late November/ December, I unfortunately fell down the stairs at home and chipped a bone in my ankle. I was told to rest it as much as I can. Hmmm, hard to do in my job but thank you for your patience.

As usual I will be having a holiday sometime between late Feb and early March. Nothing booked up yet so keep an eye out for a notice on the door.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2017

Mandy

#### **Bon Ami Gazette**

The snow is making everywhere look beautiful as I am writing this but I am sure it will be gone as quickly as it arrived.

Here at BonAmi we are gearing up for the busiest chocolate times of year, Valentine's Day and Easter. The details of our next workshops are below. We look forward to seeing you and having a great time together.

Come along and have a wonderful time at



HAND MADE BELGIAN CHOCOLATES

Make your own truffles, dip some delights, use transfer sheets and package beautifully.

To be held at:



From 19.00 - 21.30

Cost: £35 (includes drinks and canapés)

Wednesday 8 February 2017
Thursday 6 April 2017

Tickets are limited. To book speak to Amanda or Ruth 07557 220418 07710 885537

We are continuing with our "Burns Night" "Tatties & Neeps with Haggis" soup. We shall continue to make this soup throughout February due to popular demand. We look forward to seeing you and hope it will warm you through.

Amanda & Ruth.



#### **Seniors Lunch Club**

On 9 December the members of the seniors Lunch Club enjoyed their annual Christmas Lunch.

Each month the members look forward to sharing a delicous lunch together and they have asked me to extend their thanks to Jan and her team for all their work and kindess which makes these shared meals possible.

Sonia

### Press Release



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#### **RAF High Wycombe - Community Lunch**

RAF High Wycombe has partnered with Community Impact Bucks (CIB), the nationally accredited Volunteer Centre for Buckinghamshire, to provide local elderly residents with lunch at the Officers Mess at RAF High Wycombe. The lunch came about to create meaningful relationships between the base and the local community as part of a joint project, funded by the Armed Forces Covenant, to promote volunteering opportunities to station personnel and their families. Group Captain Phil Lester, Station Commander, said:

"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'."

The station has held a number of events designed to help the local communities in partnership with CIB, as well as organising a Christmas lunch for elderly residents. Personnel at RAF High Wycombe recognise that it is important to support the local community and our local veterans, so it is no surprise to find that the dinner service was provided by volunteers from amongst currently serving personnel. Hazel Finney, Lead for Volunteering at Community Impact Bucks, said:

"This is proving to be a fantastic project, and has led to many station personnel volunteering with local charities. The Christmas lunch was a very positive way to end 2016."

The 2 course meal was also attended by Local War Hero, Ron Crutchfield. Ron is a survivor from D-Day and has recently been appointed to the rank of Chevalier (knight) by the President of France.



CIB, alongside the National Citizens Service (NCS) scheme, have also organised for young photography and leadership enthusiasts from the local area to attend a day's training at RAF High Wycombe to learn the complexities of taking photographs in extreme environments, and help them to develop their leadership potential. The scheme is proving a tremendous success for both the station and CIB, allowing the station to develop closer ties with the community and improve the local area for future generations.

Photos and text RAF High Wycombe

#### **Community Impact Bucks**

## RAF High Wycombe: supporting the community through volunteering

Since her last article, Hazel Finney, Lead for Volunteering, has told us that Community Impact Bucks, the nationally accredited Volunteer Centre for Buckinghamshire, continues to work closely with RAF High Wycombe on several volunteering-related activities. The project is funded by the Armed Forces Covenant, and will run until the end of February 2017.

Group Volunteering with Chiltern Rangers
In October, RAF teams from the AirPlay Youth
Group and Base Command, took part in 2 group
volunteering activities arranged by Chiltern Rangers
on Downley Common, which is local to the base.
They were joined by other volunteers from the local
community, and were involved in clearing a large
expanse of the Common to open up the bridleway
to encourage the growth of vegetation and improve
the habitat for wildlife. This has made a huge
impact on Chiltern Rangers' project to support the
Friends of Downley Common. Feedback from
RAF volunteers included: "Very positive experience,
good team building with work colleagues outside the
office", and "I would definitely volunteer again".

Christmas Fair Community Impact Bucks was delighted to have a stand at RAF High Wycombe's annual Christmas Fair, and was on hand to discuss volunteering opportunities with both service personnel and members of the local community.

Christmas Lunch A very successful Christmas lunch, served by volunteers from the base, was held in the Officers' Mess for veterans and local elderly people and their carers. This was a fantastic opportunity for members of different communities to spend time together during the festive period. Kim Challinor from The Princes Centre in Princes Risborough had this to say about the day: "Everyone had a brilliant time, they came back full of joy and smiles. One of our clients got quite emotional, and said it was the best experience he has ever had."



Please contact Hazel Finney on: hazecommunityimpactbucks. org.uk or 0300 111 1250 for further information about the project.

#### From Our Local RAF Chaplain

In recent days, there has been much said and written about the divisions within our society created by differences over political opinions, understanding how cultures and ethnic groups can and should be integrated into our country, and views on what are the important priorities for the care and wellbeing of our people. All this has led to heated debate, sometimes angry words, and occasionally violent actions. This makes for very sad news headlines and does not fill me with hope for the future of our country. For me the sign of a healthy community is not necessarily the focus on that which divides us, but on that which unites us. In our neighbourhood in Naphill and Walter's Ash we have good reason to be thankful. For I believe many of the hallmarks of a healthy and growing community are to be found amongst our residents and the life of our village. So, what are the characteristics of a society that is working well? They are guite simple really, and should be relatively easy to put into practice. A healthy community shares pride in its life together, looking after its appearance and caring about what others think of it as they pass through. A healthy community celebrates what is good about being together and takes time to appreciate the different parts that we all play – Napfest is a great example of this. A healthy community helps each other out when times are difficult and tries to be helpful when others are struggling with life. A healthy community looks out for each other and cares especially for those who are most vulnerable in our community by offering to do the simplest of things – which often make the greatest difference. A healthy community shows friendliness and politeness to friend and stranger alike. A healthy community shows a willingness to embrace new challenges and opportunities when change demands something different. There is much in life that will upset or threaten to upset our routines and usual practice. The community that finds a way to work with change rather than resist it will flourish.

Lest we get overly smug about all that we are doing, there is still more to be done. Maybe you could make just one of those characteristics your personal goal for this year. I hope and pray that 2017 will be a year when we build upon those aspects of our community that unite us and together face the challenges of trying to be a healthy society.

Blessings and peace on you all and our community.



Padre Mike Hall
Chaplain, RAF High Wycombe

#### RAF HIGH WYCOMBE THRIFT SHOP £500 DONATION TO VILLAGE SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND

For the past 16 months, Naphill & Walters Ash School has been trying to raise £10,000 towards the cost of creating a library facility within the school as it is a well-established fact that reading at home significantly improves a child's aptitude for learning. To enable the school to reach its target and allow this very worthy project to go ahead, the RAF High Wycombe Station Commander, Group Captain Philip Lester, handed over a £5000 donation from the RAF High Wycombe Thrift Shop to the school's deputy head, Mrs Jo Lavender, and Mrs Eleanor Wallace, Year 6 teacher and library project officer. Also in attendance for the cheque presentation was the head girl, Eleanor Scarlett, the head boy, Tom Lawrence, the Thrift Shop manager, Mrs Andria Benjamin, the Thrift Shop officer in charge, Squadron Leader Sharon Stowers, and Thrift Shop volunteers Mrs Vanessa Soulsby, Mariam Rudd, Bea Thelwell and Uma Gohill.



For those in the community who have never visited, the RAF High Wycombe Thrift Shop is a charity shop located opposite Templewood, just off Main Road and before the barrier entrance to the RAF High Wycombe station. This facility has been operating for over 30 years and is run by a team of 10 very dedicated and friendly unpaid volunteers (these also include Mrs Rita Dwyer, Mrs Ann Fincher, Mrs Liz Coveney and Mrs Maureen Stenning), some of whom have been helping out for over 20 years! The Constitution of the Thrift Shop is to raise funds to support charities and non-profit organisations predominantly within the local community (e.g. schools, cubs, brownies etc), but also to provide a social community facility which allows customers to exchange goods (each customer is allowed to bring in up to 10 items per week for re-sale and gets to keep up to 80% of the sale price; the remaining 20% enables the Thrift Shop to make its charitable donations). The facility is available for all the local community to use and civilian customers are extremely welcome (a pass is not required to be able to access the shop). It sells high quality ladies clothes, shoes and accessories (including many designer brands), household goods and books. However, what makes it unique in comparison to other local charity shops is that it has 3 rooms dedicated solely to the selling of children's clothes, shoes, toys and nearly new second-hand uniform. All goods are sold at bargain prices.

In the past 12 months the Thrift Shop has also donated money to: Naphill Brownies, Thames Valley Air Ambulance, SSAFA High Wycombe, the Moonwalk, the RAF High Wycombe Station Creche and the Lymphoma Leukaemia Myeloma charity. In addition, the Thrift Shop committee has recently agreed to help support a children's orphanage in Ghana by paying for the shipment of medicine (kindly donated by the Hughenden and Downley pharmacies), children's toys, stationary for the school, clothes, shoes, etc that have been generously donated by our wonderful customers and local community. We are extremely grateful for all these donations and we are extremely pleased to announce that we have just shipped our first 2 boxes. We would really like to be able to send 3-4 boxes a year to this very worthy cause so please, please, please continue to drop off any items that you think are suitable for children and help us make a difference to these children who have very little in life (if you would like to find out more about the orphanage, please follow the link to their facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ osuchildrenshome).

We would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you to all our loyal customers and hope to see your continued support throughout 2017 as, without your custom, we would not be able to support so many worthy causes. To anyone who has not yet visited our shop, please pop along as we think you will be amazed at the array of goods, at bargain prices, that are available (and don't forget that you can also make money for yourself by selling your unwanted items!). We are open 9-1pm on Wednesdays, termtime only, and would also welcome any new volunteers who could give up some time, either on a regular or irregular basis, to join our friendly team and help keep this local facility going. In particular, the Thrift Shop is desperately in need of a new manger as our current manager (Andria Benjamin) is moving away from the area after 3 years of loyal support. This is a voluntary position that can be shared and requires just a few hours of commitment each week during term-time (or less frequently if the position is shared). Anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to contact either Andria or Sharon Stowers, via messaging on Facebook.



Warmest regards.

From all the RAF High Wycombe Thrift Shop volunteers and committee.

## Naphill & Walter's Ash NapFest 2017



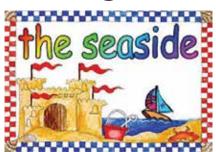
### Music 9 June, Fete 10 June

NAPFEST 2017 is here (well nearly), book the dates in your diaries. This year the theme is 'At the Seaside', so roll up your trouser legs, knot those hankies, dust off the bucket and spade and head down to the Naphill Crick for a weekend of family fun and entertainment.

Starting Friday evening 9 June 2017 at 6pm, we have the Live Music on the Crick, the music is suitable for all ages, from toddler to grandmother, so come along and strut your funky stuff. Don't forget that there will be a bar and food stalls. Tickets can be purchased online or through local businesses.

Saturday 10 June 2017, brings the Annual Village Fete starting with the procession from the Scout hut at 1200hrs, where our Fete Prince and Princess will officially open the proceedings. All afternoon the Arena will host various entertainments, and of course there will be the Dog Show and don't forget the amazing stalls and rides.

If you would like to hold a stall at the Fete, no matter how big or small, or if you have any form of entertainment that you would like to showcase in the arena please email the Fete Committee on nwafete@hotmail.com.uk for further information.



Linda Clark
Chairman Napfest Committee



## Classics on the Crick is Back! Sunday 11 June



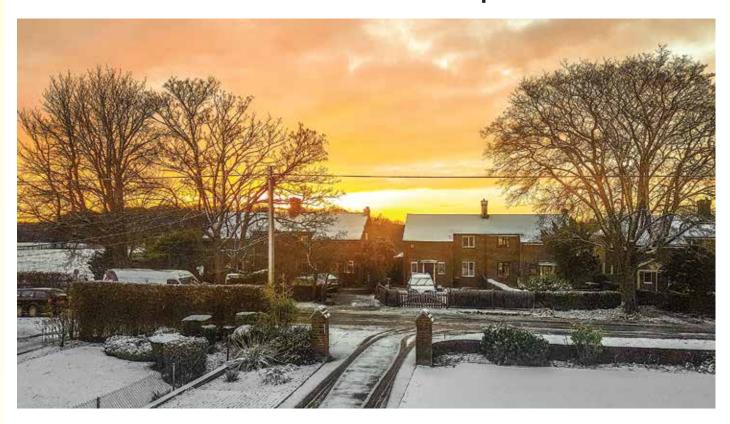
Just a quick word to say we are set to go for June 11th 2017. Last year was a great success with the separate fields and this year will be a very similar format. I will elaborate more in the coming issues and info is always available on the website.

Thank you once again to all those that helped last year and please, please, can you help again this year. We always need volunteers on the day to help park the classics, man the gates, public car park and relieve people of their money/entry forms! It's a fantastic day so please come along! We will have lots of entertainment, food stalls and fabulous bar/coffee shop!

More to follow next month!

Ian Bond

#### A Beautiful Sunrise in Naphill!



Photograph by Nina Talbot

#### **Parchment Hearts and Amethysts**

#### A letter from the vicarage



February sees the suppliers of greetings cards, perfume, chocolates and red roses rubbing their hands in glee as the next great marketing opportunity arrives some seven weeks

after Christmas - Valentine's Day. But who was this saint, the celebration of whom prompts spending on a scale that is second only to Christmas? Although St Valentine is officially on the Church calendar of saints (He's down as St Valentine, bishop and martyr) Churches rarely celebrate St Valentine these days partly because there are so many different stories about him, it's difficult to distinguish fact from fable. At least half a dozen saints with this name exist, all of them pretty much dating back to the early centuries of Christianity when it was a crime punishable by death to be a Christian.

In one tradition, Valentine is a priest who performed clandestine Christian weddings for soldiers forbidden to marry. According to legend, in order to remind these men of their vows and God's love, Saint Valentine is said to have cut hearts from parchment, giving them to the newly wed soldiers. The first Valentine's 'cards'.

Saint Valentine supposedly wore a purple amethyst ring with an image of Cupid engraved on it, a recognizable symbol associated with love that was legal under the Roman Empire. Roman soldiers would recognize the ring and ask him to perform marriage ceremonies for them. Probably due to the association with Saint Valentine, amethyst is thought to attract love and has become the birthstone of February. So our cards that carry images of winged cherubs and hearts actually recall aspects of Valentine's story.

Valentine was eventually found out and imprisoned for his Christian faith. Whilst in jail, he fell in love with his Roman jailer's blind daughter. He sent her a letter, which miraculously restored her sight and signalled the conversion of the jailer and his family to Christianity. The letter was signed, "From your Valentine". He was later martyred.

Whatever the facts, a Christian saint is now firmly associated with romantic love.

Not everyone sends or receives cards and gifts on Valentine's day – indeed for some it can be a painful time bringing to mind memories of lost loved ones. But if we turn our attention away from the cardboard hearts to the ones that beat inside us, we see that each of our hearts was created by a loving God who

values us all, and gave us the capacity to love our neighbours and thus to become more like Him. The whole of the Bible is a love letter from God. Its entire message can be summed up in those three little words: I love you. Jesus lived, died and was raised to new life for us, because God loves us.

Even if we didn't send or receive Valentine cards every one of us can be sure of a love that will never falter: the love of God. How we respond to that is a matter of individual choice, but God shows his love for us by reaching out to us through His son, Jesus.

Rev. Jenny Ellis

St. Botolph's Church, Bradenham

#### St. Botolph's Services

February 5th 11am Eucharist Rev. Jenny Ellis February 12th 11am Eucharist Rev. Jenny Ellis February 19th 11am Eucharist Rev. L Richardson

February 26th 11am Matins TBA

#### Naphill Neighbours

Our new year started with an interesting talk about the Wye, our very special, rare, chalk stream. It was particularly of interest to those who recognised all the places along the river to the Thames.

We meet again on Monday 13 February, when John Dunsterville will entertain us with his talk on "Rock 'n Roll – a rocking chair".

Our first outing of 2017 will be on Thursday 6
April, when our destination is the National Trust's
CHARLCOTE PARK. En route we will stop at
Stratford-on-Avon, where those who wish to spend
the day there will be able to do so and the rest
will travel on to Charlecotes Tudor Gatehouse to
the mansion and the park where Shakespeare
is reputed to have poached. Later, on the return
journey, the coach will stop at Stratford for an hour
before leaving for home. Further details, cost,
etc. next month when names will be taken at our
February meeting.

Naphill Neighbours is a friendly "one off" village club. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 8pm at the village hall. Our annual subscription is only £15 and everyone is welcome. If you would like to join us please contact our President, Sheila Rolfe on 562888 or our Secretary, Hazel Vickery on 563977.

Hazel Vickery 563977

#### **Points of Interest**

Writing the notes in January and the first snow of winter has already settled on my lawn. Hopefully, the forecast is correct in that it will not last too long, unlike the winter of 1963, when Naphill was cut off from the world for about 4 days, the snow in places was three feet deep and it remained along the hedgerows until late April! On the BBC news this evening one reporter stated that snow, like the "dusting" this evening was unusual, I suppose it is if you are aged under 30! Snow and Ice on the roads should remind us of the "gritters," those County Council employees who take out the gritting lorries in difficult conditions and make our road usable and safe. Much of their work commences in the early hours of the morning and late into the evening and we should be appreciative of the work they do to keep our roads open.

The question of Unitary Authorities has been much debated and it is now generally accepted that there is a need to take action sooner rather than later. The County have already submitted a plan to the Secretary of State for one Unitary Council whilst the Districts are debating whether it should be two or three. Whatever the final decision, local government in Buckinghamshire will change in the next few years. Retaining the county's existing boundaries has some historic appeal but we cannot escape the fact that the northern topography around Buckingham and Aylesbury is quite different from the Chiltern Hills of the south. The north of the county along with Milton Keynes has much in common with the south Midlands whilst the Southern part is more closely allied with London and the Thames Valley.

The National Health Service is much in the news today with the strains on our A&E in Aylesbury and the reduced emergency service in High Wycombe. I know of one mother who had to take her teenage son to the Medical Centre in High Wycombe with a metal ring stuck fast on his finger; when she arrived at 1130 pm on Christmas Day evening they were the only patients in the reception and were dealt with promptly! I read from recent statistics that the average life expectancy for those of us living in Wycombe District is 82.1 for men and 84.9 for women, which is encouraging for those about to retire with the prospect of 15-20 years of retirement before them.

Richard Pushman

#### **Bradenham Parish Council**

At the January meeting the parish council set the budget and the precept for 2017/18. It was agreed to set the Precept at £7,140 for the year, a 2% increase. The budget includes the provision of the purchase of a 2nd Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS), an exceptional item, which would mean we would eat into our reserves. However, it was decided that we needed to review how effective our existing MVAS was before purchasing a 2nd one. Therefore the precept would not be substantially increased this year.

The MVAS has now been placed in Bradenham, it

will be alternated with New Road. It will enable us to provide statistics to the Police on traffic volumes and speed.

The problem of dog fouling along the footpaths in the parish is increasing, please do not hang your bags on branches, but take them home, you can place the bags in your own grey bins. We are looking into bins in public places, but it is taking time.

Undertaking a Neighbourhood plan was discussed, but it was decided to keep the matter under review.

The bad state of the roads in the parish was debated. We are taking the matter up with our County Councillor, but in the meantime please keep reporting potholes on the County Council web site, see http://www.transportforbucks.net/Report-it-pothole.aspx

The parish council is going to try to attract art events to the parish.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6 March 2017. The meeting is open to the public.

Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council

## A Letter from our Member of Parliament

A few months ago, I wrote in the Gazette about the plan from Bucks County Council to abolish both County and District Councils in Bucks and replace them with a single unitary authority - the kind of local government that already exists in Milton Keynes, Slough and Windsor and Maidenhead.

Now, the four Buckinghamshire District Councils have come up with their alternative proposal, for two unitary authorities rather than one, with the southern council covering the present Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks districts.

Both proposals have now gone to the Communities and Local Government Secretary, Sajid Javid, for a decision. I'm glad that all our local councils are now in favour of a unitary system but it's regrettable that they were not able to agree on a joint plan.

It's clear even from the Districts' own analysis that if we look at financial considerations alone, the greater savings would be made by moving to a single unitary council. However, the District Councils argue that the two council model would be more responsive and accountable to local people and as a result would provide better quality services. The County Council replies that it's one council model would involve devolving many decisions about the delivery of services to area boards which would include elected councillors from that locality and would consult parishes and local communities.

This choice is important. It's not some theoretical debate about bureaucratic structures but a decision with profound implications for local services on which we all depend.

For example, how do we ensure that any changes to the organisation of local government enhance

rather than disrupt the increasingly close partnership between local authority social services (currently a County Council responsibility) and the NHS in Buckinghamshire? Or what is the best way to structure local government to make certain that decisions about housing and planning are taken alongside those about infrastructure and economic regeneration?

We need to get this decision right. I want to understand the views of other key local public services, local businesses, parish and town councils and have asked them for their views. Community groups and individual residents are also very welcome to email me at david.lidington.mp@parliament.uk or write to me at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

David Lidington MP

#### **Hughenden Parish Council**

FACTOID #12 - In this financial year 2016/17 the Parish Council precept (tax levy) averaged £51 per household for the whole year with variations dependant on your home's tax band. For next year 2017/18 we have had to increase this by an extra £1 on a Band D council tax bill. For context, this is still below last year's national average of £57 and noticeably lower than the average for the whole of Buckinghamshire at £60. 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 comes from our Council Tax.

In the year 2016/17 it averaged £51 per household for the whole year with variations dependant on your home's tax band. This money goes directly to providing the services that HPC are responsible for include providing and maintaining allotments, open public spaces including ponds, bus shelters, dog bins, the Garden of Rest (cemetery), benches and playgrounds. For the first time this year HPC has also provided significant roadside maintenance including grass and hedge cutting, clearing the edges of pavements, weed killing and rights of way clearance.

Parish Councils are increasingly becoming significant local government partners that can deliver more focused attention to residents. This is underlined not only by the process of devolution which is slowly transferring County Council responsibilities to our towns and parishes but also by the amount of reliance the current published unitary council plans\*\* for restructuring local government in Buckinghamshire place on Parish Councils. To assist in taking on the extra roadside maintenance services Bucks County Council (BCC) will give HPC £11,200 each year up until 2019. However, this is nowhere near enough to cover the actual cost of providing these services to a level expected by the community, HPC will have spent an additional £18,000 to meet the anticipated bills in this first year alone. We need every resident to 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.

Because of the growth in services and responsibilities for our Parish, the whole Council took a decision when replacing our part-time Parish Clerk recently to hire a full-time one so that we would have the necessary staffing levels to support both councillors and residents. This inevitably has led to an increase in staff costs and while some savings are also being achieved in other areas the administration budget must increase by 10% next year.

Providing 6 playgrounds, 8 allotment gardens and a cemetery are our other key areas of responsibility. The playgrounds, which are used by about 1/3\* 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 ongoing 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. Some major new equipment has been installed this year in Hughenden Valley along with smaller items in Widmer End, Great Kingshill and Naphill. These pushed us over our allocated budget. We have used some of our allocated Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money from recent house building within the Parish to pay for these essential replacements. We will continue our programme of updating in 2017/18 with a planned spend of £20,000.

In total the above increases will amount to an extra £1 on a Band D council tax bill for 2017/18 bringing it to an average of £52 per household. For context, this is still below last year's national average of £57 and noticeably lower than the average for the whole of Buckinghamshire at £60. HPC is pleased that it will be able to continue funding modest grants and donations to local community groups & activities at the 2015/16 level, along with providing annual grants for all the Parish newsletters, Village halls and some local sports clubs. Whilst the allocation for 2016/17 has already been distributed this does not mean we cannot still be approached for funding from April 2017 onwards.

We eleven elected councillors, who are all unpaid, together with the dedicated staff of Hughenden Parish Council will continue doing our utmost to ensure that the level of service provided to the community now and into the future is the best it can be within the budget available.

\*Based on responses from 2014 Parish survey of residents.

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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 reported in December, Naphill Horticultural Society is closing it's doors, so this is to let you know that our very last AGM will take place on Monday 20th March in the Small Hall at 8.00 pm.

As always, members of the public are more than welcome to attend and air their views.

We will end the AGM with a glass of something to mark the end of an era.

Cathryn Carter 563233

#### **Christmas Gift Fayre**

We hope that you all enjoyed the new look Evening Gift Fayre. There were lots of positive comments, the stallholders all thought it was a very successful evening, and we raised just over £1100 for Village Hall funds so thank you for coming along and supporting the event.

Plans will soon be under way for this year, so if you have any suggestions on how we could improve, please let us know.

Cathryn Carter & Moira Harris

#### Thank you from The Elves.

The Christmas Elves who put up the decorations in the Village Hall each year would like to pass on their grateful thanks to the kind people who left a gift for them under the tree- it was very much appreciated, and we are glad that you enjoy the results of our work.

We will be back!

#### **Last Word**

I haven't forgotten your garden bird observations! My thanks to everybody who has contributed to date. The information and letters are safely stored.

Please continue to send these in and I am hoping to include these in the March Gazette. The Wycombe Photographic Club, which has several members from our villages, has kindly agreed to contribute a monthly photograph for our magazine, which subject to available space I shall look forward to publishing.

My thanks to Richard Holroyd for our beautiful frosty cover photograph and to all our contributors for their articles and photographs which I hope you, our readers, will enjoy as much as I have, as I collated this edition.

The copy date for the March edition is 15 February and I should be delighted to receive all your contributions on or before this date please.

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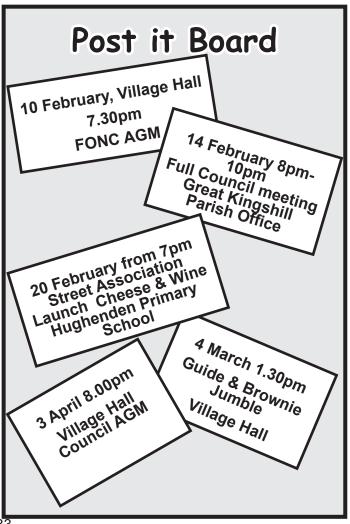
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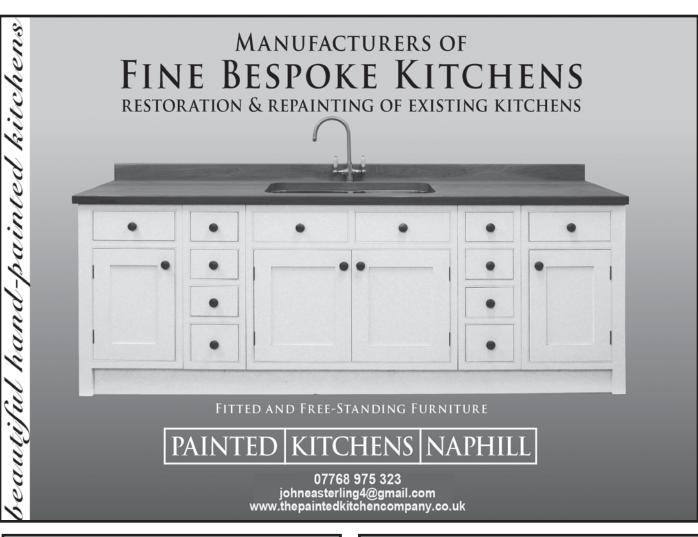
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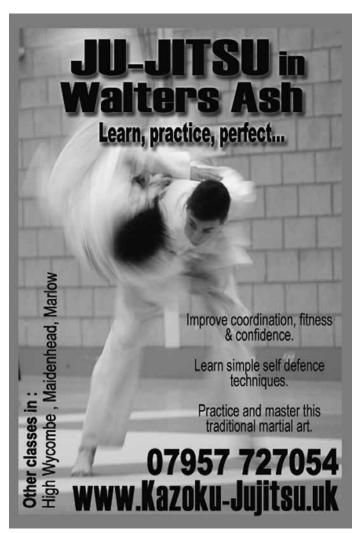
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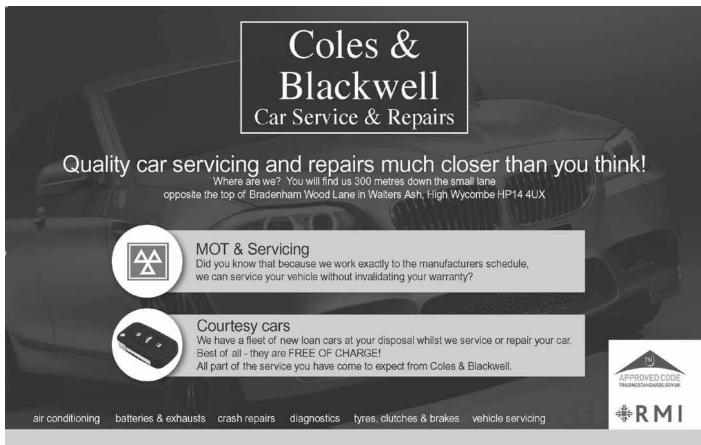




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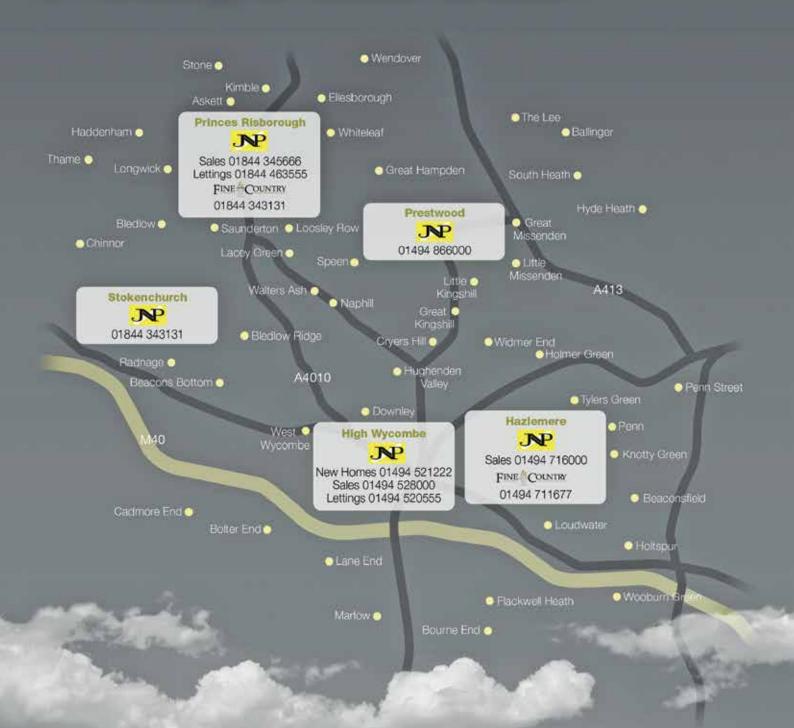
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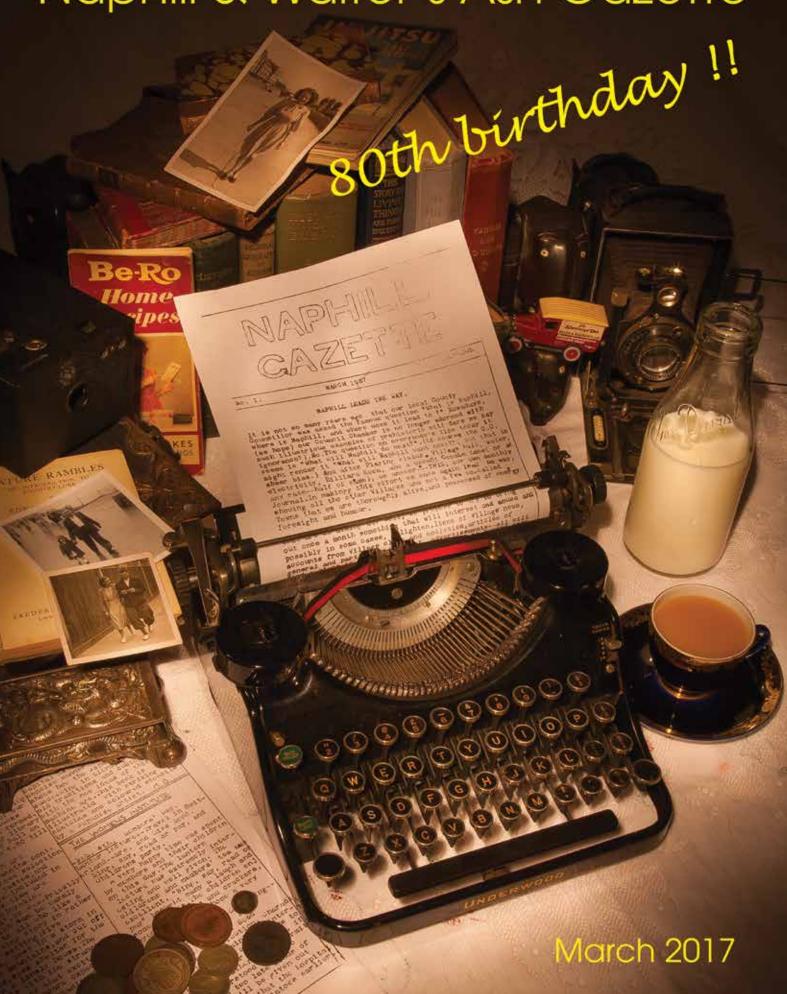








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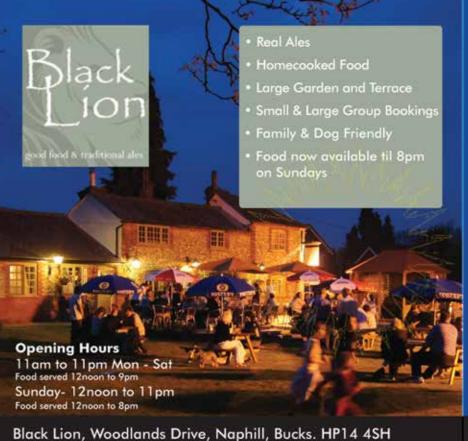
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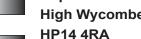


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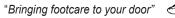
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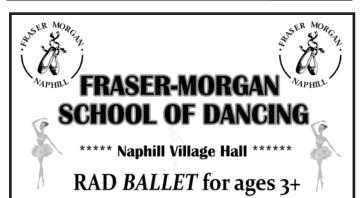
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#### **Editorial**

HAPPY EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY, NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH GAZETTE! When my super efficient assistant editor, Richard Holroyd remarked about this milestone in the Gazette's life and talked about his ideas for a special cover, I was at a loss to visualise his creation. When this special cover arrived on my computer I was lost for words. The patience in sourcing so many original artefacts, then artistically arranging them and producing such a fabulous photograph must be the work of a genius! My sincere thanks Richard, our March 2017 cover is brilliant and so fitting for the occasion.

Eighty years ago the very first edition of the Naphill Gazette was published. Apart from the wonderful stories my parents told me about their lives way back then, my nearest encounter with 1937 was my first car, a Morris 10, not too fondly nicknamed BRUTE! You see Brute was quite a shock to my system. I had been taught to drive in the then latest Morris Minor and apart from the maker's name, this shared very few similarities with Brute. Clambering out of Brute, negotiating the door which opened the wrong way, over a running board, in your miniskirt, was not easy and as for the actual driving, it was akin to starting from scratch.

I love looking back through those early Gazettes and as the current editor who has been known to mention how long it takes her to compile the magazine, these old editions are a humbling experience! The original magazine was typed, drawn and in part handwritten by the then headmaster of the village school . The production was certainly a far cry from the modern technology which is available to me today and which I take for granted. If you haven't done so, do take a look at our archive copies at www.naphill.org.uk.

My thanks to our all contributors who have done so much to mark this anniversary and my special thanks to our school children for their article, inspired by that first magazine. Thanks too to Geoff Nichol, one of our oldest residents, who has written about his life as a young man here in Naphill in 1937.

My apologies for last month's errors! The Thrift Shop definitely raised a magnificent £5000 for our school library and the grand total for the May family donation to the Stoke Mandeville Special Baby Care Unit, following their dazzling Christmas light display, should have been updated to £168. So, on to this month's production with hopefully a few less errors and omissions.

Sonia Goby

Editor of the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette gazetteeditor@btinternet.com 01494 569428

#### Naphill and Walter's Ash School

Mother's day isn't the only event that we're celebrating this month; it's the 80th Anniversary of the Naphill Gazette, so we took a look at what was happening at school back then.

80 years ago, the Gazette was focussing on an outbreak of Flu that had been avoided rather than the fun side of school. In fact, reading the 1937 edition makes me feel lucky that I live now and not then. However, it was fascinating to read. It was a time of illness but that didn't spoil their spirits. There were many clubs, also KS2 children got a treat – they had their PE lessons in what is now the Naphill Village Hall. Children had to do exams (much like now) but in every year group! It would seem that the Naphill pupils were very resilient – one of our 5Rs.



Reading the 1937 edition made me question whether I would like to live in 1937, or 2017. I looked through the whole magazine and worked it out. You see there was much less pollution then but of course, fewer cars

meant longer journeys. There was also a section on the 'Girl's Club' which seemed to be compulsory and meant sports every week on the field (even in the rain). I couldn't decide. What did it was the fact that then the Headmaster wrote the Gazette and now we do! I love this job!

Now in 2017 we have some fun clubs of our own such as Art Club. The club inspires younger ones to fall in love with art and doodle in a creative manner. It is run by Chloe, Zahra (one our Gazette writers), Victoria and Holly. Another club that helps little children is Reading Club. A group of year 6 volunteers (including me) read to a group of little ones. We do this at lunch time, reading from a selection of easy to read and understand books chosen by the little ones. I think that there should be more of these clubs popping up around the school. I would like to add that maybe some adults could set up clubs around the town?

Between now and 1937 there have been many changes in the way we at school write for the Gazette and with the content of the whole magazine. I am happy to say that the Gazette tradition is living on and is going to continue for many years to come.

Freddie Jennings, Thomas Reed and Zahra Greaves - Mannan

#### A Thank You Note!

I would like to give a big 'thank you' to the pupils of Naphill & Walter's Ash school who regularly submit an article to the Gazette. It is a delight to read; interesting and well written. Keep up the good work!

Pauline Pool

#### The Wife in The Home by Domesticus!

A cunning lady our editor. Whose appetite would not be wetted by a title in the Naphill Gazette circa 1937! 'Perfect Housewife'? Who wouldn't be curious to look in the archives with a title like that?



They made, by today's standards, very amusing reading! The article from August 1937 starts 'I know you will agree when I say that the wife doesn't want to be in the house so much during the summer etc. etc. and goes on to give tips to ease her chores!!! This has to have been written by a man! His nom de

plume of Domesticus I think is a giveaway, I am no Latin scholar, but 'us' on the end of a word indicated 'a male declension' when I was at school many moons ago! And 'no' I do not want to get involved in the correctness of my statement.

Young wives of Naphill please note that Tuesday is your sewing day: For which cool hands are essential, so wash in cool water and rub a little talcum into them before you start your mending- 'Oh sorry what was that?' All holey socks and undies are consigned to the bin and more purchased in Primark



when next in town! Thursdays you are advised to spend cooking, this gives you more time on a Friday for household chores so you may be free to prepare for your Saturday outing!

All through the thirties these articles appear on a regular monthly basis. Although they appear amusing to us in 2017, these ladies had to physically work very hard. Cordials to be made and stored in the larder (no constant fizz in the fridge) The fruit was gathered from the hedgerows from July as it ripened until the last blackberries in September- As far as I could see no fruit was wasted, any excess was preserved by bottling or jam making to see them through the cold snowy winters to come.



Never fear Ladies of Naphill, we are told we must not feel ashamed if our Spring Cleaning is not completed by April, this statement is followed by recipes for potions for making cleaning fluids to cover every eventuality, the carpet cleaning sounded a bit grim! Also blanket washing was

hard, no detergents just block soap which had to be grated into the warm water. Rinsing and lifting heavy wet blankets onto the line to dry on a warm day must have been a nightmare. NB '2017 style' dump duvet in boot of car, take to cleaners, collect, job done!

In July 1939 a gentleman called Douglas Gibson put his name to the article- so maybe my cruel assumptions they were written by a man were correct!

During 1940 this article did not appear any more, did our 'helpful husband' have to sign up for military service? Maybe there is a relative in the village that could complete this story.

I am grateful for my life now, complete with labour saving gadgets and supermarkets that bake better than I do!

Margaret Hunter

**FOOTNOTE**: 'Him Indoors' seems to have a nostalgic glint in his eye for the Obedient Perfect 1937 Housewife ⊚

**Note to editor:-** 2/6 (12.5p) was the prize offered for the best recipe published! Reinstate?!!

## Mr Adlam and the beginnings of the Naphill Gazette

The headmaster at Naphill school when I was there was Mr Adlam. He was an awfully nice fellow, and he taught me until I left school in 1936, which was when I lost touch with him. I don't remember when he came to Naphill, he wasn't born here. He had one son who was as nice as his dad. Mr Adlam was a good teacher, he didn't stand any nonsense, mind you, he was quite strict, he was on the ball all the time! There were two other teachers as well as Mr Adlam, Miss Kitchener and Miss Williams. It was a happy school – well I thought it was, anyway. Children came up from North Dean too, though there was also Speen school.



Mr Adlam always liked organising things. He organised a midnight ramble to Coombe Hill (near Butlers Cross) where there is the monument that was erected for men who were killed in the Boer War. We went there especially to see the sunrise. Unfortunately, those who weren't asleep still didn't see the sun rise because we were sitting on the

wrong side of the monument and it rose the other side! [This ramble is reported in the Naphill Gazette July 1937 issue no.5.]

Mr Adlam planned for us to ramble back to the Black Prince in Princes Risborough where he had ordered breakfast, and then he had a coach booked to bring us back to Naphill. His second midnight ramble was in the summertime so many people had their bedroom windows open and because these old properties were built close to the road our walking party of about 10 or 12 caused a bit of a disturbance as we walked along chatting in the middle of the night! Some people complained to the police that we were too noisy so after that that Mr Adlam didn't organise any more rambles. After the rambles he organised dances for us at the village hall. These were lively events with raffles and mugs of tea as refreshment, alcohol was definitely not allowed. I lost touch with him when I left school and I got a job in High Wycombe as a cabinet-maker for Hill & Sons.

Mr Adlam had tried to set up the Gazette a couple of years before, but it got off to a false start. Around 1935 I was asked to make a lino print of Naphill Village Hall, which was going to be used for the cover, but it was never used, and I don't know what happened to it.

When the first issue of the Gazette was published in 1937 I had been working at Hill and Sons for a few months, having left school the summer before. I was still living with my parents, of course, at Vincent Farm. I was earning my own money. I got to work in High Wycombe by bike. More often than not my mum had to get my bike out because I was running late. Right from the age of 14 I worked from half past 7 in the morning until 6 in the evening – a long day!



There was a girl from Boss Lane who I used to cycle back with to keep her company. Lots of people cycled to work. Most of them went Downley way, to get to places like Abercrombie

Avenue and Desborough Avenue. There were lots of furniture factories in this end of High Wycombe. Hills was in West End Road, it was just a collection of wooden huts and there were about six of us worked there. Of course, on the way back I had to walk up Coombe Hill because it was even steeper than it is now, it was altered to make it safer some years ago. The gradient was 1 in 6 then, and they reduced it to 1 in 10. The buses used to go down Bradenham way until they changed it, then they brought the buses down, but I carried on cycling until I joined the army when I was 18 in 1940.

A Letter from David Lidington MP

Like most MPs, and for that matter like the great majority of my constituents, I never served in the armed forces. However, the fact that my constituency includes both RAF High Wycombe and RAF Halton means that my work has given me some knowledge both of the traditions and ethos of the services and of the problems and challenges that they face.

More recently, my six years as a Minister at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office gave me an insight into the importance of the armed forces in ensuring this country's security and in protecting our national interests around the world. There's no doubt in my mind that the professionalism and versatility of our armed forces are significant assets to the United Kingdom.

I've been struck over the last 10 years by the increasing numbers of young people that I've seen at Remembrance services each November. I suspect that Afghanistan and Iraq have brought home to a new generation not only the scale of what we as a society ask of our servicemen and women but also the fact that those on the frontline are often themselves very young. Charities like Help for Heroes and events like the Invictus Games have touched a chord among many millions of people who have never been in uniform themselves.

In the last few weeks Parliament has debated the Military Covenant. A committee led by my friend, the Plymouth MP Johnny Mercer has presented a detailed report on Ministry of Defence support for serving and veteran personnel and Defence Secretary Michael Fallon has indicated support for changes to the law to protect officers, men and women who fear that their split-second decisions in action might afterwards be second-guessed by unscrupulous lawyers and crawled over in a courtroom.

It is right that we debate such matters. But we mustn't forget either about the basics: service housing, school places or the pressure that service life imposes on families. These things matter a lot to morale, recruitment and retention.

Underlying it all is the need to maintain and strengthen our defences in a very turbulent and uncertain world. We face multiple threats: Putin's Russia, international terrorism, the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, cyberattacks intended to disrupt essential national infrastructure.

We can take pride in the knowledge that the work done day in, day out at RAF High Wycombe is one important element in keeping our country safe from such threats.

**David Lidington** 

#### **Hughenden & Naphill Cubs**

If anyone said to me in January 2016 that this time next year I would be Akela, I would have laughed out loud! Anybody who knows me, knows I am a Girl Guide through and through. I was Brown Owl in Holmer Green Brownies for many years. Neverthe-less, in February 2016, I joined Naphill and Hughenden Cubs with a full pack of 8-10 1/2 year olds. It was a little daunting to see predominately boys not girls. It was very obvious in the meetings to see there was need for a second pack. What was I doing??? My evenings were just beginning to relax from young children duties, so why not fill it with mind numbing TV and biscuits on the sofa?

Instead, I started to make enquiries to the local Scout District for relevant training, safeguarding and DBS certificates. June was upon us, the idea was moving fast now, and word was out to all those on the Cubs waiting list that the village was getting a second pack to open in September! The pack opened with 15 boys, we all worked towards our Membership badge, and on the 31st October, I, along with 15 boys made our Cub and Scout promise. In an amazing finish to the year, on the 16 December 2016 The Scout movement celebrated Cubs Centenary.

I felt honored to have been to the Scouts Centenary in 2007 with the 21st World Scout Jamboree in the UK. We celebrated 100 years of Guiding in 2010, 100 years of Brownies 2014 and now it was fantastic to witness 100 years of Cubs with the joint packs.

Back to the present. This February, after half term I will have enrolled nine more Cubs in to the pack. Where do I go from here? With the season moving out of winter into spring the only way is out and about. The Hughenden and Naphill Cubs now have 2 packs between us; over 60 members of 8-10 1/2 year old boys and girls and growing!



Please, I call upon all adults with any life skills to make contact with the young, growing village Scout groups in order to share your invaluable knowledge and skills. From sewing to climbing, cooking to fire building, with the help of others, we all started somewhere and were grateful to those who made the time to share and show us their skills. Please share the love and do the same.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the adult volunteers who have already helped me, especially to Sarah Still, Mark Still, Barry Reading, Lindsay South, Jonny Robinson, and of course, my ever understanding husband James.

Akela (Beth Foster)

#### **Naphill Brownies**

Our term got off to a shaky start when the first session of the year was snowed off – sadly too wet for snowmen and snow angels, but the term is now flying along

The brownies helped to plan this term's activities requesting lots of food-based activities, some opportunities to 'put on a show', the chance to learn first aid / home safety skills and, of course, some outings.

Our first food activity of the term was to make shortbread. This proved to be pretty messy but lots of fun. I fear that the results were rather variable, with some a good deal lighter and more crumbly than others.

The brownies created some fabulous fashion designs out of bin-bags for our bin bag fashion show. The models certainly didn't let us down with their flamboyant modelling.



A wonderful evening was had by all when bollywood dance teacher, Alyssa, came in to teach us some moves. Some of the actions seem to come more easily to the brownies than to the leaders, but we all gave it our best shot and it was great fun (and good exercise).

This term we are doing our Home Safety badge. For this we will be learning how to try and prevent accidents, but also we have visitors coming in show us some basic first aid skills (just in case) and we will visit the fire station at the RAF base to learn

what to do in the event of a fire.

With Home Safety in mind, our brownies have a half term challenge: They are to learn how to make a cup of tea - thinking about all the dangers that need to be considered.

Since brownies like to do a good turn every day, you never know they could start making Mum a cuppa every day. Who knows?

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!

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly) 565571. ruth.daly3@btinternet.com

Guide

& Brownie

Jumble Sale

4th March

Naphill Village Hall 1.30pm

In the middle of February our scout hut kitchen was repainted and retiled so we would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for doing that for us. The scout hut does get a lot of use with Beavers, two Cub packs now, Scouts, Brownies and Guides and you can image a degree of wear and tear, so this refurbishment is most welcome.

Mark Powell



#### **Bon Ami**

has been kept very busy, not that she's complaing of course!

The weather turned a bit milder and we actually saw some sunshine for a few days over the children's half-term holiday. As we all know, it is a times like this that we head for the Crick. Of course there is no better place for weary minders to grab a coffee and even a sneaky slice of homemade cake than Bon Ami. Ruth has been on holiday and Amanda

**Naphill Scouts** 

Spring is in the air and that means more opportunities for Scouts to be outdoors. In the first half of the term we ventured out onto the Crick for some wide games at -3 Centigrade. The scouts did not seem to mind the cold but the leaders found it decidedly frosty! We did take the opportunity to practice our knot tying and for some of the new boys teach them what the different knots are used for. Just before half term we ventured as far as the Eden Centre where the boys practiced their zebra team work in the bowling alley. For the second part of the term we aim to spend as much time as possible outside which includes a night hike, a frosty cook out in the woods and an Easter egg hunt. We did ask the scouts what their top three activities would be if they could design their own program and Go Karts came out on top, so we will see if we can find time for that too.

Come along and have a wonderful time at



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Thursday 6 April 2017

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## <u>spaces available for</u> September 2017





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













If you would like further information or would like to come and visit the setting please contact Judy Pope our office administrator on 01494 562813 or e-mail office@nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk



#### **Speen Horse Trust**





#### **Volunteer Gardener Needed**

The Horse Trust, Home of Rest for Horses at Speen are seeking volunteers to help with some light gardening duties. There is always lots to do to keep our retirement home for horses, ponies and donkeys looking good. If you have any time you can give either during the week or at weekends we would love to hear from you.

#### **Volunteer Car Park Attendants Needed**

The Horse Trust, Home of Rest for Horses at Speen are seeking volunteers to help with our car park. If you love working with people from all ages and backgrounds and can provide service with a smile, come and join our team working in the beautiful location that is the Chiltern Hills. If you have any time you can give either during the week or at weekends when we are open Thursday to Sunday from 2-4pm,we would love to hear from you.

#### Please contact Shirley Abbott at:

The Horse Trust, Home of Rest for Horses, Speen, Princes Risborough, Bucks, HP27 0PP Telephone 01494 488464

email: shirley@horsetrust.org.uk

www.horsetrust.org.uk

#### **Hughenden Parish Council**

**FACTOID #13** Whilst the Parish-wide allotments are at an 80% occupancy rate (out of 250 plots), our Louches Lane Allotment Garden in Naphill is currently at 50%, which means there are 22 plots vacant. There are also 2 spare plots at the garden in Walter's Ash too. Take your pick and start growing your own!

We are delighted that, after our article last month, there have been no questions or comments over the decision to increase the Precept slightly to continue delivering as much as we can locally. Following hot on the heels of that exercise, the Council staff and several Councillors have been involved in issuing new tenders for our significant outside contracts which are our Garden of Rest, Grounds Maintenance, General Maintenance, Hedges & Fields and Devolved Services. These tenders are to cover the next three years and represent a significant portion of the work carried out on behalf of residents by Hughenden Parish Council. We expect to report on the results of this process in next month's Gazette.

In November, we resolved to undertake winter maintenance at all three of the Council owned ponds (Vincent's Pond, Walter's Ash Pond and Cockpit Hole in Great Kingshill). This work was scheduled for late January/early February but due to wet, soft ground around the ponds this work has been delayed for a few weeks. It should be done by the time you are reading this

Since pond maintenance was rescheduled, our current contractors have recently been tasked with working on cleaning street signs around the villages. Cleaning of street furniture became the responsibility of our Council on 1st April 2016. Prior to that date it was the responsibility of Bucks County Council (BCC) and sadly many were filthy. Our contractors have washed street furniture, cut back any overhanging vegetation

obscuring the signs and carried out any minor repairs such as straightening signs and tightening bolts. They have also photographed and GPS located any defective signs and these have been highlighted to BCC for more significant repairs be carried out.

Recently in Walter's Ash we have seen a rise in complaints about thoughtless & selfish parking especially at the junctions with Main Rd. Cars parked on corners of junctions or on the pavement make visibility hazardous for other road users and create obstacles for pedestrians. We would urge people to be especially aware that YOU MUST NOT drive on or over a pavement, footpath or bridleway except to gain lawful access to a property, or in the case of an emergency (Laws HA 1835 sect 72 & RTA 1988 sect 34).

Our Annual Parish Meeting, which is your chance to meet both Councillors and staff, learn what we do as well as quiz us on what we are up on your behalf, will be held on the evening of Tuesday April 25th this year at North Dean Village Hall. We look forward to welcoming you.

Your Parish Councillors

Martin Burch, Chris Waterton, Peter Williams

and vacant seat.

Hughenden Parish Council will hold an Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 7.30pm at North Dean Village Hall, Speen Road, Upper North Dean, Bucks, HP14 4NL. This event will include an annual report by our Chairman, plus guest speakers TBC. Followed by drinks and nibbles.

#### Allotments Available in Hughenden Parish

Healthy food

Family fun, friends & community

Fresh air & exercise

Annual Rent: Full plot £25.00

Half plot £13.00

For more information contact: Hughenden Parish Council

Tel: 01494 715296

Email:clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk





# Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday April 3rd at 8pm

As many of you will know, I have written to all village hall hirers and representatives of organisations, to seek their views about future developments at the Hall and Crick. It is pleasing that a number of people have already sent in comments and suggestions. Please keep responses coming. We shall prioritise after the Fete.

The Annual General Meeting provides an opportunity for villagers to receive the Treasurer's report on the Charity's financial position, and to listen to the Chairman's report for the year 2016/17. There will be opportunities to ask questions on both these reports. The Treasurer and Secretary are appointed/elected at the AGM, as are six Village Representatives. Village representatives may be nominated prior to, or at, the AGM. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected by the Council at the May meeting.

Villagers may, of course, ask questions of Officers at the AGM. Any suggestions for future developments will also be very welcome. Village organisations raise considerable sums during the year and the

Council needs input from villagers as to how they would like to see this spent.

A list of the Officers, Appointed Members, Village Reps, and Co-opted members as at April 2016 is given on the next page.

There will be light (very) refreshments after the formal business so villagers have an opportunity to mingle, meet Trustees, and exchange ideas. As previously announced, we intend to designate Fete Day on June 10th as a Village Day, incorporating displays and ideas for future developments.

The astro turf in front of the ball wall has been installed during the last week. This feature is a great addition to our facilities for young people and is much used. Parents may be glad to know that less mud is likely to be taken home in future. Enjoy! More ideas for facilities for the young would be most welcome.

Great efforts are made throughout the year to raise funds for our mutual benefit. Please join us at the AGM and/or the Fete and talk to Trustees about the way ahead.

#### **Officers**

ChairmanPeggy EwartVice ChairmanSarah BaconHon. TreasurerKen WrightHon. SecretaryJudy WhitehouseLettings SecretaryTanya Stephens

#### **Elected Village Representatives**

Sarah Bacon
Peggy Ewart
Clive Lawrence
Daisy Leek
Jenny Price
Andrew Wasilewski

#### **Co-opted Members**

Dave Evans
Pam Smith
Judy Whitehouse
Ken Wright

#### **Appointed Members**

**Hughenden Parish Council** Peter Williams **Hughenden Church** Norma Clarke **Tennis Club** David Fletcher **Junior Football Bob Hathaway Senior Football** Clive Rowland Scout & Guide HQ Ruth Daly Toni Green Naphill Men's Club Keiron Moore **NAWARA** Gloria Leflaive **Naphill Gazette** Sonia Goby Women's Institute June Lynch **Horticultural Society** Cathryn Carter **Neighbours** Vacancy **N&WA School** Paul Rigler **Friends of Naphill Common** Ron Collins **RAF** Dani Bowman Dennis Lynch **Bridge Club Naphill Methodist Church** Norma Clarke

Peggy Ewart - Chairman



Final AGM

Monday 20th March 8.00 p.m

In The Small Hall

Drinks to follow

All Welcome

I looked through The Gazette archives to find the earliest reference to the Horticultural Society, and although our shows took place from 1945, the first Gazette piece I could find was from 1953 where there was a report on the recent show including "congratulations and thanks to Mr Reid for the excellent display of Naphill grown and processed tobacco". How times have changed!!

Cathryn Carter 563233

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

#### **Wycombe Photographic Society**

February saw some of our new members "rock the establishment" in one of the competitions. The "newbies" laid down their gauntlet and let some of the older, in length of membership, members know that they mean business this year with the high quality of their images. Looks like it will be a very interesting year ahead.

Our guest speaker in February was Bernie Raffe who demonstrated how to take great portrait photos using very simple flash units. Nothing expensive, just common sense in how to use the flash units to get great portrait images using club members, including the Gazette editor's "Himself", as willing models.

Our March program includes a couple of internal competitions, a monochrome workshop where member's monochrome images will be discussed and constructively critiqued and a members evening where we will practice what we think we learned from the evening with Bernie Raffe and try our hand at using flash to take portrait images.

If you look at YouTube you will find a number of videos produced by Bernie Raffe which will give you an idea of the standard of our guest speakers.

For full details of what is going on at Wycombe

Photographic Society please look at our website – www.wycombephotographicsociety.org.uk

Come along to one of our meetings where you will be made very welcome and as I always say in these articles..... every member started off as a "club newbie" at one point in time so do not think that your photographic skills may not be that good.

We all learn something each meeting which helps our photography.

This month's tip is to make remember to put your camera in your bag when leaving home to go on a day out to take photographs.... If you think that this is a "nonsense tip" then I assure that it is not.... it has happened much to the embarrassment of the person concerned and the mirth of the onlookers when they discovered they had left their camera at home.

Each month we are going to publish a photograph taken by one of our members.

This month it is titled "Looking Up" and was taken by Peter Davis whilst walking on Naphill Common one day and happened to look up at the sky through the canopy of trees.

> David Greenwood Membership Secretary Wycombe Photographic Society



### Make Your Street More Than Just a Name

Would you like your street to become more friendly and supportive? A place people belong, have friends and look out for one-another? This is the idea of the Hughenden Parish Street Association.

Thames Valley Police, Trading Standards, the District and County Councils have been working with local action groups to develop the initiative in Hughenden Parish to complement what is already in place.

The scheme requires local people to sign up as a member to be the eyes and ears on their street, encouraging stronger and safer communities in the long term.

A free launch event event took place at Hughenden Primary School on the evening of 20 February. Because this event was held after the March Gazette went to print the editor was unable to include a report but we look forward to sharing news of this and all our ongoing initiatives in the April edition of the Gazette.

For further information, please contact Helen Cavill via HughendenStreetAssociation@gmail.com or 07392 683500

## **Community Impact Bucks RAF High Wycombe**

#### RAF Personnel volunteer their expert skills

On 14 February, 10 locally based graduates from the National Citizens Service scheme were extremely fortunate to benefit from a full day's training delivered by volunteers from RAF High Wycombe. All photography enthusiasts, these bright young people took part in an interactive workshop about the theory behind this art form, covering different aspects of photography from the use of aperture through to the use of Photoshop. This was then followed by a practical studio session in portraiture and an opportunity to put everything into practice outdoors. The afternoon was rounded off by leadership training conducted by the RAF Regiment, the RAF's air minded infantry. Flying Officer James Palfrey, Station Adjutant, said: "Today provided a real opportunity for the station to give back to the local community, by being able to volunteer our time with NCS we've been able to help develop and inspire local young people in photography and leadership".



This day was part of the project funded by the Armed Forces Covenant which has seen RAF High Wycombe and Community Impact Bucks (CIB), the nationally accredited Volunteer Centre for Buckinghamshire, partner on a variety of different volunteering-related activities. Hazel Finney, Lead for Volunteering at CIB, said: "NCS contacted me last year as they had heard about the project and were really keen to get involved. It was great to see everything come to fruition after all the planning by various different people."



Please contact Hazel Finney on: hazel@communityimpactbucks. org.uk or 0300 111 1250 for further information about the project.

#### **Garden Birds**

Regarding Mike Mason's observation on bird numbers in the December issue of the Gazette. I have been doing a garden bird survey for the British Trust for Ornithology in this area for the last eighteen years.

Numbers do fluctuate naturally and they are affected by outside pressures such as increasing numbers of "foreign" species such as Glis Glis and Grey Squirrels.

Disease also plays a part. Trichomonosis in finches has impacted on our birds.

In my garden in Ash Close with some losses and some gains.

#### Losses include -

Tree Sparrow last seen 2001

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker 2003

House Sparrow 2012

Starlings would have been on this list as last seen 2012but two arrived on November 27th and have been seen every week since.

On the plus side we see far more Goldfinches, Longtailed Tits, Coal Tits and over wintering Black Caps.

In two one hour watches 083-0930 and 1500-1600 on Boxing Day I recorded 29 species of bird in the garden.

Of more concern are the falling butterfly numbers, 2016 will be the worst year on record for both numbers and species. I have recorded thirteen species this year, while previous years have normally recorded seventeen to twenty species. So, gardeners please get planting nectar rich flowers and shrubs. All pollenating insects will benefit.

G.S. Hickmott.

Editorial Comment: I have had several observations on this topic which over all concur with the above findings. Thank you to everybody who contacted me.

#### Naphill Evening WI

We had a great start to 2017 with a talk by Jeff Rozelaar on growing up in the post war East End of London. Jeff is Jewish and his talk was called 'Bagels and Bacon' because of the temptations of the bagel shop on one side of the road and the delicious smells of bacon from the café opposite. He admitted that sometimes the bacon won.



Our competition was for items from the 40s or 50s and one member brought in a lovely fur jacket with matching hat. There were also a couple of 78 rpm records which brought back memories.

The Food Group had brunch at the Black Horse in January, which will be followed by lunch at The Harrow on 21 February. A friend

commented that all we seem to do at WI is spend money going out for meals. The reality is that the Food Group provides an opportunity for members to meet up, especially those who live alone and perhaps don't get the opportunity to eat out very often, and sometimes it is only for a coffee and a piece of cake.

Some of us will attend the Spring Group Meeting on 21 March, when several WIs get together. The speaker will be Simon Browne of Bourne End Antiques and our hosts will be Downley Evening WI.

For anyone that doesn't know, the Bucks WI Office in Stuart Road, High Wycombe (opposite the Rye) has a little shop that sells all sorts of craft items, cards, etc. They are open on Tuesdays between 10 am and 1 pm and they also serve tea and coffee.

Carol Gilliam

#### **Growing Your Own**

There is a great temptation to start sowing in March. This can be a great start to the year if the weather is right, but if it is wet and cool it is better to wait. Sowings indoors or in the greenhouse should certainly be possible, and I like to sow a great variety of salad plants indoors for planting out later in the garden. The reason is that sowing small salad seed outdoors at any time can result in the dreaded slugs making mincemeat of the delicate young seedlings; slug damage when the plants are larger is usually not fatal. It seems impossible to avoid slugs, especially on our clay-loam soil in Naphill and Walter's Ash. For larger seeds such as runner beans, dwarf French beans, climbing French beans, sweetcorn and cucurbits, I prefer to start them off indoors then move them to the greenhouse prior to planting outdoors at the end of May when danger of frost is past. There is one vegetable which it should certainly be possible to plant out in early March – maincrop onions from

sets. I make a small hole with a dibber then push the sets into the soil so that they are hardly showing, then immediately cover the bed with fine-mesh plastic netting. The reason is to keep off birds which have great delight in pulling the onion sets out of the ground in order to really annoy the gardener. The net comes off when the sets have their roots firmly down to anchor them. Regular careful weeding of the onion bed is necessary since, once the onions have grown tall, it is very difficult to avoid damaging them when weeding, so clear the weeds when the onions are small.

#### **Recommended Varieties**



I have tried many varieties of fruit and vegetables over the years and some have become firm favourites. Here is a list of those special ones which have worked for me consistently in our soil in Naphill and Walter's Ash.

Second-early potatoes: "Charlotte". Maincrop potatoes: "Desirée".

Asparagus: "Asperge d'Argenteuil" (from France).

Garlic: "Elephant Garlic".

Chicory: "Zoom Hybride F1 (Endive)" (from France).

Summer Beetroot: "Forono" (from France).

Winter (underground) Beetroot: "Crapaudine" (from France).

Summer Raspberries: "Glen Magna".

Strawberries "Emily".

Maincrop Carrots: "Carotte de Colmar 2 Race Flamir" (from France).

Maincrop Onions: Centurion F1.

Winter Salads: "Chinese Mustard Green-in-Snow", "Mizuna" and "Claytonia" (Winter Purslane), Fennel:

"Fenouil Doux de Florence" (from France).

Swiss Chard: "Silver Chard".

Greenhouse Tomatoes: "Alicante".

Turnips: "Rouge Plat Hâtif" (from France).

Cooking Apples: "Crimson Bramley". Dessert Apples:

"Braeburn".

Pears: "Doyenne du Comice" and "Conference".

Greenhouse Grapes: "Black Hamburg".

Seven of the varieties of seeds I cannot find in the UK but you should be able to find them when browsing through seed packets in garden centres in France. New seed varieties are being produced by the growers all the time and I am always trying them out to see if I have found a new winner that will grow well in our soil.

Good gardening! *Mike Mason* 

### Naphill & Walter's Ash NapFest 2017



#### Music 9 June, Fete 10 June

#### At the Seaside

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. 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! The bar is booked and we will have a full size Helter-Skelter so that the kids will have things to do. Tickets will shortly be available on www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk and tickets are the same price as last year - £25 for a family ticket of 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 lots planned for the arena, with displays from the RAF and also some fitness classes and hopefully the Gurkhas will be performing the Khukuri Dance. As always we still need all our faithful stall holders at the ready and you should have all been contacted by now. If not please get in touch with us by email nwafete@hotmail.com. uk

As always, we still need extra volunteers for all three days and we will need tombola prizes, cakes, grand draw prizes and books. Please get in touch if you are able to provide any assistance or would like to sponsor the event.

Can't wait to see you all there.

The Napfest Committee



#### Mother's Day - 26 March

Naomi, aged 8 years old, loves to bake this for Grandma and, Grandma loves eating it! So here you are children, bake your Mum a Mother's day treat!

#### **Happy Mother's Day to ALL our Mums!**

#### Kiddie's Dream Traybake

#### **Cake Ingredients**

75g cocoa powder

3/4 tsp bicarbonate of soda

4 medium egas

370g muscovado sugar

180ml vegetable oil (I used ½ vegetable and ½

200g self-raising flour

#### Icing Ingredients:

150g dark chocolate 3tbs milk

Smarties plus 100's & 1000's to decorate

#### Method

Whisk cocoa with 200ml boiling water, whisk in bicarbonate of soda, leave to cool. Pre-heat oven to 160C fan / 180C conventional / gas mark 4, use 23x30x4cm traybake tin.

Whisk eggs, sugar, oil, stir in flour, then cocoa solution. Pour into tin, bake for 30-40 minutes until risen and firm.

Melt chocolate with milk, then cover cake. Decorate with sweeties,

#### Treasurer's Report

Another year has flown by. I cannot believe that it is a year since I prepared my last treasurer's report.

In many ways this has been a successful year. Payments for subscriptions from you, our readers, were very good with the majority paying up the full £3.00 without delay. Please make sure that you have the correct money put to one side ready for collection which will be sometime during April and May. Yes, due to our good financial situation, we are able to keep the subscription at £3.00 for another year.

Invoices for display adverts were sent out in the middle of last November and I would like to thank those of our advertisers who paid up promptly as it makes life so much easier, not just for me but also for our editor as she has to make sure that she can fit everyone in by the middle of February whilst also giving consideration to new applicants.

We felt it necessary last year to increase advertising rates by a modest amount but have held them for this year even though we have been notified by our printer that there will be an increase in their bills following rises in the cost of paper.

As a result of the increase in advertising rates the income from our advertisers was up on last year

Income from special Christmas adverts was down as some advertisers decided, with the help of Sonia, to incorporate their Christmas greeting in their regular advert.

Income from subscriptions was up due to a variety of factors, and was much closer to the sum expected.

Donations from the Methodist Church and Hughenden Parish Council were the same as previous years and for these we are grateful.

The very modest interest is from a small sum we maintain in a reserve account.

Expenditure on printing has increased mainly due to the amount of colour that Sonia has introduced, to great effect, into the magazine. As stated before we expect a further increase this coming year.

There was also a small increase in general expenses but we still ended up with a surplus for the year of £1212.97.

Mike Pool

Treasurer for the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette

Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette - Financial Statement 2016-2017										
INCOME 31-Jan-16		an-16	31-Jan-17		EXPENDITURE	31-Jan-16		31-Jan-17		
Adverts	£	11,035.50	£	11,825.70	Printing	£	12,038.32	£	13,385.31	
Christmas Ads	£	160.00	£	80.00	Expenses	£	85.87	£	104.73	
Collections	£	2,581.40	£	2,764.00	Web Site	£	240.00	£	240.00	
Donations	£	610.00	£	600.00	Refunds on Ads	£	452.00	£	328.00	
Interest	£	1.21	£	1.31						
TOTALS	£	14,388.11	£	15,271.01		£	12,816.19	£	14,058.04	
					Surplus	£	1,571.92	£	1,212.97	

#### Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning Applications to 8th Feb.2017. 17/05178/FUL Silva, Stocking Lane, Naphill HP14 **4RE** Householder application for erection of part two storey part/first floor rear extension. 17/05077/FUL. 92, Main Road, Naphill HP14 4QA HA for construction of single storey front side and rear extension including new garage, single storey rear conservatory and loft extension with associated roof alterations and extensions including x2 front dormers and x1 rear box dormer. (Objection. No Block Plan provided. Concern over visual impact on street scene and neighbouring properties). 17/05096/FUL 7, Lacey Drive, Naphill **HP14 4RR** HA for construction of single storey front extension, new window to front elevation to replace existing front door and new window to side elevation. Decisions. Permitted.

16/08258/FUL. 249, Main Road, Walter's Ash. HP14 4TH Change of Use from Use Class B1 (office) to Use Class D1 (Dental Surgery). (Finally received permission after objections from Environmental Health were allayed by reducing opening hours. Objections from neighbours also negated by corrected property boundaries shown on plan. No external modifications to building permitted.) 16/08234/FUL 25, Ash Close, Walter's Ash HP14 4TR. HA application for construction of single storey side and rear extension including x2 roof lights and associated alterations. 16/08173/FUL 71, Woodcock Avenue, Walter's Ash HP14 4TN. Change of use of land to residential curtilage and construction of part two storey, part single storey rear/side extension (We objected on similar grounds to HPC as no information was provided on ownership and previous use of land. Only 1.5m of fence movement permitted and existing ornamental trees to be retained and protected during building works.)

### Weight Restriction signing and lining on Clappins and Stocking Lanes.

Following a complaint from a Battingswood resident that Clappins Lane is often clogged with heavy vehicles NAWARA enquired of Highways why the weight restriction signing and lining were still not in place in February 2017 although the funds for this were received by Transport for Bucks, following an application at the Shana site, in November 2015. Research reveals that in December 2016 Highways's Principal Consultant informed Hughenden Parish Council after complaints by NAWARA that the delay was due to a "backlog". He reassured HPC the scheme to utilise the funds would be presented to the County Council in January 2017, and this "should" enable TfB, following consultations, to "place the signing and lining upon the highway." On 9th February NAWARA brought the matter once again to the attention of Maria Whyte, WDC Enforcement Officer. It seems TfB's delays in weight restriction signing is due to an agent for Michael Bryant of Country Supplies at Shana failing to return an essential document to Jenny Ions, WDC Planning Officer. Jenny Ions says she will actively pursue the agent. Meanwhile Mr Bryant allows his articulated Country Supplies Iorries to use narrow Clappins Lane. NAWARA is seeking the appropriate Highways Dept to deal with this problem.

#### **New Wycombe District Local Plan.**

Latest information. The Report on last year's consultation, containing material from all the 3000 plus public responses, should be out at end of February. The Final WDLP should be out at end of March beginning of April after WD Councillors have met to consider the Draft, the Report and the amendments by WDC Officers.

Gloria Leflaive 563634 Open for Comment

### **A Letter from Councillor David Carroll**

Dear Residents.

I should like to thank all the many members of our community who volunteer their time and talents to make Naphill such a great place. I have lived in this area all my life and have always strived to protect our beautiful environment.

As a County Councillor I endeavour to listen to the issues you raise and where possible to address these. A priority for me has always been Children's Services and Adult Care. I have done everything possible to encourage our Council to invest in these because I recognise that they are an important, long-term issue. It is vital that these services are adequately financed so that those needing care, our young and old, are properly catered for. I believe that we have a moral duty to ensure that these services are properly financed and maintained.

I am sure that you are aware that the division which I serve stretches from Kimble to Widmer End. Our County Council finds that maintaining the roads in this large rural area within budget is a challenge! To

date we have been able to resurface most of Main Road, Naphill along with several other side roads. In the next programme of works we aim to complete the work in Main Road and to include Huntshill Lane and Battingswood Gardens. As the budget allows we aim to resurface and repair other roads in this area.

In conclusion I assure you, that as your County Councillor of many years standing, I will continue to do my very best to support our community and conserve Naphill so that it can continue to be enjoyed by present and future generations.

Kind regards David.

### Please Help Us Control Speeding

For several years Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) has been working to reduce the speed of traffic throughout the roads of our Parish. Each village provides volunteers for the monthly Speed Watch at up to 3 locations where speeding is likely.

Each month, on a random day, teams of up to 3 people, including PC Lee Turnham, log the speeds of vehicles travelling at 35 MPH or over. Speed, Time, Colour, Make and Model and number plates are noted. Those speeding are notified by letter and if they offend 3 times, they receive a visit by a Police Officer.

When the scheme started, over a 100 speeding cars could be caught in an hour. Since then the number has reduced to around 30 cars an hour, often less and also the average speed of the offenders has reduced.

To keep this improvement up we need more volunteers to help. Just 1 or 2 hours a month, when you have time, firstly on weekdays but also we need to have some Saturday volunteers to do some checks to remind week end drivers that they need to slow down.

#### Please contact:

David Jarman on 01494 712441 Stan Jones on 01494 716278 Gloria Leflave 01494 563634

### Bradenham Parish Council Chairman

#### There is no poo fairy!

Recently some dog walkers have left bags of doggie poo near the paths through Bradenham Woods. Such littering is illegal but as a dog walker myself I am aware that there is a lack of bins near the entrance to the woods from the A4010 and Bradenham village. Bradenham Parish Council is seeking authority for bins to be placed at convenient places in Bradenham.

To those dog walkers that have left poo bags near the gate from Bradenham Woods onto New Road, Walter's Ash please take your bags to one of the four bins sited within a short walk of the gate; two at the bus stops near the RAF site and two at Greenwood. There are no plans for any additional bins in Walter's Ash.

Teif Jones

Chairman Bradenham Parish Council

### From our RAF Padre

Congratulations to the Gazette on reaching the grand old age of 80! – quite an achievement in this day and age when technology seems to be dramatically changing the way that we communicate with each other.

The Royal Air Force is used to marking milestones in history, normally with a parade, a dinner and sometimes a flypast. RAF High Wycombe has had its share of commemorative events in recent days as it marks the history of Bomber Command and all the events that came from the decision to focus headquarters staff in the leafy community of Naphill and Walter's Ash. Indeed next year, 2018 represents a really significant moment in RAF history as we celebrate 100 years since its inception. Watch this space for all the events and activities which will help our nation to observe this huge achievement. As a force, we regularly, often annually, remind ourselves of the importance of holding on to the occasions and traditions of the past – and rightly so. In the military, our pride in all that has been accomplished is often combined with sadness at the loss of life or change to life that has occurred as a result of war and conflict.

It makes you think – What are anniversaries like this all about? whether they are military or community based. Birthdays, weddings, the death of loved ones and other significant life changing moments are all features of everyday life. However, the past is gone and we cannot change it as much as we might want to at times. Nevertheless, these anniversaries help us to show how important these moments and events are to us and how they can and do continue to shape our lives. The Gazette's birthday gives us that opportunity to celebrate all that we have had, currently have, and will have in the future in our community.

Whatever the future holds, we still need to remember the past – learn from it, and live in a way that makes the present meaningful and fulfilling. Thinking on this, I am reminded of a hymn that appears in a hymn book which I regularly use. The second verse goes something like this:

> 'Tis Jesus, the first and the last, Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;

We'll praise him for all that is past, And trust him for all that's to come.'

Whether we acknowledge the faith expressed in these words or not, I think most people, in the context of the anniversary we are remembering in our community, would be able to offer thanks for all that is past and trust for all that is yet to come.

I'm not sure that we can say 'Here's to the next 80' for the Gazette, as what communication will look like in 2097 who knows! But, we can say here's to the next 80 years of our community sharing good news, celebrating our life together and supporting each other.

Padre Mike Hall.

### From the Hughenden Vicarage

"The most important thing that I've ever done is become a follower of Jesus. I want everyone to hear his voice calling to them. That's why I'm praying for people to know his life-transforming love." With these inspiring words, The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev Justin Welby launched #Pledge2Pray as part of Thy Kingdom Come 2017. The Archbishop's words are very appropriate in our Parish this year as we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent, because we will be considering what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ on Sunday mornings at St Michael & All Angels Church.

Lent is often a popular time to forgo a luxury, or something which you think you might be better off without – I have known of people who have given up television, coffee, their car and yes of course chocolate during the Lenten season. During Lent, we recall the 40 days and 40 nights which Jesus spent alone in the wilderness. No food passed his lips during that period. and he used the time of isolation wisely to prepare himself for the challenges of public ministry which would lie ahead. Prayer would have been his main occupation, and that time away from human contact was spent in close communion with his heavenly father.

Jesus left the dessert with fresh resolve, and began preaching and teaching about the kingdom of God, but he knew that his time on earth was limited, and so it was imperative that he made disciples to follow in his footsteps, to carry the flame for the kingdom after he had left – and so he began recruiting followers. Those same disciples formed the core group who became eye witnesses of his remarkable words and miraculous deeds, and subsequently leaders of the early Christian Church of which all those who profess the Christian faith today are inheritors.

Jesus Christ calls you and I to follow in his footsteps, whether we are strangers to the divine call or recognise his voice at once.

We will be looking at several components which are foundational Christian principles during Lent at St Michaels, during our morning services.

Sunday 5 March An introduction to Discipleship Stewardship [Time, talent and Sunday 12 March treasure]

Sunday 19 March Worship

Sunday 26 March Service [Mothering Sunday] Praying [featuring TryPraying. Sunday 2 April

I love following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. I don't

always get it right, and sometimes I lose my way on the path. But he is infinitely patient with me [thank goodness] and if the way ahead has already been walked by Christ, then I know that I am heading in the right direction.

I invite you to respond to the call of Christ to those first disciples, Simon and Andrew, fishing on the Sea of

Galilee – "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men" Matthew 4:19

Spend your time in Lent wisely – it has the potential to transform your life!

Rev Keith Johnson Vicar, St Michael & All Angels, Hughenden

### **Christians in the Community**

Spring is nearly here and our committee has been busy planning our coffee morning, details below, and the distribution of the Easter cards.

Christians in the Community will also be taking part in the Naphill Fete in June. The local churches will be organising "Messy Play" in the Fete marquee. There is a national initiative to promote "Messy Play" and we will be publishing more details about this in May.

### Coffee Morning 1st April,

Saturday 1st April (no jokes please!!) at the Naphill Methodist Church from 10 until 12 noon. There will be a raffle, a sales table and perhaps even some cakes for sale! Everyone welcome.

Norma Clarke

### A letter from the Bradenham Vicarage

Fasting and rationing

As we begin March, there is much to look forward to. There are signs that the worst of the winter's weather is now behind us, snowdrops have bloomed and daffodils are now prolific, birds are busy building nests and there are new seasonal jobs that need doing in the garden. The Northern Hemisphere is waking from its winter sleep and March 21st sees the Spring Equinox – a day to celebrate as from then on there are more hours of light in our day than dark. The sun will not be at this height in the sky again until September 21st. Bright, happy days of spring now beckon, to be followed by the lush, bountiful days of summer. As the seasons change, each has its own wonder and beauty – there is always something to look forward to and enjoy as our world continues its orbit of the Sun.

The church has its own set of times and seasons too, often closely linked with those of the earth. March 1st, Ash Wednesday, sees the beginning of the church season known as Lent. Many of us associate this period with abstinence — 'What are you giving up for Lent?' we may ask. Historically, abstinence was a prudent measure at this time of year. In the days before greenhouses, cold stores and imported produce people had to make the best provision they could by salting, drying, smoking, pickling or preserving their food. By this time of year, food may be starting to run short or beginning to putrefy — rationing what you ate was a wise move to ensure you had enough to sustain you through the ploughing and planting seasons until the first harvests started to arrive. The church, in

walking alongside it's people, gave a new and positive meaning to this lean time of year. Lent became a time in which fasting was not only a way of replacing possible starvation with the discipline of rationing, but the discipline itself was turned into a time of deep spiritual reflection that looked towards new life, hope and the Resurrection of Christ at Easter.

We belittle Lent when we see it as simply a season of 'giving up' or a time to finally shed those extra pounds gained over Christmas. This year, how about taking on the discipline of spiritual reflection over this period? Many local churches run Lent 'courses' providing opportunity to explore the real meaning of the season. Christian Aid publishes a great resource that can be downloaded or sent for and used each day throughout Lent to help focus thoughts. There are many other resources and aids widely available. For some, this will have been a tough winter for all sorts of reasons. Taking time during Lent to spiritually reflect on events and look forward to the new life that Easter brings is a discipline that we can all adopt and benefit from.

With every blessing, Jenny Ellis

### **Shear Madness**

March at last! I love this month it seems to breath new life into everything. The worst weather behind us and signs of life in the garden. Newborn lambs in the fields, the trees springing to life and the clocks changing to summertime!

March also brings the shops birthday, wow six years! I can remember how nervous we were, we left our old jobs behind and opened the shop three weeks later so not really time to let it sink in that we had our own business!! We opened the shop on March 11th with a blues brothers tribute act and boy it was so loud that everyone came out of their houses to see what was happening, fond memories for me and happy times. Six years on lots have changed, all my little customers are now at secondary school and bigger than me, baby's are now toddlers and sadly a few have passed away. The circle of life.

Thank you again and here's to the next six!

Mandy

### The Wheel

Is it March already? Can't quite believe how fast time is flying by these days! Since our previous article, much has happened and changed, therefore I shall try to keep this short!

My favourite time of year has started with the RBS 6 Nations! Most of us here competing against each other in support of the Princes Risborough Rugby Sweepstake and for the Pub/Club Trophy (and bragging rights)! The front bar has been packed full of supporters, having a laugh by doing their best Wheel rendition of 'Swing Low' and demolishing our Box Meals! As the tournament is still ongoing at the time of print, we shall keep everything crossed for victory.. for whichever Nation, you support!

As I'm sure you're all aware we closed our kitchen between the 6th-9th Feb for a re fit. I am so proud of us all and what we achieved in such a short time, I would like to thank Mark, Chefkins, his son AJ, Bolton John and Alex Tyre for all their hard work. I would also like to thank Kat McFarlane at Jewsons for suppling the goods. The transformation has been amazing and we even managed to get various extras done that we weren't expecting. The commitment from everyone has really made me smile and realise how much this little pub is loved.

As many of our customers know, for a long time now, we have been struggling with an aging, withered till system. Well, we've FINALLY brought ourselves a present, and we treated ourselves to a new, all singing all dancing system that will finally make our lives (eventually) easier! We are all still learning it, so we thank you for patience whilst we get to grips with it fully!

Just a few things to mentions about what's coming up:

- Chefs Special Spice Night- 9th March booking highly advised!
- 17th March St Patricks Day ("Mines a Guinness")
- 26th March Mothers' Day BOOK AS SOON AS YOU CAN!
- 14TH-17TH April Easter Bank Holiday, Monday open at 12pm, Food -12-3/6-9pm

From the end of January to early February, most of the staff and ourselves managed to get away to rejuvenate. Mark and I (and Daisy), spent a lovely week in beautiful Solva. I'd like to thank Chloe, Julia and Amber, and the rest of the team for holding the fort, we always appreciate it. I'm pleased to report that Rachel is back at work after taking a couple of weeks to recover from an accident involving a horse and a hoof in the back. I'm going to take this opportunity to welcome the Wheel family, we all hope you enjoy your time working with us.

That's probably about everything until our next article! We look forward to seeing you in your team colours over the next few weeks, or whether you pop in for a pint or a bite to eat, we thank you for your continued support and here's to the lighter evenings and (dare I say it) better weather!

Claire and Mark

### **Naphill Tennis Club**

It's not an April Fool – our new tennis season starts on1st April with some excellent deals for members and newcomers!

We want to welcome new members, old and young, to try out our new 'Tiger Turf' courts - no jarring on the knees and the opportunity to play in all weathers. What more could one want!

For adults joining the club for the first time, the membership fee for the year is a mere £70, for students/juniors £45 and for minis (under 7s) just £30. Incredibly, this includes Friday evening/ Saturday morning summer term coaching for juniors and minis. In addition, there is a 20% reduction for each child where there is already another family member enrolled.

Members also get an excellent value 'Early Bird' deal if they renew their membership fee before 1st April.

The club has Improvers' Coaching starting on Wednesday 26 April and other dates can be arranged with our coach. Tennis camps for youngsters and tennis clinics for adults are also planned for Easter/Summer.

If you are a follower of tennis, you will know that, as I write this, the GB Davis Cup Team has beaten Canada and will now meet France in the quarter-final. Vive le tennis!

For further information, please give our membership secretary, Sarah, a call on 01494 563706 or email sarah.dengel1@gmail.com.

Web-site: naphilltennisclub.org.uk

Jenny Tench

### **Friends of Naphill Common**

Our AGM went very well. A gratifyingly large audience heard Bernie Knill give an absorbing talk on the history of Hughenden Manor, focused mainly on Disraeli and on the vital role of the place as 'Hillside' during the Second World War. The business side of the AGM was dealt with swiftly: our finances are fine; the committee was re-elected, and we even enrolled three new members. Thank you to all who came.

In his welcoming address our chairman gave a sketch of what we have been doing over the past year and what needs to be done in the future. We have to continue to focus on the ponds because they are in such a poor condition. Some have very little water and too much vegetation. They will be used by newts, frogs and numerous species of invertebrates for breeding during the next few months but, once it is safe to do so, we will continue our efforts to improve them, with expert guidance where necessary. Our working parties will also continue to keep the paths open and clear some of the ever spreading holly. Another vital task is to ensure that the various archaeological features are protected from damage, especially the "farmstead". The next phase of felling is unlikely to start until next autumn but when it does the heavy machinery could do serious damage to the ancient earthworks.

If you would like to help you could join in our regular working parties. They take place on the first and third Sundays of each month. 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.

You are very welcome to join our (free) regular walks. 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. You don't have to be a member of FONC.

Many people already enjoy the Common but the next few spring months will see it at its best. So, if you have not yet discovered it, we encourage you to take a stroll.

Chris Miller - Chairman.

### **Pony Espresso**

Welcome to Spring! Time to bring out the outside tables and watch the passing traffic and the cyclists avoiding potholes. I'm pleased to report that the huge pothole on the pavement outside Pony Espresso was filled recently. However, the hardworking pothole fillers didn't anticipate the truck that was parked outside the café would leave minutes after they'd given the filling a last pat with the back of a spade, and voila! - you'd never know they'd even been there.

As most customers with dogs know, that as long as they're well behaved and reasonably clean, dogs are allowed in to the café. Usually we've made do with empty containers for water, but now there is a Pony Espresso Pup Pub. No alcohol involved, just a specially made water bowl just outside the door! A good excuse to stop for some refuelling after a long walk. Both dog and human that is.

Pony Espresso is now in it's 5th year! Thank you to everyone who has made us a success and a special thanks to Donna and Trudy who make incredible cakes and work really hard to keep all our customers happy.

Looking forward to seeing you all over the long hot summer!

Blaine

### **Naphill Neighbours**

The first few months of 2017 seem to have flown by and we are now looking forward to our first outing of the year. On Thursday 6 April we leave the Village Hall at 9am sharp – our destination STRATFORD-ON-AVON where we will drop off those planning to spend the day there sightseeing / shopping. The coach will continue on to CHARLECOTE PARK where the rest of our group will enjoy exploring the house and grounds until 3pm. On the return journey

we will stop at STRATFORD-ON-AVON where we will stay until 5pm before setting off for home. we expect to be back by about 6.30pm. This outing is available for everyone, both members and non-members / guests. The various costs are as follows:

NN	Stratford-on-Avon only £13		
Members	Charlecote Park		
	National Trust members £13		
	Non-National Trust members		
	£24		
Guests	Stratford-on-Avon only £15		
	Charlecote Park		
	National Trust members £15		
	Non-National Trust members		
	£26 This includes the NT		
	entrance fee (to be paid en		

### Payment by cheque please, at our March club meeting.

bloc).

If you are not a member and would like to go on this outing please phone Hazel Vickery on 563977. You will be most welcome.

Note for your diaries: Outing – Thames River Boat Trip on Tuesday 15 June. Details next month.

Our next club meeting is on Monday 13 March, when Chris Ward will be telling us about **101 Things You Never Knew About Garden Birds**. It is an OPEN meeting so everyone is welcome.

Hazel Vickery -563977

### **Maurice Saunders**

It is with sadness that as we go to press, I received the news that Maurice passed away peacefully on Friday 17 February at Stoke Manderville Hospital.

Maurice celebrated his 100th birthday last Summer and was a much loved and respected member of our community.

I will publish further details on the village Facebook page as these become available.

Sonia

### **Last Word**

My thanks to all our contributors and my apologies to those I have not included! I have some superb bird photographs from Alan Ross and the members of High Wycombe Photographic Club which I hope to share with you in another edition.

As the editor I do occasionally have to alter or shorten articles. It is sometimes impossible to print EXACTLY as submitted. Whilst I will always try to comply with your wishes, nobody should expect to dictate how their article is printed. Please see my disclaimer on page 15.

Sonia



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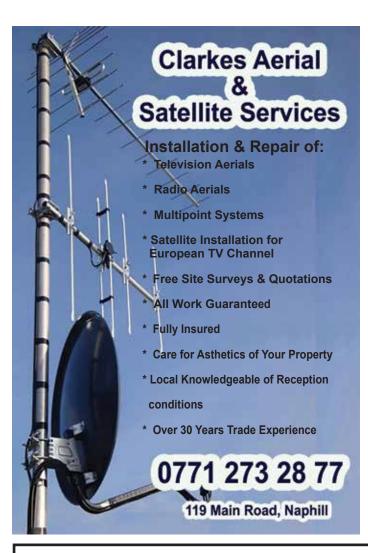
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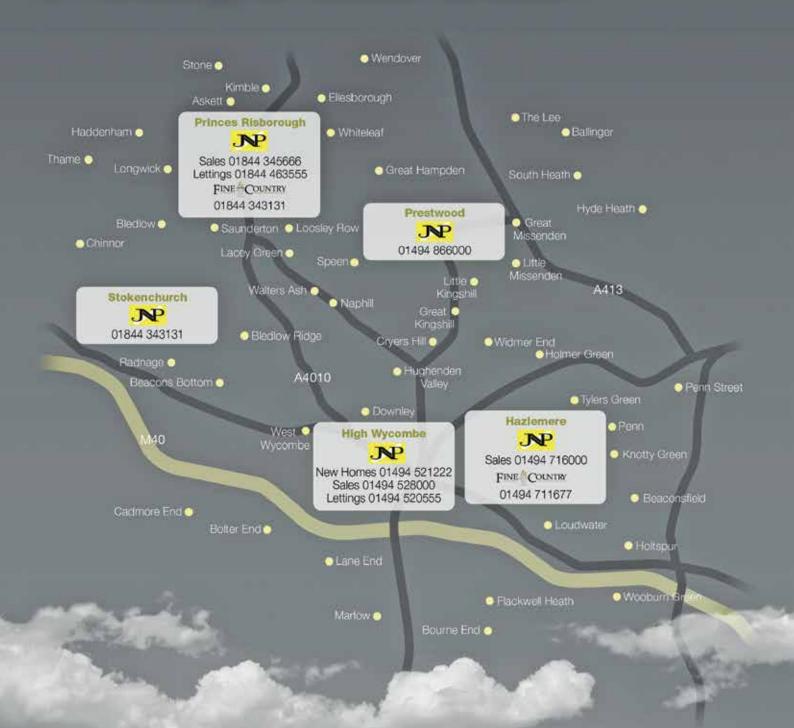
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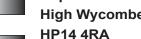


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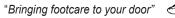
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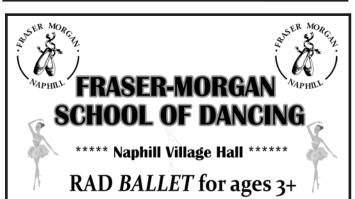






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Some enteries have been removed. It is impossible to list all the pilates, yoga, dance and other small business groups who operate in our area so it was felt that it was unfair to effectively advertise one without them all. Most of these groups do advertise in the Gazette and those that don't are welcome to do so.

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### **Editorial**

Surely it cannot be the April Gazette already! The Daffodils are in bloom, the birds are singing, Spring certainly springing and this is our Easter edition.

The smallest and noisiest member of the Goby clan has had a GREAT week, CRUFTS! If you are a Chihuahua this is, of course, a highlight in your year. Himself has worn his ear defenders having declared that the gleeful yapping is a higher decibel reading than his shotgun. Himself does get a short break when our wonderful dog walker, Lucille, arrives and takes the Chihuahua boys for their walk. Himself doubted that the little dears actually behaved on their walk so Lucille very kindly took him along too to prove the point, bless her, no extra charge for husband walking.

As a lady who finds it very difficult to survive without a canine companion I send my heartfelt condolences to Claire and the Wheel Family who are mourning the loss of their much loved labrador, Amber.

It is also a sadness and concern that after so many years the Naphill Horticultural Society is closing, I cannot say that I am a gardener, my physical disabilities do make this difficult, but I love the pots and greenhouse produce Himself lovingly tends on my behalf. The Gazette will certainly miss the articles, show reports and colourful photographs from them and I am sure many people will also miss their renowned social events too!

In February Group Captain Phil Lester handed over command of RAF High Wycombe to Group Captain Robb Woods. Group Captain Lester has become a familiar figure at our major village events and he has worked tirelessly during his time with us to promote good community relationships. I'm sure you all join me in thanking Group Captain Lester for his work as we wish him well in his new posting and welcome Group Captain Woods into our community.

Last month our treasurer, Mike Pool, published the Gazette accounts for last year and was delighted to announce that as there was a healthy balance, Gazette subscriptions would not need to be increased this year. A very polite reminder that our stalwart deliverers will now be collecting subscriptions please. As always, my thanks to them and to you, our subscribers, for your ongoing support.

Hopefully the sun will shine over the Easter weekend and you will all enjoy the holiday.

Sonia

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### **Hughenden Parish Council**



#### FACTOID#14

The Parish Council plans to spend almost 1/3rd of its 207,464 pound 2017/18 precept with contractors to maintain all our outside spaces, from tree trimming

& grass cutting to sign cleaning and bus shelter painting.

It is with sadness that we start this month's article with the news that Councillor Brian Swain who represented Great Kingshill ward passed away peacefully last month. Brian was one of the longest serving current Parish Councillors and without doubt one of the hardest working. He cared deeply about his community and was an active member on the Full Council as well as serving on a number of Sub Committees and Working Groups. Most recently he was closely involved with devolved services and the round of tenders. Brian was also active beyond the Parish as a member or chairman of a number of associated organisations such as the Local Area Forum and Wycombe District Association of Local Councils. Before retirement Brian had a long career with the Gas Board and was a supporter of Fulham FC having played for them. He is known by many longstanding local residents as a talented centre half playing for Holmer Green FC and as a more than able cricketer. He will be sorely missed by us all.

Spring has been showing definite signs of having sprung, with the daffodils and blossom out in our gardens and verges. You'll begin to see our contractors, new and old, out and about around the Parish, grass and verge cutting. It also won't be long until our Annual Parish Meeting, this year being held on Tuesday April 25th at North Dean Village Hall. This is your best opportunity to find out what your money is doing to keep the Parish going and to help us Councillors with what should be our priorities going forward, so do come along and participate.

We are noticing tension rising between residents, businesses and their customers around the junction of Main Road and Woodcock now that there are more new home owners moving in and seeing the inevitable increase in traffic around that particular junction. This area has long been a safety nightmare but sadly the County Council won't step in until there are actual incidents or worse. To give some context to the problem using the latest figures (Jan/Feb 2017) from our vehicle speed warning sign stationed in Main Road, Naphill, with traffic heading towards Walter's Ash we are seeing an average of almost 3000 movements (that's cars, vans, motorbikes and lorries) every day. With earlier data we know that we have similar numbers coming the other way so there are around 6,000 vehicles passing Woodcock daily. We really do need to tackle the issues around that particular area but blaming particular individuals is

not going to help address them. Our Road Safety group is already working on how the Parish Council can help with a similar approach to that which saw the parking problems successfully addressed outside the Naphill Post office further along Main Road.

We would also like to welcome Group Captain Woods to the Parish as he has recently taken over running RAF High Wycombe from Group Captain Lester. We look forward to working with him in the interests of RAF personnel and local residents along with the other local parishes straddled by the three sites.

Your Parish Councillors Martin Burch, Chris Waterton,

Peter Williams and vacant seat.

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

# Hughenden Parish Council Meeting Dates

**Full Council Meeting** 

11th April 8pm-10pm Great Kingshill Parish Office

Annual Public Meeting
25th April
Time TBA
North Dean Village Hall

### From Our Member of Parliament

Technological change is happening faster than ever before in human history. This brings huge opportunities and challenges for individuals and governments alike. Driverless vehicles are no longer science fiction. They're being tested in Milton Keynes and likely to be on our roads in years, not decades. The advantages are clear: more road capacity and the freedom of road travel for elderly and disabled people.

But there's another side. There are ethical questions - what do you programme a vehicle to do if a pedestrian or cyclist veers into its path? And economic and social challenges – if we don't need drivers, what is the future for people who earn their living from taxis or hire cars? What standards should the law impose on driverless vehicles, and who is liable if something goes wrong?

A Bill just introduced into Parliament will for the first time provide a legal and regulatory framework for driverless vehicles. A second Bill deals with the impact of technology on another area of life, our criminal justice system, enabling more court business to be done online without the need for personal appearances.

This is an approach already being pioneered locally, using existing legal powers. At Aylesbury Crown Court trials are still held with all parties present in court but most other business, like initial pleas or requests for adjournments is transacted digitally. It makes sense. An accused person who has to appear in court to enter a plea and confirm his name and address can do that via a webcam, from inside prison if he's in custody. There is no need for the cost of transport or escorting.

Good news, but there's still that other side. Accountants, lawyers, even journalists tell me that in a few years artificial intelligence will be able to do much work now done by the junior members of their professions. White-collar and professional work is facing an enormous transformation. Some experts estimate that 60% of the jobs that the next generation will do haven't yet been invented!

As for governments, technology can cut the cost of providing public services but may also erode the tax base. Online firms are much harder to tax than those that use bricks and mortar. And how do you levy VAT on an online sale where the transaction crosses international borders?

Technological change will require us to rethink not only many assumptions about employment but also those about how government itself operates.

David Lidington MP

### **County Councillor - David Carroll**

Dear Residents,

I recognise that protecting our environment is very important to us all and none more so than our areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Greenbelt.

At the moment, Wycombe District Council are endeavouring to develop a local plan to cope with present and future housing needs in our area and some of these proposed plans do involve Greenbelt land.

Recently the Government have announced that they are unhappy about the use of Greenbelt land for development but it is unclear how this might impact on the proposed council plans. In my capacity as a County Councillor, I will strongly oppose any plans to develop Greenbelt land and I will keep you informed of developments on this important matter.

The County are putting aside over £1.6m for pavements at the end of April so that's good news.

Thanking you all for your support.

Kind Regards

David Carroll

# Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Applications to 9th March 2017: 17/05542/FUL Burnhams, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. HP14 4RL. Householder application for construction of detached garage.

Decisions. Permitted. 17/05096/FUL. 7 Lacey Drive, Naphill. HP14 4RR HA for construction of single storey front extension, new window to front elevation to replace existing front door and new window to side elevation. 16/08497/FUL. N & WA Primary School, Kilnwood, Walters Ash. HP14 4UL. Erection of 2.4m high palisade fence to replace existing five bar gates (retrospective). 16/08419/FUL. 228 Main Road, Naphill. HP14 4RX. HA for construction of two storey rear extension, double garage with single storey link to dwelling and external alterations (alternative scheme to pp 16/06521/FUL). 16/08449/FUL. 23 Ash Close, Walters Ash. HP14 4TR. HA for erection of two storey side extension & new front porch. 16/08255/ FUL. Little Burnhams, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HP14 **4QX.** HA for construction of part single, part two storey rear extension, two storey side extension, new porch and associated alterations and 1 x dormer window. 16/08487/FUL. Stoneleigh, Coombe Lane, Naphill. **HP14 4QX**. HA for the erection of a single storey detached double garage and store.

Gloria Leflaive -563634

If you have any queries regarding the information or comments in the above article please contact Mrs Leflaive directly.

### **Bradenham Parish Council**

At its meeting on 7 March, Bradenham Parish Council discussed improvement ideas for the parish. It was agreed that the three bus shelters in the parish could do with improvements. We had looked at new bus shelters earlier in the year and were unpleasantly surprised by the cost of these. It was agreed that we should look at funding opportunities before embarking on such costly plans.

We have a new notice board in Walter's Ash. We have been able to purchase this wooden notice board with generous assistance from our District and County Councillor Carl Etholen. The existing post will be replaced in due course.

Residents have complained about cyclists coming around the corner of New Road/Bradenham Woods Lane at high speed and frightening pedestrians. The pavement here is not a combined cycle path, but solely a pavement, cyclists please dismount or cycle on the road.

Bringing art to the parish was discussed and Councillors are looking at musical opportunities.

The perilous state of various footpaths and tracks was discussed and it agreed to approach the National Trust to see if they can make some repairs.

The next meeting will be Monday 8th May at 7pm at Bradenham Cricket Club. That evening we will also hold our Annual Parish Council meeting.

Deirdre Hansen - Clerk to the Council, clerk@bradenham.org.uk

http://www.bucksvoice.net/bradenham-parish-council

# Bradenham Parish Council Annual Council Meeting 8th May - 7pm Cricket Club

### **Points of Interest**

Readers will have noticed the amount of tree and hedge growth over the past year along our roads. They might also have noticed that grass verges are not being cut or kept as tidy as they were in past years. All this is a result of the severe cuts in Government grants to local authorities over the past five years and income from local taxation being used to fund the ever-increasing demands of social services. Overgrown hedges have always been a bone of contention as to who is responsible for their maintenance, especially when they overhang pedestrian paths and encroach over roads. Examples of this can be seen along the Hughenden Road where excess tree and hedge growth is extending into the roadway and narrowing the width of the carriageway, which in turn is forcing cyclists out into a dangerous situation. Hedges are the responsibility of adjacent landowners and they should be maintaining them. The same is true for householders whose hedges overgrow the pedestrian footways. In these days of less money for local environmental needs it looks as if the public will have to accept more responsibility for hedge maintenance.

The County Council Elections will take place on Thursday 4th May, possibly the last one for the present electoral system of three tier local government, if it is decided to introduce Unitary Authorities in place of the present District and County Councils. We should know the Minister's decision by the early summer. Parish Councils will remain unchanged.

Richard Pushman

### Naphill & Walter's Ash NapFest 2017



### Music 9 June, Fete 10 June, Classics 11 June

### At the Seaside

I cannot believe that we only have two more gazette entries before the main event. It seems to have come around so quickly. We are almost totally organised with a just few things that need to be put in place or that we need help with

- As always we are in desperate need for cakes, tombola prizes, books and Grand Draw prizes so if you can help in any way please contact Linda. (lindaclark894@hotmail.com)
- 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's 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 of 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, (headlining we have 'The Deps') and you will also be able to get hot food from our Hog Roast and Pizza Stall and refreshments from the bar. This year we will also have kid's inflatables and a Helter Skelter to help with the 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** – well, we have got you loads and loads of entertainment this year including rides for all ages, and even more new stalls than last year. There will also be more events happening in the arena. Don't forget to come in fancy dress 'At the Seaside' and stall holders please dress your stall, we have more 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. All those organisations wishing to participate in the procession please contact Linda and provide a small narrative, so that 'Greg' our host for the day can read it out, as you proudly parade around the arena.

The Spitfire Fly Past has been confirmed so let's hope for good weather!!



Can't wait to see you all there. Linda and the Napfest Committee

### **Classics on the Crick**

Some of you may have noticed the lack of article last month, it certainly isn't because we aren't doing Classics this year, it's because I missed the deadline, sorry folks!

Preparations are coming along very well for this year's event, the new field layout will help a lot and we are hoping it will be bigger than ever. We have more catering with a more varied choice, we will be running our own bar with a good selections of beers, wines and soft drinks. We will also have lots of attractions for the children, both young and old as well as live music throughout the event

A highlight of this year will be an auction on behalf of the Air Ambulance. A classic Mk5 Cortina has been donated to them and we are going to auction it off on the day, all proceeds going to the Air Ambulance, so if you want a classic of your own, this could be a great way to start. Pictures and more details will be on the website soon, www. classicsonthecrick.co.uk. You will find all the entry details here as well.

We also need volunteers on the day please! If you can help please get in touch on email, classicsonthecrick@gmail.com Goody bags with a packed lunch will be provided.

More to follow next month.

Ian Bond



# <u>spaces available for</u> September 2017





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













If you would like further information or would like to come and visit the setting please contact Judy Pope our office administrator on 01494 562813 or e-mail office@nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk



### **Naphill Brownies**

As many of you will be aware the Village hall council have recently invested in a kitchen refurbishment for the Scout and Guide HQ. The old kitchen has been stripped out, with years' worth of accumulated oddments being sorted out to be saved, jumbled or skipped. New units have been purchased and fitted and it already looks fantastic. In the next few weeks it will be tiled and painted. The hall is a great facility, which is currently used by six Scouting & Guiding groups catering for around 150 youngsters in the village. We would really like to thank all those of you who join in the village fundraising events (Fete, Fireworks, Christmas Fayre, etc) which raise the funds to that allow this sort of investment.

Recent weeks have seen the brownies 'celebrating' Thinking Day – Guiding & Scouting's worldwide special day – by doing some international crafts and sampling some snacks from around the world - Some were definitely more popular than others

We have enrolled our 3 new brownies and we are delighted to say that they have all thrown themselves into brownie activities with a vengeance and have already got their first brownie badge

The Brownies and Guides jumble sale was a big success with lots of amazing helpers making it all possible. Thank you to everyone who donated jumble, helped out on the day or came and bought some bargains.

Last week we had a great visit to the RAF fire station to do our Fire Safety badge. We learned about the varied aspects of the firemen's role, found out what to do in the event of a fire at home and then tried our hand at using a fire extinguisher, looked around the fire engine and tested out the fire hoses – such fun! A big thank you to blue watch of the RAF High Wycombe fire service



Finally, we are looking for a volunteer with a little garden knowledge to have a go at reviving the border outside the Scout & Guide HQ. This is a small border which is sheltered by the eves, and as such is pretty dry and has very poor soil. If you think you might be willing to give it a go, please do get in touch.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly) 565571 email:ruth.daly3@btinternet.com

# Hughenden

Helping your neighbours stay safe and well









The Hughenden Street Association has launched and requires local residents to become the eyes and ears on their street.

The launch event in February attracted over 30 residents of the Hughenden Parish with more than half signing up to become members covering areas such as Widmer End, Great Kingshill, Naphill and Hughenden Valley.

Stan Jones, Chair of Hughenden Street Association, said 'The interest so far has been fantastic although we're a great distance from covering the wider Parish. Long-term, we intend to sign up every street and create a sustainable Street Association where residents feel they are part of a safer and stronger community.'

The initiative aims to create friendly and supportive streets where people belong, have friends and look out for one-another. It requires residents to sign up as members and pass on information to those who might be vulnerable, encouraging your neighbours to stay safe and well.

Residents who sign up will receive an information pack covering important issues affecting people in the area, as well as details to direct individuals to the right organisations for support.

For an information pack to help your street, please contact HughendenStreetAssociation@gmail.com or 07392 683500

This initiative has been led by Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group who has worked with Thames Valley Police, Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch and the Parish, District and County Councils to complement measures which are already in place.









# JOIN US TO MAKE HUGHENDEN PARISH A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Information Afternoon Naphill Village Hall 1-4pm Monday 3rd April

Come and talk to Thames Valley Police, Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch & Hughenden Parish Street Association

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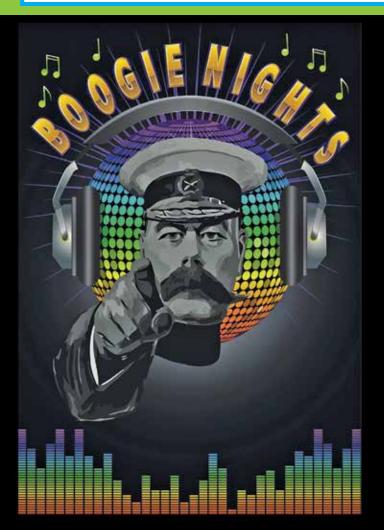
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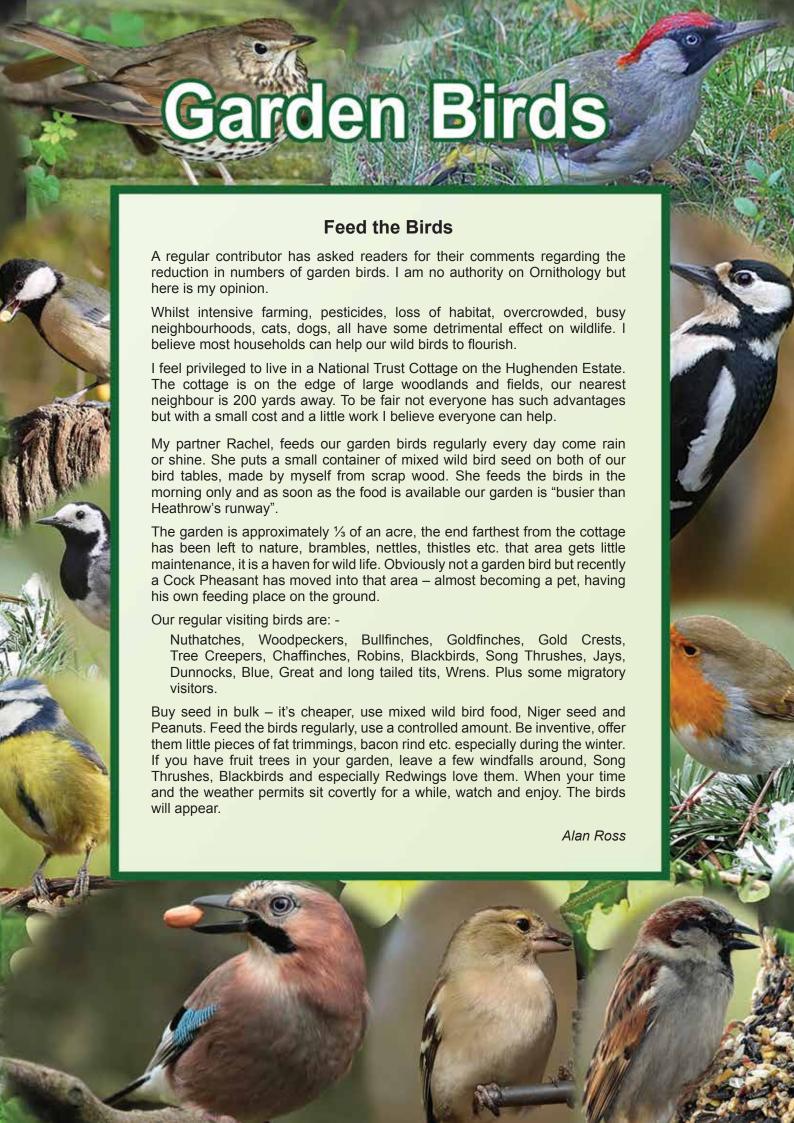
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On 01 March 2017 Group Captain Phil Lester stepped down from his command position at RAF High Wycombe and Group Captain Robb Woods took over command. The change of Command means that the station says goodbye to Group Captain Lester after 2 years in post.

The handover started on Monday and consisted of subject matter experts briefing the oncoming Officer Commanding on various processes and points unique to the station. Group Captain Lester has seen through a number of improvements during his time at RAF High Wycombe, from increasing community relations through cultural engagement to reviewing and improving security measures in order to increase protection for our personnel.

Group Captain Robb Woods taking over command RAF High Wycombe could see a number of changes with the new Group Captain coming from an engineering background, time will tell what will come of his tenure, however when asking Group Captain Woods on his thoughts on taking over command at RAF High Wycombe he said:

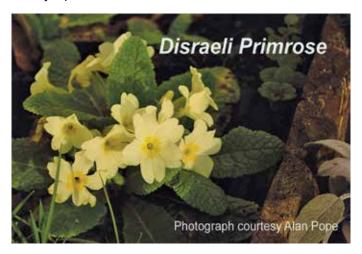
"It is an honour and a privilege to take post as the Station Commander at RAF High Wycombe, particularly as we approach the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Air Force next year. Group Captain Lester has done a fantastic job in bringing the Station to where it is today; he and his team have achieved a great deal during his tenure.

The Station has an abundance of talented people, Service, civilian and contractors and I want to ensure that their abilities and ideas continue to be harnessed across every aspect of what we do. RAF High Wycombe's mission to support operations both at home and away remains vital and I will endeavour to maintain the tempo and focus of that support throughout my tour of duty"

Although the changeover of any commander could be a turbulent time, the handover between the two Group Captains has been seamless with little or no disturbance to the base. We wish Group Captain Lester all the best in his new appointment and the future will see RAF High Wycombe continue to engage with the local population and build on existing ties.

#### The Disraeli Primrose

"The ambassador of spring" – Britain's beautiful primrose described by Victorian Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli in a letter to his monarch, Queen Victoria. The letter was reportedly written in thanks for one of the many bouquets of primroses sent to Disraeli from the Queen's Osborne House residence. It heralded the beginning of Disraeli's lifelong association with the bloom which led to the founding of a progressive political organisation and is now used to celebrate the anniversary of his death every April.



Disraeli served as Britain's first, and to date only, Jewish Prime Minister in 1868 and again for a four-year term ending in 1880. A colourful aristocrat who began his working life as a writer and poet, Disraeli purchased Hughenden Manor in 1848 as his country retreat and he lived there with his wife Mary Ann until his death in 1881.

Queen Victoria paid tribute to her former Prime Minister with a funeral wreath made with primrose flowers, including the words "his favourite" in her message of condolence. There is some debate whether she was referring to Disraeli himself or Prince Albert. Following his death, Disraeli fan Sir George Birdwood campaigned for supporters to wear primroses in their buttonholes to commemorate the politician.

Jumping on Sir Birdwood's cause, Sir Randolph Churchill, (father of Sir Winston Churchill) founded the Primrose League as a Conservative supporters' group in tribute to Disraeli.

The League grew steadily in numbers, not least because it was the first organisation to allow women to become equal members, as its leaders quickly realised the usefulness of female members when canvassing on doorsteps. Reaching almost two million members at its height, the League was more concerned with fun and entertainment than its politics. Its vast membership outnumbered that of the Conservative party and was open to all with only "atheists and enemies of the British Empire" excluded. Events included fetes, dances and evening entertainment, as well as living up to its motto of Imperium et libertas (empire and liberty) in supporting the Conservative cause. Inevitably numbers dwindled in the 21st Century and the League was wound up in 2004, after 123 years.

The anniversary of Disraeli's death is marked each year at the country house he loved on Primrose Sunday. Visitors can take in tours of the Manor and wander through the gardens designed by Disraeli's wife and which she spent hours lovingly tending.

The house is also host to many of Disraeli's personal effects including an exhibition exploring his links with the primrose flower.

The 136th anniversary of Disraeli's death will also be marked by primrose flower bouquets laid on his grave in Hughenden graveyard and at the foot of his bronze statue in Parliament Square.

Rebeka Sharrock

#### **Naphill Scouts**

This month the scouts have been creative, out and about working in teams and learning new skills. We had our annual pancake decorating competition. This provided an opportunity for the scouts to learn about different types of portable gas cookers (which we use when cooking indoors), and to work in their patrols to make the pancake mixture from scratch (no premix packets of pancake ingredients for the scouts). Once the pancakes were cooked, a few successfully tossed, they were then ready for their decorations. The scouts brought a whole variety of tiger themed edible materials to decorate their pancakes and after judging they were all scoffed down!

A week was spent learning about maps and navigation, with the scouts planning a route from the scout hut out through the woods down towards West Wycombe. The following week we made a night hike along the prepared route. Although the evenings are getting lighter, it was still pretty dark when we went for the hike. The scouts were fully equipped with maps, torches, compasses, water, food, boots and various other items of essential equipment, including mobile phones, just in case. The route took them from the hut, straight onto Naphill Common, down one of the footpaths, under the railway line, across the A4020, and up the hill finishing at the Mausoleum. We counted them out and we counted them back in. The patrols did not arrive in quite the order we sent them off in but they all found their way to the end point within the allotted time.

To finish the evening, we formally welcomed our four newest scouts by investing them into our troop.

Mark Powell



#### The Wheel



a very heavy heart and tears in my eyes. Sadly, our gorgeous Amber the Chocolate Labrador was put to sleep in March, to save her from the constant pain she was in with her arthritis. She touched so many lives, helped people get over

their fear of dogs, and taught all the new puppies in the village how to behave. I would like to thank everyone for all their kind comments on Facebook, and for all the cards and flowers, it has been truly amazing and much appreciated. You have made us all smile, laugh and cry simultaneously!! Daisy is a little out of sorts missing her big sister but is enjoying the extra cuddles, and treats. Amber will be deeply missed by us all.

Moving forwards, what is going on over the next few months? The clocks will have finally changed and hopefully we will all be experiencing the lighter and warmer evenings (fingers crossed)! The change of season also brings the start of the motorcycle racing season. Mark is itching to get back out on his bike and start racing the hill climbs again, his top newcomers award last year means he needs to push even harder this year. Not only can all you bike fans go and support Mark but it is also the start of the MOTO-GP season so that will be shown here as always.

Here's a few dates for your diary:

- 14-17 April Easter Bank Holiday, Monday open at 12pm, Food -12 to 3 and 6 to 9pm.
- 21 May Falconry Display (this date is weather dependant).

Over the years here we have had a great group of runners called The High Wycombe Hash House Harriers, they meet every Tuesday at a pub within a 10-mile radius of High Wycombe, go for a run and then back to the pub for a pint or two! For those who walk in the woods, those little piles of flour are their route markers for the 3-4 miles or 5-6 mile runs (which Daisy eats on her walks)!! Anyway, over 2016 they visited over 45 pubs and they vote for their pub of the year.....Yes! We WON this year and we are the Hash Runners pub of the year 2016. Well done guys.

Thank you to all the staff for covering each other and Mark and I during all the holidays that have been taken recently. I would also like to officially welcome Adam Creech to the Wheel family.

Once again thank you to all our customers for their ongoing support and making this pub amazing.

Claire and Mark

#### The Black Lion



Spring is here and we are delighted to be sharing our latest exciting news with you all! The Black Lion is now under NEW OWNERSHIP! Luke Weston and I have joined forces. Luke has worked in this industry for many years and he currently also owns the Dew Drop Inn in Hurley; if you are ever in the area, he warmly invites you to visit this beautiful pub. As joint owners, Luke and I are dedicated to investing funds and time in the Black Lion and we have lots of exciting things planned for you all to enjoy.

We recently welcomed a new Head Chef, Jordan Marsh, to our great new team. Jordan has completely redesigned our menu and as demonstrated by his delicious Mother's Day menu, which was enjoyed by a full house, he creates amazing menus for special occasions. If you are celebrating something special, if you need a wedding or party menu designed, look no further. Please check out our menu on our Facebook page, visit our website and phone us to book on 01494 563176.

Next our beautiful Black Lion garden is in for a new playground area. The old bouncy castle area is due to be completely revamped in time for the Easter Bank holiday weekend so the children will have a safe area to play in whilst you relax in our extensive gardens. I have ordered wall to wall sunshine but should this not arrive our freshly painted restaurant and bar area will be as welcoming as always.

We are holding our annual Beer & Gin Festival on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th April. There will, of course, be a wide range of beer, gin and cider for you to try along with an extended food menu which will be served all day. No festival would be complete without live music, so live music both evenings! An event not to be missed so please do come and join us.

Thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Jack, Sian, Luke and the team.



#### Letter from Bradenham Vicarage

Have you ever wondered why the dates of Easter vary so much? It is, after all, perhaps the most important of the Christian holidays as it celebrates Christ's resurrection from the dead following his death on Good Friday. This is commemorated around the vernal equinox, which is why the date of Easter changes every year. The celebration must take place on the first Sunday after the full moon on or nearest the 21st March, giving it a date range between 22nd March and 25th April. If this all sounds suspiciously pagan, historically there was a time of pagan celebration around the spring equinox that coincided with the arrival of spring, symbolizing the arrival of light and the awakening of life around us.

Easter is actually named for a Saxon goddess who was known by the names of Oestre or Eastre. She is a goddess of the dawn, fertility and the spring. Our word for the female hormone - oestrogen -derives from her name.

Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny both featured in the spring festivals of Ostara. The Easter Egg is a symbol of new life; Christians now see them as a symbol of Christ's new life after his Resurrection. Dyed eggs are given as gifts in many cultures. Decorated eggs bring with them a wish for the prosperity of the abundance during the coming year.

One story about the Easter bunny has Ostara feeling guilty about arriving late one spring. The goddess saved the life of a bird whose wings had been frozen by the snow. She made him her pet and filled with compassion for him since he could no longer fly, Ostara turned him into a snow hare. In remembrance of his earlier form as a bird, she gave him the ability to lay eggs (in all the colours of the rainbow), but only on one day out of each year. Eventually the hare managed to anger Ostara, and she cast him into the skies where he would remain as the constellation Lepus (The Hare). He was allowed to return to earth once each year, but only to give away his eggs to the children attending the Ostara festivals that were held each spring. The Easter bunny.

There isn't really much mention of the Easter bunny in Christianity, but there is a Christian legend about a young rabbit. For three days the young rabbit waited anxiously for his friend, Jesus, to return to the Garden of Gethsemane, not knowing what had become of him. Early on Easter morning, Jesus returned to His favourite

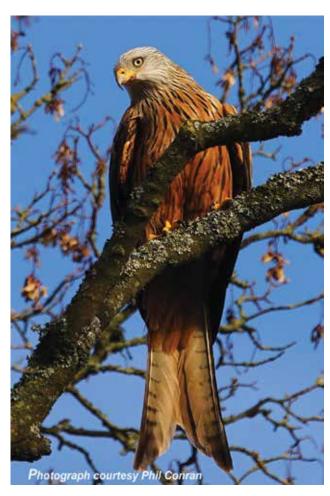
garden and was joyfully welcomed by the little rabbit. That evening when the disciples came into the garden to pray, still unaware of the Resurrection, they found a clump of beautiful larkspurs, each blossom bearing the image of a rabbit in its centre as a remembrance of the little creature's hope and faith.

The Christian faith often reminds us that all of creation given was to us by God and that it is our duty to look after it. Maybe we have lost some of this concept, thinking of it as pagan or primitive, but now more that ever we need to carefully guard our planet and its finite resources. Everywhere look, we can see the hand of God



in his wonderful creation – even in the larkspurs holding the image of the little bunny. For us in the Northern Hemisphere, as Christ rises from the grave, the earth awakens with new life after its winter sleep – a fantastic visual aid and metaphor for the renewing power of God in the life of Christ and in our own lives too.

Rev. Jenny Ellis





Church Service Times Saint Botolph's Church				
2 April	Eucharist	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis	
9 April	Eucharist	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis	Palm Sunday
16 April	Eucharist	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis	Easter Sunday
23 April	Matins	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis	
30 April	Benefice Service	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis	

#### A Message from Hughenden Vicarage

Lent is a perfect time to take time aside for personal reflection and indeed, I am writing these words whilst on retreat in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside, looking out of my bedroom window at daffodils blooming in the garden, birds in full song getting ready for Spring and idyllic rolling countryside as far as the eye can see.

Have you ever thought about writing a day of rest and prayer into your diary? Why not go for a ramble in the countryside, or invite friends around to pray together, if you find that more helpful, especially if getting out is not so easy for you.

Whether or not you attend a Church regularly, no doubt you will be familiar with the Gospel accounts of Holy Week, but have you ever thought how it must have been for those who weren't necessarily part of Jesus' inner circle of disciples and yet became eyewitnesses of all that came to pass?

Imagine you are a Jewish resident of Jerusalem, and you find yourself present on Palm Sunday, as the prophet they call Jesus of Nazareth enters Jerusalem on a donkey. You are familiar with the prophecies with which you have been brought up, and you join with the crowd in welcoming him and waving palm leaves. You are curious about this rabbi – some are saying that he is the Messiah – could this be true?

Having shared in the Passover meal with your family a few nights later, you hear the following morning that Jesus has been arrested. You weren't present when Pilate washed his hands of all responsibility, but you hear that many in the crowd turned against him, egged on by the Temple leaders, as Jesus is sentenced to death.

The next day or two is all a bit of a blur, you catch a glimpse of Jesus carrying his cross to the place of shame and crucifixion and yet you stay away, for fear of reprisal from the Roman soldiers. Many of Jesus' disciples have gone into hiding, and look broken men and women.

But then everything changes overnight – the news of Jesus' resurrection spreads like wildfire around Jerusalem and the surrounding area. At first you are sceptical – but when you hear it from those who have seen Jesus for themselves, your doubts dissolve.

That anonymous bystander joins the Christian Church on its birthday, the Day of Pentecost, and your life is never the same again. Your name isn't recorded in any holy books for posterity, but you live out your new life with gratitude and enthusiasm, telling all who were listen that you were around at the time of Jesus Christ – he really did walk the earth and live and breathe, and spoke words with such power and sincerity, and through faith in him you too can share in the inheritance that comes from his death and resurrection.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed – Hallelujah!

Rev. Keith Johnson

#### A Message from Padre Mike Hill

The beginning of April marks a time for pranks and foolishness. It is a long standing tradition across the world of setting aside a day for the playing of harmless pranks upon one's friends, family, colleagues, or neighbours – and for us in the UK that day is the first of April – April Fools' Day. The first half of that day, for most, is viewed with caution or even suspicion as they wait to be potentially caught out by the ridiculous or the bizarre. Indeed, many a news headline or a seemingly plausible story has been taken as truth, when in fact, it is a joke.

For the Royal Air Force, 1st April is anything but a joke, for on that day in 1918 the RAF was formed following an Order in Council made by His Majesty King George V on 22 March 1918, resulting in the union of the Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Flying Corps. A telegram was sent by King George V to the President of the Air Council wishing the RAF a vigorous and successful life, and that it would "preserve and foster that esprit de corps which the two [predecessor] separate forces had created by their splendid deeds". We continue to live in and celebrate the legacy of that decision.

April this year is also host to Easter, which marks the events of Holy Week – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day, and this gives us our link to April Fools. For Saint Paul in the Bible in his first letter to the Church at Corinth, describes the message of the cross as foolishness to those who do not see what God is doing in Jesus, but to those that do, the cross is the power of God. It might seem crazy that God would even consider doing such a thing as allowing Jesus to suffer such a barbaric death to prove the nature of His love, but as Paul reminds his readers, "For the foolishness of God is wiser than people's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than people's strength". In the message of Easter, human wisdom has been made foolish but in the foolishness of the world, God has brought strength, wisdom and His power. Now that "foolishness" is something to celebrate!

Blessings and peace to you and your loved ones this Easter time.

Padre Mike Hall

Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council Annual General Meeting Monday 3 April 8pm
Naphill Village Hall

# Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

Many thanks to all who have already sent in suggestions for the development of the hall and field. We will prioritise these, and make recommendations after the fete on June 10th. By then, ideas will have had several months to come forward, and we will have a better understanding of the funds that will be available for future development. Suggestions so far include more trees and seats on the Crick, refurbishment of the main kitchen, a permanent ramp to Bon Ami, more facilities for young people, etc.

The Council has spent considerable sums this year on both maintenance and new facilities. The electrics have been surveyed and improvements made, lights now illuminate the car park, there is a much used ball wall facility near the playground, and an asbestos survey has provided reassurance. The Scout and Guide Headquarters has a new kitchen, and redecoration and refurbishment of their toilets is taking place. Further details of our achievements this year will be explained at the AGM on April 3rd. Do join us if you can!

The Fete committee's plans for June 10th are well in hand, and, once again, we shall have three days of entertainment. The weekend is dependent on good

weather for much of its success but we shall have a good time, come what may.

The Editor gave us a grand 'spread' to raise awareness of the AGM. The splendid painting by Philip Hussey of the Village Hall made the whole article stand out. We are very grateful to Philip for using his talent, and for taking so much trouble over the illustration of the Hall.

The efforts of volunteers are often evident in our village life, not least in the very well kept garden surrounding the War Memorial. We are hopeful that a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport will result in Naphill's memorial being given due recognition by being listed as of particular interest.

Peggy Ewart
Chairman

#### Naphill Evening WI

"Buckinghamshire Spies and Subversives" was our talk in February, by Denise Beddows. This was an Open Meeting and we were pleased to welcome two or three visitors who came to hear tales of local spies and traitors during World Wars 1 and 2.

By the time you read this our March talk will have come and gone. Members were invited to bring their favourite hat for the competition as the title was The Age Old Craft of Millinery. We will also know how our two teams (three members in each) fared at the Buckinghamshire Federation Quiz on 23 March.

In April we will be hearing from Eileen Gershon of Coleshill WI who will tell us about her life at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Gyles Brandreth is one of the guest speakers at the Buckinghamshire WI Annual Council Meeting on 4 May at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury. This is always a most enjoyable day and a chance to meet friends from other WIs in the County.

Other events to look forward to are a theatre trip and a visit to Craig Lea House in Chalfont St Peter, with its beautiful one-acre gardens. There are also plans for a day out to Abingdon in August.

The Food Group have been out for lunch at the Golden Cross, Saunderton and are looking forward to an evening meal at The Peacock, Henton on 28 April. The Craft Group, if I am honest, did more chatting than sewing at our last meeting, but we made some lovely little clowns.

Carol Gilliam

#### **Naphill Neighbours**

At our March club meeting the Village Hall wasn't exactly bursting at the seams but we had a very good audience to hear Chris Ward give us his most interesting illustrated talk on "101 Things You Never Knew About Garden Birds".

By the time you read this we will be about to go on our first outing of the year to Stratford-upon-Avon and Charlecote Park. Plans will have been finalised for our next outing on Tuesday 13 June – A THAMES RIVER BOAT TRIP from Maidenhead to Windsor. We will leave the Village Hall at 9am and go by coach to Maidenhead where we will board the boat and sail to Windsor for a 3¼ hour stopover. We then sail back to Maidenhead to pick up our coach for the return journey to Naphill. Full details will be published in the next Gazette. If you would like to join us (you don't have to be a member of Naphill Neighbours) please phone Hazel on 563977.

Our next club meeting will be Monday 10 April when Geoffrey Gudgeon will entertain us – his subject "WRITING AND OTHER LUNACIES". Sounds intriguing!

Hazel Vickery, 563977

#### **Friends Of Naphill Common**

The Friends of Naphill Common is only nine years old so we send congratulations to the Naphill and Walters Ash Gazette for serving the village for eighty years. Unfortunately we must send our commiserations to the Naphill Horticultural Society which is struggling to survive – it will be a great pity if such a fine organisation disappears after being a major feature of our village for over seventy years. It's meetings and shows have been a splendid contribution to village life.

We had a very good turnout for our AGM on a damp evening. The committee, to whom many thanks are always due, were unanimously re-elected, though we are keen to recruit some new (and younger!) blood – if any readers are interested, please contact me via the email address on the website (link below). The main attraction and undoubted highlight was an illustrated talk by Bernie Knill, a National Trust volunteer, on "Hughenden Manor – from Disraeli to WW2".

Spring is here and our Common will soon be in full leaf, and our summer visitors will, we hope, be returning. Wood Warblers appear to have deserted us in recent years. Listen out for Chiffchaffs calling out their name and the more subtle song of the Willow Warbler: a soft trill of notes ending with a downward inflection (in contrast to the upward inflection now so popular with young humans.) Both Chiffchaffs and Willow Warblers have arrived in lesser numbers in recent years but this is probably due to conditions

in their winter habitats rather than here. Chiffchaffs nest low down in undergrowth and Willow Warblers nest on the ground so both are vulnerable to dogs – which may explain why they are more common in our nearby woodland than on the Common.

Amongst our permanent species we have numerous Nuthatches on the Common but, despite the number of veteran trees, we appear to have few Treecreepers – although that may be because they are so difficult to spot. Watch for them scuttling up trees and along branches, rather like mice. We have plenty of Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers but, with a lot of luck, you might see the sparrow-sized Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. It is possible that we might find other notable birds: occasionally a walk in the quieter areas might put up a Woodcock; Sparrowhawks may flash though the trees and, once the beech mast has developed a Hawfinch may honour us with a visit.

Our Common is less rich in plant species, although there is a goodish range of trees. You may spot the four old Junipers and the six new cuttings FONC has planted. The recent felling has produced some wider glades and various grasses, sedges and ferns are establishing themselves. Our ponds are still in a rather sad state but already fog spawn has appeared and the newts (mainly smooth but perhaps great crested) will be breeding; plenty of damsel flies and dragonflies should be around and, with enormous luck, the very rare starfruit may appear in Daisy Pond.

Our walks offer an opportunity to look out for flowers, birds and other animals. 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. Members and non-members are equally welcome.

We have to be very careful that our working parties do not disturb the burgeoning wildlife but there are many useful tasks to be done. If you would like to help care for the Common you would be welcome to join in our working parties. Check the web site (www.naphillcommon.org.uk) or with the organiser, Peter Davis for details.

Chris Miller. Chairman

### **Naphill Tennis Club**

The 2017 tennis season is well under way. At Naphill, we play all the year round and our new 'Tiger Turf' courts mean we can play in all weathers. We have already enjoyed some lovely sunny days this Spring.

We have some very good value-for-money deals for anyone thinking of taking up tennis. For adults joining the club for the first time, the membership fee for the year is a mere £70, for students/juniors £45 and for minis (under 7s) just £30. Incredibly, this

includes Friday evening/Saturday morning summer term coaching for juniors and minis. In addition, there is a 20% reduction for each child where there is already another family member enrolled.

In addition, Improvers' Coaching starts on Wednesday 26 April (a six week course of one hour per week) or private lessons can be booked. Tennis camps for youngsters are also planned for Easter/ Summer school holidays.

Anyone who is in interested in joining Naphill Club is very welcome to come along to one of our club sessions to 'try us out'. For further information, please give our membership secretary, Sarah, a call on 01494 563706 or email sarah.dengel1@gmail.com.

Web-site: naphilltennisclub.org.uk

Jenny Tench

#### Naphill & Walter's Ash School

This term all the year groups are starting a new topic. Year 6 have the most important topic of the school though: their topic is mini-enterprise. In this topic they will learn about profit and loss. They will have two opportunities to prove they can be able businessmen/women. In both of these they will have to make their products by hand. Last year's year 6 proved they were perfectly capable of fulfilling the set tasks and the current year 6 will have to work hard to thrive as well as the previous year did.

Also, year 6 are biting their nails in anticipation as there is a residential trip coming up for them: Rhos Y

Gwalia. They are packing their bags, washing their clothes and ironing their shirts all for what? A four hour coach drive! They will (hopefully) have a great experience after that as Rhos has a wide range of activities for everyone to enjoy. There is also the danger that if they are too badly behaved they can be forbidden to sleep with their friends and may even leave Rhos. Despite this, they are bound to have a good time at Rhos.

On Tuesday 14 March, our school held a Language day. It was created in the spirit of defending the rights of people who want to speak in their own language. Language day helped pupils at our school get together as a big family and it also helped them learn to respect each other no matter what culture they're from, what religion they have and what race. Language day was for everybody to express themselves just the way they are. It was also an opportunity to have a feast as our parents (and some children) brought in foods from around the world for us to try. Lots of parents and a few visitors from PRUS also came in to teach us about their language. It was an amazing day.

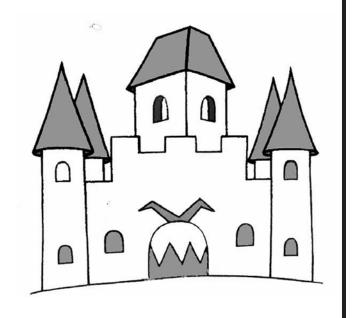
A couple of years ago our head teacher decided to give us something new to play with so she arranged for us to get a wooden fort in our school field. Some older children from another school came in and started building it. Unfortunately, they never got it finished and never came back. Please see our SOS below.

Zahra Greaves-Mannan, Thomas Reed and Freddie Jennings.

# SCHOOL DIY SOS.

We at Naphill & Walter's Ash School would like anyone who can DIY to contact our school and come in to finish our fort for us.

If you could please help it will bring such joy to our school and we shall finally get our fort.



#### **Wycombe Photographic Society**

March and going into April sees the end of our internal competitions for the competition year which winds up at the end of May.... but.... there are still activities and events happening throughout the coming months – workshop evenings, outdoor photoshoot days, so plenty still happening.

April is the month of our biggest event in the year – our Annual Exhibition which over the past couple of years has been held in the Eden Centre in High Wycombe.

The Annual Exhibition is where all members have the chance to show to the world, yes, we do have overseas visitors to the exhibition, their photographs consisting of prints and projected images. The exhibition runs from the 29 April through to 6 May and is open from morning through to late afternoon, so if you are in town during these dates please drop into the Eden Centre and have a look at our talented members' photographs. Gentlemen, looking at great photographs is far better than standing watching clothes being bought – trust me! There is no cost to come and have a look. A number of the prints will be for sale by the members as well as a large collection of gift cards.

April's workshop will be all about critiquing images in a very gentle constructive way. The workshop will look at what is great in an image and what perhaps could be improved, in other words how to avoid the protruding "selfie stick" belonging to someone else or maybe the "happy photo bomber" who you did not see when you took the shot.

Two of our members have had busy March weekends as they ran a Photography course on behalf of Wycombe Museum. The course was three weeks of getting to understand how to move away from the fully automatic function of your expensive DSLR and get to grips with the various "mysterious" functions of the camera. The last weekend of the course was a practical session putting into practice what was learnt the preceding three weekends.

Currently there is another course in the planning stages for September/October this year. For more information about the September/October course check on the Wycombe Museum web site or contact the Museum directly closer to the time.

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

Come along to one of our meetings where you will be made very welcome and as I always say in these articles..... every member started off as a "club newbie" at one point in time so do not think that your photographic skills may not be that good.

We all learn something each meeting which helps our photography.

This month's tip...... take a large black plastic bag with you when you go out photographing. The Bluebells will be in full bloom and the best way to photograph them is to get down and personal with them and the ground will be damp where you want to kneel to get the shot of the best bluebell you have ever seen.

David Greenwood

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#### **Bon Ami**

Hello again,

With Easter approaching we are now offering our tasty honey spiced butter with hot cross buns. Alternatively, a piece of rich, moist simnel cake may take your fancy. Both are perfect for an afternoon tea treat.

"Something Chocolately" is hosting an Easter chocolate party at Bon Ami on Thursday 6th April from 7-9.30pm. It will be a great opportunity for you to make your own gifts for family and friends. Do book a place with either Amanda or Ruth – it will be a fun evening

We are now collecting used stamps to support our local charity, Hearing Dogs. Please pop them into our box if you have any available or start saving them now.

Over the Easter period we will be closed from Friday 14th until Tuesday 18th April.

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Happy Easter from us both,

Amanda & Ruth.

### **Growing Your Own**

For 27 years, from 1973 to 2000, I dug my allotment every winter, digging all the soil apart from where I was growing fruit and perennial vegetables. I revelled in the exercise and the sense of accomplishment when I had finished. The winter frosts then broke down the roughly-dug clods of earth to make it easily rakeable for seed sowing in the spring. The frosts also killed off slug eggs and other nasties in the soil. That's the way to do it! Neat, plausible and WRONG! Oh! the damage I was doing to the soil structure. Oh! the massive killing of soil micro-organisms. What carnage! I humbly apologise to my allotment soil.

I saw the light in the year 2000 when I attended a lecture in Hughenden Village Hall given by Dr Ramsay Shewell Cooper. He is the son of the famous Dr W E Shewell Cooper who founded the Good Gardeners' Association. The latter also happened to be the author of my favourite gardening encyclopedia –

"The Complete Gardener". The talk was on nodig gardening. I was immediately converted and have not dug my allotment since. There is no need to dig. No-dig gardening sounds like paradise for the gardener. It is. One simply spreads compost or manure on the surface of the soil then grows crops in it.

In nature, nobody digs the soil over every year. Leaves fall, grasses and weeds die and decay, worms drag the resulting litter down into the soil and the following year's plants grow in this continuously-composting mixture. The worms do the digging and aerate the soil so that bacteria, etc, in the soil can receive the oxygen they need. So, the no-dig method simply follows nature.

In order that plants can extract nutrients from the soil they need to have their tiny hair-like roots covered in a sticky sheath of bacteria and mycorrhizal fungi. These micro-organisms have a symbiotic relationship with the plants, taking surplus carbohydrates from the plants and giving in return nutrients in a form which can be absorbed by the plants. The bacteria and mycorrhizal fungi are simply essential.

Bacteria and mycorrhizal fungi are destroyed by two things - digging and the application of herbicides, fungicides and pesticides, which is what our farmers do. Talk about shooting oneself in the foot! It is all very well applying artificial fertilisers nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus to the soil, but if the bacteria and mycorrhizal fungi have been successfully killed off there is no way that the plants can take up these fertilisers. It is as simple as that. I have not dug since the year 2000 and I have been completely organic since 1973 (apart from the restricted use of slug pellets) on land which had not had man-made chemicals applied for at least 10 years prior to that and my crops are at least as good as before - and taste good with all the vital trace elements and vitamins!

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

### Naphill Cheerleader takes on the World



Ellie Downs, aged 25, from Chapel Lane, Naphill is set to take to the stage of the Cheerleading World Championship in America to represent England.

In September 2016 Ellie was selected to compete as part of a new Team England Squad, ParaCheer. The ParaCheer division involves physically disabled and nondisabled athletes competing together in

integrated teams, demonstrating on the world stage that disability is not a barrier to performing at the highest level in this fast paced, acrobatic sport. Cheerleading has now also been recognised by the IOC with Olympic membership status.

This is the first time in history that ParaCheer are set to compete against other countries in Allstar Cheer and Freestyle Pom.

Ellie, who currently works as a Dance and Cheer coach will be representing Team England ParaCheer in the Freestyle Pom division. Freestyle Pom originates from side-line Cheerleading and drill teams. Pom Dance can be performed with any type of dance style such as Jazz, Funk, Pop, Lyrical, Hiphop and Street. Important characteristics of a pom routine include synchronization and visual effect, clean and precise motions, strong pom technique. Visual effect includes level changes, group work, formation changes, the use of different colour poms, etc.

Ellie currently coaches competitive Cheerleading at The Cheerleading Academy that trains weekly at the Wycombe leisure centre. If you would like to work with her and try Cheerleading, please visit www. thecheerleadingacademy.co.uk to contact us.

Ellie flies out to Orlando in April, and we would like to wish her all the very best of luck in the world.

#### **Last Word**

To justify or not to justify, that is the question? As you will no doubt know, when it comes to spending I have absolutely no problem justifying my latest extravagance but on this sort of justification I am less convinced. I decided to consult my gallant Gussetteers who were equally divided in their opinions so I decided to give it a go and to ask what you think of the resulting April edition of our magazine.

There must be something about Spring that we ask one another meaningful questions. My super talented assistant editor, Richard Holroyd, sent me three versions of this month's cover along with a questionnaire as to why I liked one more than the other. All I can say is that they were all beautiful, the choice was difficult and that I am, as always, delighted with the final version and my thanks to Richard.

My thanks to our contributors for all the articles and photographs. It has been a very busy month for a variety of reasons which I hope I will be able to share with you soon. In the meantime, I wish you all a happy, sunny Easter holiday and I look forward to receiving all the copy for the May edition of the Gazette on or before 15 April please.

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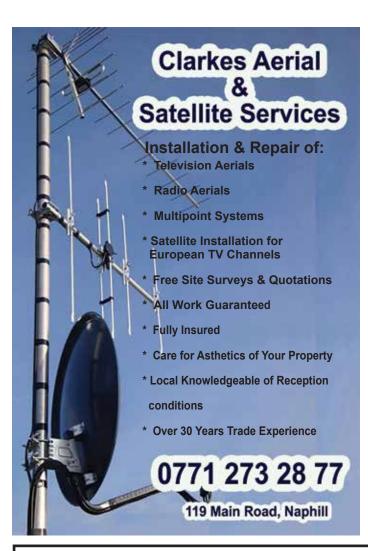
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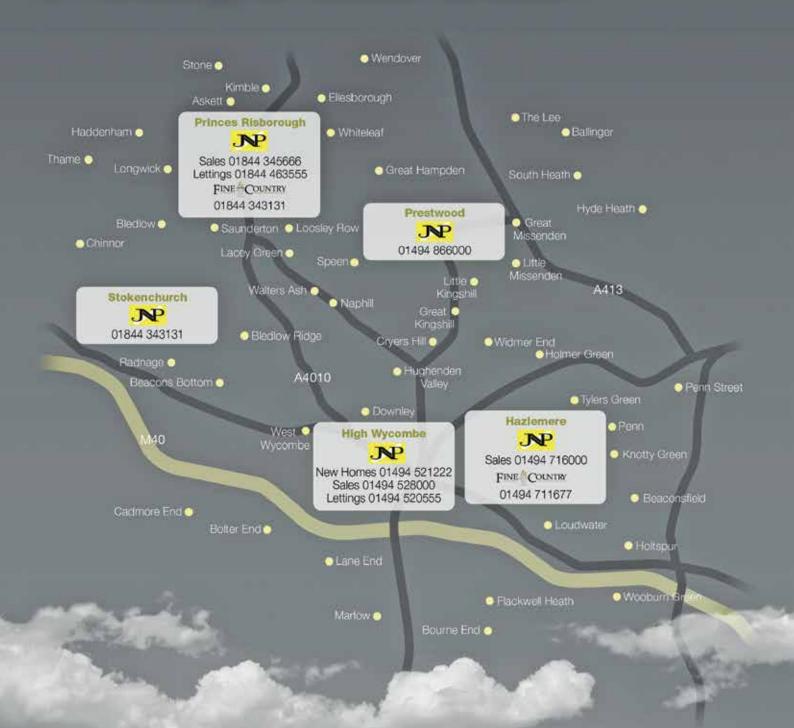
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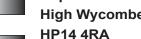


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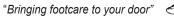
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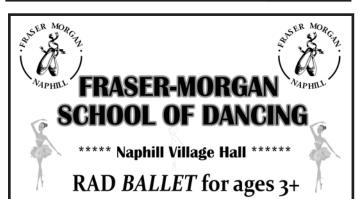
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Some enteries have been removed. It is impossible to list all the pilates, yoga, dance and other small business groups who operate in our area so it was felt that it was unfair to effectively advertise one without them all. Most of these groups do advertise in the Gazette and those that don't are welcome to do so.

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#### **Editorial**

I love the sunshine! For me exercise becomes easier, positive thoughts and home improvement ideas abound, I'm not too sure that Himself appreciates the latter but the Spring sunshine is WONDERFUL in "Sunny Naphill"!

As I have often commented, one of the great joys of being the editor of this publication is that I get to talk and communicate with so many people and this month has been especially interesting and sometimes inspiring.

I received an email from New Zealand from a family who are tracing their family tree. They had some information that their great, great grandfather had emigrated from Green Farm in Naphill and asked if I could help them trace this family link. The family name they gave was definitely familiar. I have contacted this family, whose ancestry must be one of the oldest in our area, and I look forward to hearing if they are able to help in this search

Just over a week ago I received a telephone call from an elderly gentleman who was struggling to change the ribbon on his typewriter and needed a little bit of help. I don't have the dexterity or skills for this job, so I posted a plea on the village Facebook page. Within fifteen minutes there were three offers of help and between them they arranged for one lovely lady to visit and sort the problem. Just what a great caring community we live in and what a super source of instant communication and help our Facebook page is!

On the subject of our caring community we also have the newly formed HUGHENDEN STREET WATCH ASSN. which I am reliably informed is going from strength to strength but which does need more of us to sign up to and support.

Quite by chance I have recently been asked to help disseminate information for Neighbourhood Watch and this has made me aware of the host of scams which are aimed at the elderly and more vulnerable members of our community. I have an article from the local director of operations for this scheme which I will be sharing with you in this edition.

Also on the bright side, my thanks to all the lovely people who helped me when I went out for a few sunshine strolls on my trolley. Walking is not easy for me so the cheerful chat, the friendly smiles and waves really helped me to keep going. I had never before seen the daffodils on the common and it is a very long time since I have had the opportunity to admire my neighbours' glorious gardens, so thank you all!

Sonia

Editor of the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette gazetteeditor@btinternet.com 01494 569428

# Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

It is very pleasing to be able to report that the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has decided to add the Naphill War Memorial to the list of buildings of special Architectural or Historic interest. The memorial is listed as Grade 2. The list entry for this 'building', together with a map, has been published on the National Heritage List for England. This addition to the list is very recent and further details will be provided in due course. We are fortunate that Pam Smith, our local historian, has copies of newspaper cuttings about the unveiling of the memorial by Coningsby Disraeli. More about this later.

It is sad that the Horticultural Society is no more but the village hall is fortunate to have been one of the beneficiaries from the Society's remaining funds. £2000 has been donated to assist with the cost of the refurbishment of the kitchen; this is one of the items on the wish list for hall improvements. The list is growing and will be put in priority order after the Fete.

The AGM took place on April 3rd. There were a few more residents present than sometimes and all were very welcome. There have been some small changes to the list of Trustees but no new arrivals. Whilst being appreciative of the commitment of Trustees, it is a pity that, in common with other village organisations, newcomers are not coming forward. Every organisation needs 'new blood'. The minutes of the AGM will be published on the Village Hall website shortly.

Our application to the Co-op Local Community Fund has been successful and we will become beneficiaries for 6 months, starting on the 9th April. Members will be able to choose between two charities. The system is that 1% of everything Co-op members spend on Co-op branded products goes to the local cause of their choice. Let us hope we are their cause of choice.

The recent warm sunshine makes one think of June. It does not seem possible that the Fete is almost upon us. Plans are well in hand for Napfest as the Fete committee, led this year by Linda Clarke, has been working very hard indeed. Many thanks to them. The dates are 9/10/11 June. Come and join the fun!

Peggy Ewart
Chairman of the Village Hall Council



## Are YOU a Responsible Dog Owner?

I know from previous articles in this publication and from the village Facebook page, that dog poo is an emotive subject! Indeed, just last month there was an article on this very subject. This morning there was this very sad notice on our village Facebook page which has been shared from another nearby community Facebook page and which I consider should be shared with you all.

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Sonia

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# Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association.

Planning Applications to 11th April 2017: 17/05844/FUL. 80 Woodcock Avenue, Walters Ash. HP14 4TN Validated. 28 Mar 2017. Householder application for construction of two storey side extension & single storey rear extension. 17/05766/FUL 17 Allen Drive Naphill HP14 4SS. Validated: Wed 22 March. HA for construction of single storey front and side infill extensions 17/05875/FUL. 54 Main Road, Naphill. HP14 4QB. Validated: Mon 20 March. HA for construction of roof extensions and alterations in connection with loft conversion including front dormer window. 17/05586/FUL. Heatherlands,

Naphill Common, Naphill. HP14 4RF Validated 13 March. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 x 4 bed detached dwellings with double detached garages and creation of new access. (Strong objection). 17/05532/FUL. 86 Woodcock Avenue, Walters Ash. HP14 4TN. Validated Wed 08 March. HA for construction of single storey side and rear extensions, new front porch and creation of dropped kerb to front with new driveway. 17/05605/FUL. Timber Yard, Main Road, Walters Ash. Validated 07 March. Partial demolition of an existing building and erection of extension to an existing workshop and erection of a new workshop building. Change of use of former training area to offices with associated alterations to fenestration/doors and part removal to create drive through with creation of 4 additional parking spaces serving new offices. (Strong objection).

Full details of any comments and objections can be seen on Wycombe District Council Website.

#### **Decisions Permitted:**

17/05792/MINAMD. 6 Ash Close, Walters Ash. **HP14 4TR.** Proposed non-material amendment for construction of single storey rear extension and render / paint elevations granted under householder planning ref 16/05071/FUL 17/05674/MINAMD. Homelands, Clappins Lane & Baltic House, Stonefield Road, Naphill. HP14 4SP. Proposed non-material amendment to permission for 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 granted under 16/07273/ FUL. 17/05559/MINAMD. 5 Moseley Road, Naphill. **HP14 4SQ.** Proposed non-material amendment to permission 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 granted under householder planning ref 16/06604/ FUL. 17/05178/FUL. Silva, Stocking Lane, Naphill. **HP14 4RE.** HA for erection of part two storey part/ first floor rear extension. 17/05077/FUL. 92 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey front side and rear extension including new garage, single storey rear conservatory and loft extension with associated roof alterations and extensions including x2 front dormers and x1 rear box dormer. 17/05096/ FUL. 7 Lacey Drive, Naphill. HP14 4QA. HA for construction of single storey front extension, new window to front elevation to replace existing front door and new window to side elevation. 16/08489/FUL. Homeleigh Coombe Lane, Naphill. HP14 4QX. HA for creation of hipped gable to front & rear, erection of attached garage to side with room in roofspace. Refused.

**16/07931/FUL. 87 Woodcock Avenue, Walters Ash. HP14 4TN. HA** for construction of new hardstanding and new vehicle access with dropped kerb.

# **New Local Plan Representations Update WDC Report**

Last summer we consulted on our draft local plan and received over 3000 representations which amounted to over 10,000 individual responses. We have now summarised all of the representations that we received and they are available on our website. We will also be making available all of the responses received in relation to both the draft local plan and the draft sustainability appraisal. Please use the link below to access the summaries and the responses. https://www.wycombe.gov.uk/browse/Planning-and-building-control/New-local-plan/New-local-plan.aspx

#### Local Plan Timetable.

Those waiting to hear more about the proposal by Wycombe District Council to use a section of Clappins Lane Green Belt field for a 50 house development will need to wait a few more weeks for an update on that proposal while WDC fully understand the recent Government White Paper. Referring to the Local Plan timetable change WDC advise, "Please do not interpret this in any way as the Local Plan being put on hold. We are continuing to press on with plan preparation, hoping to bring it to Cabinet and Council in the Summer."

Gloria Leflaive 563634



## **Hugenden Parish**

Helping your neighbours stay safe and well

## **Local Residents Spring into Action to Support their Street**

Over 40 residents attended the Hughenden Parish Street Association information afternoon held on 3rd April at Naphill Village Hall.

Residents found out about organised crime in the area and how vulnerable adults are targeted. Information stands manned by Neighbourhood Watch, Trading Standards, Prevention Matters and Thames Valley Police provided a platform to raise awareness of issues locally which inspired 22 residents to become involved and sign up to the Street Association scheme.

"With the help of recruited Street Members who will be the eyes and ears on their street, we anticipate seeing far earlier detection, enabling earlier engagement by professional services with improved outcomes for all concerned. The initiative has an emphasis on keeping neighbours safe and well and provides an information pack to street members with signposting opportunities to professional services. "It is clear the best protection for the most vulnerable members of our society lies in strengthening the community", says Chris Holden, Senior Trading Standards Officer, Buckinghamshire and Surrey Trading Standards.

The association will be sharing a stand with RAF Wycombe at Napfest on 10th June for those wishing to gain information to help their streets. Alternatively, to request an information pack, please contact HughendenStreetAssociation@gmail.com or 07392 683500





This initiative has been led by Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group, including Residents Associations, who have worked with Thames Valley Police, Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch and the Parish, District and County Councils to complement what is already in place.

photographs courtesy Residents Assn.

# **Health Matters**

# Hughenden and Chequers Patient Participation Group

The first of our intended Talks on health issues took place on 23rd November 2016 in the Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

The talk was on Male Health and Prostatic Care kindly given by Mr Neil Haldar, Consultant Urologist of Wycombe General Hospital. We are pleased to report that it was a successful evening, well received by the 95 who attended. After the talk Mr Haldar answered questions, which he deemed to be a very important part of the evening.



## **Medical Detection Dogs**

Following the talk on male health, a representative from the Medical Detection Dogs, Mr Farrer-Brown, came to tell us about their work training dogs in cancer cell detection from body fluids. The highly developed smell receptors in dogs (3000 % better than our own) can detect cancer cells from .5ml of fluid. They are said to be 97% accurate. They can detect prostatic and breast cancer cells. The dogs are working on a research project for breast cancer with Wycombe General Hospital.

£150.00 was collected for the charity to help them with their important work. Our menfolk gave generously.

I would like to thank The Hughenden Valley Hall Committee who kindly donated the hall as they thought the talk was beneficial to the Hughenden community.

I would also like to thank the road representatives who delivered the advertising leaflets in their road. My feet were also tired!



If you live in Buckinghamshire and are aged 40 – 74 and you could be entitled to a free NHS Health Check\*. It only takes 20 minutes and may keep you healthier for longer.

Contact your GP or go online to http://buckinghamshire.nhshealthchecks.com/location Important

#### Information for Female Patients.

#### 1. Breast Cancer

 If you have two members of your immediate family who have had breast cancer please make an appointment to see your G.P. They will, with your consent, send your family details to a centre in Oxford who will look at your cancer "Risk factors". If you are considered to be at risk of breast cancer, a medication to greatly reduce your risk is now available, which can be prescribed by your G.P. Please don't hesitate.

#### 2. Cervical Cancer.

- NHS England are disappointed at the drop in numbers of women who come forward to have their smear test.
- As a result case of untreatable cervical cancer are on the rise.
- Cervical cancer may not have symptoms in the early stages but cell changes can be detected by regular screening with the smear test.
- Early changes can be treated so patient vigilance is paramount.
- The test is available for women between the age of 25 – 65 years but particularly the younger age groups are at risk.

## 3, How Many Women ARE Diagnosed?

 Around 3000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in the U.K. each year. Please do not be one of them!

#### **HUGHENDEN & CHEQUERS SURGERIES**

**Patient Participation Group** 

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 8<sub>pm</sub> at the

HUGHENDEN VILLAGE HALL



from

# Wycombe Hospital Breast Care Service

They will provide up to date information on Prevention and Care

All welcome

Doors open 7.30pm

**Refreshments provided** 

We hope to put on more health talks in the future. Subjects to be decided, Suggestions welcome.

Elizabeth Carless - PPG Chair. elizabethcarless@sky.com



#### **Points of Interest**

My comments this month must be limited to events at Wycombe District Council as the County Council is about to have its elections. Indeed, by the time you read this article some of you, if you have a postal vote, may well have voted. Should the Secretary of State for Local Government make known his decision regarding the submissions of the County and Districts Councils for Unitary Governance expected during May, this might be the last County Council Election to be held in Buckinghamshire.

In the event of Unitary status a greater responsibility will fall upon Parish Councils and other voluntary bodies to shoulder some of the community works undertaken by Districts. My main concern is with Planning matters, a principal responsibility of the District Council. One can already see where there is a breakdown of local input and where planning officers are under pressure to meet the Government's demand for greater housing provision. This comes at a time when it is becoming ever harder to find volunteers to take on those responsibilies which demand the giving of precious free time and time spent on hobbies, sport and with families. Nevertheless, the fact is that without volunteers the very fabric of communities will not function effectively and might well break down. This is already happening in the case of social care where demand on the professional services exceeds supply and more is demanded of family and friends.

The coming months might provide some of the answers to the above questions; I will try and keep you informed as the future is revealed

Richard Pushman

# Childminding News 2017 from your local Childminders

I am Samantha Hooper and along with my fellow Ofsted Registered Childminders, Gordana Tancheva-Cobley and Tracey Slingerland, we offer parents in the Walter's Ash and Naphill area what we believe to be the most flexible and family friendly childcare solutions.

As childminders, between us, we have many years of professional experience working with children. When we had our own children we chose to stay at home to look after them and to register as Ofsted inspected childminders. By choosing us as childminders you can ensure that your child experiences a positive home from home environment where siblings are able to spend time together. As a small group of Early Years practitioners we are committed to implementing the various government changes and sourcing the appropriate training, including specialist training for children with complex needs, to make sure that your child has the best possible care and the positive experiences so vital for early years social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. Young children

quickly settle with their childminder and of course, living and working within this area, we childminders have lots of experience working with families from all walks of life including our local service families.

# How can you find an Ofsted Registered Childminder?

Your local HP14 childminders can be found on the Bucks Family Information Service by entering the postcode or on the Ofsted and Pacey (members only) websites which are all free of charge.

# A New Government Initiative - More free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds from September 2017 to support parents at work.

From September 2017 parents will be able to claim 1140 hours of government-funded early education and child care per year for 3 and 4 year olds if both parents work over 16 hours a week. All 3 and 4 year olds are still entitled to 15 hours a week but there will be an additional 15 hours if working parents choose to use them and these hours can be 'stretched' to cover weekend shift work and school holidays. Many nurseries and preschools will be unable to meet the demands for extra spaces this year.

Childminders with a 'Good' or 'Outstanding' inspection report are currently entitled to claim the Early Education Funding for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and it is expected that many more parents will use their allowance to pay childminders to collect their children from preschools and nursery from September 2017. All Early Years settings including childminders are required to follow the Early Years Foundation Stage and are rigorously inspected by Ofsted every three years. HMRC is providing lots of information and support to parents. Please go to the Government website/ Childcare Choices where you will need to complete an online application form and obtain an ID number to claim your additional hours when they are available but don't leave it too late!

Samantha Hooper BSc (Hons) EY433629 samhooper71@google.com

# New to Area Business Announcement Pamment Plastering:

My name is Christian, I'm a professional plasterer and I've recently moved to the area and will be happy to quote any of your plastering or rendering needs. Please give me a call on 07865 659058 or send an email to pammentplastering@gmail.com to arrange a quote.

Many thanks.



**Christian Newberry** 

# Naphill & Walter's Ash NapFest 2017



# Music 9 June, Fete 10 June, Classics 11 June At the Seaside

Where has the time gone, **NAPFEST** is almost upon us already! Well, you may be pleased to know everything is in place for a fantastic weekend of fun and entertainment. We are still looking for volunteers to man the gates on the Friday and for set-up and take-down Saturday, any help would be great, please email me at lindaclark894@hotmail.com

## Friday 9 June - Music on the Crick: Gates open at 6pm.

'The Deps' return to headline **NAPFEST 2017**. The Deps are back to bring their inimitable party atmosphere to Naphill. Playing nothing but anthems and sing-a-long songs, you will be on your feet dancing the night away with one of the UK's most prolific cover bands. Supported by Tiger Lilly, an alternative pop artist from the suburbs of London, hailed for her raw and emotive 'heart on her sleeve' lyrics and captivating live performances. Also, back by popular demand 'Littlewing', will be performing a collection of their wonderfully crafted music.

Our local DJ Sean Salter, will open the evening with a disco for all ages, playing disco classics from the 70's, hidden gems from the 80's, some big box-little box from the 90's, to current anthems.

Advance tickets are available from the Wheel PH (Cash only) and online at: www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk

£25 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 Children) - £30 on the gate

£10 per adult - £13 on the gate

£5 per child (5-12yrs) £7 on the gate

Under 5's are free

## **Saturday 10th June - Village Fete:**

Starting with the procession at 12pm, led by the Fete Princes and Princesses (Tom Farrell, Samuel Ayres, Florence Morgan and Eva Sandy), who then officially open the proceedings.

This year we have more children's rides and entertainment than ever before, this includes the helter skelter, two bouncy castles, a climbing wall, push-a-long planes, flight simulator and much more.

In the arena we have Zumba with Sal, RAF High Wycombe Ladies Choir, Kids Yoga, Fit Steps with Mia, 332 Sqn Air Cadet Band, Kids races, RAF Halton Voluntary Band and much more!

Don't forget the dog show! Classes start at 12.30pm and include most handsome dog, prettiest bitch, golden oldie, best rescue dog, waggiest tail and the best in show.

Stalls include: Naphill Neighbours Cake Stall, Friends of Naphill Common Silent Auction, Grand Prize Draw, Bath Bombs, trinkets, Fudge and sweeties, greetings cards, The National Trust wooden carvings and many more.

Food and Refreshments: Tea and Coffee by the WI, Strawberries and Cream by the Tennis Club, Slush/milk shakes and of course our famous BBQ and Beer Tent, serving hot dogs, burgers and award winning ales and soft drinks.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR VILLAGER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS** - an award presented to the Villager who has made outstanding contributions to the village in the last 12 months. All nominations should be forwarded to lindaclark894@hotmail.com before 1 June 2017.

Thank you from *Linda* and the **NAPFEST** Committee

## **Sunday 11th June - Classics on the Crick:**

I can't really add too much more from last month except to say that preparations are coming on well so keep the weekend free as we have 3 days of great fun and entertainment and Classics is the finale!!

The entries are coming in fast and if the weather is good, it promises to be a fantastic day. We have some different food stalls this year and the bar is being run by a team of guys from the village led by Darren Lomas.

Don't forget we will be auctioning off a Mk5 Cortina so start saving, it's all for a very worthy cause. As usual I am pleading for help on the day! We can't make it work well without volunteers so we need you, even for just an hour or two so please, come and be a part of a fantastic day!

More to follow next month!



Ian Bond

## WANTED FOR FETE DAY PLEASE!

# Friends of Naphill Common - Silent Auction

Last year Friends of Naphill Common raised £595 at the fete with a Silent Auction stall. We were extremely pleased with our efforts as this was our very first attempt of managing this type of stall. This year we are hoping we can increase the amount we raise. However, in order to do so we do need some help. We are looking for donations or "lots" as we call them. What we would like you to do is to let your imagination run riot and think of items that you believe would be of interest to potential bidders. If you are unable to donate personally, then perhaps you know someone who can provide a service or item and would encourage them to donate.

Last year we had a wide variety of lots, so to give you some idea of what we are looking for here are just some of them:

Six sessions of exercise with Pyramid Health and Fitness, a ride in a TR6, a tray bake, one a month for three months, an introduction to real tennis, a cream tea for two at Hughenden Manor, an introduction to bowls, an escorted visit to the Rebellion Brewery to drink free beer, vouchers for a free meal for two at a local pub, a two hour art lesson in water colours, a free voucher for an MOT, a guided walk in the Chilterns.

Well, I am sure the above will give you some ideas. So if you can donate something similar or come up with something totally different we will be delighted to hear from you. Alternatively, if you happen to know someone who for example owns a glider, aeroplane or a boat on the river who would offer to take a passenger or two that would be ideal. Or perhaps you know a celebrity or can obtain tickets

for a sporting event or show - anything like this will be most welcome.

We do hope you can help. If you are able to assist then do please contact either myself on 01494 562240 or Neil McMinn or 01494 564667.

With grateful thanks in anticipation of your support.

Ron Collins



# 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!



Endseigh Clappins Lane 564226



#### **BOOK STALL**

We are happy to receive your good quality paperback adult and children books from 1st May. Please deliver to Endsleigh, Clappins Lane and if we are not in please leave on the porch. Should you wish to contact us call 564226.

Please try and avoid bringing books to the Crick on the day of the Fete as we are usually so busy we are unable to check them and put them out for selling.

We must emphasise we are not able to accept poor quality and very old books as our recycling source is no longer available.

Many thanks.

Mike & Pauline Pool



## **Naphill Neighbours**

Our outing to Stratford-on-Avon and Charlecote Park on a sunny day last month was most enjoyable and we are now looking forward to our THAMES RIVERBOAT TRIP on Tuesday 13 June. The coach will leave Naphill at 9am and the cost is £24 for members and £26 for non-members / guests. As usual, our outings are open to non-members so please phone Hazel on 563977 if you would like to join us on this trip.

At our club meeting on Monday 8 May, Malcolm Nelson will be paying us a return visit. This time he will be talking to us about THE DEMISE OF THE AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINE. If the subject interests you (and you are not a member) please know that you will be most welcome to attend this talk.

Fete day is on Saturday 10 June and we will be running our usual home-made cake stall. A reminder, please, for donations of any home-made cakes and preserves. If you are unable to bring them to our stall on the Crick on fete day, please bring them to Hazel at Irving Cottage, 89 Main Road, beforehand. (They can be frozen).

Thank you.

## **Naphill Evening WI**

Congratulations to our two teams for the County Quiz who came 10th and 12th out of over 30 teams.

The next County event will be the Annual Council Meeting when some of us will hear Gyles Brandreth, the guest speaker. As I have said before, this is always a most enjoyable day.

Our March speaker Tracey Blaney showed us how she made the most beautiful hats and told us a little of the history of millinery. The competition for a favourite hat was won by Edna. Hers was an Easter hat. We also celebrated Edna's 90th birthday.

On 18th May we will hear about Medical Detection Dogs, when the competition will be a favourite photo of a dog. We will also discuss the NFWI Resolutions for 2017.

Now that spring has arrived, other events to look forward to are a Ploughman's Lunch and a Croquet/ Games Evening.

The May outing for the Food Group is lunch at The Fleur de Lis, Stokenchurch on Monday, 22nd.

Lots to look forward to.

Carol Gilliam

## **Hughenden Parish Council Report**

**FACTOID #15:** Over the next 12 months the Parish Council is planning to invest at least £2.50 in our community for every £1 that it spends on running costs.

We are delighted that the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has decided to add our Naphill War Memorial to the Historic England's List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The memorial is now listed at Grade II. This listing helps to mark the memorial's significance and celebrate its special historic interest. It brings specific protection so that its special interest can be properly considered in managing its future. Listing does not mean, however, that no alterations can be made.

Now that the safety bollards have been installed either side of the post office, (see picture), for a while, it has been great to receive feedback from some of the local residents about the positive effect they have had in improving parking and as a result slowing the traffic down on that part of Main Road. As we wrote in our article last month, the Road Safety Working Group are now turning their attention to the safety issues around the shops, garage and petrol station in Walter's Ash. To assist with this the three of us spent a Friday morning observing the road and pedestrian movements in the immediate vicinity and will submitting our thoughts to the working group to help decide what to do next.



Did you know that the Office of National Statistics (ONS) latest figures show volunteers gave 7% less of their time to help their communities, at a loss to the UK of more than £1 billion, between 2012 and 2015. We know this at the Parish Council. We have been running for well over 5 years now with vacant seats and we continue to do so, but this puts an extra burden on those of us who do volunteer. The ONS goes on to say that while volunteering in many age groups which traditionally make up Parish Councillors is falling, the under 24 age group is actually increasing the time they devote to volunteering. You can see a summary and all the data at http://visual.ons.gov.uk/billion-pound-loss-in-volunteering-effort-in-the-last-3-years/

So, if you are 18-24, live or work in Hughenden Parish (or within 3 miles of the boundary) and are looking perhaps for a different experience, to engage with your community, learn about the most local of local

government and even to enhance your CV to secure employment then why not consider becoming a Councillor. Contact us using the email address below or visit our website for more details. Of course, we welcome enquiries from adults of any age!

Your Parish Councillors

Martin Burch, Chris Waterton, Peter Williams and vacant seat email nawa@hughendenpc.org.uk website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Annual & Full Council Meeting
9th May
7.30pm-10pm,

**Great Kingshill Parish Office** 



# **Naphill Horticultural Society**

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you all that Naphill Horticultural Society has now closed. At our AGM in March the following resolutions were agreed, and I thought it appropriate to publish them in full so everyone is aware of our decisions. The full minutes of the AGM can be read on our website.

## Naphill Horticultural Society AGM 2017 - Held on Monday 20 March at 8p in Naphill Village Hall Minutes of Resoltions Background:

The Committee of the Naphill Horticultural Society have, with regret, made the decision to close the society due to lack of interest within the community. Having had no enquiries following recent communication of the intention to close in the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette and on the Naphill Horticultural Society website, and having found no viable alternative, the Committee now propose to proceed with closing the society.

#### **Resolutions:**

The following were proposed by the Committee and voting took place. All resolutions were carried.

- 1. To close the Society
- 2. To close the account held with the Co-Operative Bank by 31st December 2017.
- 3. To maintain the Society Website until 5th January 2018
- To cease the Affiliated Membership of the Royal Horticultural Society as from 31st January 2018 when the current subscription ends
- To investigate distribution of our Trophies & Cups to other organisations or living relatives of the original donors of said Trophies & Cups.
- 6. To assign the sum of £1000 to Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council to be held in trust for 5 years to provide funds for a new horticultural society or gardening club to be set up should the village request this. If, after 5 years no claim has been made to these funds, they will be considered to be a donation to Naphill Village Hall.
- 7. To donate the sum of £500 immediately to Naphill Scout & Guide Headquarters
- 8. To donate the sum of £500 immediately to Naphill Junior Football Club
- To donate the sum of £2025 immediately to Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council on the understanding that £25 be spent on a raffle prize for the Christmas Fayre, and the remainder to be used specifically towards the refurbishment of the kitchen
- 10. To donate the cutlery, tablecloths & cruet sets to Cathryn Carter in recognition of the catering service for events that she has provided to the society for many years.
- 11.To donate any remaining balance of funds held when the bank account is finally closed in December 2017 to Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council towards the cost of the Christmas Tree Lights

It only remains for me to say, on behalf of the Committee, goodbye & good gardening!

Cathryn Carter 563233

#### The Wheel

The spring weather has definately been here over the last few weeks, which has also meant that everyone is out and about enjoying the beer garden and generally having a few beers. The last time I wrote an article Mother's Day hadn't happened, which now feels like it was a very long time ago. It was a fantastic day and the sun shone for all the mums, we hope you all had a great day, I know we did. I would like to thank all the staff for my flowers and a beautiful memory cushion that has a great photo of Amber on it (I only cried a little bit)!!

March and April are always big sporting months with the Boat Race, the Grand National, the London Marathon and lots of Moto GP and Rugby. It's been great to see everyone watching all the events in the front bar, the Moto GP has been brilliantly supported with lots shouting and a fantastic atmosphere. The Grand National sweep stake was won by Neil Goodson and Paddy so congratulations to you both.

With the sun shining and some of the hottest days of the year so far, we held over our staff Christmas party until Sunday the 9th April (yes you read that right)!! We all got together for drinks, pizza, team games and more drinks.... It was a great night with new and old staff competing in some silly games, in order to decide our flag bearer for Napfest. The winning team were Linda, Helen, Luke and Sam Murdie.

So, what's coming up over the next few months?

- We are creating a new summer menu for the garden
- Napfest 9th -11th June
- · More Moto GP
- Lots of Bank Holidays

The last few weeks has seen amazing weather and has given us an insight in to what's to come, with loads of people in the beer garden. Chef, Mark and I have had a good chat and decided to create a new menu for our gardens. We hope this will help to cut the food wait times during our busy periods. All the staff are working so hard during these times, please be patient with us as we will endeavour to ensure you are all well looked after. Our bookings during these busy times will always take priority.

We would like to welcome Sam Murdie to the Wheel Family, he is already fitting in really well. He will also be our flag bearer for the procession on Fete day of Napfest.

As ever thank you to all the staff and all our wonderful customers, bring on the summer!

Claire and Mark.

#### **Shear Madness**

I was incredibly sad to hear that Doreen Marple has passed away. She was such an amazing, kind lady who has been coming to have her hair done every week for the last six years. She will be truly missed by us and we send our love to her daughter Susan.

Sorry folks but we will be closed again! Dan from manor garage is getting married to Helen who was our first lady's hairdresser. The wedding is in Dorset on a Tuesday of all days so I will be closed Monday 22nd May- 25th May. Wishing them health and happiness for the future.

Mandy

# **Wycombe Photographic Society**

April is the month when we hold our Annual Exhibition in conjunction with the Wycombe Arts Festival and is our biggest event of the year.

The exhibition gives our members the chance to show the residents of and visitors to High Wycombe their best projected images and prints.

The Exhibition this year is being held in the Eden Centre about three shops past Jessops (Unit 61) and is open Sat 29 April (1pm - 4pm), Sun 30 April, Monday 1st May, Friday 5 May, Sat 6 May, Fri 12 May and Sat 13 May from 11am – 4pm.

If you are in town on these dates please drop in and have a look at our talented members' photographs. Looking at great photographs is far better than standing watching clothes being bought – trust me!

There is no cost to come and have a look.

A number of the prints on display will be for sale by the members as well as a large collection of gift cards featuring work by our members.

May 4th there is an early evening Outdoor Photoshoot in Marlow to which you are invited (for more details or to contact us about the evening Marlow Photoshoot please see our website).

This month's tip..... The Bluebells will be in full bloom and the best way to photograph them is to get down and personal with them to get that photo of the best bluebell you have ever seen.

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

David Greenwood

Membership Secretary

Wycombe Photographic Society

Bradenham Parish
Council
Annual Council Meeting
8th May - 7pm
Cricket Club

## **Bon Ami Coffee Shop**

May is the month when our lovely hanging baskets return from their winter holiday with Judy Whitehouse (thank you Judy) and our terrace really comes into it's own – the perfect place to sit and enjoy your coffee and cake, or perhaps a cream tea and watch the comings and goings on the Crick. We shall be baking scones like crazy and stocking up on clotted cream.

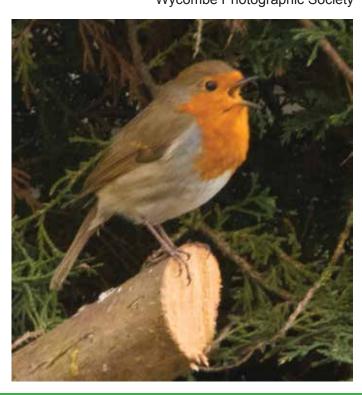
After just over six years, we have said goodbye to our original coffee machine and invested in a new bigger, shinier one. It is still a Jura machine so will continue to produce our delicious signature coffees.

There seems to be an abundance of rhubarb around at the moment so we will be making the most of it and you will see rhubarb cake and rhubarb and custard tarts along with our usual selection of tasty homemade cakes.

We would like to thank Ellie and Lily for working with us at weekends and in school holidays and also welcome Dorothy, who will be a regular on Wednesdays and Thursdays, to our team.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Amanda and Ruth







## John & Betty Chamberlen



Sadly our mum and dad Betty & John Chamberlen passed away earlier this year within 5 weeks of one another. They had lived in Purssells Meadow, Naphill for nearly 50 years.

Betty Chamberlen (nee Stallwood) had lived in the Hughenden Parish all her life, having been born at 163, Main Road, Naphill (then called 2 St Anne's Cottages) in 1937. She attended Naphill school then resited to the East of the 'Crick', where Betty made many life-long friends, surprisingly many of whom still live in the village.

Betty and John enjoyed many aspects of village life, in particular the village fetes, bonfire night, jumble sales and Christmas bazaars. They spent many happy times walking through and around Naphill and Bradenham Commons, they particularly loved seeing the bluebells at spring time.

John Chamberlen came to High Wycombe in 1939 as an evacuee from Chiswick. He worked at the Cooperative Permanent Building Society (which later became Nationwide) starting in 1945. He spent most of his working life at the High Street, High Wycombe branch, where he met Betty who also worked there.

They married on 26 March 1960 and had us two children Julie and David. We remember a happy childhood where we were free to play out on the common with a loving family home to return to.

They liked to chat to people as they passed by the bungalow as they were gardening. Both were keen gardeners and they also grew fruit and veg on their allotment in Louches Lane.

They often said they were lucky to have many good neighbours and friends in Purssells Meadow and the village. They loved living in Naphill.

David Chamberlen and Julie Druce (nee Chamberlen).

#### **Black Lion**

It's all happening at the Black Lion this spring! The Beer & Gin Festival at the end of April will undoutably be a resounding success with an even greater turnout than last year. We have introduced the spring menu with a variety of seasonal and local ingredients to entice your taste buds. Jordan and Elliot in the kitchen have really brought a new and exciting buzz to the Black Lion. We are hoping to bring you more events throughout the year to showcase what we have to offer

Garden improvements are being implemented either this month or next with the installation of a playground. We'd like to take this opportunity to apologise to anyone who was told it would already to be installed. We want to make it a truly exciting attraction so we decided to change the format of the original designs to coincide with local feedback.

We are looking for some local boys and girls who would like to work as part of the Black Lion team. They will be pot washers who will also work with the chefs thus learning while they earn! If you are interested, please contact us on 01494 563176 or e-mail info@ blacklionnaphill.com

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and feedback. It helps us to provide a better local pub for our community, which is integral to our face values.

Jack, Sian and all at the Black Lion



CHAOS THEORY features "NAPHILL talent", Patrick Hunter! So please go along, enjoy and support this great local event!

#### **Vincent Farm**

I was born in 1922 at Red Cottage, which is one of the last cottages on Downley Road next to the pond, and I lived there until I was 5 (my schoolteacher Miss Williams lived in the other cottage attached to ours). At that time my grandmother was running Vincent Farm but she couldn't go on any longer so she went and lived with her daughter and handed it over to Dad. We then moved over the field to the farm and I lived there until I moved into this house in 1951.

Soon after we moved to the farm I started school, with Mr Adlam, who I've talked about before. Dad ran the farm, and built on the dairy with all the mod cons of the time – cooler, separator etc, for making butter too. Everything was expensive, and people who couldn't afford the milk he would deliver, they could come round to the farm to get some of what was separated off when he made butter and cream. Some of that used to go to the pigs too, they loved it. He used to have a few pigs there, but the majority of the pigs were at the other farm he ran at Lacey Green, where the bull and the beef cattle were, with the arable land. People living around the Common at the time would tell me all about the ducks he used to keep before I was born – the whole place was often white with ducks, and he would have around 2,000 of them at any one time. Dad used to kill the ducks, and the pickers would come on Thursday nights and pluck them and drop the feathers into a galvanised bath – but the tail and wing feathers they would throw outside. The other feathers dad would bag up and sell to the feather factory in Wycombe at the time. The factory isn't there any more, but apparently Pugh's Garage is still there on the corner – that's where Dad bought his first car for £139 - taxed and insured - a Morris saloon. He didn't learn to drive it, but my sister did, and then I did too when I took my test.

I used to help with the milking when I was very small, around six years old. One time Dad had been indoors and there was a visit from the Stevens brothers who were local butchers - they had shops in Marlow and Henley and all around, and an abattoir in Prestwood. If they knew that Dad had pigs and cattle ready for market they never reached the market, they would come over and buy them from him. Anyway, this one day they appeared in the dairy and could hear the sound of someone milking but they couldn't see anyone. My dad appeared and said 'that's my boy milking!' and they poked their heads around and saw me milking my favourite cow Nipper, who used to always tread on my toes. I was so small that my head didn't reach up to her body, and it had to rest on her bag while I was milking her, and one of them said 'Well, I've never seen such a little boy milking a cow!' - and they both gave me half a crown each! That was a lot of money, five bob. I had never seen so much money!

Dad also had a bull called Ferdinand, who he could do anything with – he would walk along with his hand on his back. But if Ferdinand caught a whiff of me he would scrape his hoof on the ground, he didn't like me at all – perhaps it was my aftershave or the scent of me or something like that. Bob was Dad's sheepdog. When he had done his job bringing in the cows he would lay down waiting, and then be given a small amount of milk in a saucer that he would chase around the dairy.

None of the houses on Downley Road were built at that time, and Dad would grow 7 or 8 rows of strawberries all the way down the road along the edge. Local women would come to pick them, and to put straw around the fruit to keep them off the ground. They would be packed up into punnets and taken off by train to Covent Garden market. The ducks would be taken to Leadenhall market to be sold, and everything would be carted off to the station by Bennie Grimsall, with his horse and cart.

Dad was the last person to farm at Vincent Farm; he had wanted to buy it but Disraeli wouldn't sell it to him. When he finally moved into the bungalow that we built next door to mine, he only spent three days and two nights in it before he died. He had been a sniper during the First World War, and was gassed twice, and for the rest of his life wheezed constantly. He was an excellent business man, and worked hard all his life running the two farms, and cycling between the two of them.

It was criminal to pull Vincent Farm down to make way for the new houses that now make up Vincent Way, because I think I'm right in saying it was the oldest building in Naphill. It was originally an old lace making school. The building would have been affected by the window tax, and there were three or four windows that were bricked up, and the landing window was made smaller – those kind of things indicated its age. When dad went over when it was being demolished he found two fire insurance plaques from the wall and brought them home to give to me, they are the only things remaining from the farm.

Geoff Nicholls

Below Fire Insurance Plaque Photographs courtesy of Geoff.



Editorial Comment: My thanks to Geoff for his memories of his early life in Naphill and to Sarah Ellis who so kindly scribed this for Geoff. I am always happy to type up articles but when the handwriting is difficult to decipher and I have no knowledge of the characters involved a scribed script is a big help!

## Letter from Hughenden Vicarage

As I put fingers to laptop to write my monthly missive from the Vicarage, our joyful Easter celebrations at Hughenden Parish Church are still fresh in my mind.

After the abstention from some luxuries and the extended weeks of thoughtful reflection, culminating in the powerfully symbolic and moving events of Maundy Thursday, the harrowing suffering of Christ on the cross on Good Friday, and the anticipation of the resurrection, our mourning has turned into dancing, and Christians throughout the world proclaim:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

One of the favourite post-resurrection accounts is from Luke's Gospel chapter 24, as the verses record a journey which two of Jesus' disciples took from Jerusalem to Emmaus, on the day of Christ's resurrection. Their journey began with heavy steps and downcast hearts, because the good news had not yet reached their ears. As they trudged out of the City, as some stage we read that a third person joined them on the journey – Jesus himself – but they were kept from recognising him. I wonder why. Perhaps they were simply not expecting (understandably) to see alive someone who had only died so horribly only a few days before, or perhaps they paid little attention to his appearance, as they were still consumed with grief.

However, as their journey went on, and they talked to their companion, he opened up the scriptures to them, and explained who Jesus was and what he had done. The disciples were clearly moved by his words, but still didn't recognise him until he broke bread in Emmaus at the meal table that evening, at which point their eyes were opened, they recognized him and he disappeared from their sight.

I love the disciples' response to this profound revelation – although surely footsore from a long walk, at once, they left their home and returned to Jerusalem to share the good news with the other disciples. Meeting Jesus Christ gave them fresh hope and a deeper faith and trust in him.

This journey caused me to reflect upon another walk – one which I took in London nearly 20 years ago. On the way back from Kensington Temple Christian Bookshop in Notting Hill one lunchtime, I was also joined by a man who attached himself to me as I left the shop. He introduced himself, and shared a little of his life with me – he had recently been released from Prison, and had come to faith whilst inside. My heart was warmed to hear that he was getting his life back together.

But then the conversation took a different direction – he shared with me how he was about to be evicted by his landlord for unpaid rent. I do like to think that I have compassion when called for, but on this occasion, I felt uncomfortable with

where the conversation was going. He then said that he was going to pray and he did – and using eloquent words he prayed for me and then for himself and his financial situation – but in such a way that I discerned that he was trying to emotional manipulate me into giving him money. He finished praying, I kept my wallet closed, bid him well and goodbye and returned to the office.

These two journeys are very different, but in contrasting them, I found myself reflecting upon the one companion who brought words of life and revelation to his companions, whereas my companion was after money, and would no doubt have returned straight to the shop to prey on another unsuspecting person. I did and do have great sympathy for those who find themselves incarcerated, and I took a regular monthly service inside a Category C prison near Redditch during my curacy. Many of the men I met there were broken and in desperate need of strength from God to carry on, and it was an enormous privilege to be able to minister to them.

We all need wisdom and discernment in deciding whom we choose to trust. When Jesus sent out his twelve disciples to tell everyone that the kingdom of heaven is near, he counselled them to be:

As shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. (Matthew 10:16)

My hope and prayer is that our hearts will never grow cold, and so we might always have compassion for those in genuine need, whilst also retaining some common sense, to spot the wolf in sheep's clothing. The Good News which comes with Christ's resurrection is one of hope and love and compassion for all. Thank you heavenly father for sending Jesus – Amen.

Rev. Keith Johnson

## Letter from our RAF Pastor

May is another month of historical significance in the life of the Royal Air Force and especially so for Bomber Command RAF High Wycombe, for it was on 2 May in 1945 that Bomber Command mounted its last raid in the Second World War. From the start of the war on 3 September 1939 it operated on 71.4% of all nights and 52.5% of all days. A total of 8,953 aircraft were lost and of approximately 120,000 aircrew who served in the squadrons and training units, 55,500 were lost on operations and in accidents with a further 18,700 wounded, injured or made Prisoners of War. Of those killed, over 38,400 were British, nearly 10,000 Canadian, over 5,700 from Australia and New Zealand, nearly 1,000 Polish and over 500 from other Allies including those from other Commonwealth countries. Bomber Command is one of the few functions of the RAF to have been operational from the first to the last day of the European war.

One of the more well-known operations of Bomber Command during that time was Operation Chastise executed by 617 Squadron – otherwise known as 'The Dambusters'. It was on 16 and 17 May 1943 that 19 Lancasters crewed by 133 RAF personnel took off to bomb the dams of western Germany armed with 'bouncing bombs' invented by Barnes Wallis. 55 RAF personnel along with 8 aircraft failed to return from that mission.

Despite the cost to human life and equipment and the controversy that often surrounded the missions of Bomber Command there was a steely determination, tenacity and vision in their commanders and personnel to see through to completion what they had started.

In a very different way, but with a similar message – the story of Easter is one of mission complete. The words of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday – 'It is finished' is a reminder of the work of God's saving grace that continues through to the end of life as we know it and beyond. For the story does not end with the celebration of Easter Sunday but continues through to Ascension (another of the festivals of the month of May) and Pentecost – the Birthday of the Christian Church commemorated in June this year. In an age where so much of the work of life is left incomplete (for whatever reason), we remember with gratitude those who were prepared to keep going right to the end to see the job through. For those who connect with a Christian faith, words of thankfulness are not enough for the mission of God which has been completed fully and finally and victoriously.

Pastor Mike Hall

# Letter from Bradenham Vicarage Keep the faith.

So how was it for you?

Lent, I mean. Did you manage to do without chocolate/alcohol/sugar/salt and vinegar crisps for the duration? I must confess, during Holy Week, gin and tonic never looked so tempting! However, I wonder if you found the discipline of giving up something for Lent left you with unexpected benefits.

A friend of mine gave up sugar. This was way easier said than done since there is so much hidden sugar in our diets, and she was going to go the whole hog. Not just the white and brown crystals you put in your tea and coffee. Her discipline meant no ketchup, no takeaways, no pasta sauces – in fact, nothing that contained the slightest hint of sugar. (Try it sometime – read the ingredients labels on EVERYTHING you buy. You will be shocked!) When I last met her, she told me how she had eaten far better than ever before because of having to cook everything from scratch in order to avoid the forbidden substance. She also told me how she had

dropped a whole dress size in the 6 week period. Her Lenten fast had raised her awareness of the effect sugar was having on her body and she has now resolved to broadly continue with her new found sugar-free eating routine.

So what **does** happen to all that discipline and those good intentions after Easter?

Do we breathe a sigh of relief and go back to gorging on chocolate, trying to make up for 6 weeks of deprivation in one sitting? Or do we acknowledge that we have learned something from the experience and embrace the lesson?

There is evidence that smokers who can quit smoking for 5 weeks stand a very good chance of giving up smoking for good. It seems that it may not take as long as we think to establish beneficial routines. If you can do it for the six weeks of Lent, then you have started to form a routine that can be continued. Healthy eating, lower alcohol consumption, less sugar in our diets – the list of what people undertake for Lent sounds a bit like a Government information leaflet addressing some of our nations' health problems. But the advice is there for a reason – to keep us physically healthy.

There is not just a physical side to Lent – it is after all a Christian season of discipline and preparation. Many people use it as a time to get their spiritual lives in order – to set a new routine of prayer, reading scripture or meditation. Such practices can lead to healthier spiritual and emotional lives, again something that will give lasting benefit if continued.

Saint Paul, in his letter to the Philippians gives some great advice. '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. .....put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.' When we take time to regularly reflect on these values and incorporate them into our lives, our lives will become more attuned to the wonders around and within us. Something which will surely benefit everyone and everything we touch.

The positive aspects of Lent do not need to end at Easter but can be a springboard into new ways of living, seeing or being that can have lifelong and lasting effects. Keep the discipline. Maybe I should be asking 'How **IS** it for you?'

Rev Jenny Ellis - Associate Priest, St Botolph's Church, Bradenham

#### **Church Service Times Saint Botolph's Church**

7 May	Eucharist	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis
14 May	Eucharist	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis
21 May	Eucharist	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis
28 May	Matins	11am	To be announced

## **Friends of Naphill Common**

In recent weeks the proposed development at Heatherlands has caused some anxiety and taken up considerable time and energy. The existing house, which is connected to Downley Road via a drive, is to be demolished and replaced by three houses, two of which will have entrances on to the Common and a length of paved track across what is now grassland. This intensive redevelopment will damage the Common in several ways and open up the last remaining grassy area to traffic and parking. There are implications for the rural amenity, wildlife, nearby vegetation and commoners rights from this intensive development. As the Common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, Grade 1; a part of the Chiltern Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; a European Special Conservation Area registered under the European Union's Habitats Directive and an important local amenity we think that it deserves protection and have alerted all of the relevant organisations, from Natural England to the Open Spaces Society. Having made our protests we now have to await a decision from the planning authorities.

On a more cheerful note, at the time of writing the first chiffchaff has been heard and the first swallow spotted, and several of the ponds are swimming with tadpoles and newts – even Dew Pond which is currently completely covered by the fallen Great Beech. The next phase of felling on the Common will not take place before this autumn (at the earliest), but we hope that it will then be possible to ameliorate the effects on Dew Pond of the fallen tree. It is unlikely to be possible to remove it completely – it would be too expensive; require heavy machinery; and might well damage the pond further – but we will liaise with the forestry experts carrying out the felling to identify the best course of action.

Several Greater Spotted Woodpeckers can be heard drumming and Green Woodpeckers can be seen hunting for ants. (Green Woodpeckers rarely drum and the scarce Lesser Spotted Woodpecker drums rather softly and for several seconds at a time.) All of the junipers we planted are thriving, although one of the several junipers introduced by the National Trust near the Clumps, is struggling. The wild cherry has been spectacular this year and a very unusual Forgetme-not has been found. So the year is getting off to a good start.

Members and non-members are invited to join our walks. 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. Members and non-members are equally welcome.

Our working parties are still busy and if you would like to help care for the Common you would be welcome to join in. Check the web site (www.naphillcommon.org. uk) or with the organiser, Peter Davis for details.

Chairman: Chris Miller.

## **Naphill Brownies**

The final few weeks of term flew by with a very successful Visit to Tesco, Princes Risborough to look at where our food comes from. We hunted for, and taste-tested, some exotic fruits from far-flung places, found out about the fish that we eat and then went to explore the unseen parts of the store – even visiting the very, very cool walk-in freezer.

For Mothers Day, we made our Mums a bunch of beautiful homemade eggbox daffodils. The daffodils were all shapes, sizes and colours. I think we all remember making such gifts, and as Mums, we treasure these gifts.

We finished our term enjoying a gorgeous 'British Summer time' evening walk to the Dells with an egg hunt around the trees set by the older girls. Once there, we also tried a blind trail', guiding our blindfolded partner around woodland area – some girls were more sympathetic than others to their partner's lack of vision.

With summer term ahead of us we are hoping to get out and about as much as possible. We have lots of plans up our sleeve, but we are always looking to try new things, so if you have a skill or hobby you would be willing to share – anything from animal-keeping to art, music to magic...please do get in touch.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly) 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com

## **Growing Your Own**

We are what we eat. What do we eat? We eat soil. In explanation, we eat crops and meat from animals fed with crops and the crops take up nutrients from the soil as well as water and carbon dioxide from the air. There are 19 nutrients or trace elements which are vital for our health and they come from the soil. We need to eat the Recommended Daily Amount of every one of the 19 every day or our health will suffer. Supermarket food is deficient in trace elements because farmland worldwide is becoming increasingly impoverished as trace elements are taken away with the crops and not replaced. So, the only way we can obtain the vital trace elements is to grow our own crops in our gardens or on our allotments, hopefully in soil enriched with farmyard manure. It is as simple as that. The best argument for Growing Your Own one could possibly imagine.

May is a difficult month for cropping since it is between the end of the winter crops and before the start of the summer crops. From my allotment and garden I shall nevertheless be taking Good King Henry, silver chard, asparagus, seakale, leeks, parsley, wild garlic, sorrel, lovage, spring onions, red chicory, chives and rhubarb – and I shall be raiding the freezer for last year's soft fruit. Potatoes and onions should still be available from the garage where they were stored over winter.

In my March 2017 article I gave a list of recommended varieties and said that I could not find some of them

in the UK so obtained them from France. I have just noticed in this year's seed catalogues that two of them are now available in the UK – chicory "Witloof Zoom F1" (from Dobies) and beetroot "Forono" (from Kings Seeds). So the good news about these varieties is spreading.

In the December/January Gazette I remarked on the near-absence of garden birds in my garden and on my allotment during the previous two years and asked if others had also noticed. Some agreed but others reported that garden birds visited their bird tables as before. How to explain this conundrum? It could be that the few birds that are around know where the free food is. I also remarked on the relative absence of insects for the past two years and offered that as an explanation for the reduced number of garden birds in our locality.

May is a good month for sowing seeds, so here is a tip when sowing small seeds such as carrots and parsnips. Draw out a drill about an inch deep and fill it with tap water (not water from a water butt). Sow the seeds, cover with dry soil from the sides of the drill and tamp down. That will get the seeds off to a good start in a nice moist environment – and the weed seeds nearby will not have the benefit of the water.

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

# Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association

It has been drawn to our attention that Naphill & Walters Ash seem to be experiencing an unduly large number of cold callers at the door who seek to do business on two main themes:

**Nottingham Knockers**: Generally, these are young men selling cleaning materials and small household goods from a bag they carry door to door. They have sympathy stories, such as the goods are made by charities or that they have been in prison and they are doing this doorstep selling as a rehabilitation programme. **There is no such programme**. The goods tend to be of inferior quality but with superior prices. They could be checking out your house for a subsequent burglary or they could step inside your house to steal something while you go to get some money. Do not buy from them.

**Property maintenance**: This heading could include roofing, guttering, cladding, drive resurfacing, tree lopping etc. They tend to charge excessive prices, but for inferior work or do work that isn't really needed at all. They always want paying in cash so that they cannot be traced afterwards and they never provide any estimates, invoices etc. They may ask for a deposit and then not turn up to do the work. Really considerable sums of money can be involved. Do not do business with them.

Our key point is that, if you encounter anyone at the door in either of these two categories, feel absolutely

confident to report their presence to the police on 101, even if nothing has gone wrong. The police will want to check them out and to encourage them to leave the area. If, when such people come to Naphill & Walters Ash, they always encounter the police, they will go elsewhere. **Remember - Report Cold Callers on 101** 

## **Naphill Tennis Club**

The sun is shining, the birds are chirping and a Red Kite swoops low as if to follow the yellow ball I have just served.

Yes – tennis is in full swing and we'd love you to join us on our new 'Tiger Turf' courts. The 2017/18 Annual Newsletter/Membership Form gives full details of general playing times, improvers' coaching and social events. Our range of membership fees gives excellent value for money and - a big plus - coaching for youngsters on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings is included in membership.

The Children's Easter Tennis Camp proved very popular and another one is planned for the summer school holidays.

We are a friendly club with players of varying standards and are happy to welcome new members. We also have teams playing in local leagues for those with a more competitive streak.

TRY TENNIS FOR FREE! Naphill Tennis Club is participating in The Great British Tennis Weekend on 13th & 14th May – an opportunity for members of the public to 'have a go' at tennis at no charge! Invite your friends and neighbours and come and join us on the courts.

For further information, please contact the Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel, on 01494 563706 or myself on 565406 or visit our website www.naphilltennisclub. org.uk.

Jenny Tench

#### **Last Word**

Our next edition is JUNE and the great NapFest! As in previous years NapFest will be a big feature in our magazine. Now is definitely the time to buy your tickets and to plan for this special village weekend.

This month I am delighted to welcome "Medical Matters" and "Neighbourhood Watch" as articles and I hope that these will become regular features. Because there are various local and national elections I have not published the letter from our MP or local councillor this month. The Gazette remains non political! My grateful thanks to all our contributors and to Richard Holroyd for our cover.

Getting the June Gazette out on time really will be important, plans for this edition are underway, so please make sure that all your articles are with me on or before 15 May!

Sonia



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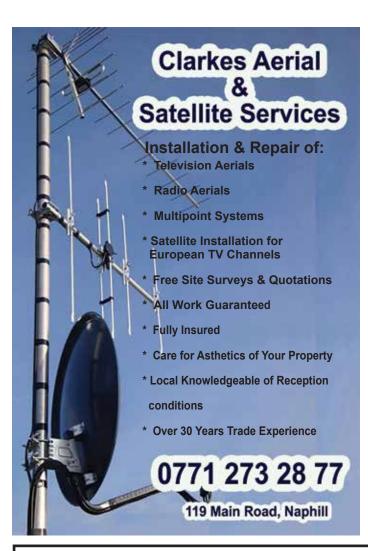
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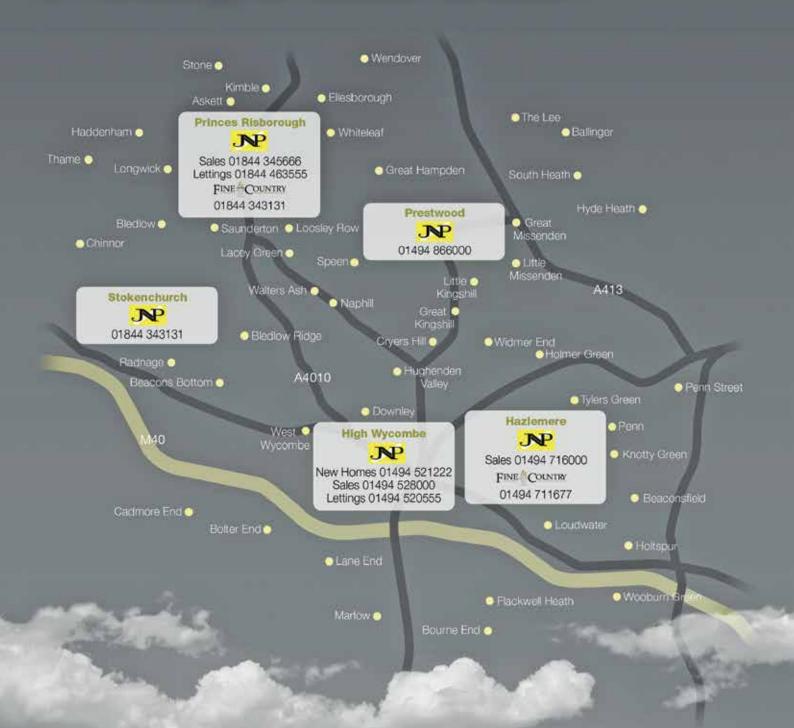
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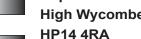


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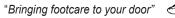
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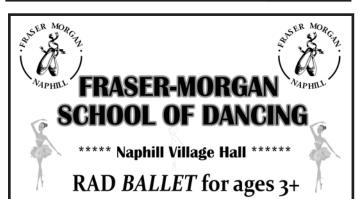
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Some enteries have been removed. It is impossible to list all the pilates, yoga, dance and other small business groups who operate in our area so it was felt that it was unfair to effectively advertise one without them all. Most of these groups do advertise in the Gazette and those that don't are welcome to do so.

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#### **Editorial**

Having spent the entire weekend putting together the centrefold NapFest program supplement, I realise that I am probably going to struggle to get everything into the magazine this month, so a shorter message than usual from me.

I did receive a message regarding last month's dog excrement article which I am unable to publish as name and contact details were withheld. I am sorry if this article offended anybody. I did make it very clear that this notice did not originate directly from our villages and so it was a general reminder to dog walkers to dispose of plastic bags containing dog excrement properly. Currently our Common is littered with these bags, some even tied to trees, and there are similar problems on the Crick with plastic waste in general. I am certain the majority of people, dog owners or not, find this offensive. I am a dog owner who makes absolutely certain that the excrement produced by our two dogs is responsibly disposed of, so obviously, I knew that this notice did not apply to me personally or to any likeminded person.

My best wishes for a GREAT NapFest, do please support and enjoy. The deadline for next month's Gazette will be extended for NapFest news and photographs until 19 June. July is NOT a combined edition. As in previous years August/September will be combined months.

My personal thanks to Peggy Ewart, the retiring chairman of the village hall council, for all her hard work, kindness and support and welcome to Clive, I look forward to working with you.

Sonia

Editor of the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette gazetteeditor@btinternet.com 01494 569428

## Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council Retiring Chairman's Report

This is my last contribution as chairman of the Council. I did not seek re-election at the first Council meeting of the Village Hall year, in part because I no longer feel able to give the time and energy the role requires if it is to be done effectively. Big birthday in 2018! I firmly believe that a chairman does not just guide a meeting but should be prepared to provide leadership. This is not always an easy, or comfortable, thing to do. I hope Clive Lawrence enjoys his term.

In common with many village halls, ours has tended to react to and deal with building problems, when they arise. This year, for the first time, the Council commissioned a full condition survey so that a maintenance plan could

be put in place for the next seven years. The survey report is now to hand and it is clear that much needs to be done to put the condition of the Village Hal in good order for the future. This means that while wanting to improve facilities within the Hall and on the Crick, there will be fewer funds to do this in the short term. However, it is important to plan for the future and keep a balance between "necessities" and "desirables". To this end, a costed long term improvement and maintenance plan is being put together to guide the Council's future actions. The suggestions which organisations and individuals have brought to our attention will be incorporated in the plan once the Council has considered the merits and practicalities of them all. Norma Clarke is putting together a small display in the Main Hall on Fete Day so residents can continue to make suggestions and comment on those already under consideration. The WI will be providing delicious teas as usual so the Main Hall is well worth a visit!

The plans for Napfest sound very exciting. Let us hope the rain our gardens need will not arrive for 9/10/11 of June. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Peggy Ewart

Retiring Chairman of the Village Hall Council

#### **Incoming Chairman's Report**

The May meeting of the Village Hall Council took place on Monday 8 May

Several items on the agenda were discussed. The Napfest chairman, Linda Clark, was present and kept us up to date on Napfest, the BBQ would like some more volunteers to help on the Saturday, please contact Linda at lindaclark894@hotmail.com if you can help.

Wycombe District Council have requested the village hall be used as the polling station for the election on June 8th. All other lettings have been cancelled for that day.

New doors have been installed on the corridor of Bon Ami and also on the store cupboards of the scout and guides and village hall stores. The scout and guides kitchen has been decorated. The new doors and decorating have cost £4500.

Suggestions have been received from village organisations to improve the village hall including a larger car park at the tennis club entrance, more seats, replacement chairs, new sound system, adult fitness equipment, new benches and storage cupboards in the football changing rooms and refurbishment of the kitchen. The last item has £2000 towards the cost from the, now closed, horticultural society.

A surveyors report has found quite a few areas of the hall building that need attention. The most urgent ones are the flat roof above Bon Ami and the changing rooms. Also needing attention are broken tiles and ridge tiles on the roof of the scout and guides rooms. These will be attended to as soon as possible.

At the end of the meeting the annual election of chairman, vice chairman and the 4 co-opted council

members was held. I, Clive Lawrence was the only nomination for chairman and I was duly elected. Sarah Bacon was nominated and elected for vice chairman and Dave Evans, Pam Smith, Judy Whitehouse and Tanya Stevens were also elected onto the council.

Many people in the village know me and I have been on the village hall council for over 20 years. I hope to be able to keep and enhance the village hall so that it continues to be an asset to the whole village.

Clive Lawrence,

Chairman Village Hall Council

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association (NAWARA)

The following local planning applications received by Wycombe District Council (WDC) In the 4 weeks to 9th May were discussed and any responses by NAWARA appear on the WDC website.

17/06070/FUL. 143 Main Road Naphill. HP14 4SB. Validated 06 Apr 2017. Householder application (HA) for construction of single storey rear extension. 17/05893/FUL. 5 Honey Way Walters Ash. HP14 4TT. Validated 18 Apr 2017. HA for construction of raising of roof and fenestration alterations in connection with creation of first floor. (Comment by NAWARA). 17/06143/FUL Fairholm, Chapel Lane, Naphill. HP14 4RF. Validated Tue 02 May. HA for construction of single storey side extension.

#### **Decisions by WDC**

Refused. 16/07937/FUL. Lone Pine, Bradenham Wood Lane, Walters Ash. HP14 4XP. Validated: Thu 13 Oct 2016.

Validation dates. In theory WDC decide applications within 8 weeks from date of validation. Where complications arise this can take longer. Application Number. If responding to an application always try to include the application number.

**Hughenden Street Association (HSA)** Do pay a visit to the HSA information table at the Napfest if you can, and find out how you can make your neighbourhood a more friendly and supportive place.

### Changes to Buckinghamshire Authorities. What do you think?

Buckinghamshire currently has an expensive 'two-tier' system of local government, with services provided by four district councils (Aylesbury Vale, Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks) alongside Bucks County Council (BCC). Central government money is gradually being withdrawn.

Replacing these 5 councils with ONE Bucks unitary authority as preferred by BCC will, according to BCC, save the tax payer £18 million a year over 5 years.

Replacing the 5 councils with TWO unitary authorities (1) Aylesbury Vale in the North; (2) Chiltern, South Bucks, and Wycombe in the South will save £11.6

million a year over 5 years. A slightly smaller sum for the advantage of more local accountability.

Under either proposal the unitary authorities, we are told, would be responsible for delivering all council services.

Of the 146 organisations who have given our Councils their formal feedback so far, 27 per cent wanted a Bucks single unitary authority, while 73 per cent favoured a multi-unitary option.

The government minister Savid Javid is still considering both proposals. Meanwhile local Councils want to know what YOU think. Find out more by clicking on to www. futurebucks.co.uk and see what Bucks County Council says, or pick up a leaflet at the library. I have a few leaflets for those without computers.

Your views on these proposals and preference for either ONE unitary authority or TWO (see above), can be forwarded by email to clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk at Hughenden Parish Council.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

#### **Points of Interest**

Well, the County Council Elections are over and now we must wait for the Parliamentary Election on Thursday 8th June. Locally David Carroll was re-elected with a handsome majority and I wish him well for the next four years and we will no doubt expect from him some improvement to our roads. The next local elections for parish and district will be in two years time in May 2019. By then we will have learned the new government's decision on local government for Buckinghamshire and whether or not we are to have a Unitary council and if so, whether it will split the existing county into two units or maintain it as one.

Last month I wrote on the importance of the voluntary sector in maintaining many of our local services such as community libraries and this created some interest, sufficient for me to be invited to answer questions on the local radio, Wycombe Sound. This talk and music station commenced transmitting in the autumn of last year and covers the local area of High Wycombe and much of the adjoining area including Naphill and Walters Ash, it is entirely run by volunteers and is of a high standard of broadcasting. Readers can listen on the internet or on 106.6 FM.

The county council's first meeting of newly elected members will be on Thursday 18th May, when the chairman, vice chairman and leader will be elected and who will in turn announce his/her cabinet members. I will give an update on this next month.

I am becoming increasingly anxious when driving along Valley Road to Wycombe in strong winds. There are several large trees that drape their large horizontal branches across the road and if/when one drops it will close the road, I just hope no one is underneath it when it happens. Mr Carroll please take notice!

Richard Pushman

# Naphill & Walters Ash Pre-School (Little Ash)

Website http://www.nawapreschool.sm4.biz/

We are now open; mornings 9 to 12 for rising 4's afternoons 12.30 to 3.30 for rising 3's.

Morning children have the option of doing a full day 9 to 3pm as demand dictates.









- We aim is to promote the physical, emotional, social and intellectual development of each child.
- We offer a stimulating and happy environment in which children feel valued as individuals.
- We offer a seamless transition to Naphill and Walters Ash School
- We invite you to visit and see the opportunities for your child Please call Judy, our office administrator on 01494 562813 email office@nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk







#### What do parent's say?

- 'Excellent levels of care and support throughout her time in Pre-school.'
- 'Supportive, open communication, positive people and role models, kind and caring.'
- 'The Pre-school is small and attentive, the staff are very nurturing and know the children. I hope to send my third here.'
- 'She can't wait to get to Pre-school every morning. She talks about all the staff at home.'

Ofsted Sept 2012 states that 'this is a good setting', 'Children have great fun and participate in a wide range of activities that cover all areas of learning, help them to make progress and reach the expected levels of development'...Children are happy, settled and full of self-motivation and assurance...They benefit from a strong staff team who work well

#### **Hughenden Parish Council**

**FACTOID #16:** We own and are responsible for maintaining and emptying eighteen dog waste bins in the Parish. Four of these are in Naphill & Walter's Ash at Templewood, Walter's Ash allotment, the Crick and Louches Lane. The bins are emptied twice per week by a contractor. Please contact us if you know of any other area in the ward where a dog bin would be welcome.

On the issue surrounding the litter bins near the shops in Naphill and Walters Ash, which a number of residents have raised with us, we have been advised by Wycombe District Council's (WDC) Waste Management team that the bins are emptied twice weekly and the surrounding area litter removed. It appears these same litter bins are frequently used to deposit bags of what appears to be domestic waste. This will obviously add to the volume generated at both locations and creates the impression that emptying duties are being neglected. WDC will be monitoring this and collecting evidence to help identify those responsible for dumping. Until this stops we can't determine if there is a genuine need to replace the bins with larger ones.

Up until last month many of us might not have been aware of the security upgrade that has been going on around Site 3 of the RAF. The installation of the fencing and security gate at the entrance to Site 3 along Main Road, opposite Templewood, is the latest manifestation of the increased measures to protect the base and its personnel. Whilst few would begrudge this work, it did comes as a unpleasant surprise for a number of residents to find the fence built right next to their gardens topped with highly visible barbed wire. Chris and Peter are currently assisting these residents liaise with the Defense Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) to explore what can be done to mitigate this.



The Parish Council had it's annual Council meeting in May - this is where we select what we individual councillors will be involved with for the next 12months in addition to the main Council meetings. So, for the next year we are not just your representatives round the Council table. We also sit on the Planning Committee, help run the Finance committee, participate in both road safety and communication working groups and one of us is even the Vice Chairman of the Council. We also represent the Council on a number of other bodies, such as the Village Hall, to maintain good communications.

It's Napfest time again this month. This is a fantastic opportunity to come out and show your support for where

you live, have a good time, meet up with friends and neighbours, as well as raise funds for one of our vital and thriving community assets - the Village Hall and playing fields. See you on the Crick!

Your Parish Councillors

Martin Burch, Chris Waterton, Peter Williams and vacant seat. email nawa@hughendenpc.org.uk website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

13th June
Full Council meeting
8pm-10pm,
Great Kingshill Parish Office

#### **Bon Ami**

It is June again already; the month of our villages' festival. Unfortunately, we are not able to open on Fete day. We are, however, looking forward to a busy day on Sunday 11th June for "Classics on the Crick". We look forward to seeing as many locals as possible as well as lots of stall holders, visitors etc: we are sure it will be a fabulous day.

Straight after Napfest we are holding another charity fundraising day in aid of the Alzheimer Society. Please do come along and support this worthy cause. If you are unable to attend we will have a donation box for at least a week afterwards. We are just managing to keep up with our scone baking as cream teas are definitely the flavour of the moment! Please do come and try one. We have also added to our menu a ploughmans' style lunch. We would be delighted for all ploughman and lay people to try one! Many thanks and see you all soon,

Ruth & Amanda.



## Naphill & Walter's Ash NapFest 2017



#### Music 9 June, Fete 10 June, Classics 11 June

#### At the Seaside

**NAPFEST** is back and definitely bigger than before, with more than 50 stalls (including attractions). The committee and I cannot wait to see everyone over this fun packed weekend and we are certain that there will be something for all the family. The theme 'At the Seaside' will run through the whole weekend, so we really hope to see everyone in fancy dress. Remember that there are prizes for those taking part in the procession in fancy dress, there is still time to get involved.

Of course, this weekend does not just happen, so I would like to thank my amazing committee who have worked hard since September 2016 to make sure that the weekend runs as smoothly as possible. I would also like to thank all of the fabulous volunteers who give up their time every year to ensure that this brilliant weekend happens. Also a huge thank you to our sponsor and organisations who have donated prizes and much, much more!

Thank you everyone who has helped, I could not have done this without you all!

Chairman of the NAPFEST committee (lindaclark894@hotmail.com)





## Music on the Crick

Music on the Crick is going to be a spectacular night to remember, come along and dance the night away. This evening is going to be full of entertainment for all the family, come along and enjoy the music:

6.00pm DJ Sean Salter will open the evening with a disco

for all ages, playing disco classics from the 70's, hidden gems from the 80's, some big box-little box

from the 90's, to current anthems.

7.00pm Tiger Lilly - This alternative Indie Pop Artist is

hailed for her raw and emotive 'heart on her sleeve

lyrics and captivating live performances.

8.15pm Littlewing - This great group are back by

popular demand and will be performing a

collection of their wonderfully crafted music.

9.30pm 'The Deps' return to headline NAPFEST 2017.

The Deps are back to bring their inimitable party atmosphere to Naphill. Playing nothing but anthems and sing-a-long songs. You'll be on your feet dancing the night away with one of the UK's

most prolific cover bands.

10.30pm Firework Display!

There will be food and refreshments available all night, including Mozzarella Nation with their delicious pizzas, Yourztoeat with the Hog Roast, Coffee Bike serving teas and coffee and of course don't forget the all-important bar, supplied by 'The Wheel', manned by our gorgeous village volunteers. Don't forget to get your tickets before the event:

Advance tickets are available from the Wheel PH (Cash only) and online at: www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk

£25 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 Children) - £30 on the gate £10 per adult - £13 on the gate £5 per child (5-12yrs) £7 on the gate Under 5's are free

## Fete Princes & Princesses 2017



#### **Tom Farrell**

I want to be a Prince for the day so that I can stop my brother bragging that he was one two years ago. My hobbies include playing football, running and playing FIFA on my Xbox. When I am older I would like to be a professional footballer. My favourite animal is a penguin and in my free time I like to play football. I'm football mad!



#### Florence Morgan

I'd like to be a princess for the day to create a wonderful memory for when I'm older. In the future I would like to work as a scientist – probably a chemist. In my free time I like to enjoy playing the flute and felting. My favourite animal is a meerkat and my hobbies include drama, singing and dancing.



#### **Samuel Eyres**

I would like to be the Fete Prince for the day because it would be lots of fun to wave like royalty from an open top car. I'm like most boys my age and enjoy playing football and on my Xbox in my spare time. My favourite animal is a squid and when I'm older I want to be a gold medal winner for running in the Olympics. When I'm not playing football, I like running around in the fresh air.



#### **Eva Sandy**

I like the idea of driving around the village in a fancy car for the day so I put my name forward to be a Fete Princess. I'll be the first Princess in my family. When I'm older I'd like to be an architect and in my free time I like gaming, singing, reading and learning French. My favourite animal is a Koala.



Fete Day is a traditional Village Fete, which is a fantastic family fun day with Stalls and Entertainment for all ages. There is a chance to win £200 on our Grand Draw Raffle, so make sure you get your tickets, you have to be 'in it to win it'. Thank you to all my marvellous village volunteers for all your efforts, this event certainly would not be as big without you!

Please don't forget your nominations for 'Villager of the Year', an award presented to the individual/s who have supported and helped the Village in the last 12 months. Email your nominations to lindaclark894@ hotmail.com

#### Stalls and events on the day (subject to change)

Cake Stall - Naphill Neighbours (marquee)

St Michael's Church - Children's Activities (marquee)

Bar - Men's Club (supplied by 'The Wheel")

Silent Auction - Friends of Naphill Common

Strawberries and Cream - Tennis Club

Teas and Coffee - WI (Village Hall)

Tombola - (marquee)

Gurkha Curry - RAF High Wycombe Nepalese

Hog Roast - Yourztoeat
Pizza - Mozzarella Nation

Two Bouncy Castles

Tuckshop/Sandpit/activities - RAF Airplay and RABF

Volley Ball Demos and Lessons - South Bucks Volley Ball Club

Dog Show - Sponsored by Jollyes

Bath Bombs

Handicrafts

**Greeting Cards** 

Trinkets

Jewellery

Pedal Planes and Flight Simulator

Climbing Wall

Helter Skelter

National Trust

Candy Floss Plants

Beauty Products

Ice Cream Van

#### **Arena Display and Schedule**

1200hrs - Procession starts led by Princes and Princesses

1210hrs – Fete opened by Princes and Princesses

1215hrs – Fancy Dress judged by RAF High Wycombe Station Commander Group Captain Rob Wood, Mrs Peggy Ewart and Mr Paul Hewson the Regional Director for RAFBF South of England.

1230hrs – RAF Halton Voluntary Band (Marquee weather dependant)

1300hrs - Children's Sack Race

1310hrs - Fit Steps with Mia

1325hrs - Adult & Child Relay Race

1330hrs – RAF Halton Voluntary Band (Marquee weather dependant)

1400hrs – RAF Fly past (weather dependant)

1410hrs - 332 Sqn Air Training Corps Marching Band

1430hrs – RAF High Wycombe Ladies Choir

1500hrs - Children's Egg and Spoon Race

1510hrs - Zumba with Sal

1530hrs – Adult & Child Egg and Spoon Race

1540hrs - Children's obstacle race

1550hrs - Adult and Child Obstacle Race

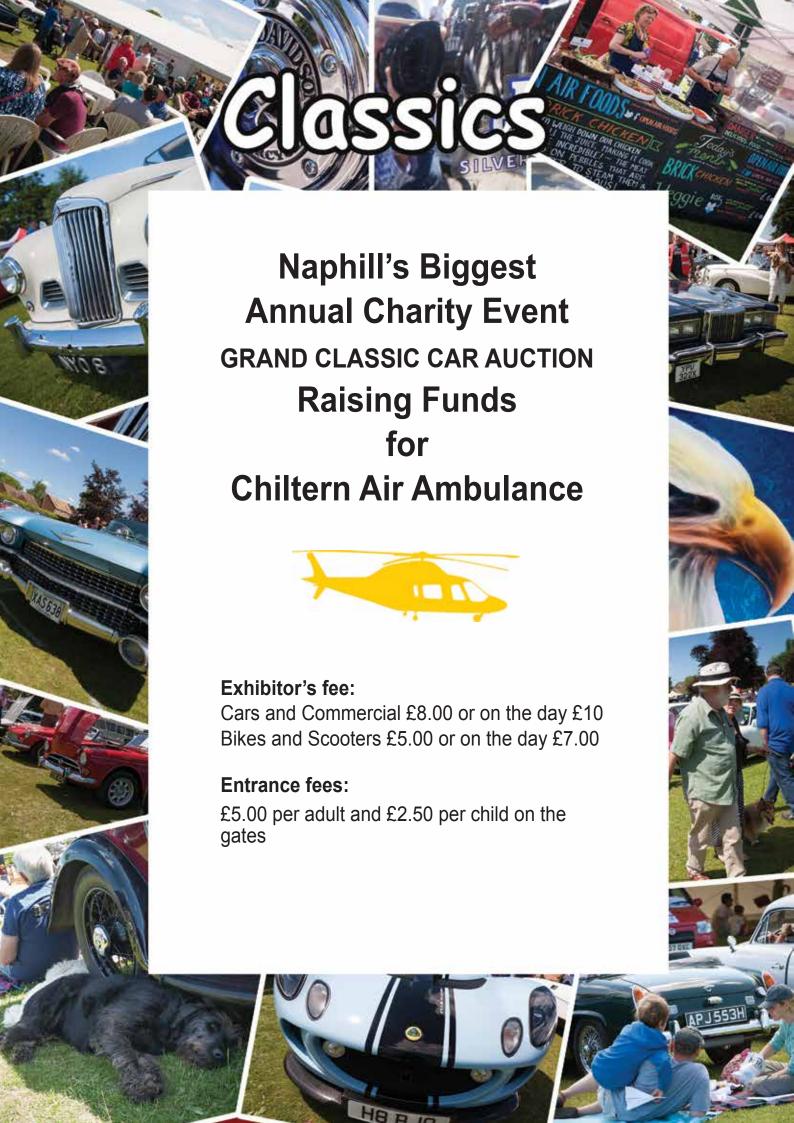
#### **Dog Show Timings (Timings amended from previously published)**

Entries taken from 1215hrs – Prizes to 4th place.

1330hrs – Prettiest Bitch 1435hrs – Waggiest Tail

1345hrs – Most Handsome Male 1420hrs – Best Rescue Dog

1405hrs – Veteran 1450hrs - Dog the Judge would most like to take home



# **Auctioned at Classic** EVS 781

By the time you read this we will only be days away from the 4th year of Classics! Arrangements are in place for what we hope will be a fantastic day. Lovely food stall and coffee shop, our very own bar selling a selection of wines and beers, live music and of course the auction! We collected "Tina" from a garage in Micklefield where she had sat since being parked there in 1997 (according to the tax disc). Underneath all the dirt she is in surprisingly good condition and as I write this, she is now in the tender hands of Coles and Blackwell who have very kindly offered to see if they can get her running, fingers crossed!! Here is a picture of when we picked her up, I hope you will see a transformation on the 11th!

As usual I will beg and plead for volunteers on the day, lunch is provided so please come along, even if it's just for an hour or so.,

## Naphill Tennis Club

**SATURDAY 10 JUNE - FETE DAY!** 

Tennis Courts open to all – rackets provided – all ages welcome.

Indulge yourself with our famous STRAWBERRIES & CREAM

Have fun with the BALL MACHINE



Looking forward to seeing you all on the courts!

Jenny Tench





#### Friends of Naphill Common

Lots of exciting items already donated, including a Wycombe Wanderers package for two hosted by ex players in a box at a league match. You will also meet some of the current stars.

Two tickets to a sell out Wycombe Wanderers ex players dinner at Adams Park on November 24. Mix with great names from the past and current heroes and relive some great moments in the club's history. Many more wonderful items to auction so come and bid!

#### MORE ITEMS WELCOME!

Contact Ron Collins on 01494 562240 or Neil McMinn on 01494 564667.





#### **Naphill Neighbours**

As you read this our may club meeting will be remembered for the return visit of Malcolm Nelson with another of his excellent talks, though not the expected one. No "Australian Aborigines" this time, due to his nonfunctioning projector! Instead, he gave a different talk entitled "Lies and Excuses" based on his experiences as a Customs Officer at Heathrow – informative and humorous and all without a single note.

June will be a busy month for the committee and members starting with the village fete on Saturday 8th when we are hoping we will have a full stall of delicious home-made cakes and preserves donated by club members and other local residents (thanks to Sonia's request poster in the May Gazette), with fine weather and lots of customers, too. Just a reminder that if you can't bring your cakes to the Crick at about 10am on the day, they can be delivered to Hazel's at Irving Cottage, 89 Main Road, beforehand.

Our monthly club meeting follows on Monday 12 June when we will be entertained by Paul Heslop talking about THE MURDEROUS BUTLER and then on Tuesday 13th we are off for a relaxing boat trip on the Thames, destination Windsor.

Hazel Vickery 563977

#### Naphill Evening WI

The Annual Council Meeting of Bucks Federation of WIs on 4th May was one of the best I have been to. Gyles Brandreth was the guest speaker and he had the whole of the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury in stitches.

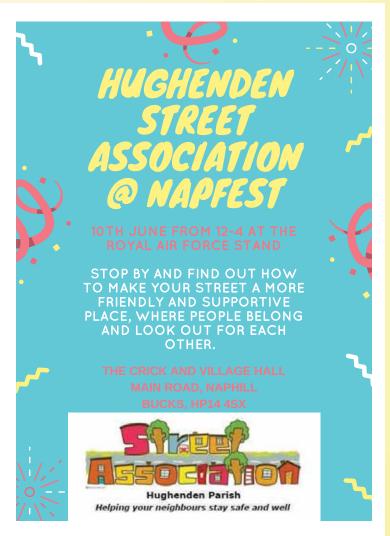
We also had a lovely time at Jenny's Ploughman's Lunch on 8th May although unfortunately this year we all had to stay indoors as it was very cold outside.

Some members had a trip to the theatre to see "An American in Paris" which was apparently a terrific show, including such songs as "I'll Build a Stairway to Paradise" and "They Can't Take That Away From Me".

By the time you read this we will have had our May meeting when our speaker will be Dr Geoffrey Farrer-Brown telling us about the work of Medical Detection Dogs. I have heard this talk and it is really amazing how these dogs can detect, for example, when their owner is going to have an epileptic fit.

We will also have visited the gardens and had afternoon tea at Craiglea House in Chalfont St Peter.

The 15th June will be our Birthday meeting when members will bring either a savoury or sweet dish. We always have a delicious array of food to choose from. We will also discuss the two WI resolutions for 2017, one of which is about "Pea Soup". This is fibres that are shed from synthetic clothing with every wash and contaminate the oceans. The second resolution is about alleviating loneliness.



On a lighter note, the Food Group are lunching at The Swan in Kimble on 21 June and the Craft Group have one or two ideas for projects.

We will also, of course, be contributing to Napfest.

Carol Gilliam.



#### **Meet the Artist**



Hello my name is Nancy Taylor and I am an artist living in Naphill. I used to work in London as a freelance book designer and before that at the BBC. This year I have been out in all weathers sketching and painting our wonderful common and have produced some colourful iPad paintings which are printed onto watercolour paper and I have also produced some oil paintings.

I am exhibiting some of my work in my newly painted studio (garage) during Bucks

Open Studios from 10th - 25th June. My opening hours are 10am - 12 am on Wednesdays and 11am

– 4pm on Saturdays during this time. Last Year I gave ten percent of proceeds to One Can Trust and this Year I am giving to the British Heart Foundation. You will find me at Pine Trees, Downley Rd just before the pond on the left (some of you may know this as Dennis Brown's old house!). If you are passing it would be lovely to see you.

Together with other local artists I'm a member of Naphill Methodist Chapel Artists which meet at the chapel on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 -9pm.

Nancy Taylor
Please visit:
www.nancyetaylor.co.uk
for more information
about the artist and her
work.

Photographs courtesy of Nancy Taylor



10-25 June 2017

Visit www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk to find other artists exhibiting their work locally.





#### Naphill Scouts - Naphillscouts@aol.com

With the weather improving we have been making use of the crick for some outdoor team building (wide games) and when the weather has been less kind, building our scouting skills in preparation for things to come. One of the core scouting skills is to be able to be able to use ropes and materials to build constructions which could be used as shelters, bridges and the like. Ours scouts practiced their clove hitches, square lashings and frappings to build solid pyramids which were then judged for construction skills and robustness. The final test was to have two scouts and a leader climb up the pyramid to see if they would carry the weight. I am pleased to say that they all passed with flying colours!

Our scouts also took part in the St George's day parade in Princes Risborough along with all the other Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from the Chiltern Vale District. St George is the patron saint of the scout movement. It is always a packed event with several hundred boys and girls taking part. This parade and church service is held annually across the country where all from the scouting movement reaffirm their scout promise, an

opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a scout.

Finally, we are delighted that two more of our scouts, Lewis Bendell and Ben Curtis have been awarded their Chief Scout's Gold award, the highest award available to scouts. This takes several years of work, and nine separate challenge badges need to be gained before the Gold award is finally achieved. Our Group Scout Leader, Richard Adams, presented them with their certificates.

Mark Powell



#### **Naphill Horticultural Society**

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

As you may have read last month, one of the resolutions made at the final AGM of Naphill Horticultural Society was to reunite our trophies with descendants of the original donors.

If any of the following names appear in your family tree in relation to Naphill, we would love to hear from you. As you can imagine, all of them would have been very keen gardeners!

F A Hobbs, Mrs J Salvarelli, A J Gould, A H Busby, Mr & Mrs R H Morris, Reg Brown, Eric and Margaret Bayley, Bill (William) Wood, Kathleen Pearce, George Lynch, Alice Burch, Gilbert Burch, Mrs P J Morris, Ralph H Morris, Karl Dube, Bert Wiseman, Ken Wilks.

Cathryn Carter 563233

#### **Growing Your Own**

June is one of the most pleasant months of the gardening year. However, I cannot recall a period so devoid of rain as it has been for the past few months. Indeed, I have heard that we may have experienced the lowest 6-monthly rainfall for the past 50 years. What can we do in such circumstances? We can pray for rain and do a frenetic dance to encourage the heavens to open, but that might run the risk of overdoing it and bringing on a continuous monsoon, with flooding in non-hilly areas. No, seriously, the long-term action we can take is to incorporate large quantities of garden compost and farmyard manure so as to build up the organic content of our soil. That would result in a water-retentive medium which would provide a water reserve to our plants. But that might take several years, so what can we do right now in 2017?

In order of priority, the first action is to eliminate all weeds then hoe lightly and regularly to keep the soil clear. Weeds take up precious water from the soil then transpire it through their leaves so the water is lost. The second action is to continue the light hoeing and fill in any deep cracks in the soil to prevent moisture deep under the ground from evaporating. Our soil in this area is classified as clay loam. However, if our clay loam soil has not had lots of compost or manure added it will crack when very dry, so fill in any cracks as they appear. The third action is to mulch, putting down a thin layer of grass cuttings to reduce evaporation from the soil surface. As an alternative to grass cuttings, putting down landscape material allows rain to pass through, greatly reduces evaporation and also stops weed seeds germinating. I grow my potatoes and strawberries in such material, having made small holes for the plants. For my potatoes, that also avoids the need to earth-up. (Earthing-up covers the crop to prevent sunlight turning potatoes green and poisonous. Earthing-up also increases the surface area of the soil so increases loss of moisture through evaporation, so should be avoided in drought conditions.) The last action we can take is to water, but

that back-breaking task is best avoided. I usually water when sowing seeds and transplanting plants then tell the plants to get their roots down and find their own water. However, very young seedlings are vulnerable in the conditions we have experienced recently and it may be necessary to water from time to time to stop young seedlings dying.

Of course, as soon as this issue of the Gazette has gone to print we may experience a continuous monsoon, bringing serious flooding in many parts of the country. Then I shall be looking for the resident of Naphill/Walter's Ash who has been praying for rain and doing a frenetic dance to encourage the heavens to open!

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

#### **Wycombe Photographic Society**

Our Annual Exhibition held in the Eden Centre has been "run and won". Over 100 prints on display, as well as over 100 projected digital images. Cups and Trophies were won by members for different classes.

Please look at our website to see the stunning winning photos.

The beginning of May saw a group of people wandering around Marlow, in particular the church grounds, with tripods, flash guns and rucksacks full of photography "goodies" looking for that "winning shot" as the sun set on Marlow. A most pleasant evening capped off by a little "relaxation" at The Two Brewers.

We are now entering our "quiet season" with the finals for the best prints of the year as well as the best digital projected images all happening before the end of June. This means that July and August are busy times for our members out taking those great photos ready for the start of our new year at the beginning of September.

This month's tip...... June is the month when all gardens are in full bloom so out with your cameras and take that photo of Auntie Doris's beautiful rose... get you some "brownie points".

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

David Greenwood

Membership Secretary

Wycombe Photographic Society

#### **Naphill Tennis Club News**

We had a good response to our Great British Tennis Weekend on 13th/14th May with people of varying ages turning up to have-a-go at tennis. As ever, the ball-machine provided plenty of entertainment for budding 'Andy Murrays' and the sun shone throughout!

Please see our NapFest invitation on page 26!

Jenny Tench

#### The Wheel

The months just roll around so quickly, but for some reason it feels like we've gone backwards with the cold weather. Summer must be due soon! We have had a few changes at The Wheel and we have finally had all our beer lines changed, whilst that happened they also gave us an extra lager line so we are now selling Carlsberg on draft.

When you next visit there have been several staff changes, and we now welcome Charlie Bull, Hattie Lacey and Rohan Gurling to the team, we also see Annabel back from Uni. Please be patient with them as they get used to working our little and rather odd shaped bar. Welcome to The Wheel Family guys, 'Planet Wheel' is a great place to be!

So it's the June Gazette and really there is only one key event happening...yes that's Napfest. The excitement is building in the village for this brilliant event and the Napfest committee have been working hard to ensure that this is the best one yet. The dates are Friday 9th June to Sunday 11th June.

- Friday 9th June Music on The Crick headlined by The Deps. My staff and some of our customers will be running the bar on The Crick too. Don't forget we are selling the tickets over the bar up until the 8th-Adults £10, Kids £5 and Family's £25. The gate prices then go up on the day.
- Fete day is Saturday the 10th June and the Theme is 'At The Seaside'. The staff are working hard on ideas for the procession around the field and our flag bearer is Sam Murdie. The Fete has so much happening this year with over 40 stalls on the field including a full size Helter Skelter, it's going to be an awesome family day.
- Sunday 11th June is Classics on The Crick, this will be another great day. If you are planning on a Sunday lunch with us as part of your day please, please book to save disappointment.

Wheel life is still hectic and always a little bit blurry, which I'm sure it will be on the 18th June, not only is it Father's Day, we then will also be celebrating 11 years at The Wheel on the 19th June. We love being part of this amazing village and thanks goes to all our staff and customers over the years (not you though Rags....)

See you all soon.

Claire and Mark

#### Naphill & Walter's Ash School

A lot has happened at Naphill recently – Year 6s have been to Rhos, Year 4s have been to Woodrow and the summer term has begun.

Last month, the year 6s went to Rhos Y Gwaliau - they had an amazing time. As well as becoming more independent, they went on amazing activities such as gorge walking, slate mining and rock climbing – all of which they loved. There was also a spectacular disco and talent show, in which they partied and had a great night before going home. All in all, the year 6s loved Rhos – hopefully the year 5s will have as good a time as they did next year!

The year 4s have recently gone to Woodrow. At Woodrow there are a whole variety of fun activities to do. I trust it was also a valuable experience for the year 4s as it will build strong bonds in each of them. Another thing I hope is that they have clear memories of Woodrow as they will have to make a power-point presentation on the subject to share with their parents and the school.

We apologise for a lack of input into the Gazette as the week we wrote this we were doing our SATs.

Freddie Jennings and Thomas Reed

#### **Pony Espresso**

Pony Espresso lost one of it's lovely customers last month. Doreen Marple was a regular who lit up the room when she was in. We first met her when she came in with her friend Monica. I asked her what she would like to drink. "Have you got gin?" she shouted. The room went quiet before I explained we didn't have an alcohol licence. "Tea will do then!" she replied. And so she and Monica became regulars, and later with her daughter Susan. One of the last times she came in, she brought Trudy and I a pot of honey. I will relish every mouthful.

The front of the café has been given a makeover thanks to customers, Kevin and Luke, the hanging baskets have been replenished and the outside tables and chairs are out. Come and eat, drink and be merry (without gin)..... life is short!

Blaine

#### Letter from Bradenham Vicarage

#### Who Is St. Botolph?

June 17th sees the feast day of St. Botolph, one of the earliest and most revered of East Anglian saints. He is the patron saint of wayfarers and farming; the little church at Bradenham is dedicated to him.

But who is he? Botolph and his brother Adolph were young Saxon nobles living in the 7th century, and were sent for their education to a Benedictine Abbey in France. Adolph rose to be a Dutch Bishop, whilst Botolph came back to his native East Anglia. He asked King Inne for a piece of land on which to build a monastery. The king gave him a piece of marshland at Icanhoh, a site that might be the present Boston (Botolph's Town – Botolph's Ton) in Lincolnshire. Actually, it is more likely to have been Iken, near Aldeburgh in Suffolk. Certainly Icanhoh was marshland, for Botolph was said to have battled with the devils living in the swamps, defeating them and driving them away. In fact, he probably drained the marshes, thus eliminating the 'will-o-the-wisps' caused by the night glow of "marsh gas".

His monastery flourished. After a long life of Christian endeavour and teaching, Botolph died in 680. The

monastery continued for another two centuries but in 870AD it was destroyed by Danish invaders. King Edgar (963-967AD) ordered Botolph's remains be taken from the monastery ruins, and then divided into three parts: the head to be taken to Ely, the middle to Thorney, and the remainder to Westminster Abbey.

The relics were brought to London through various towns and eventually through the four City gates of Aldersgate, Bishopsgate, Aldgate and Billingsgate. The churches at the entrances to these gates were named after him. The first three remain, but the one at Billingsgate was destroyed in the Great Fire (1666) and never rebuilt. It seems that as his relics were conveyed from place to place, his name became associated with wayfarers and travellers.

St Botolph's, Bradenham is one of many churches that are dedicated to him. Since St Botolph is the patron saint of travellers, many of these are at the sites of old city gates. No one is quite sure how our St Botolph got its patronage. It is possible that one of his disciples came here and founded it or perhaps the church builders wanted to invoke the blessings of the patron saint of farming to ensure abundant yields throughout the valley the church overlooks.

What does this gentle, learned Saxon saint have to teach us today? The message that struck me is that saints are not born – they are made. Botolph spent years learning the Christian faith, testing his vocation at the monastery of Farmoutiere-en-Brie where he took his vows. On returning to East Anglia, he began to build his own monastery and with it a reputation for personal holiness.

His life would have been rooted in the daily cycle of work and offices that characterised monastic life. Focussed, devoted, reverent, holy. His faith was not like the will-o-the-wisps he vanquished – it was rooted in study, worship and prayer. As a nobleman in an age when the church had limited power and had yet to find acceptance in many areas, his devotion to Christ cost him dear. But in his life we see a man who knew that the trappings of wealth and power were as nothing compared to the richness of a life lived in communion with God. Today he is remembered for his holy life and good works done for the sake of Christ.

We are not all called to a life made up of prayer and worship like Botolph, but we are all called to be faithful in the lives God has given us.

Rev Jenny Ellis

#### **Church Service Times Saint Botolph's Church**

4 June	Eucharist	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis
11 June	Eucharist	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis
18 June	Eucharist	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis
25 June	Matins	11am	To be announced

#### **Letter from RAF Pastor**

June is here and Napfest is with us once again.

Napfest is one of the occasions in our community where working in partnership is vital if great things are going to be achieved. Fortunately, the tradition of this community event is built upon the premise of not doing separately those things that can be better done together. In an age where competition and the striving for bigger and better often ends up in dividing people, it is refreshing to see how a diverse and broad neighbourhood can come together and celebrate its life.

It is testimony to the committee / group / teams and individuals working together that Napfest overcomes the potential for disagreement and falling out which sometimes happens with big events. I have no doubt that there is discussion and strong debate over issues, but the result is not affected by that which could go wrong but the excellent event that it is, is brought about by a commitment to work together and enable the wide variety of organisations and institutions which make up our community to show us what they do.

June also marks the birthday of the Christian church – Pentecost. This was an occasion when the followers of Jesus Christ had the experience of being enabled by God's Spirit to speak the many different languages of the middle east proclaiming a message of hope and salvation. They weren't aware that this is what they were doing and it could have resulted in a babble of noise but it came across as a coherent and understandable message by all who heard it – a message of faith and unity.

In our many different ways and from our many different perspectives of the life of our community, Napfest proclaims a message of unity, partnership and working together for the good. So, here's to a great Napfest and a great working partnership.

Padre Mike Hall

#### Letter from Hughenden Vicarage

As you sit down with a cup of tea or a glass of chardonnay to read this latest issue of the Gazette, you will most likely have had your fill of news coverage, debates, hustings, political comment, and more information from politicians than your mind can ever process. The general election is almost upon us – we go to the polls on 8 June.

Having been born, raised and always lived in the United Kingdom, I often take our democracy for granted. The freedom which we have to democratically elect officials such as local councillors and Members of Parliament is a precious thing, and one which those who live in such nations as North Korea and Zimbabwe long to experience in their own countries.

We live in a rapidly changing society. Demographically many of our towns and cities are unrecognisable from a generation ago, immigration is and will continue to be an issue which divides popular opinion, and at times, especially when the content of our news seems to be filled with spin and personal attacks, rather than policies and vision, we can all be forgiven if we are tempted to shake our heads with dismay, and vow not to vote on 8 June – "after all, what's the point?" – we might reason.

On 3 May, the Archbishops of Canterbury & York issued a Pastoral Letter to the nation, in order to inspire and encourage the electorate to engage more fully with the General Election.

The letter begins as follows:

The season of Easter invites us to celebrate and to renew our love of God and our love of neighbour, our trust and hope in God and in each other. In the midst of a frantic and sometimes fraught election campaign, our first obligation as Christians is to pray for those standing for office, and to continue to pray for those who are elected. We recognise the enormous responsibilities and the vast complexity of the issues that our political leaders face. We are constantly reminded of the personal costs and burdens carried by those in political life and by their families.

Our second obligation as Christians at these times is to set aside apathy and cynicism and to participate, and encourage others to do the same.

But how should we vote? We should take time to read the various parties published manifestos, and any publicity put through our letterboxes, but with what measure should we gauge these policies?

The Christian virtues of love, trust and hope should guide and judge our actions, as well as the actions and policies of all those who are seeking election to the House of Commons and to lead our country.

However you decide to vote on 8 June, please do use your vote. Those tasked with making policy which affects the lives of millions do not have an enviable vocation. Please join me in praying that the voice of our nation will be heard, that the election result will prove good for the future of our wonderfully diverse nation, and that we might cherish that moment when we put an X in the appropriate box and cast our vote for love, for truth and for hope.

Keith

#### **David Carroll - Your County Councillor**

Many will know there have been County Council Elections and I have been re-elected as your County Councillor. May I say a big thank you to all who voted for me. I will continue to work on behalf of all local residents to maintain our area as a great place to live.

You may be aware that there will be a long overdue reorganisation of local government in the near future and funding from central government will be decreased. We need to find the right model of local government to deliver best value for our residents in the future. This

decision lies with the minister responsible and will be made after the county election. I will be concentrating on whatever decision is made to keep our services in operation as usual through this transitional time. I will keep you informed as the situation develops. On the planning side I am working with residents in objecting to a damaging planning application in a very important part of our area.

As always, I am trying to protect our beautiful local environment.

Regards, David

## News from Christians in the Community

Our coffee morning on the 1st April went very well and we were able to easily cover the cost of having all the Easter cards printed. But for the future, there are ideas being thought about who will pay for the Christmas cards and whether leaflets and cards would play a part.

For those of you who were wondering, Christians in the Community are members of local churches – St. Michael and All Angels, Naphill Methodist Church, Kings Church, High Wycombe, and perhaps other churches (or indeed no church at all!)

We'll be with the churchs' stall at the Napfest on Saturday 10 June – so see you there?

Norma Clarke

#### **Bradenham Parish Council**

Bradenham Parish Council elected Teif Jones as Chairman at its Annual Parish Council meeting and Paul Oborn as Vice-Chairman. The Parish Council congratulated Carl Etholen on his election success in the County Council elections. Carl works hard for our community and gives much support, the Parish Council is delighted to see him back.

The Parish Council reviewed and updated its Risk Register. It was also agreed that a maintenance schedule for the bus shelters would be put in place.

The National Trust has laid down some conditions for placing the MVAS (mobile vehicle activated sign) on the Green in Bradenham. The Parish Council agreed these conditions which included not placing the MVAS on the Green during the cricket season and they have decided to go ahead with ordering collapsible posts.

The Parish Council has a keen interest in activities at the Red Lion pub and we await news from the National Trust on the plans for the pub.

Planning matters were discussed. Residents are reminded that they can always go on the Wycombe District Council Web site and look for and at planning applications. If you see anything that you think might be of concern please talk to the land owners. You can look for further details on the Wycombe District web site:www.wycombe.gov.uk/browse/Planning-and-building-control

This is also where you can raise an enforcement request if you think a breach of planning control is or has occurred and you can always contact the parish clerk.

Please remember that our Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers, who carry out the sometimes difficult tasks involved in being a Parish Councillor, in their free time, for the benefit of the whole community. They work hard with the best intentions, but are not always experts in Local Government Business.

Our next meeting is on Monday 3 July at 7.00pm at Bradenham Cricket Club, we welcome members of the public.

Deirdre Hansen Clerk to the Council, clerk @bradenham.org.uk or Tel: 01494-562254 www.bucksvoice.net/bradenham-parish-council

## Message sent by Action Fraud (Action Fraud, Administrator, National)

Following the ransomware cyber attack on Friday 12 May which affected the NHS and is believed to have affected other organisations globally, the City of London Police's National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has issued an alert urging both individuals and businesses to follow protection advice immediately and in the coming days.

Ransomware is a form of malicious software (Malware) that enables cyber criminals to remotely lock down files on your computer or mobile device. Criminals will use ransomware to extort money from you (a ransom), before they restore access to your files. There are many ways that ransomware can infect your device, whether it be a link to a malicious website in an unsolicited email, or through a security vulnerability in a piece of software you use.

#### Key Protect messages for businesses to protect themselves from ransomware:

- Install system and application updates on all devices as soon as they become available.
- Install anti-virus software on all devices and keep it updated.
- Create regular backups of your important files to a device that isn't left connected to your network as any malware infection could spread to that too

The National Cyber Security Centre's technical guidance includes specific software patches to use that will prevent uninfected computers on your network from becoming infected with the "WannaCry" Ransomware: https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/ransomware-latest-ncsc-guidance

For additional in-depth technical guidance on how to protect your organisation from ransomware, details can be found here: https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/protecting-your-organisation-ransomware

#### **Key Protect advice for individuals:**

· Install system and application updates on all

- devices as soon as they become available.
- Install anti-virus software on all devices and keep it updated.
- Create regular backups of your important files to a device (such as an external hard drive or memory stick) that isn't left connected to your computer as any malware infection could spread to that too.
- Only install apps from official app stores, such as Google's Play Store, or Apple's App Store as they offer better levels of protection than some 3rd party stores. Jailbreaking, rooting, or disabling any of the default security features of your device will make it more susceptible to malware infections.

#### Phishing/smishing

Fraudsters may exploit this high profile incident and use it as part of phishing/smishing campaigns. We urge people to be cautious if they receive any unsolicited communications from the NHS. The protect advice for that is the following:

- An email address can be spoofed. Don't open attachments or click on the links within any unsolicited emails you receive, and never respond to emails that ask for your personal or financial details.
- The sender's name and number in a text message can be spoofed, so even if the message appears to be from an organisation you know of, you should still exercise caution, particularly if the texts are asking you to click on a link or call a number.

Don't disclose your personal or financial details during a cold call, and remember that the police and banks will never ring you and ask you to verify your PIN, withdraw your cash, or transfer your money to another "safe" account.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, please report it to Action Fraud at http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/

#### **Last Word**

Before you all reach for your phones, I really have done my best to fit everything in and I apologise for the items not included this month but NapFest has taken centre stage as it will again next month. The deadline has been very tight this month so if it wasn't here on time it didn't go in. I really didn't feel that our printer's wife should have to suffer Geoff on the beach with his laptop furiously setting up our magazine. Mission accomplished, magazine completed on time and enjoy your holiday Mr and Mrs Gray!

I have extended the deadline next month but please, if possible, be an early bird and get your articles here as soon as you can.

My thanks to all our contributors and to Richard for our cover photo. I am sure after a quick nap to recover, I will be looking forward to editing the special NapFest July Gazette.

Sonia



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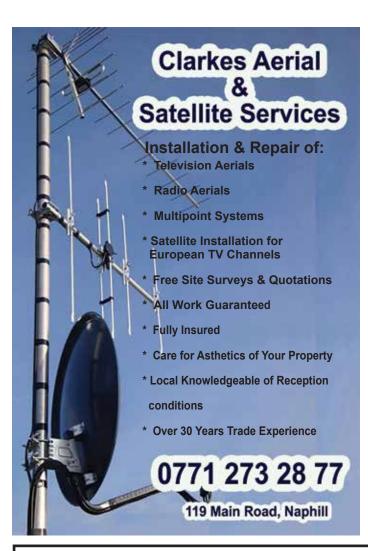
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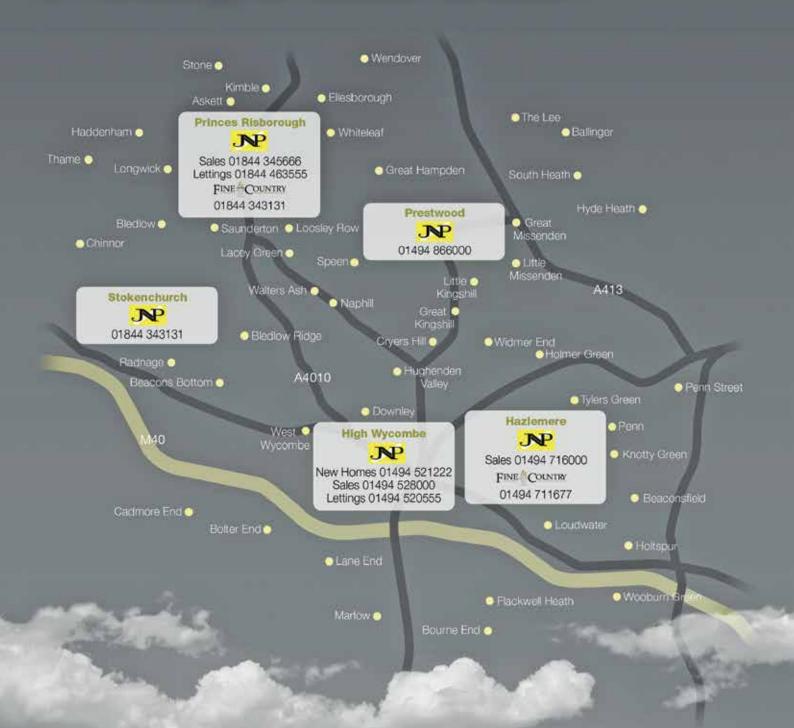
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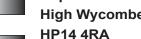


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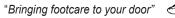
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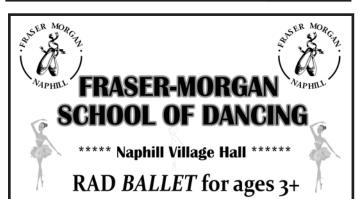
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Some enteries have been removed. It is impossible to list all the pilates, yoga, dance and other small business groups who operate in our area so it was felt that it was unfair to effectively advertise one without them all. Most of these groups do advertise in the Gazette and those that don't are welcome to do so.

#### **Editorial**

Another brilliant NapFest weekend and hearty congratulations and thanks to the chair of the Napfest Committee, Linda Clark, and all her team for their tireless work over the last year which has made all this possible.

TEAM WORK! This is something which our village community, and indeed the much wider world, relies on!

Last week a young relative who had recently taken up a post as a teaching assistant in a large secondary school decided to educate "Grandma" on the importance of her role and the consequences to the school if she was not there. "Grandma" has retired as the Head of a Learning Support Department in just such a school and gently tried to explain that everybody plays a role which helps the wheels run smoothly but that if any one member of the team is unable to perform their role for any reason, the wheels should not fall off the wagon. "Grandma's" explanation was not greatly appreciated!

"Grandma's" theory has certainly been tried and tested in this edition of the Gazette as one of my great team has sadly not been with us due to family commitments. He is greatly missed and I cannot wait to have him back when he is able to re-join us but the Gazette goes on. My grateful thanks to all my team and the many local photographers and friends who have stepped in to help.

For many years, the Gazette has had been very fortunate to have David Kidger as our talented web master, indeed David designed, created and ran our web site for us. David now lives and works in Thame and runs his own business there and so he is retiring from his role as our web master. My sincere thanks go to David for his unstinting help and support.

The good news is that we have a new web master in the shape of Peter Davis who has designed and launched a new Village website, www. naphillandwaltersash.org.uk. which we hope will be an asset to our village communities. Peter has written a brief introduction to this new facility which I am delighted to share with you in this edition of our magazine. Peter is a man of many talents, so not only have I gained a replacement web master but also another superb photographer! Welcome Peter, thank you for all your hard work over the last few months and thank you for agreeing to join our team!

A reminder that next month is a combined edition, August/September. Copy date for this edition will be 15 July. I should be grateful if all last minute NapFest news could be with me by this date for inclusion in this issue of the magazine.

Sonia editor@naphillandwaltersash.org.uk 01494 569428

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# The New Naphill and Walter's Ash website

We are pleased to announce our new website:www.naphillandwaltersash.org.uk

This new website will replace our existing one (www.naphill.org.uk) with immediate effect. It is in no way intended to be a replacement for the Naphill and Walter's Ash monthly Gazette but it will augment it. Planning applications and decisions will be more up to date and you will be able to link directly into the planning applications themselves to get much more detail. There is a more comprehensive list of events. Direct links to local organisations, both informative, leisure and sports. The Residents Association will have their own page. Some articles in the Gazette have to be edited to fit in, where appropriate full articles will be made available on the website. It is intended to be a "one stop shop" for all things Naphill and Walter's Ash.

A brief history of Naphill and Walter's Ash and back copies of the Gazette are also available

A section on local photographs will display your images of our villages and their surrounding countryside.

Constructive comments about the website and its contents are welcomed.

Peter Davis - Webmaster webmaster@naphillandwaltersash.org.uk

# Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council - Registered charity number 300309

The June meeting of the Village Hall Council took place on Monday 5 June. The Napfest chair, Linda Clark, was present and kept us up to date on Napfest. After Linda had left the meeting there were several items for discussion. The first being the astro turf by the ball wall, which still needs some rectification. A request to donate a tree was passed with certain criteria to be met. Judy Whitehouse, Norma Clarke and Judy Redrup all went to the Co Op in Risbrough to represent the village hall and explain how the village hall is run, as the hall will benefit from their charity fund.

Paul Riglar the treasurer has reviewed the insurance renewals and savings have been made on 2 of the policies. He is also setting up new mandates for the bank accounts so that any 2 of 4 nominated committee members can approve payments. The locks on the new doors have been changed so that they are on the zoning areas as are all the other locks in the hall. New padlocks have been purchased for the field entrances. The roof above the scout/guide hall and mens club has been quoted for repairs to the ridge tiles and broken tiles and will cost just over £2000. We are also getting quotes for the roof above Bon Ami which will be a rubberised single piece covering as this roof needs to be done asap. The trustees code of conduct was discussed and certain recommendations have been put forward.

Since the meeting was held we have had the Napfest weekend and what a great event it was! The music night on Friday, the clouds went away late afternoon and the sun shone, the music was great and the fireworks fantastic. Then we had fete day with brilliant sunshine, amazing fancy dress parade and all the stalls to keep up a village tradition of fun and entertainment for all ages. Sam Keen was the popular winner of best villager of the year. A special thank you to the R.A.F. station commander, who helped judge the fancy dress and for providing personnel for setting up and clearing away before and after the fete. The security for the event was also handled efficiently by the R.A.F. with their police mingling with the crowd along with a Thames valley policeman. A big thank you to Linda and the Napfest committee for organising the event.

The classics on the crick was a big success with a record number of entries and a large number of people to see the cars and motorbikes. The sun was shining all day on a crowd that enjoyed the event. I must say a special thank you to one person who was not only there all weekend but even slept there. Steve the sparks who does not even live in the village!

On a more serious note the tennis club have had graffiti painted on the clubhouse door and youngsters have been on the car park , kicking a football at the windows and hanging baskets at Bon Ami. We do have CCTV at the village hall and if identified a bill for any damage will be forwarded to their parents. We have a good facility in the village hall, please let us keep it that way.

Clive Lawrence.

Chairman, Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council www.naphillvillagehall.org.uk



#### **Bon Ami**

Well, what a fabulous Napfest!!

I enjoyed going along to Music on the Crick. It was so lovely to see so many friends, customers and neighbours all having a great time. The Fete was packed throughout the day.

Bon Ami was full to bursting all day during "Classics on the Crick" which was brilliant.

Thank you to all of the organisers for all three events. So much personal time given up for worthy causes.

It is now beautiful summer. It is so great to have our terrace full of customers eating and drinking. Ice creams are, of course, very popular. We are now offering our iced coffee again to quench thirsts and cool customers down.

As it is summer, Amanda and I have booked holidays which we are both looking forward to. Unfortunately, our dates cross slightly. This means that we will have to close for just four days. Bon Ami will therefore not be open from Wednesday 12 – Saturday 15 July inclusive. Normal service will be resumed on Monday 17 July at 9am. We do apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Happy summer to everyone.

Ruth & Amanda.

#### Friends Of Naphill Common

It has been confirmed that Phase 2 of the felling and glade widening on the Common will start this coming autumn. The map with this article shows the area concerned. It has been changed from an earlier map and now it seems that most of the Iron Age "farmstead" will not be included. We recently walked over the area with David Hunt of Wessex Woodland Management (WWM) and picked out features that need to be preserved or protected from any heavy machinery. Most of the significant trees that we want preserved have already been marked with a (temporary) green spray and the rest will be done during the summer. WWM will fell only a selection of the less important trees, including those that need to be removed so as to widen the glades, and those that are judged to be in a dangerous state. They will also clear some areas of holly and strim the glades so as to remove scrub and some of the bracken, in the same way that was done during the first phase of felling, with the aim of letting in more light and helping the grasses return.

WWM have also agreed to remove much of the great beech that has fallen into Dew Pond. They will extract most of the branches and that part of the main trunk that is in the pond. The lower part that lies on the bank of the pond will be left, and it is this that contains the rare fungus Hericium erinaceus. The aim is to return the pond to its full glory while preserving as much of the great beech as possible – all without damaging the pond, the fungus or the ditch of the Iron Age farmstead! If you have any concerns please contact a member of the FONC committee.

Over the last few months our working party has been clearing the area around Dew pond (in preparation for the felling) and also clearing holly, nettles and fern from the Ladies' Mile on the common between Downley Road and the track that runs from Little Oaks to Chapel Lane. If you would like to help and get some healthy exercise at the same time please check the web site (www.naphillcommon.org.uk) or contact the organiser, Peter Davis for details. There is now a wide expanse on which to walk and it is intended to mow the area regularly in order to prevent the nettles and fern regrowing. We have a sit on mower and would welcome help with the mowing if there is anyone who is prepared to volunteer their services. Mowing doesn't have to be done at any particular time so we can fit around your availability. Training will of course be given. If you are interested please contact Ron Collins on 01494 562240 or Neil McMinn on 01494 564667.

Members and non-members are invited to join our walks. 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. Members and non-members are equally welcome. We are extraordinarily fortunate to live in the Chilterns as they develop their full splendour. We invite you to enjoy it with our friendly groups

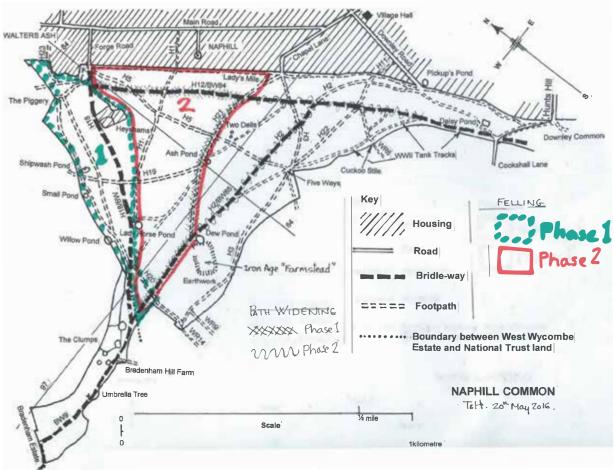
The longer distance walking group had an extra walk in April as they went to see the bluebells at Ashridge. As you will see from the photo this was a magnificent sight, although the photo really does not do the display justice. Ashridge, a National Trust site near Tring, is renowned for its bluebells and is considered one of the

best locations to see them in the country. If you have never been, do make the effort to go next year, it really is worth the trip.



Unfortunately, someone has dumped a quantity of turf near to Chapel Lane. It a serious offence to dump rubbish on an SSSI and it is anti-social to make an unsightly mess on our Common. On an even less pleasant topic: our working parties are increasingly finding plastic bags containing dog excrement when they are clearing an area, sometimes hung up to decorate a bush. Walkers on the common have also complained about similar experiences. It is bewildering to think that people can be surrounded by such beautiful countryside and foul it in this way. Please take your dog mess back to your own bin – as most responsible dog owners manage to do.

Chris Miller - Chairman.



# Parking at the Co-Op and the Shops Opposite

We have finally cracked under the strain of the daily parking fiasco. I arrived at work to find a huge delivery truck using the entire forecourt. The gentleman was unloading bread & wheeling the crates across the morning traffic.



Later the same day someone had to be carried into the practice. Two cars had been parked for over 40 min by people visiting other premises. The wheelchair could not fit between the cars & we had no way of knowing where the owners were.

I am sure that most of us would be frustrated if we arrived home to find unknown cars in our driveway. No way of knowing when the owner will return or where they have gone!

The forecourt has become very eroded as it is used as a turning circle & parking for heavy goods vehicles. I have decided, at great expense, to retarmac the forecourt. We will have allocated bays for those visiting our practice. The forecourt will be posted off after hours.

We hope that this will facilitate access for our patients. This will also look smarter & enhance the village character.

Leigh Lewis

# The Lord Chancellor Welcomes Hughenden Parish Street Association's Community Support Initiative

Newly appointed Lord Chancellor David Lidington joined Hughenden Street Association at Napfest and was full of praise for the recently established community scheme.

David spent a significant amount of time chatting to parish residents Gloria Leflaive and Stan Jones, key members of the Hughenden Street Association. Representatives of the Association, already 60-members strong since launching in February, attended Napfest to encourage further residents to become the eyes and ears on their street.

Led by Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group, in partnership with Thames Valley Police, Trading

Standards, Neighbourhood Watch, County, District, and Parish Councils, plans were formulated for the protection of older and more vulnerable residents. Nearly one in three of the residents across Hughenden is over the age of 60 and the fastest growing proportion of the population is those of 80 years and older.

Residents who sign up to represent their street will receive an information pack covering important issues such as scams and doorstep crime to raise awareness for those who might be vulnerable. The pack also includes a signposting directory and details of local activities and organisations to direct individuals for support, which can help to reduce loneliness and isolation. Anybody in the Parish can become a Street Member by offering just a little time to help their neighbours stay safe and well, creating a stronger and safer community. Due to the success in Hughenden Parish, further Street Associations are going ahead elsewhere in the County.



For an information pack to help your street, please contact HughendenStreetAssociation@gmail.com or call 07392 683500 or 01494 563634

#### **Situation Vacant**

The Christmas Tree lights team have need of an electrical engineer or qualified domestic electrician to be a member of the team. The work involves dealing with any electrical problems as they arise when putting up the lights at the end of November, plus checking, electrically testing and repairing the 23 garlands and connector box and then storing them in January ready for the following November. The electrical system in the Village Hall, with its timer, also needs checking annually.

The present incumbent (me!) has done the work for 41 years and feels the time has come for another electrician to take over, preferably someone who can commit to doing this charity work for several years. The Naphill Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights are loved by everyone; this is an opportunity to join the team of 15 enthusiastic volunteers who put up the lights.

If you have the right experience, or would like to put forward the name of someone you know, please give me a ring on 01494 563225.

Mike Mason

# Naphill & Walter's Ash NapFest 2017



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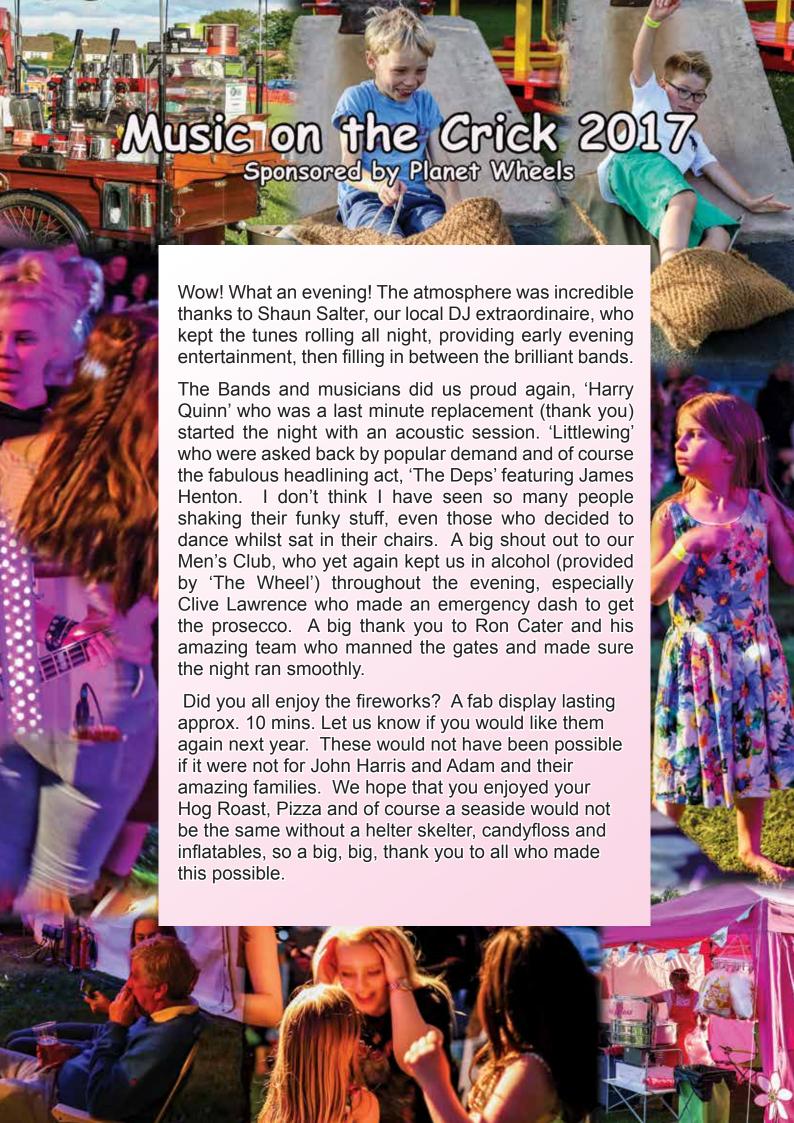
Well where has the time gone? NAPFEST is over for 2017 and we are so thrilled that the weekend was such a huge success. We are now looking forward to 2018. We were so lucky this year that the weather, with the exception of a few blustery moments, was beautiful and encouraged more people to come and support us. I hope you all liked the new layout for the weekend, I think it brought more of a festival feel? If you have any comments/suggestions please forward them to lindaclark894@hotmail. com.

I would like to thank the Fete Committee for all their hard work and dedication over the last year and all the time and effort that they put in over the weekend. Without them and all the amazing volunteers the weekend would not have been possible. Hopefully, whilst you look back at such an amazing weekend, you may feel that you would like to be a part of this team. It is such a rewarding feeling knowing that you have helped to achieve such a great event and knowing that you are giving back to your village and local communities.

Thank you to all those who sent nominations for 'Villager of the Year'. This year the committee was overwhelmed with nominations, all of which were thoroughly deserving. Miss Sam Keen was awarded 'Villager of the Year' with Mrs Pauline Pool, Mr Darren Lomas, Mrs Claire Christian and Mrs Carol Teare receiving Certificates of Appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the Naphill and Walter's Ash Communities.

Thank you for your kind emails and letters, they really are appreciated, all feedback is gratefully received. Another thank you, this time for Sonia and her Gazette team, who have provided all the photographs for this article and of course Sonia's patience for my late submissions and lack of knowledge of the when, why and how.























#### **Naphill Brownies**

We have had such fun this term doing our 'Messy Challenge badge'

This is a fun Girl guiding badge, which is open to all sections from Rainbows through to Senior section, but with activities of varying difficulty

We have done messy art, messy games, messy science, messy cooking and a few messy outdoor activities as well. There have been lots new skills learned along the way too.

We have also completed our Home Safety badge. The final bit of this was to learn how to call the emergency services and do some basic first aid – Not all brownies are the most sympathetic first aiders, but ....



day was wonderful as ever. Thank you to all who give so much time to organising this marvellous community event. The brownies were proud to take part in the procession and even won a prize for best dressed junior group – Well done girls! It was great to have so many brownies helpina run the Human Fruit machine on the brownie stall too. As the summer draws on we still have a visit from some reptiles!; our very own brownie sports evening and a few other things to fit

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly) 565571. ruth.daly3@btinternet.com

#### **Book Stall**

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who passed on good quality adult and children's books, as I had requested, for me to sell at the Naphill fete this year. We took in excess of £400!

Unfortunately, I also received a large amount of totally unacceptable items that I could not use, or pass on to other charities. Hence my car travelled to the tip a couple of times with the boot fully laden.

This is my final year running the book stall so, again, a big 'thank you' to everyone who has supported me in my requests over the many years I have been 'in charge'. I sincerely hope that whoever takes over will have the support, in the future, that I have enjoyed.

Pauline Pool

#### Naphill Evening WI

Before the event, we had cold weather, torrential rain and strong winds. Then the sun shone for us on the Saturday of Napfest! A few of us had fun parading in our shorts and t-shirts to give a flavour of a trip to the beach, whilst others served sandwiches, cakes and tea and coffee in the Village Hall. Despite competition from hog roasts, Nepalese food, etc, out on the Crick, we still managed to attract customers to the delights of WI catering.



Our Secretary, Carole Teare, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for Continuous Support to the Community. Well done Carole. What a pity they didn't give you time to take your apron off before it was presented!

The next event to look forward to is a Croquet and Games Evening in Valerie and Richard Pushman's garden on 13th July which is always fun. We also have plans for a visit to Parmoor House at the end of July.

Carol Gillam

### **Tennis Club**



What more could we want? The best of British weather and an 'At the Seaside' theme to give us an excellent Fete Day! Our Strawberries & Cream Stall was very popular and it was lovely to see people sitting on the grass beside the courts munching away whilst being entertained by the Ball Machine activities.

Pictures say it all! Our mini tennis players – along with a few not-so-mini players – entered the Fancy Dress Parade with a good old-fashioned 'Punch & Judy'.

#### **Future Events:**

American Tournament followed by Bring & Share Tea Sunday 9th July at 2.30 pm.

Children's Summer Tennis Camp – Monday 14th to Friday 18th August for members and non-members. See our website: www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk.

New members always welcome. Come along to one of our friendly club sessions and give us a try!

Jenny Tench

### **Naphill Neighbours**



The weather gods were on our side for the Napfest weekend – I seem to remember only wet and windy ones of past years so it was wonderful to see the sunshine. Our cake stall did a roaring trade. A big "thank you" to our editor, Sonia, for spreading the word via Naphill Village and RAF Facebook pages that cakes were needed. Result – a stream of delicious cakes of all shapes and sizes arrived at Irving Cottage for our stall. Everything was sold within a few hours. Again, thank you to all the good folk of Naphill who baked for us.

We had glorious weather for our Thames boat outing, sailing from Maidenhead to Windsor. It was a joy to float gently past the beautiful countryside and lovely properties with their manicured lawns and spend some time in Windsor before sailing back. By the way we acquired a new name from a member of the boat crew – we are now the "Naphill Lovelies".

Our next club meeting is on Monday 10 July, when the speaker will be Tony King, his subject "THE WAY IT WAS".

A reminder to make a note of our summer tea party on Monday 13 August at 3pm in the Village Hall. Entrance £4, everyone is welcome.

Hazel Vickery, 563977

#### The Wheel



WOW! Napfest was yet another amazing weekend which was enjoyed by all. The weather cooperated at the last minute, which meant that everyone was out celebrating and having lots of fun over the weekend. The fun was not all on The Crick, we also had a great weekend here. The team of staff on Friday were great as always and thank you to Tracey Slingerland for all her help. Then on the Saturday the staff made a great effort for the parade and completed their mini pub crawl round the field. Thank you to the Napfest committee for all their hard work over the year and for our Certificate for Support to the Naphill and Walters Ash Community. I'm sure there will be lots of photos of the weekend in this edition. Sunday was fantastic with people in the garden watching as all the cars were leaving, some more noisily than others!

Going back to May we also had the Birds of Prey Day which was a great success again, the sun was shining and it was good to see all the families out in the garden interacting with the birds and so many children had their photos taken with them. Thanks to Helen and the team for the great display.

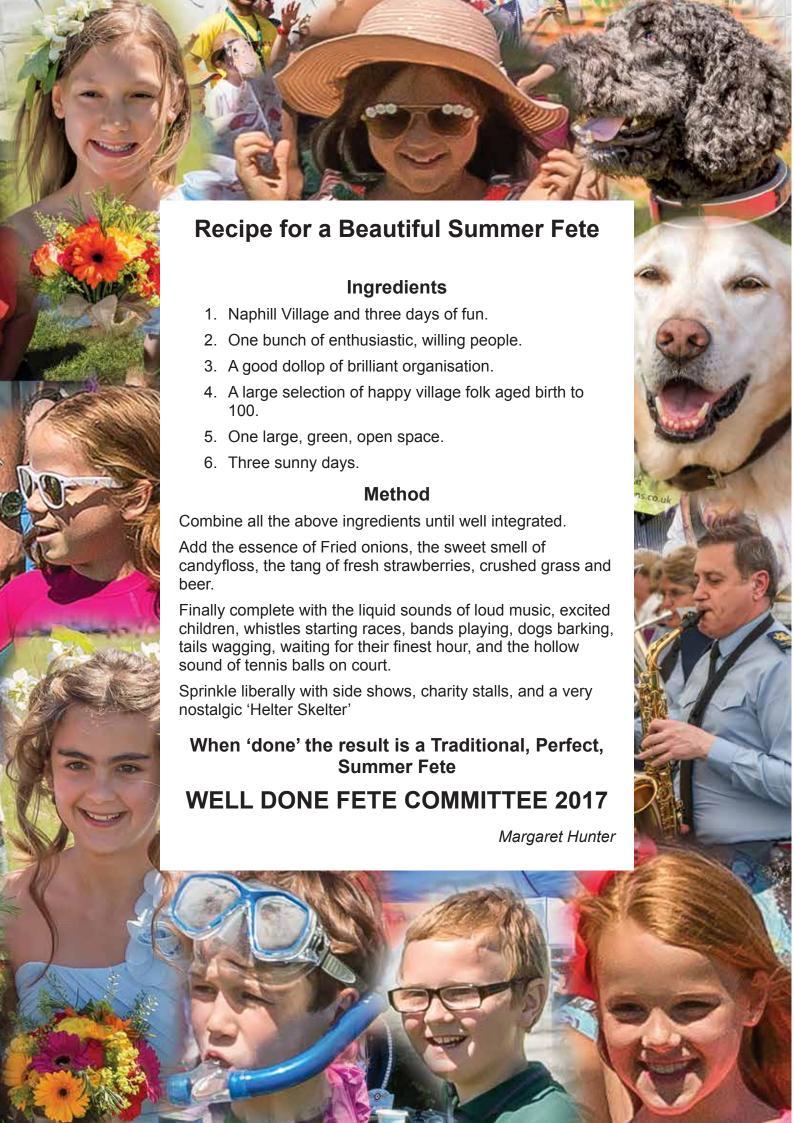
Many of you will have noticed that we have changed the front car park and now have some café barriers with seating inside. This new area holds the sun longer in the evening and has proved to be a popular space with the locals, who are trying to name it the VIP area!

We are now getting into the holiday season and that's not just you, but all our staff to. Thankfully, our students are back. We welcome Annabel back to the Family, and Rohan as our newest team member. Due to all the holidays, and the number of Birthdays and Christenings we have booked over the next few months, we currently don't have any events scheduled.

Lastly everyone will also be relieved to know that the builders upstairs have now finished and Mark and I are so happy with our new bathroom and bedroom, thank you to James and Neil and your teams.

Once again thanks to you all, hope you enjoyed Napfest and fingers crossed for a cracking summer. Cheers

Mark and Claire



#### **Hughenden Parish Council**



The Council met on 7th June to begin development of a strategic plan for the parish for the next few years. It was an open and wide-ranging discussion about the services we provide within a rapidly

changing local government environment. There is no doubt that choices must be made in future as more demands are put onto the Parish Council.

Our strategy will be guided, in part, by the output of the survey of residents that we conducted in 2014 and should be finalised at a further meeting of the council in July.

Once this is in place and priorities have been agreed, the council, its committees and working groups can begin to develop its detailed future plans. The priorities set will determine where and how we invest over the next few years and will guide us, for example, on which of our areas of activity will be critical focal points and what grant and loan applications we will agree to make and budget for next year.

Costing of our plans will provide the basis for calculation of the 2018 Precept, which we will meet to discuss in November.

We will also be discussing the timing of the next survey to get updated residents' views on key activities and priorities within the parish. In the meantime we would urge parishioners to contact us with any views or opinions on what they see as priorities for action.

We are here to represent your needs and can be reached by email or through the council office at Great Kingshill.

Next Council Meeting
11th July 7.30pm-10pm,
Great Kingshill Parish Office

#### **Points of Interest**

I have received several interesting responses to my last article on overhanging trees and overgrown hedges, all agreeing that they represent a hazard to driving and concern at the possible danger a branch fall might cause. The same might be said of some serious potholes along the edges of our Chiltern lanes where heavy lorries and agricultural tractors, have broken and eroded the 'hard shoulders'. With more cyclists now using the Chiltern cycle ways this is an added hazard of swerving to avoid the pothole and putting the riders at risk of serious injury.

Someone asked me the other day as to why Naphill Main Road has the problem of car parking on the pedestrian paths. On posing this problem to a group of friends it was agreed that adjoining villages do not appear to have this situation. Lacey Green, Hughenden Valley, Great Kingshill and Prestwood don't appear to have the hazard of cars blocking pedestrian paths especially where some drivers park all four wheels on the pavement. Not only is this an offence but it is also inconsiderate to wheel chair users and those pushing children's buggies. Parking all wheels on the road would help to slow down the speed of traffic passing through our village. It has already been pointed out to me that drivers who park correctly have suffered broken mirrors and in one case an entire 'write off' as a car ploughed into the rear of their car. Perhaps a better speed awareness by drivers might reduce this risk.

My compliments to the Commons Committee for their clearance work on Naphill Common, this summer it has looked its best after the ravages of the tree felling two years ago. The bridleways have now become more verdant and walkable and the wild flowers are re-appearing, the show of bluebells was the best I have seen for many years. How lucky we are to have this wonderful feature on our doorstep.

Richard Pushman

### Naphill & Walter's Ash School

#### Goodbye from this Year's School Reporters

So, it is coming to the end of the year now, which means that the year 6s will be taking off to begin the next step of their lives. Although, before they leave, they would love to give their thanks to all the teachers and TA's by showing them their wonderful/funny/cheesy show, Ali Baba and the Bongo bandits. This term is very busy for the entire school, with the Year 3,4 and 5s having their tests, the year 3 and R assemblies and the year 6 leaving production.

Recently, Year 5 has been working on their Greek project; they have learnt a lot. They have worked hard over the term, especially while doing their homework, to write a description of a Greek God. The results were some amazing, artful pieces of work which shows that hard work really does pay off.

The year 5s weren't the only ones to work hard – last week, the year 6s had their mini-enterprise. In this, they learnt that teamwork pays off, as well as how tough working in business is – the bookmarks that they made took both time and effort for them but, in the end, they managed to succeed, pulling off a successful mini-enterprise creating bookmarks that were later sold in Naphill & Walters Ash's annual book fair.

As well as doing their first mini-enterprise topic, we year 6's were also tasked with creating a theme park. We were split off into groups of four and, at first, we were told to design the theme park whilst given certain requirements to do so. All of this had to be done with a budget of £5 million pounds, £1 million of which had to go into a bank account for advertising. After that we designed a brochure to showcase our theme-park and its attractions. Finally, we had to work out the running cost of our theme park for two weeks. I can say that this was lots of fun.

Sadly, our time as Gazette writers has drawn to an end. The next time you pick up a copy of the Gazette there will be a new team of writers as we will have moved to our new schools. In ten years we will reminisce about all of the memories of the Gazette: the good times; the bad times; the happy times; the sad times and the times we poured our heart and soul into the Gazette to bring joy to you readers. Farewell,

Freddie Jennings, Zahra Greaves-Mannan and Thomas Reed

Editorial Comment: My personal thanks to my super "Young Reporters". We have all loved your articles and this, your final offering, has certainly stirred the emotions! "Goodbye" is never easy but as you set sail on the next exciting chapter in your lives please take with you all our best wishes for your future happiness and success! My thanks also to their class teacher, Eleanor Blake, who in spite of her heavy work load has always found time to encourage the children and facilitate these articles.

Sonia

### **Growing Your Own**

July is a month of busily picking crops for the table and freezing and bottling surpluses. Weeds should be less of a problem since healthily growing crops inhibit weed seed germination and generally crowd them out. In July I sow lots of types of salads in the garden for autumn and winter use.

When I took on my allotment in 1973 only half the allotment plots at Walter's Ash were being worked. I was told by a neighbour that my 10-pole plot had not been worked for at least 10 years. It took me 3 years to bring the plot into cultivation, clearing couch grass, nettles and lots of brambles. During those 3 years the economic climate in the UK changed dramatically. We suddenly had retail price inflation of 25 to 26% per year for two years. There was a feeling of panic – the price of a cabbage went to £5 – and there was a sudden rush for allotments. All the plots at Walter's Ash were taken and it was reported that the waiting

list was 3 years. There were mutterings that those with two half-plots should give one up to help those on the waiting list. Should such times return, and the present allotment gardens be insufficient to meet the needs of the people, it should be remembered that parish councils, town councils and district councils have a statutory duty to provide allotments to those who need them. All it would require is for 6 citizens to petition the council and the council would be obliged to create more allotment gardens.

Those were exceptional times in the 1970s. Since then the demand for allotments has ebbed and flowed like the tide, as people's feelings of affluence or poverty ebbed and flowed. Currently, all the plots at Walter's Ash (at the top of Clappins Lane) are taken but there are vacancies at the Naphill allotments (at Louches Lane). Since 1973 the number of houses in Naphill and Walter's Ash has increased considerably with infilling and new mini-estates. Large houses on small plots leave little space for growing your own in gardens, so one can only presume that demand for allotments will be healthy in future, particularly so in periods of rising inflation.

The recent news that it was 70 years since potatoes were rationed reminded me of a time when nearly all food was rationed, there were few people overweight and people looked like the "matchstick men" of L. S. Lowry's paintings. I can remember people growing carrots in their front gardens. That period was my introduction into growing vegetables in our garden. Such times will hopefully not return. But, if I can put this idea somewhat mischievously, if the government reintroduced food rationing it could cure the current plague of obesity, help people's health enormously (so driving down the cost of the National Health Service) and help our Balance of Payments since 47% of our food is imported!

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

### Scrambled Legs is Born

My name is Klaire and I moved to the village last September. I am a sociable lady who likes to run, (well that is, I like it once it is done!) I decided to see if anyone else would like to join me and four other ladies accepted my invitation!

On 15 June we took the plunge and as five complete strangers, we met in the car park at the Crick. With the promise of a well earnt drink at the end of our exertions we managed to run, walk and jog 5k before collapsing to The Wheel!

None of us are elite athletes, some have run on a regular basis, some haven't run for two years so we

are we are finding our "running legs". Hence, with the help of our post run drink, "SCRAMBLED LEGS" is born!

Now! If you like running, if you enjoy a chinwag and a drink afterwards, please do join us at 6.30pm every Thursday at the Crick. A warm welcome awaits you regardless of your running ability.

For more information please ask to join our Facebook page, SCRAMBLED LEGS.

Klaire

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# From Hughenden Vicarage Finding Your Vocation In Life

One day, more than 25 years ago, an advertisement caught my eye in the jobs pages of a National broadsheet newspaper. The job was in telephone sales for a company who specialised in selling unit trusts and other investments, and they were based just off Oxford Street in London. The projected salary attracted me, although I was younger than the preferred starting age for applicants. Having thought about it for a day or two, I summoned up my courage, and called the number to register an interest in applying. The conversation was quite brief, but I overcame the first hurdle, by showing enthusiasm and refusing to allow my young age to deter me putting my case for employment across to him. He was sufficiently impressed to invite me for interview.

The following day I arrived at their offices, and the sight that greeted me as I walked into their vast boiler room of a sales floor was quite intimidating. I immediately felt ill at ease. The boss who interviewed me, welcomed me into his office, and put me straight on the spot with a series of questions – which went something like this:

"Keith, imagine I were to offer you a job, which just involved walking across Tower Bridge from one side to another all day. Would you do that job for £10,000 per year?" "No", I replied.

"Keith, imagine I were to offer you a job, which just involved walking across Tower Bridge from one side to another all day. Would you do that job for £10,000 per month?" "No", I replied. This second "no" slightly threw my interviewer – "Why ever not?"

"Because there has to be more to life than money, I want job satisfaction and the feeling that I am making a difference as well", I replied at once without hesitation.

"So, what are you doing here then", he demanded?

I gulped, red-faced, and was shown the door smartly,

left the building with my head down, and thought – what a waste of an afternoon!

However, after a period of reflection, that brief conversation became for me one of the defining moments in my life, and I am so thankful that I had that conversation, which helped me to think more seriously about my vocation in life.

I wonder, have you discovered your vocation in life? Young or old, we can all identify with things that we do well, and things that we shouldn't go near with a bargepole.

The Apostle Paul reflects a great deal about the diversity of gifts and individuals which exist within a Church family. He calls the Church the Body of Christ, and identifies the different gifts that we each have as being like different parts of that body – with the body only truly functioning well when all parts are present and in their correct places.

The same principle can apply to our local community. We can celebrate our diversity, our differences as well as those things we hold in common. We can all recognise that we are functioning more effectively when we work together – when we celebrate that diversity, and join with others in order to function as a whole.

If we know where our own gifts lie, then we should be encouraged to exercise them as often as possible, for the benefit of all, and in turn, others might bless us with their own gifts. It is always good to encourage one another with words of affirmation, especially for those who might struggle with low self-esteem.

#### Let us pray:

Loving God, please help us as a Church and as a Community to discover one anothers' gifts, and to use those gifts generously and wisely for the common good.

Amen.

Rev. Keith Johnso, Vicar of St Michael & All Angels, Hughenden

### From Bradenham Vicarage

July! It seems incredible that we are already in the seventh month of the year, named by the Roman Senate in honor of the Roman general, Julius Caesar and the month of his birth. Prior to that, it was called Quintilis as it was the fifth month of the ancient Roman year.

It is on average the warmest month in most of the Northern hemisphere yet not necessarily the driest. July 15th sees the dawning of St Swithin's day with its weather related traditions. According to folklore,

St Swithin's day if thou dost rain For forty days it will remain St Swithin's day if thou be fair For forty days 'twill rain nae mare

A Buckinghamshire variation has:

If on St Swithin's day it really pours

You're better off to stay indoors.

But who was St Swithin? Saint Swithin was a Saxon bishop. He was born in the kingdom of Wessex and educated in its capital, Winchester. He was famous for charitable gifts and building new churches and restoring old ones.

Swithin was chaplain to Egbert, the king of Wessex and became bishop of Winchester in 852. He died on 2 July 862. According to tradition, he had asked to be buried humbly. His grave was just outside the west door of the Old Minster, so that people would walk across it and rain fall on it in accordance with his wishes.

On 15 July 971 though, Swithin's remains were dug up and moved to a shrine in the cathedral by Bishop Ethelwold. Miraculous cures were associated with the event, and Swithin's feast day is the date of the removal of his remains, not his death day. However, the removal was also accompanied by ferocious and violent rain storms that lasted 40 days and 40 nights and are said to indicate the saint's displeasure at being moved. This is the origin of the legend that if it rains on Saint Swithin's feast day, the rain will continue for 40 more days.

The shrine of Swithin at Winchester was supposedly a site of numerous miracles in the Middle Ages. Bishop Æthelwold of Winchester ordered that all monks were to stop whatever they were doing and head to the church to praise God every time that a miracle happened. A story exists that so frequent were the miracles that the monks a got fed up with this because they sometimes had to wake up and go to the church three or four times each night, so they decided to stop going to church. St Swithin then appeared in a dream and warned them that if they stopped going to the church, the miracles would cease. The monks gave up their protests and decided to continue going to the church each time a miracle happened.

In actual fact, there is a scientific basis to the weather pattern behind the legend of St Swithin's day. Around the middle of July, the jet stream settles into a pattern which frequently holds reasonably steady until the end of August. When the jet stream lies north of the British Isles then continental high pressure is able to move in; when it lies across or south of the British Isles, Arctic air and Atlantic weather systems predominate.

Today we remember St Swithin chiefly on account of the weather story associated with him, but perhaps this month might be a good time to take a closer look at the saint who in his lifetime was known for his charity and humility – lessons we all do well to emulate and practice.

Every blessing,

Rev. Jenny Ellis
Associate Priest
St Botolph's Church, Bradenham.

#### **Church Service Times Saint Botolph's Church**

2 July	Eucharist	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis
9 July	Eucharist	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis
16 July	Eucharist	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis
23 July	Matins	11am	Lay Reader
30 July	Benefice Eucharist	9.30am at Saint Mary's Radnage	

#### From Padre Mike Hall

In July 1944, the Royal Air Force reached a peak strength of 1,185,833 (1,011,427 men and 174,406 women). A year earlier at the same time the WAAF reached its peak strength of 181,835 women of all ranks. Those kinds of figures are almost unimaginable today as it represents such a huge number of people all engaged and committed to the defence and security of our nation and its allies during a time of war. "Never was so much owed by so many to so few" was the wartime speech made by the British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in August 1940. The phrase is part of the speech with the specific line, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few", referring to the ongoing efforts of the Royal Air Force crews who were at the time fighting the Battle of Britain, the pivotal air battle in the Second World War.

Today the RAF is considerably smaller in size and yet the same level of commitment is required by all our serving personnel to the very different challenges of this time and generation. The extent of our nation's interests across the world demands that the men and women of the armed forces are deployed often in relatively small numbers but with the expectation that their impact will be just as positive and helpful as if they were large in number. In June, Armed Forces Day was marked locally in Aylesbury. This is an opportunity to say thank you to all those serving for the work they do and the sacrifice they make. For many, it is with a sense of pride that we are

able to acknowledge this locally and nationally. I am moved by the sacrifice that many of our serving personnel make every day, whether at home or deployed overseas, often spending long periods away from family and friends. I'm grateful to those who are prepared to do this for the benefit of others. Although, Armed Forces Day is once a year, please hold in your prayers, the safety and wellbeing of the relatively small number of personnel (compared to 1944 that is) who are part of the defence, security and struggle for peace of our nation and the nations of the world.

Padre Mike Hall

RAF Chaplain - High Wycombe

#### Fete "Thank You's" Contined!

As we go to press the final accounting and counting from the great NapFest weekend is ongoing!

Friends of Naphill Common are confident that their Silent Auction was a HUGE success and they have asked me to thank everybody who donated the lots and everybody who bid so generously! More news no doubt in the July edition of the Gazette and apologies for any omissions in this very hectic edition!

#### **HUGHENDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

#### ANNUAL ALLOTMENT COMPETITION

Judging 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Competition categories:

A) Parish-wide

Best Allotment – Brian Swain Memorial Trophy Best New Allotment (1 year of tenancy or less) Most Creative Allotment (Creative use of space/sustainable/innovative growing techniques) Best Vegetable Grower

B) Per Allotment Garden

Best Allotment
David Peace Memorial Trophy (Windmill Lane)

C) Children (please mark plot with child's name & age)

Age up to 10 years Tallest Sunflower Largest Courgette Best Scarecrow

Age 11+ years Best 1m x 1m plot

Rule: Judge's decision is final. Judging will be by Frank Parge, former Head Gardener at Hughenden Manor and last year's parish-wide winners.

Decision: Results will be posted on Hughenden Parish Council website and allotment notice boards within seven days of judging. Presentation of cups and 1st place certificates will take place on Friday 29th September 2017 at the Annual Allotment Meeting to be held at Great Kingshill Village Hall at 7.00 pm. Certificates for 2nd & 3rd places will be posted.

Jill Armshaw Deputy Clerk jill.armshaw@hughendenpc.org.uk

#### **Last Word**

I really do not know where to start with my thanks to everybody who has contributed, leapt to my rescue and made this special edition possible. David Greenwood was still being nagged this morning, lan Banks and the Talbots, Mark Dell, Gary and Tom Britton and of course my webmaster Peter Davis who along with several others supplied the photos and special articles. Please forgive me if individual photographs have not been acknowledged. Peter, thank you too for the front cover photograph, for me it captures the sheer joy of NapFest!

Himself will tell you all how stressed I can get over the Gazette, and none more so than the special July NapFest edition. It will be a huge relief when it has been proof read and safely delivered to Geoff our printer! The big hope is that you all enjoy it when it finally drops through your letterbox.

I always tell you that the combined edition is August/ September so that I don't have to sit in the office in the midst of a heatwave. Well this June has certainly beaten the last few Augusts and as I speak, the fan is working overtime here in the office. Long may the sunshine last and my best wishes to you all for a truly great, long, hot Summer!

Sonia



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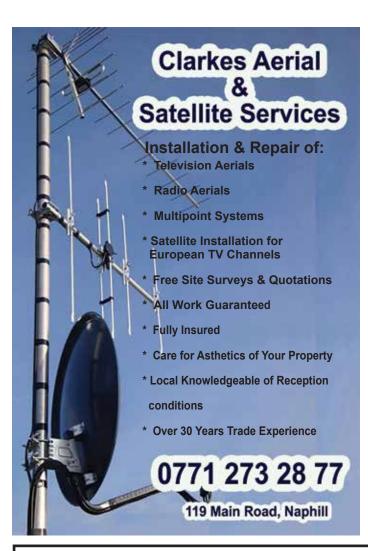
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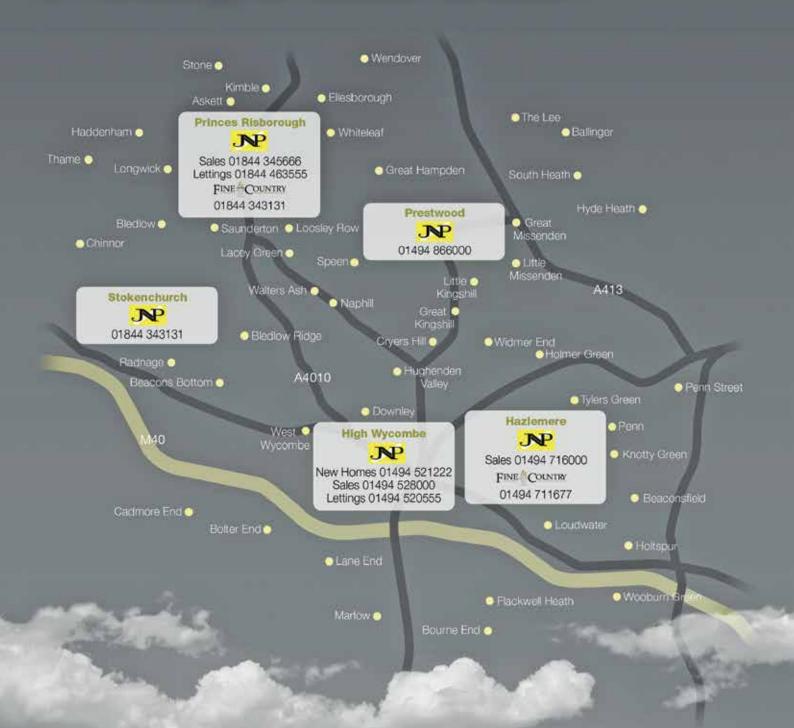
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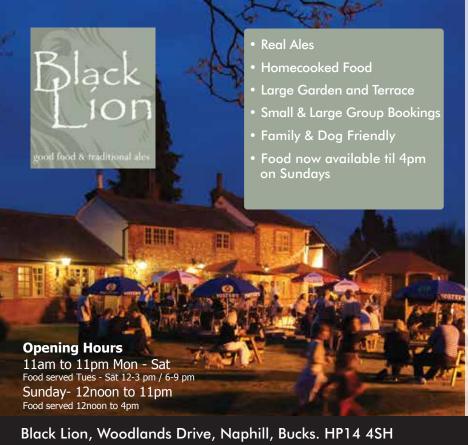
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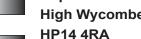


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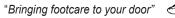
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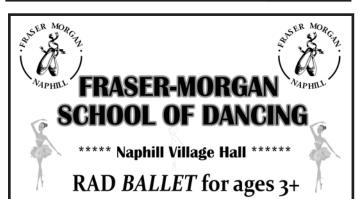
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#### **Editorial**

SUMMER and what glorious sunshine we have been blessed with to enjoy! The grandchildren have had a noisy time playing in the garden, their parents and grandparents have enjoyed al fresco eating with the odd glass or two of wine and the only pair complaining have been our Chihuahuas who haven't been able to go for their regular daytime walks because the pavements and roads have been too hot for them to walk on.

Of course, the children and the school staff are all hoping that the sunshine will stay with us for the Summer Holidays! When I was a teacher it often seemed that June and July were glorious but as soon as I escaped from my stuffy office and the sweltering classrooms the sun disappeared and the rain set in but hopefully this won't be the case this year.

Our Brownies and Cub packs are all looking forward to their Summer camps and whilst I know that they will enjoy themselves regardless of the weather, I am sure some sunshine won't come amiss so here is wishing you lots of fun and we will look forward to hearing all about your adventures in the October edition of the Gazette.

Personally, I love the happy Summer noise and wafting smells from the neighbours' barbecues, etc. The teenager neighbours have all grown up and flown the nests now so we are not treated to their garage band practices anymore and yes, it could get a bit rowdy at times but they really got to be great musicians and we often actually enjoyed their music. If we got a bit fed up with it was time to retreat into the house and shut the patio doors.

There have been a few comments on one of the local Facebook pages about noisy parties at one of the local village halls disturbing the neighbours' tranquil Summer evenings. Obviously if you live near a village hall, next to a village pub, adjacent to a school or opposite the local shops, you know you are going to get disturbed and inconvenienced once in a while but, surely, we should all manage to get along and enjoy ourselves whilst having a thought for other people. SO! Happy Summer holidays to everyone! There is no September Gazette but I shall look forward to being back with you all in October. Copy date for this edition will be 15 September please.

Sonia

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### **Hughenden Parish Council Report**



The summer is here and so you may expect us to be able to mention the hedgerows that the Council will now be able to cut back (most hedges around our lanes are the responsibility

of the landowners – yes, including you if your trees/hedges grow out over your border onto the footpath or road). However, the council does not cut hedges between March and August as recommended by the RSPB as this is the main breeding season for nesting birds. This avoids the offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 of intentionally damaging or destroying the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built.

Unfortunately, parking remains a more important and growing problem across the ward.

We've used this article before to raise awareness of parking issues and we do appreciate that it is not just us residents who cause problems but it is down to us to address them because we are the most likely to be affected by them. There are certain hotspots such as outside the Co-op and the garage in Walter's Ash, around Kilnwood and the school, the village hall and less so nowadays, the Post Office thanks in part to the parking bays and posts that we paid for and pushed to have installed. As a Parish Council, there is only so much we can do and given the demands already made on Wycombe District and Buckinghamshire County Councils as well as the Police, we have to figure this out for ourselves as much as possible. We learnt that with the parking outside the post office.

Common sense is all that is really necessary - the Highway Code is full of not just the laws of what must and must not be done but also what should and should not be done.

In the case of parking and waiting this means that there are places where you must not park even if there are no signs or lines (white or yellow), such as in front of dropped curbs nor opposite or within 10 metres of a road junction. This is to allow good visibility at road junctions and to avoid cars having to pull out to the middle of the road while another vehicle is joining the carriageway. Another key point that many overlook is that vehicles parking on both sides of a road, even on the curb, can narrow it to such an extent that the emergency services cannot get through. Staggering your parking not only allows the Fire and Ambulances to get through, it creates a natural chicane which slows most traffic down and also reduces damage to wing mirrors.

Our roads quieten down somewhat with the school gates (mostly) shut until September.

We are however, increasingly becoming choked with cars, vans and lorries and their impatient drivers and this is only set to get worse as HS2 and new housing traffic increases along the Risborough-West Wycombe Road, pushing more commuter traffic up onto the unclassified ridge road of which Main Road is a part. Couple this with the fact\* that our car ownership is greater than the national average and our public transport choices are limited, this problem is not going away - nor is there a single solution.

With vehicle ownership comes driver responsibility. As residents, we should lead by example and whether car users or not, we should apply common sense and remind others when we find people not applying theirs.

We wish you all a warm, happy and safe summer.

Your ward councillors

Chris, Martin, Peter & vacant seat.

\*HPC Parish Survey 2014 results: 18 cars per 10 households in Naphill / 13cars per 10 households Walter's Ash - vs 11 cars per household nationally (ONS)

## Next Full Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 12 September 8pm Council Office, Great Kingshill.

### Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council - Registered charity number 300309

The village hall committee meeting was held on 3 July. Linda Clark attended as Napfest chairman and reported that NapFest was a success and had raised in the region of £10500. The committee thanked Linda and her team for their work on Napfest.

The issues with the ball wall have been addressed with Playground Facilities and work will be done to rectify the problems.

One of the village hall neighbours reported that there had been anti social behaviour on the car park area and had asked for the lights to be turned off in the evening after 11.00 pm. No decision was made to do this as it was felt that the lights discouraged anti social behaviour. The situation will be monitored. The CCTV will be reviewed and any problems reported to the police. The treasurer continued with his review of the financial policies and it was agreed that the members of the maintenance committee would be able to

spend up to £500 a month on urgent repairs. The treasurer was also updating the lettings policy, and it was agreed that the village hall would purchase a system called Hall Master Booking for £180 per year to run the bookings and invoicing. This can be used online when the system is fully operational.

The maintenance of the hall continues with the floor in front of the stage being replaced in August at a cost of £1100. The roof over Bon Ami and the changing rooms have been assessed and we are waiting for 3 quotes for the work before making a decision. There are various electrical works to be done, including installing timers for the outside lights and 2 fans for the scout and guides hall, with an estimated cost of £1200.

The committee have been made aware of a problem, usually on a Thursday afternoon, the car park is full and the WI and bridge club have problems finding a suitable space to park. Evidently there is a running club that use the car park as a meeting place to start/finish their runs. It would be nice if some car park users could car share to reduce the car numbers.

Unfortunately there was an accident at the barrier by the playground. I was informed about this and a couple of committee members put high vis tape around the area. The committee will discuss this at the next meeting. If you see or find a problem with the hall or playing field please let us know via the website at the village hall. The web address is www. naphillvillagehall.org.uk and use the contacts page. We can only respond when informed of a problem.

Our next meeting is in September.

Clive Lawrence
Chairman Naphill Village Hall
chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk

### Further Ways to REPORT ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR to the Village Hall Council

You can send an incident report to the following email address: <code>security@naphillvillagehall.org.uk.</code> this sends to 5 committee members of the village hall council all of whom have remote CCTV access. There is also a form on the home page of the village hall website <code>www.naphillvillagehall.org.uk,</code> which can also be used to send reports.





#### Naphill and Hughenden Cub Scouts



By the time you read this the Cubs will have finished for the summer break. It's been a busy term and the two packs have been making the most of the daylight in the evenings. Activities have included tennis, athletics, and navigation exercises in the woods. The term culminated in the Cubs District Camp held at Dorney Wood near Beaconsfield over the first weekend in July. The combined Naphill and Hughenden Packs were the largest group of cubs at the Rally. Nearly fifty cubs enjoyed the activities in the sunshine on Saturday and Sunday along with the overnight camping on Friday and Saturday night which was only made possible by a generous donation of £500 by the RAF Thrift shop allowing the group to buy six new five man tents to help accommodate everyone.

The cubs were joined by 30 Beavers on Saturday, the day ending with group singing around the camp fire.

The Naphill pack are all very sad to have to say goodbye to Mark and Sarah who done such a good job at leading the pack for the last 2 years. Together they have built up the pack and allowed the cubs to enjoy lots of activities and gain badges, with several cubs recently attaining the top cub award, the Silver badge.

With such thriving cub packs we are always on the lookout for new activities for them to do, so if anyone has a hobby, activity or sport that they would like to share with a group of enthusiastic cubs then please get in touch.

Martin Beddows

#### **Naphill Brownies**

What a great few weeks we have had!



At the end of June we had a visit from Sam and David from Repsmiles. They brought a huge selection of reptiles and snakes to show the girls. After the various creatures had all been 'introduced' the brownies were allowed to hold them. What an opportunity! And we were so proud of how calm and caring the girls were too!



Since the weather has been so kind to us in recent weeks, we have spent most of our time outside. We spent an energetic evening practising our cycling skills on the Crick. We had a gloriously sunny evening doing whacky games and races with our brownie friends from Walters Ash and Hughenden Brownies. We spent the final evening of the term doing a really lovely walk down to Hughenden Church with a bus ride back up the hill.

Now all that remains is our brownie "stayaway" in a couple of week's time. Our theme is to be 'Swallows and Amazons'. Should be great fun!

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly) 565571. ruth.daly3@btinternet.com

Photographs courtesy Ruth Daly



#### The Wheel

Sadly, the village had the terrible news that Will Keen has passed away. Everyone at the pub and in the village have been effected by this sad news and we all send our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. Many of my staff knew Will well and went to school with him and they are all trying to deal with the loss. Will's family are in our thoughts forever.

Since June and the excitement of Napfest, we assumed everything would quieten off for July. Thankfully, with the amazing weather we have had it has not been as peaceful as expected, you have all been out enjoying the sunshine and making good use of our café style area or should I say VIP area. I would like to thank you all for your understanding with the problems with the ice machine and bottle fridge not being able to cope with the heat.

I would like to congratulate Julia on passing her Personal Licence Course and becoming a personal license holder. This is great achievement and means that Julia is now also a licence holder alongside myself at The Wheel. In August, it is also Chloe's 10 year anniversary working for us, she will be having a party to celebrate on the 19 August at the pub and wants to invite everyone to come and join her.

The next Gazette after this is not till October so our

future events and food nights will be advertised on our boards at the pub and on Facebook closer to the time. Just a little reminder over these busy days and nights (whether you want to sit inside or in the gardens) please do pick up the phone and book so as not to be disappointed. Once the holiday season is over and the colder nights draw in we will also be changing back to the winter menu, so pies, currys and stacks will be back soon.

It is now the time of year that most of you are on your holidays and will be off around the world or country for some well-earned time off. We hope you all have a great time and we get to hear about your travels soon.

Thanks to you all.

Claire and Mark

### Naphill Evening WI

Once again we were wondering if we would have good weather for our Games Evening on 13 July but we need not have worried, we didn't need any umbrellas. Valerie and Richard's garden was the perfect setting for our croquet, clock golf and darts competitions. (I think a little bit of cheating went on in the earlier rounds of the croquet though, or we would still have been trying to finish the game next morning!) We had a lovely ploughman's supper, provided by Jenny and other members of the committee. It was also good to just be able to sit and chat to fellow members and their husbands.



Our speaker for July is Lesley Clark who will tell us "Why Image is Important", and the competition will be a favourite accessory. We will learn how to boost our confidence and self-esteem. (Surely qualities that most WI members already have!)

The Food Group are busy with a traditional afternoon tea at St Katherine's, Parmoor, a beautiful old

house run by the Sue Ryder Prayer Fellowship. Visitors can walk in the lovely grounds which include a walled garden, an orchard and a pond (with ducks). All that and afternoon tea as well! In August the group are having lunch at The Bull at Bisham.

The Craft Group are, among other things, thinking forward to Christmas and will meet again in September.

Talking of September, our meeting on the 21st will be an interactive session entitled "Dementia Friends"

Carol Gilliam.





#### **Naphill Neighbours**

Plans are being finalised for our annual TEA PARTY in the Village Hall on Monday 14 August at 3pm. Entrance is £4 pp. Everyone, members, their families and friends will be most welcome to join us for a delicious cream tea and pleasant company.

We are considering organising an autumn outing on Tuesday 17 October to Yarnton Nurseries complex just outside Oxford. The shops include Bonmarche, Peacocks, Klass, Dash, Edinburgh Woolen Mill and Moshulu (shoes) so there is an opportunity to add to your wardrobes! This complex has excellent reviews. The cost will be about £11 pp for the coach (plus your spending money!). Your committee would appreciate hearing from members and guests if they are interested. Please phone Hazel on 563977 for further information or to book a seat on the coach.

It seems like wishing away the summer as I mention details of the club meeting on Monday 11 September, which will be a talk by Trevor Dean entitled PAPER MILLS OF BUCKS.

The committee wishes everyone an enjoyable summer.

Hazel Vickery - 563977.





We have a number of activities scheduled for the coming months. There will be a Bat Walk starting at 8:30 pm on Friday 11th August and a Fungus Walk on Sunday 5th November at 1 pm. Both will be led by experts to help us identify what we see and, in the case of the bat walk, what we hear – bat detectors will be available for use during the walk. We will meet at the Village Hall and details of times will be confirmed on our website and on posters prior to the event: everyone is welcome.

All are also invited to join our walks. 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 August long walk will end with a BBQ kindly hosted by two FONC members. Members and non-members are equally welcome.

Advance Notice: the Chilterns Conservation Board have asked us to include our long and short walks in their Autumn Chiltern Walking Festival, so the 4th October Short Walk has been moved forward and will now take place on 27th September. There is no change to the date of the Long Walk, which remains 18th September. As ever, please consult our website, posters or the two leaders to confirm the details.

Our working parties continue to be busy clearing holly and mowing scrub. If you would like to help please check the web site (www.naphillcommon.org.uk) or contact the organiser, Peter Davis for details. As Wessex Woodland Management will start the second phase of felling in the autumn, Trevor and Philip Hussey will be marking important trees we want to remain. If you think we have missed trees you particularly want preserved, please let us know. Of course, only a few of the unmarked trees will be felled as the plan is only to thin the woodland and remove some of the holly.

The thinning of the trees and the widening of the rides and paths are changing the character of the Common and those who have known it for a long time may be disturbed by the transformation. The principle aim is to open up areas to more sunlight and so encourage more vegetation and hence more wildlife. In fact, this means returning parts of the Common to something like its earlier state.

The history of the common is yet to be written but there are some clues to its past. If the Iron Age enclosure really was a "farmstead" then, presumably, 2000 years ago much of the area was open grazing or arable land. It was certainly grazed in the early 20th Century; Bert Hussey recalled tending cattle on the Common as a boy before the First World War. However, around that time much of it was already covered in juniper and gorse bushes. There was a sprinkling of trees, mostly the old beech pollards.

Pollarding consisted of lopping off the tree at a height of about eight to ten feet (high enough to prevent browsing animals from nibbling the new shoots) so as to produce new branches either for fodder or firewood. It is difficult to estimate their age because pollarding every five to ten years stunts the growth of the tree and gives it a characteristic gnarled form, but they are probably well over two hundred years old and possibly much older.



A few of the old beech pollards still survive, but sadly we have lost two in recent years. One, possibly our oldest, collapsed into Dew Pond. It had a massive girth of 17ft 10½ins (5.44m). Being hollow it was not possible to count the growth rings but it may have been about 400 years old. The other was vandalised and was felled

after being damaged by fire. It had a girth of 11ft 8ins (3.56m) measured at 5ft and was probably over 250 years old. As the photographs shows, the tree grew on after pollarding stopped, possibly more than a century ago. It is vital that that we save these trees even when dead, preferably still upright. They are invaluable for woodpeckers and many other species of bird plus insects, fungi etc. Fear of falling branches cause some to want them down, but the Common is not a park and we must preserve the mixture of dead and living trees. It will be a dreadful day when high-viz jackets and helmets are compulsory if you want to venture into a wood.

Only seventy years ago there were still many areas of bushes and even grassy patches, but as the trees advanced the gorse and juniper were smothered, until today only a few remnants survive. We have four ancient junipers remaining and a scattering of rather sickly gorse bushes. We have taken cuttings from the junipers and six of them are now planted out along the widest ride (H21) – see the photograph. The current thinning and path widening will help us get some of

these features back and, with the grass and bushes, we may see the return of the yellow hammers, long tailed tits, linnets, gold finches, green finches and other birds that used to be such a feature of the Common.



Chris Miller. Chairman.



### **Club Report**

Our mixed doubles American Tennis Tournament on Sunday 9th July was much enjoyed by all who took part. Due to the imbalance in the sexes, some of the chaps had to pretend to be ladies but they didn't seem to mind too much! It was a very friendly event in glorious sunshine followed by a scrumptious bring-&share tea which included a fair amount of 'alternative' beverages to keep everyone happy!

Our Ladies' Team remains unbeaten in the Bucks Summer Shield with one match remaining. We are always looking for more players for both our Men's and Ladies' Teams so if you fancy having a go please get in touch.

#### **Future Club Events:**

Children's Summer Tennis Camp – Monday 14th to Friday 18th August for members and non-members. (Non-members cost in brackets)

09.30am - 10.15am TOTS Tennis (3-4.5 yrs) £5.00 (£5.00)

09.30am – 1.00pm 4.5 yrs - 9yrs Mini Tennis Red/ Orange £15.00 (£20.00)

1.15pm – 4.30pm 9+ yrs skills, technique, matchplay £15.00 (£20.00)

For more details see our Facebook page www. facebook.com/groups/naphilltennisclub

We are always pleased to welcome new members. Come and join us at one of our friendly club sessions and see our website: www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk

Jenny Tench



Saturday the 1st July saw Moseley Road host their bi-annual street party. This is always an amazing opportunity for everybody who lives in the road to come together with their friends and family for an afternoon/evening of food, fun and laughter.

Mosely Road
Street Party 2017

The afternoon starts with a BBQ and plenty of food. Then games commence with the 'Pride of Moseley Road' Tug of war, which is always competitive – 2 teams are split by sides of the road with Posh side winning for the 3rd consecutive time! then the battle starts to win the prestigious 'House Cup' with a series of games including Welly Wanging, Horse Shoes, Nerf Gun shoot out and basketball. This year's winners were Paul and Vicky Munday (PRM Services) who pipped the holding champions the Razzaq family (Sure-Build) to proudly hold the cup for the next 2 years!

It's an honour to organise the day, but the support of everyone joining in makes it so much fun!

Sarah Blamey, Jo Razzaq and Annabel Brockelbank



### **Produce a David Hockney**

Nancy Taylor is teaching how to paint using the iPad, as made popular by David Hockney, on Saturday August 12th at the Naphill Methodist Chapel on Chapel Lane. She will be there from 10 am to 4 pm.

If you would like more details and to book a place ring her on 01494 565863 or email nancyetaylor7@gmail.com





Our small, friendly playgroup continued to meet on Tuesday mornings this beautiful summer term in the picturesque North Dean Village Hall. However, recent years have proved tough for groups like ours to keep going – run largely on the generosity of parents setting up, bringing snacks, entertaining the little ones and, most importantly, turning up!

We're delighted to announce that come September we're moving home to the beautifully renovated Chapel Hall at Speen Church, in the hope of bringing new people to the group and continuing its presence across our villages in the years to come. We're grateful to Rev. Heather and her volunteers for this wonderful opportunity, not only to keep a 20-year old playgroup in existence, but to make the most of this fantastic new community space.

We'd love to encourage everyone to come and join us, be you a mother, father, grandparent or carer. It's a wonderful and very relaxed setting where the children have access to play together with a wide range of toys and undertake crafts and messy play, building their confidence, independence and communication skills.

If you'd like to know more about joining us, do get in touch at speennorthdeantoddlers@gmail.com

Photographs courtesy Speen & North Dean Playgroup



An Aerial
View of
West
Wycombe
Saint
Lawrences's
Church and
the West
Wycombe
Mausoleum

Courtesy Dominic Konarzynski

### Naphill and Walter's Ash School get a New Website



You may have noticed that earlier this year we re-branded. As well as a new logo we thought it was a good time to also revamp the website and our new site went live just a couple of weeks ago, www. naphillandwaltersashschool. co.uk

Everything you need to know about the school from curriculum maps, policies and reading lists to term times, clubs and Governor information can be easily found on our site, plus we've introduced a new blog so we can keep you up-to-date with all our events and activities.

Thank you to Karen Davis, from Chicken/Egg. for helping us with the re-brand, design and development of the new site.

#### **WANSA Summer Fair**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Naphill and Walter's Ash School Summer Fun Fair. We were incredibly lucky with the weather and it was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the sunshine whilst the children enjoyed all the attractions and activities!

Special thanks have to go to our sponsors: BCAS Biomed, L Harvey & Son and the Naphill and Walters Ash Out of School Club. Having the support of local businesses really helps us to ensure that we can put on a great event for everyone and they helped fund the Bungee Run, Wipeout, Carousel and the Giant Slide.

We managed to raise over £2,000 - so thank you one and all!

Over the summer holidays we have commissioned the installation of a new outdoor table tennis table and Paul Munday will be digging up and laying some new foundations for it to sit on – we will be very excited to see this area all finished ready for the start of the new term.

WANSA, the school parents association, fund many events and fund-raising activities during the school year. To find out more, and how you can support the local school, please join our Facebook Group (search Walters Ash and Naphill School Association).

Karen Davis
Chair of WANSA

### Geoff Nicholl Remembers His Brave, Old Friend Alan Oakeshott

My story this month is about my friend Alan Oakeshott. Alan's dad was something to do with the civil service, and Alan grew up in Naphill, a little bit further on from Clappins Lane. He was a similar age to me, but he went to the grammar school – my dad wanted me to go too but I didn't want him to pay for it. Alan was a hell of a nice fellow. He used to visit

relations of mine (my uncle, the Brown family) and that's where I used to meet him.

Alan was the one who suggested to the government that Bomber Command was built where it is (now known as Strike Command) because you could use the trees and wooded areas as a natural camouflage. This was done and during the 2nd world war the Germans came over, I think they knew it was there but they couldn't find it! And around they dropped incendiary bombs and flares to light the place up but they flew over it before they had a chance to see it. So there were no more explosives dropped by the Germans in this area, or anywhere round here.

Alan joined the air force and flew on bomber raids to Germany, he flew mosquitos. Poor Alan, the last message they had from him was that he was heading for the English Channel with his fuselage burning fiercely. There was no more heard of him after that. Of course, his mother was terribly upset at that news, but what she didn't know was that Alan planned to come home on leave after that raid and he wanted to surprise her because he had been promoted to Wing Commander! He would have been about 22 when he disappeared. You couldn't have wished for a nicer chap. I did feel it when he didn't come back. There's Oakeshott Avenue off Louches lane, named after the whole family - because Alan had a brother Keith and a sister Alison and they were equally as nice people as Alan was.

Geoff Nicholls



Congratulations
on your 95th
Birthday
Geoff
with love and
best wishes
from us all!



# Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association (NAWARA)

The following local planning applications received by Wycombe District Council (WDC) In the 4 weeks to 12th July were discussed and any responses by NAWARA appear in full on the WDC website.

**17/06669/FUL. 2 The Orchard Naphill HP14 4QZ** Validated: Mon 26 Jun 2017. Householder application for construction of single storey side / rear extension. **17/06269/FUL 20** 

**Woodcock Avenue Walters Ash.** Validated: Thu 08 Jun 2017. HA for construction of single storey side / rear extension following removal of existing outhouse and insertion of 2 x windows to side elevation at ground floor level.

#### **Decisions. Permitted:**

17/06247/FUL 25 Ash Close Walters Ash. HP14 4TR. 17/06143/FUL Fairholm Chapel Lane Naphill. HP14 RU

#### **Decisions Refused:**

17/06059/FUL Lone Pine Bradenham Wood Lane Walters Ash. HP14 4XP.

# Wycombe District Council's Local Plan Timetable update

Keen followers of the local plan will be aware that the Council intended to produce the next version of the new Local Plan this summer.

We can now confirm that we will be taking the plan to our **Cabinet and Council in September** – sometimes referred to as 'publication'. **This will be followed by a 6 week public consultation starting in October**. We will submit the plan to the Government in **Spring 2018** for examination. The timetable is then in the hands of the Planning Inspectorate, but we would expect the hearings in the summer. This will probably lead to a further consultation on changes proposed by the Inspector, allowing us to adopt the plan in the **Spring of 2019**.

The delay in publishing the plan is a result of considering the implications of the Government's **Housing White Paper** produced earlier this year, updating the evidence base that supports the plan and continuing our negotiations with our neighbouring Buckinghamshire Councils.

Gloria Leflaive 563634



Editorial Comment: My apologies for having omitted the planning permissions from last month's Gazette. Planning permissions, as printed here, are always available on the village website www. naphilland waltersash.org.uk.

#### **Points of Interest**

Although memories of the recent past can sometimes be difficult to recall as we all grow older, for example, 'where did I put my keys?' whilst events that occurred some years ago often are very easy to recall. Such was the case when I read in the July Gazette the plans to 'thin' the trees along the Ladies Mile. It reminded me that the houses fronting the Common from Forge Road to the Cinder Path near to Moseley Road, were served by a grass and cinder narrow pedestrian only path. There were no cars and all the tradesman delivered supplies by handcart. Milk was delivered daily by Moseley Lodge Farm in bottles from two hand held crates each containing twelve glass bottles. In 1950 there was no mains water available to Dene Cottages, Umtata, Westmoreland Villas or Beech View Cottage, these were the only properties along the Common, all had to rely on rainwater stored in water tanks. The water main was installed around 1952, electricity to the above dwellings became available around 1940. Although I had visited Naphill as a child my memory is clear back until 1941 and right through to when Valerie and I moved permanently into Umtata Cottage (as it is called in the property deeds) on the occasion of our marriage in 1962. Those who can remember the winter of 1962 may recall it was very cold and the glass of water on my bedside table froze solid! We had no central heating only a paraffin heater. How things have changed!

At the last County Council meeting on 13th July we had the Annual Bucks Debate, titled 'Growing Pains and Growing Gains'. The keynote address was given by Ben Page, Chief Executive of Ipsos MORI, who gave an interesting summary of challenges we face in the future with an increasing population and the consequent housing demand. There will be an increasing pressure on school places and even more demands on social services especially with an aging population with an average life expectancy of eighty two years. One significant achievement in the past year has been the success of the energy from waste project which is treating up to 300,000 tonnes per year and generating enough energy to supply 36,000 homes.

Richard Pushman

#### **Growing Your Own**

In the Good Old Days Mr Badger did not worry me and I did not worry him. He came across my allotment plot at Walter's Ash most nights, always on the same narrow path which he had created, on his way from Naphill Common to Main Road and beyond. Then, suddenly, everything was changed forever. The farmers in West Wycombe started to grow maize for the first time and Mr Badger, who

has a mouth crammed full with sweet teeth, took a liking to the sweet cobs. That year I had chosen to plant out my sweetcorn plants right across Mr Badger's path. Mr Badger could not believe his luck! Really sweet "maize", just the job! In three nights he brought his entire family, including Old Basil and even Auntie Flo and they had a fabulous feast, pushing over my 136 plants laden with multiple cobs of nearly-ripe sweetcorn, and gorging themselves on the "free" food.

Naturally, I did not go much on that, so ever since I have grown my sweetcorn in the garden, which is protected by a high wall and high fence. (Not that such obstacles would stop badgers which can climb like cats, but if badgers do not know there is delicious sweetcorn in my garden they will not climb over, so don't tell them please.) Having the sweetcorn in the garden has another advantage – a short time between picking the cobs and cooking is essential. The sugar in the sweetcorn starts to turn to starch within one hour of picking, so speed is of the essence. If the intention is also to freeze some for winter, speedy blanching stops the sugar turning into starch then the cobs taste just as good in winter as they did in September. Yes, September is the month when my sweetcorn is usually ready. The way to find out if the cobs are ready is to peel back part of the outer covering and squeeze a seed. If it bursts and white milk comes out the cob is ready. Shop-bought sweetcorn cannot taste the same because it is at least a few days since it was picked, so grow your own and experience one of Life's Big Pleasures!

Recent years at the Walter's Ash allotments at the top of Clappins Lane have seen an influx of really keen gardeners who have covered their plots with raised beds. A lot of fork-lift-truck pallets have been sourced for wood. The result is that the Walter's Ash allotments are looking better than ever. If your regular walk takes you that far, then please pay a visit. The path through the allotments is a public footpath so you are free to use it, but please keep Fido on a lead. The best time to view the allotments is end July/early August since the annual judging of the allotments takes place then and the tenants will have been making a special effort to ensure their plots look smart.

Good gardening!



Mike Mason



#### **Shear Madness**

Wishing you all good luck for your exam results, whatever happens you will be fine, there is lots of help out there if you need it. ATG training and Connexions are very good. Good luck to those heading off to Uni, have fun and don't forget to ring your parents and I'll see you all at the Christmas break. Starting a new school can be stressful so just remember to be kind to yourself and others and don't miss the bus! But most of all have fun.

September is holiday time for me, I will be closed the last week in September for two weeks, keep an eye out for notices on the door. Dawn will still be doing the ladies but reduced hours.

Don't forget the old pound coins will cease to be legal tender on 15th October so get emptying those piggy banks!

Have a great summer

Mandy

#### A Message from our Member of Parliament

Just two days after the General Election, it was good to spend time at Naphill fete – a welcome reminder that normal life continues regardless of political or media frenzy. While touching base with a number of local organisations, I was particularly interested to find out more about the Hughenden Street initiative, which I can perhaps best describe as using a Neighbourhood Watch approach to help elderly and vulnerable people in the parish. Bucks County Council is looking to Hughenden as a pilot to test out an approach that, if successful, could be introduced across the county. I hope very much that this experiment takes off in a big way. To find out more, email hughendenstreetassociation@gmail. com or look at their video on YouTube.

That was the Saturday. Next day, I'd just cooked and eaten Sunday lunch when the phone rang. It was my Private Secretary in the Commons Leader's office saying that Number 10 wanted me to come into London. After hurriedly getting into a suit and tie (I thought that tee shirt and shorts probably weren't quite right for this!) I set off, and at about 4.30 I was offered a move to become Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice.

Since then, it's been a pretty much vertical learning curve. I'm now responsible for the courts and tribunals, for prisons and probation. It's a fascinating brief, but is never likely to be an easy one. One challenge is to push forward with an ambitious plan for court modernisation, including using digital technology to cut back dramatically on both paperwork and the requirement for people to travel to attend court in person even for formal,

routine proceedings that take no more than a few minutes to conclude.

We need to make prisons safe and secure, while also using the time that we have when people are in custody and on probation, including through effective education and training programmes, to make it less likely that they will reoffend after release.

As Lord Chancellor, I have a particular responsibility to uphold the rule of law and defend the independence of the judiciary. The role also involves some ceremonial duties, notably taking part in the State Opening of Parliament and presenting the Queen with her speech. It was a hot day and the official robes are heavy, but I got through it without keeling over!

David Liddington MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice

#### **Wycombe Photographic Society**

It is August so it must be SUMMER!! and that means the only club activity is the Digital Workshop on the 10th August as we going on a Summer Holiday (sounds like a good song title.... oops showing my age now). For full details on the workshop have a look at the Programme tab on our website.

However, on the 7th September it all starts again with our new year of meetings, workshops, outdoor events, and competitions.

So what were some of our achievements in 2016-2017??

#### We did well!

- One of our members gained a Gold Medal in the Royal Photographic Society's Art Group's 2017 Exhibition
- Another member received a Highly Commended for one image and a Commended for another in the Landscape Photographer of the year 2016
- In the Chiltern Hundred Competition one member won a ribbon and two others received very high marks.
- Four member's images represented all the clubs in the Chiltern's area in a UK wide competition between all other camera clubs.
- We won a competition against eight other clubs
- Won another completion against nine other clubs
- Came third in a five club competition

Not a bad year I would say!....

Your tip for the next two months..... get out there with your camera and take photos of the English Summer..... rain, hail, or shine... each "season" will have something different and dramatic so try taking the same photo in each of the "summer seasons"

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

David Greenwood

Membership Secretary

Wycombe Photographic Society

#### A Message from our RAF Chaplain



August and September are particularly important months in the life of the Royal Air Force, as in 1940 these months saw the most intense fighting in the air and ultimately determined the final outcome of the RAF's involvement in the Second World War. In

August 1940, the second phase of the Battle of Britain began with intense fighting over the English Channel, particularly off the Isle of Wight in support of convoys and in response to attacks against radar sites and airfields. In one day alone 60 fighters were either shot down or destroyed on Fighter Command airfields. 18 August 1940 was dubbed 'The Hardest Day', as this day saw the fiercest fighting when both the RAF and the Luftwaffe suffered the highest number of aircraft destroyed or damaged in the air or the ground for any day during the Battle. Three major attacks were launched against airfields and radar stations in southern England. RAF Biggin Hill, Croydon and Kenley suffered extensive damage, but they continued to operate their squadrons. Not long after, Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared in the House of Commons that, 'The gratitude of every home in our island, in our Empire and indeed throughout the world...goes to every British airman, who undaunted by odds, unwearied in their constant challenge and mortal danger, are turning the tide of world war by their prowess and by their devotion. Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.' On 15 September 1940, there was the biggest daylight attack on London with 1,020 sorties flown over England. The Battle ran for a few more weeks but this day proved decisive and demonstrated Fighter Command's continued strength. This date has since been recognised as 'Battle of Britain Day'. Battle of Britain Sunday falls on the first Sunday after the 15th – this year on the 17th. On this date nine

years later, an official description of the RAF badge was published – 'in front of a circle inscribed with the motto – 'Per Ardua Ad Astra' (through adversity to the stars) and ensigned with the Imperial Crown, an eagle Volant and affronte, the head lowered and to the sinister' – a symbol of all that the RAF stands for.

These things are hugely important to those who have served or are currently serving in the RAF, and yet we all share in that which was accomplished back in 1940.

'Lest we forget'.

Padre Mike Hall
RAF Chaplain
High Wycombe

#### Letter from the Vicarage

2017 is over half way through. As the earth continues its orbit of the sun, so the cycle of the church's year continues and with it the cycle of the church's Agricultural Year. Both Jewish and Christian Scriptures give eloquent expression to the creative power and wisdom of God. It is therefore a natural instinct for worshipping communities to develop patterns of worship and prayer around the agricultural year. The cycle of prayer and blessing that began with Plough Sunday in January and continued to Rogation Sunday in May now finds a further expression in Lammas or Loaf Mass, traditionally celebrated on 1st August.

Lammas or 'Loaf-mass' (derived from the Anglo-Saxon Hlafmaesse) is an English feast in origin, held as a thanksgiving for the first-fruits of the wheat harvest. Traditionally, a newly baked loaf from the wheat harvest was presented before God within the mass of that day. While the ceremony ceased at the Reformation, reference to Lammas Day continued in the Prayer Book calendar, and the practice has been revived in many places in more recent years. The Lammas loaf should ideally be baked by members of the congregation, using local produce wherever possible and the Lammas loaf may be used as the Eucharistic bread in the service. In early Ireland, it was a bad idea to harvest your grain any time before Lammas -- it meant that the previous year's harvest had run out early, and that was a serious failing in agricultural communities. For many, the wheat must have run low in the days before Lammas, and the new harvest began a season of plenty, of hard work and company in the fields, reaping in teams. Thus there was a spirit of celebration and play.

In the medieval agricultural year, Lammas also marked the end of the hay harvest that had begun after Midsummer. At the end of hay-making a sheep would be loosed in the meadow among the

mowers, for him to keep who could catch it, hence some sources indicate Lammas was originally known as Lamb-mass.

The roots of this festival predate Christianity, reaching back to an ancient society that lived close to the land. Its pre-Christian celebration also involved the symbolic offering of bread and (being of ancient English origin) beer to the god and goddess of the harvest. Much of this is bound up with the need to provide food to sustain human life, and the accompanying sense of a proper humility before God as source of all things, gratitude for his goodness, and responsibility in stewarding the resources of the earth.

In our modern world, it's often easy to forget the trials and tribulations our ancestors had to endure. For us, if we need a loaf of bread, we simply drive over to the nearest supermarket and buy a few loaves of bread. If we run out, it's not a problem, we just go and get some more. When our ancestors lived, hundreds of years ago, the harvesting and processing of grain was crucial. If crops were left in the fields too long they spoiled, bread could not be baked and families would starve. Taking care of one's crops meant the difference between life and death. In our comfortable, 21st century lives, it is good to take time to reflect on how dependant we ultimately are on God's favour and goodness towards each us. Festivals such as Lammas give us the opportunity to do this and acknowledge God's presence and importance in our lives.

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples. Amen

Rev Jenny Ellis
Associate Priest
West Wycombe Benefice

#### Saint Botolph's Church Service Times

As in previous years there will not be any regular services at St. Botolph's during August. This is because it is difficult for our priests to cover all the churches during the holiday period.

Congregations from St. Botolph's are invited to join in services at St. Lawrence, on the hill, for Eucharist at 11am on August 6th, 13th, and 27th. The 27th will be the first Eucharist to be led by the new Rector, Rev. Allan Barton, at his parish church. He will also lead a Benefice service at St. Paul's, Bledlow Ridge, at 9.30am on August 20th.11am

Services at St. Botolph's will resume on September 3rd.

Peggy Ewart

#### **Black Lion**

Hello Summer! We have had some fantastic weather and the garden has been busy which is great, let's hope the weather continues for the summer holidays.

We have been busy clearing the garden for the summer, always lots of jobs to do, we even found the Black Lion sign which takes pride of place near the woods.

Our chefs are working on our new summer menu which will be out in August, come and try our lighter dishes and specials. We serve food Tuesday to Saturday 12-3pm and 6-9pm. Food is served 12-4pm on Sundays. Please call 01494 563176 to book a table.

We are pleased to announce the Macmillan family fundraiser for this year will take place on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th August. This event has grown from a single day last year to a weekend with lots more to encourage you to raise money for this worthwhile charity. On Saturday from 1pm there will be a BBQ, tombola, penalty shootout, face painting, a cake stall and a DJ in the evening. The fun will continue on Sunday with activities during the day and live music 6-9pm. The Macmillan family fun day is in its fourth year and we have raised an incredible £7,500 so far so please come and join us on 26th and 27th August.

On 15thJuly we hosted Pete's charity party and raised a fantastic £110 for the Stokenchurch Dog Rescue. If you are looking for a venue for your party or event then please contact Jack, we have got a marquee for the garden and can design a menu to suit your event and budget.

We look forward to seeing you for the Macmillan family fun day.

Thanks for all your support,

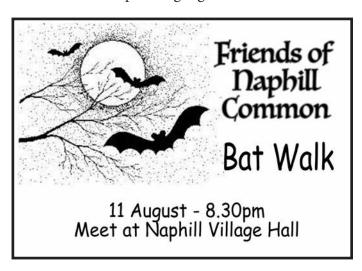
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#### A New Outdoor Club in Walters Ash for Young Children - Outdoor Learning and Forest Fun

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jackets, gloves and hats. Babies are fine in an all in one waterproof suit to crawl around in. We are outside so please bring a warm drink for your child/yourself in a flask and snacks to keep them going. Activities are risk assessed - parents are responsible for their child.

For more detail call Sam Hooper on 07827 510538 or email: samhooper71@googlemail.com





#### **Last Word**

My condolences to the family and friends of Will Keen. His passing is so very sad.

For me the relief of having Richard Holroyd back to do this month's cover! I loved last month's cover of the children but I am not at all sure that I did justice to the subjects or to the photographer's great photograph. Anyway, my thanks to Richard this month and as always, my thanks to all our contributors who make me the very proud editor of our magazine.

What will I do without you all for the next 8 weeks? How will I fill my time? Geoff, out lovely printer, will be hoping that I might finally brush up on my computer skills, the Chihuahuas will be hopeful that they will get even more time and treats. Suffice it to say that I truly wish you all a very happy Summer break! Please take lots of photographs and write lots of great articles and I will look forward to receiving them all by 15 September.

Sonia



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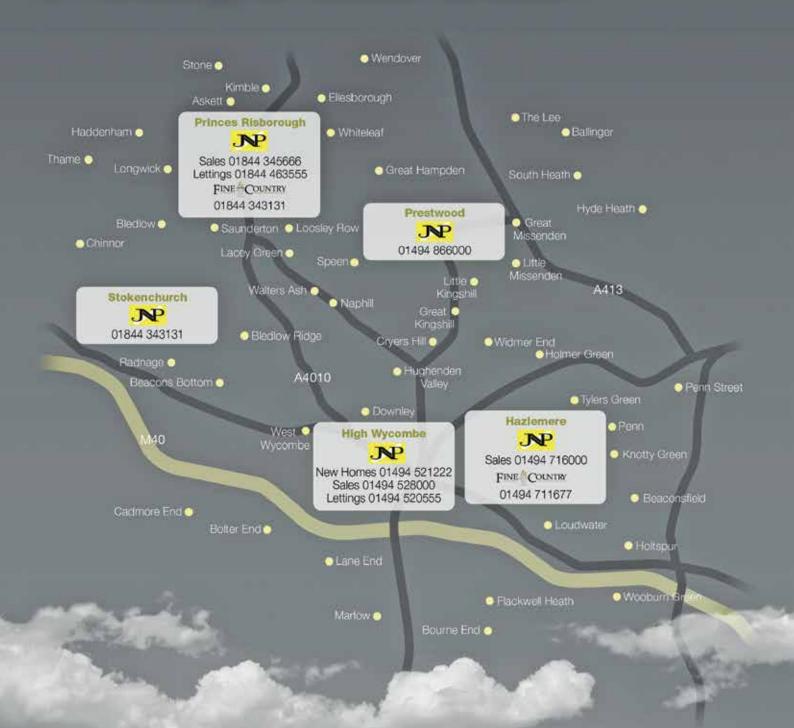
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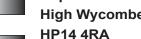


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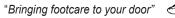
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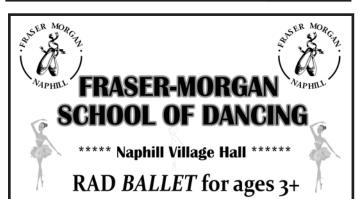
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#### **Editorial**

Well here we are AGAIN! AUTUMN 2017 and the start of my fifth year as the very proud editor of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette.

This month I am not going to beat about the bush or mince my words! I am on a mission! This is not a WANTED but a DESPERATELY NEEDED!

There are so many things in our villages which we know will happen, SOMEBODY will organise them, SOMEBODY will run them and WE just take these things totally for granted. WHY? Well that is simple! BECAUSE THEY ARE ALWAYS THERE, THEY ALWAYS HAPPEN!

So now, imagine if you drove past the Crick in early December and our magnificent tree was not decked with garlands of bright, twinkly Christmas lights. SHOCK! HORROR! Spring to mind. BUT! Unless we find SOMEBODY, no not just SOMEBODY, but a QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN to work with our great team of tree lighters and who will inspect the tree lights and check that they are safely wired, there

will be no Village Hall Christmas tree 2017!

Now for a wee bit of editorial reassurance! As this sainted saviour of our great Christmas tree tradition, you will not be asked or expected to scale the dizzy heights of the tree! NO! There is a wonderful volunteer who uses his cherry picker for this job. You will be needed to help get the lights out of the Village Hall loft, do the inspections etc and then I am assured that it takes, in total, around 2 hours of team work to get the lights up and running. Whilst this is work it is always a sociable occasion too and the bacon rolls, kindly supplied by Claire at The Wheel, the coffee and tea served up by Amanda and Ruth at Bon Ami and Marlene's hot minced pies, are all an essential part of the proceedings.

So here I am, on behalf of our villagers, young, old, our Christmas tree lighting team, the Village Hall Council ..... the entire community, BEGGING! Please, please if you can be that very special ELECTRICIAN, who volunteers to join the team and who in doing so is going to make so many people very happy, please, get in touch with Mike Mason, on 01494 563225, who will give you a full description of what is required and who I know will welcome you with open arms as a member of this very special team!



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# **URGENTLY NEEDED!**

ELECTRICIAN
to join this
magnificent team
and help
LIGHT OUR TREE
FOR CHRISTMAS!

Please SOMEONE volunteer!
Call Mike Mason 01494 563225

## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields

Council Registered charity number 300309

#### **Chairmans Report**

The village hall committee meeting was held on the 4 September. Many items were discussed and it was agreed that some changes are to be made to the revised lettings contract with relation to cancellations. The parking problems appear to be a case of the village hall being used so well that at certain times the car park is inundated with vehicles. The situation will be monitored. The waste bin is for village hall use and should not be used by other people as reported to the committee. If you see any anti-social behaviour taking place around the hall and car park, you can report it on the web site giving time and details so that the CCTV can be viewed. In the holidays there was accident where a child rode his bike into the barrier by the playground, after discussion the barrier was replaced by two drop down posts and the area made more visible with reflective tape.

I received a letter from a younger villager who would like to have a table tennis table sited on the crick. This will be further investigated by the strategic working party. Figures would be around £2500 for a concrete version.

The treasurer reported that we had paid for a firework storage licence for 5 years at a cost of £180. The price for the drop-down posts and fitting was £656 and the lettings accounts software was £180. On the incoming side we now have the money raised by Napfest which was £9647. It was suggested that Napfest committee should have a representative on the village hall committee. A vote was taken and we now have an additional committee member.

The outside of the hall by the main road is being spruced up with the fence cleaned and treated, the woodwork being repaired and painted and also the hanging sign post and gates repainted. At the back of the war memorial it appears that the ground has subsided and it is thought that the soak away from Downley road is the cause of this, Bucks highways have been informed.

The bonfire and fireworks display on the 4th November is our next fundraiser and a new website will be put in place for this. The Christmas Fayre is on the 24th.

The Christmas lights will be put on the tree on 25 November and a MyDonate account will be set up for donations for the lights.

> Clive Lawrence Chairman, Naphill Village Hall chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk www.naphillvillagehall.org.uk



#### **Bradenham Parish Council**

At its September meeting of the parish council our County Councillor, Carl Etholen, reported that there is no news yet on Unitary Authority and when there is news any decision will not come into play until 2021.

The parish council supported a public request for planning application 17/0616/FUL, Timber Yard, New Road, Walter's Ash to be called to the Wycombe District Council Planning Committee. Even though the parish council had not objected to this planning application, it had raised concerns about potential noise nuisance.

We did ask him to chase up the expected, but not yet carried out, works to Rectory Lane, which now floods each time we have heavy rainfall.

We hope to be moving our MVAS periodically to New Road Walter's Ash soon.

Work on traffic mitigation for the A4010 with the HS2 money promised is ongoing. Cllr Richard Langridge was nominated to represent Buckinghamshire parish councils on the Chilterns Conservation Board, we wish him success.

It had been brought to our attention that it had been a long time since we had last looked at the church clock. It was agreed to bring this to St Botolph's PCC's attention.

Although we have been allocated £1500 from our Local Area Forum for a 2nd MVAS, it was agreed that we did not need a 2nd one. It was also agreed to try to find someone locally who would be prepared to look after our MVAS.

It was agreed that we would aim to have the grass in the parish cut on a more regular basis next year.

Our bus shelters are in need of a bit of TLC. New bus shelters are prohibitively expensive for a small parish like ours and it was decided to get quotes for repairs.

It was noted that the zebra crossing on New Road is very faded, we will ask the County Council to have it repainted.

### **Bradenham Council Meeting**

Monday 6 November 7.00pm

Bradenham Cricket Club

All welcome

Deirdre Hansen - Clerk to the Council clerk@bradenham.org.uk www.bucksvoice.net/bradenham-parish-council

# Naphill & Walter's Ash Resident's Association

The following local planning applications received by Wycombe District Council (WDC) In the 8 weeks to 9th September were discussed and any responses by NAWARA appear on the WDC website.

#### **Planning Applications to 9th August 2017**

Awaiting Decision: 17/06934/FUL. 5 The Orchard, Naphill. Householder application for first floor side extension over existing garage, new front porch with pitched roof, construction of new chimney stack to side and insertion of 2 sunpipes in rear roof slope . Validated 17 July. 17/06948/VCDN. 127 Main Road, Naphill. Variation of condition 1 attached to PP 03/07074/VCDN (Change of use to class A3 take-away fish and chip shop. Construction of single storey rear extension, installation of air system and ventilation ducting) to allow alternative opening hours. Validated 5 July. (Objection by NAWARA). 17/06747/ FUL Land Adjacent To 36 & 40 Main Road Naphill. Erection of 1 x 3 bed detached dwelling with attached single garage, creation of new access with associated parking & landscaping. Validated 11 July. 17/06605/ FUL. Land Adjacent To 40 Main Road Naphill Erection of 1 x 3 bed detached dwelling with attached single garage and basement, creation of new access with associated parking & landscaping Validated.12 July 2017.

DecisionsPermitted.17/06969/MINAMD 233
Main Road, Walters Ash. Proposed non-material amendment to permission for construction of single storey front extension granted under householder planning ref: 15/08199/FUL. 17/06269/FUL.20
Woodcock Avenue Walters Ash. 17/06261/FUL Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. 17/05974/FUL. Land Between and At Rear Of 73 And 74 Woodcock Avenue, Walters Ash.

## Planning applications to 9th September 2017

Awaiting Decision: 17/07106/FUL. 28 Ash Close, Walters Ash. Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension. Validated 18 Aug. 2017.

Decisions. Permitted: 17/06669/FUL. 2 The Orchard, Naphill. 17/06934/FUL. 5 The Orchard, Naphill.

# Local Plan: Final Opportunity to Save 5.43 Acres of Clappins Lane from Green Belt Exclusion and 50 House Development.

The Residents Assn. has recently been told the revised Local Plan has retained the proposal to develop part of Clappins Lane Green Belt field.

On 15th Sept. the Residents Assn. received the **website addresses below** from WDC. These provide essential information on preparing a response to Local Plan proposals for the Planning Inspector. The

first one should be read in detail, the second one selectively where it applies to our area of Green Belt and development (The second supports the Plan)

- (a) https://councillors.wycombe.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=118&Mld=5850
- (b) https://www.wycombe.gov.uk/pages/Planningand-building-control/New-local-plan/New-localplan-publication-version-supporting-evidence. aspx

Below are some instructions **extracted** from the information at the **first WDC website address**. The missing dates will be available from 19th September.

## <u>"Consultation on the WDC Local Plan Publication version.</u>

From XX October 2017 to XX November 2017.

This is the Local Plan which will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

All responses to the consultation will be sent directly to the Inspector .....

When making a response you will need to consider whether you believe the Plan is; Legally compliant, Sound, Complies with the Duty to Co-operate.

It is therefore strongly recommended you use the form available online at www.wycombe.gov.uk/ haveyoursay, OR download a response form at the same web address OR Pick up a response form at the Council Offices or your local library....

If you wish to appear at the Examination, you must make a representation at this stage.

If many local people share the same view, we would encourage you to send in a joint response with the names appended.....

More details of how to respond can be found on the Council's website.

Wycombe District Local Plan – Regulation 19 Version October 2017 ii

To find out more about the consultation you can:visit the website at www.wycombe.gov.uk/newlocalplan. OR Email the Planning Policy Team at newlocalplan@ wycombe.gov.uk and/or Phone 01494 421158."

Gloria Leflaive 563634

# THE NEARLY NEW AND GOOD JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 28 October, 12 midday to 3pm, At Hughenden Valley Village Hall

Donations can be left at 156 Main Road, Naphill, or brought to the hall on the day

#### **NEW WHEELCHAIR FOR MATTHEW**

Many of you will know Matthew from the Veysey tea parties! Matthew is tetraplegic and now needs a new electric wheelchair to enable him to live an active life within the community. The Veysey family would appreciate your support please.



#### Hughenden Parish Council 2017 Mid-year Update

Ever wondered what the parish council is and what it does? Don't worry, you're not alone. Hughenden Parish Council is an unpaid and non-political body at the lowest level of local government.

It is responsible for representing the local community, delivering services to meet local needs and improving the quality of life within the parish.

While Buckinghamshire County Council is responsible for major services such as education, health and social care and Wycombe District Council looks after areas such as housing, planning, sports, leisure and waste collection, the Parish Council is responsible for the more local facilities including playgrounds, allotments, open spaces, bus shelters and a Garden of Rest. Its work is funded by a levy, called the Precept, which is set by the council and collected as part of the council tax on each property.

2016 was a year of substantial change for the council with a new Clerk and some new councillors coming on board. The staff and council members have been working hard through the first half of this year to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the council and to improve the service it offers to residents.

It is worth noting at this point that there are still vacancies for councillors and the clerk would be delighted to receive an enquiry from anyone who might like to give a little of their time to serve the community.

Over recent years the council has been working to a set of priorities that was established through a survey of residents conducted in 2014. The key focal areas were identified as road safety (parking and speeding) and the environment (litter and dog fouling). The council has been working on these areas as well as the day to day work to maintain services.

Parking remains an important and growing problem, particularly around the times when local schools start and end their day. The council is aware of the key 'hotspots" and has been working to find ways to improve the situation. There has been a significant improvement around the Post Office in Naphill this year and work continues on ideas for other areas.

As a semi-rural parish, many of our roads and pavements are quite narrow and it helps greatly if drivers take a little care to park where they will not block drives and access points, or narrow the pavement to the extent that pedestrians may be forced into the road to get past.

On speeding, the council works closely with the

Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG). It has increased the number of moveable vehicle activated signs that it owns, which are used to advise drivers when they are exceeding the speed limit. These are managed by the NAG to great effect together with other activities such as community speed watches.

To help reduce fouling of our paths and grass areas, the council maintains 20 dog waste bins around the parish. These are well used and are emptied twice per week.

Please let the council know if you find that one of these bins is full or if you know of a location where a bin would be useful.

A significant part of the council's income is spent on key facilities such as allotments and playgrounds, both of which are well used by residents. Maintaining children's play equipment in a safe condition is becoming more and more expensive as it suffers from age, the British weather and, unfortunately, occasional vandalism. Over the coming months, the council will have to review carefully how it manages its playgrounds to prevent it from consuming too much of our available budget.

A local amenity which may not be known by many residents is the Garden of Rest. Located just off Cryers Hill in Four Ashes Road, this is owned and managed by Hughenden Parish Council. It is a beautiful and tranquil spot, maintained to a very high standard and it provides a lovely place for remembrance and quiet reflection.



The Garden of Rest is available for full burials and the interment of cremated remains. It is open to visitors during daylight hours.

In 2016 the council took over a range of services from the County Council (BCC). These are referred to as "devolved services" and, among other things, cover the cutting of grass verges (within 30mph areas), hedging and the prevention of verge encroachment onto footpaths.

The council took these activities on after it became clear that, due to budget cuts, they would no longer be carried out by BCC with the same frequency as before. The council is receiving a temporary payment for taking on these services but it does not cover anywhere near their full cost. In order to provide the

best possible value, various contracts have been re-tendered and new suppliers taken on to perform these and other tasks. The council is aware that there have been some teething issues while the new suppliers familiarise themselves with the area and the jobs. Council staff are working hard to ensure that these are resolved and that a better service than would have been available from BCC can continue to be provided, within the budget that was set at the start of the year.

There is often some confusion as to who is responsible for what regarding verges and hedges. Residents should be aware that they are responsible for ensuring that bushes and trees on their land are not growing out so as to narrow the footpath or hinder proper maintenance of the verge.

In order to keep within the budget, the council has to limit the number of cuts that are undertaken on grass verges. Sometimes the weather is such that the grass grows quicker making the verges look less tidy. The council is aware and very much appreciates that some residents cut the verge outside their property at the same time as mowing their own lawn.

Finally, your councillors are charged with representing the needs of residents. Good communication is vital for them to be able to do this. The council will endeavour to keep residents abreast of what it is doing and where it is spending taxpayers' money. Please feel free to get in contact with any thoughts, comments, suggestions or problems.

You can do this either to the Council Office or direct to one of your local councillors via e-mail.

The Hughenden Parish Council website is currently in the process of being updated. Do keep an eye out for more news on this as it will provide a vehicle for improved two-way communication.

Your Naphill & Walters Ash Councillors are currently Martin Burch, Chris Waterton, Peter Williams

You can reach them via their contact details at the front of the Gazette or email nawa@hughdenenpc. org.uk

The Chairman
On behalf of Hughenden Parish Council

#### **Key Council Meeting Dates**

10 Oct - Full Council

**12 Oct - Planning Committee** 

31 Oct - Services Committee

All meetings commence at 8pm and are held at the Council Offices,
Great Kingshill

# Results of the Summer Council Allotment Competition

#### LOUCHES LANE(NAPHILL)

1st: K Spencer, 9a

2nd: V Stringer, 26, 3rd: M Ball, 5

#### **WALTER'S ASH**

1st: P Hardinge, 8,

2nd: D Marchant, 26b, 3rd: J Hansen, 3b

#### **BEST ALLOTMENT in PARISH**

**1st:** J Christmas, Hughenden Valley 24b/25b/35

**2nd:** P Hardinge, Walters Ash 8 **3rd:** R Page, Primrose Hill 16

Judging took place on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th August 2017

The judges were Frank Parge, former Head Gardener at Hughenden Manor and Eddie & Avril Wilson who have won best allotment in parish several times.

Congratulations to all the winners!

#### Naphill and Walter's Ash School Meet Our New Reporters!



From left to right: *Grainne, Thomas, Orlando* 

The start of a new school year and a very busy time for our year six chilren! I am delighted to welcome our new reporters. Thank you for your introductory sentences below and we all look forward to hearing much more from you during the coming year.

Sonia

"I am Grainne and I have a very strong passion for making videos and dancing. I also enjoy writing stories."

"I am Thomas Beddows. I enjoy gaming and programming. I can't wait to share every little detail about what we get up to with you"

"I am Orlando Thompson. I enjoy playing football, writing stories and I support Chelsea"



# Parents' open meeting Beginning Primary School Sept 2018

At Naphill and Walters Ash School



# A Woodland Tea Party



When a few weeks back I stumbled upon the "Invite a Tree to Tea" initiative by the Woodland Trust I thought it was a brilliant idea for us at Welly Kids to do with the children.

We use the woods on regular basis for our forest school activities so thought what a good way to give back to the woods by raising some money for the Woodland Trust with the youngest members of our community.

We sent an open invite aimed at younger children 1-5 year olds, promising a few fun activities in the woods.

The letter we got from the Woodland Trust gave us some interesting info like "Did you know that we live in one of the least-wooded countries in Europe yet official tree planting rates are at an all-time low and consequences for our woods, wildlife and landscape are devastating?" and that "65000 people took part in Invite a Tree to Tea and had a tree party with us last year."

It got us even more excited about our tree party and proud that we will be part of it and helping stand up for woods and trees across the UK.

We were so lucky as we couldn't have had a better morning for it, the sun was shining and it was warm and beautiful in the woods.

We chose our Tree, wrapped tinsel around it and made it our guest of honour. We set up our activities and tables in a beautiful clearing in the woods and the children we had with us helped us decorate the woods by hanging some natural materials, mobiles, animal facts cards etc.

The children were greeted by 2 puppets telling them the safety rules of Forest School and the party officially started.

Everyone was given a piece of paper to go on a leaf hunt and once they found them all they stuck them on a strip of paper to make a nature crown out of it. The children did brilliantly and had lots of fun hunting and identifying the leaves from the picture we gave them.

The most popular activity was "apple fishing" and the children spent ages fishing for apples with a big net and a large kitchen spoon. They had fun helping each other count the apples they caught and put them back in the water to be fished again.

We had a table set out with decorate a bird mask activity and it was lovely to see the children improvise and think of ways to use the materials around them like sticks and stones as tools. The end result was some beautiful colourful birds that the children took home with them.

We ended our party with a snack of fruit and a leaf shaped cookie that we baked and the children decorated by themselves. There was also cake to thank the grown-ups for bringing the little ones to support our worthy cause.

We raised £20 for the Woodland Trust and although that doesn't seem like a huge amount we are assured that every pound makes a difference to the UK's woods, trees and the wildlife that lives in them. £20 from few 2 year olds is not bad, right? If all 65000 other participants raised as much, that is a lot of new trees to be celebrated next year.

We meet regularly in the woods by Templewood for toddler forest school led by Sam Hooper, a fellow childminder, forest school practitioner and Welly Kids founder. The age group of children ranges from 1-5 year olds and sometimes school age children too. If you think your little one may like to join us for lots of fun and forest school search for Welly Kids Forest School closed group on Facebook and ask to join to receive info on dates and future sessions. I cannot recommend it highly enough as a mum and as a childminder as all my little ones love it.

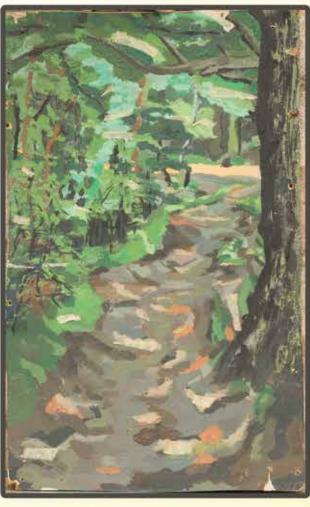
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# Naphill Art Group



Artwork courtesy of:
Top row left to rght - Viv Bunce, Ken Wise,
Nancy Taylor (both pictures on this page)
Bottom row - Brian Body, Joy Pemberton



The Art Group has been meeting now for 16 years at the Naphill Methodist Chapel Hall on Chapel Lane just off the Main Rd.

We start on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm and have tea and coffee and homemade cake at 8.30 and finish by 9.30pm. I have been going now for about two years and only knew it was on when I passed the noticeboard and saw it advertised. I turn up with my iPad which I use to produce my iPad paintings.

Vi, who is nearly 92years old this Christmas says, "I used to paint in oils which I love but now I use watercolour". Joy Pemberton, who leads the group also uses watercolour. Brian, our tutor is on hand and keeps us amused with his stories and jokes. It is a merry bunch and I am very glad to have found them.

If you want to enjoy a few hours being creative in any medium we are always looking for new members. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact

Nancy Taylor on 01494 565863 or email nancyetaylor7@gmail.co

Nancy Taylor



#### **Friends of Naphill Common**

Autumn is almost here and the leaves will be changing. The Common will display a different beauty. Perhaps the beech trees are the most spectacular but the oaks and ashes give a more subtle display. It is the season for fungi and our common has a particularly rich variety including the rare "Lion's Mane" Hericium erinaceus which has reappeared inside the collapsed beech lying across Dew Pond. So don't forget our Fungus Foray on Sunday 5th November starting at 1 pm at the Village Hall and finished well before your fireworks begin. It will be led by experts from the Bucks Fungus Group who will identify whatever we find. Members, non-members and children are all welcome. Let us hope the Fungus Foray is as successful as our August bat walk which was well attended by both people and bats, despite the earlier drizzle.

As autumn progresses Wessex Woodland Management will continue selective felling on behalf of West Wycombe Estates to thin another section of the Common and open up the major rides. If you have any concerns about this please let us know. We are marking some trees with green paint to ensure that they are not felled. Of course, not all of the unmarked trees will be cut down – only a small proportion. It is vital that we keep a good selection of old, young and dead trees to ensure the maximum diversity both of trees and environments for other wildlife. The precise date when the work will begin is yet to be determined, as it is subject to the vagaries of the weather. We will try to provide as much advance notice as possible.

As our summer visiting birds leave us, look out for the influx of winter species. We should see some fieldfares, redwings and even waxwings and bramblings if the weather is harsh. Our summer migrants have been very scarce in recent years. Where were the swallows and martins that used to throng the village? Now just a few swifts grace our skies.

Our working parties have finished clearing the stretch of Ladies' Mile between Downley Road and Little Oaks, but there is still a huge amount to do, so if you would like to help please check the web site (www. naphillcommon.org.uk) or contact the organiser, Peter Davis for details. Tools and training (where necessary) are provided within a friendly group.

All are also invited to join our walks. 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. Members and non-members are equally welcome. These are the usual arrangements but as there is sometimes a need to make changes it would be wise to consult our website, posters or the two leaders to confirm the details.

We are lucky to have such a large and lovely common, so please use it and help us look after it.

Chris Miller - Chairman.







#### 25th Annual Naphill Fireworks & Bonfire

We have a silver jubilee to celebrate this year and a lot of the original team are still on the committee. Fortunately we have some younger members who are helping us this year and hopefully this will continue into the future.

There are a few changes this year as we are trialling electronic tickets which are available on our new website which is up and running now so have a look. We will limit the number of these tickets so that we can control it and not get overwhelmed.

As usual tickets will be available for purchase in the village shops and pubs from 21st October until 3rd November.



As last year we will be fencing off the bonfire area two weeks before on 21st October. The site will be open for you to bring your own wood for the bonfire on the two 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 had worked well last for the last two years so I expect it will be good this year as well.

Any commercial organisation should give me a call to arrange an appointment.

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.

We hope you come and join this highly enjoyable event and have a good time.

Andrew Wasilewski
Chairman – Fireworks Committee

Tel: 562770



Peeling, cooking and freezing apples from my daughter's orchard, has for me become an annual autumn ritual.

The ripe smell of the fruit as I peel, and the warm mellow colours of the skin glowing in the weak shafts of sun through the kitchen window, remind me so much of harvest festivals in the late 1940's.

The sun then shafting through the church windows; creating abstract designs in many colours on the grey stone floor of the nave. The smell, a heady mix of ripe fruit, late autumn flowers, fresh vegetables and candle wax. The produce from the gardens of the congregation arranged lovingly along the sills. These home spun decorations were joined by magnificent loaves of bread, shaped into intricate sheaves of corn, some, if you looked carefully, had a small bread harvest mouse peeping amongst the bread stalks! The pulpit was dramatically supported by stooks of ripe barley.

A little girl in her best starched frock, clutching a strawberry basket decorated with Michaelmas daisies and filled with 'goodies', would be eagerly awaiting her turn to present her gifts to the priest. This done she knew it would then be time for her favourite hymn, 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter'

Another year, another decade, fingers stiff now, but still, 'All is Safely Gathered In'.

#### **Apple Chutney Recipe**

#### Ingredients

1.8kg/4lb apples, peeled, cored and chopped

4 medium onions, peeled and finely chopped

2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed

1 lemon, juice only

1 tbsp mustard seeds

900ml/1½ pint vinegar (cider or malt)

450g/1lb raisins

1 tbsp ground ginger

2 tsp salt

900g/2lb soft brown sugar

#### Method

Bring the apples, onions, garlic, lemon juice, mustard seed and 590ml/1 pint of vinegar to the boil.

Add the raisins, ginger, salt, sugar and the rest of the vinegar and simmer until thick.

Pour into clean, hot jam jars and cover as usual. Store for 6-8 weeks to allow the flavours to develop.

#### **Naphill Brownies**

I hope you have all had a great summer. Over the summer break 24 girls from Naphill, Walters Ash and Hughenden brownies spent a great weekend on brownie summer camp.

Our Swallows and Amazons theme was a great success. Amongst other things we were inspired to try swimming, cooking, shelter-building, semaphore, fire-lighting and boat building.

The new term is now underway with 5 new brownies joining us. I hope they all love it as much as we do

With Hurricane Irma fresh in our minds, we started the term with a Caribbean themed evening doing a few Caribbean games and crafts followed by tasting a selection of delicious. tropical fruit. There are many brownies in the Caribbean who will definitely need to 'Lend a Hand' in the coming days and weeks.

The brownies themselves will be choosing the badges we do this term. So who knows what activities they will guide us towards?

This term offers us lots of opportunities to get involved with the wider community: We have a 3-legged' charity walk for Macmillan with our

brownie friends from Walters Ash and Hughenden. Then there is our biannual Jumble Sale (7th October) – we do hope we'll see you all there. The Remembrance Service in the Village hall is always an important date in our calendar. And finally we have our annual Girlguiding Carol Service with all the other Guiding Units in the Hughenden District......and all this on top of the regular brownie meetings.

We are all going to be very busy.



Brown Owl (Ruth Daly) 565571. ruth.daly3@btinternet.com





#### **Naphill Neighbours**

Summer seems to have passed by so quickly this year. I could count on one hand how many times I've lounged in the garden in the warm sunshine! Now your committee is turning its thoughts to the winter months, especialy Christmas.

First, though, we have our next club meeting on Monday 8 October, When Tom Way will give us an illustrated talk on WILDLIFE ON YOUR DOORSTEP. Then on Tuesday 11 October we are off on our last outing for this year, to YARNTON NURSERIES, GARDEN AND SHOPPING VILLAGE just outside Oxford. We still have a few vacant seats on the coach (cost £10 for members, £12 for non-members and guests) so if you would like to join us please phone Hazel on 563977. We leave the Village Hall at 10.30am and expect to be back about 5pm.

Our Christmas dinner is on Monday 15 December, (£22 for members and £27 for guests). Menu choices will be made at the next club meeting and money taken at the November meeting.

Hazel Vickery, 563977

A Letter from Hon. David Lidington MP

Roughly once a quarter, all five Buckinghamshire MPs meet the County Council's Cabinet members to run through current local issues. It's always a very useful catch-up session, which can cover everything from economic development and transport planning to social care to pot holes.

In September, we spent part of the time trying to take a step back and talk about what the County might look like in 2050. What were the implications for the long-term planning of services?

Some things struck us as almost certain. There are going to be a lot more homes in Bucks. The population is growing. Ours is a popular area to live in, with low unemployment. We need more homes to address both greater longevity and the present unaffordability of housing for so many young people.

The impact of that on transport is harder to calculate. The Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge railway crossing North Bucks will be a strategically important growth corridor, but will need improved links to Heathrow and the Thames Valley too. By 2050 driverless vehicles will probably be the rule. How many of us will want or need to own a car, especially if it sits unused most of the week, if the option is available to summon a driverless hire vehicle to take us where we want to go?

Those vehicles will probably be fuelled by electricity. The government's target already is to have no new

petrol or diesel vehicles by 2040 - and my hunch is that industry will move more quickly than that anyway. So we'll need a network of charging points. Who provides those, especially in rural areas with small populations? To what extent should this be left to the market and what if any kind of public service duty will be needed?

All kinds of questions crowd in. We are likely to have far fewer shops, with a massive shift to online sales. High Streets and town centres will have more residential properties and small businesses. As modern service businesses are not noisy or smelly, should we reinvent the Victorian fashion for mixed residential and business development instead of separate planning zones?

In social care, how can we maximise the opportunities presented by robotics and artificial intelligence to improve the quality of life for elderly and disabled people?

We didn't have all the answers! But discussing the challenges and opportunities is at least a start.

David Lidington



Hughenden Parish Helping Neighbours Stay Safe and Well

#### 60 Residents in Hughenden Parish Make Their Streets More Than Just a Name

The Hughenden Street Association is creating a stronger and safer community by providing residents with an information pack full of resources to raise awareness of issues such as door to door crime, scams and isolation. The pack is designed to reduce the specific targeting of older people by organised crime groups and protect the most vulnerable members of our community. Residents who request a pack will also be provided with a toolkit to direct their neighbours to specialised support services if needed.

Nearly one in three residents across Hughenden are over the age of 60 and the fastest growing proportion of the population is those aged 80 and over. As the population changes, the more residents who request an information pack the more resilient our community will be, meaning those neighbours who might need a little bit of help can be directed to support at the earliest opportunity and those trying to target our

vulnerable neighbours will be spotted.

Helen Cavill, Project Officer for Street Associations said, 'the community initiative is working. Alocal couple recently came onto our radar after a neighbourly conversation led to Street Association resources being passed on. They were given details of support to help them with a variety of issues. Ultimately, our goal is for more residents to have information to hand in order to help their neighbours stay safe and well.'

If you would like a pack to raise awareness with your neighbours, please contact:

#### **Hughenden Street Association**

Email: HughendenStreetAssociation@gmail.com

Mobile: 07392 683500 Twitter: @HughendenStreet

This initiative has been led by Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group which has worked with Thames Valley Police, Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch and the Parish, District and County Councils to complement what is already in place. The Street Association receives funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

#### **Shear Madness**

I was incredibly sad to hear that Vivian Parrish had passed away, he had been married to June for 62 years. He was one of the very first to welcome us to the village and became a true friend and I know that he worried terribly about me when Lynn passed away. You will be truly missed my friend.

So who of you has had eagle eyes and spotted our very own Sam Smith in the Dolmio sauce adverts on television? Don't worry, I've already got his autograph for when he's the next Dr Who in 10years time. Well done Sam!

Have a happy and safe Halloween and remember to put your clocks back at the end of the month.

Mandy

#### The Black Lion

Firstly, we would like to say a huge "Thank You" to everyone who supported our Macmillan Family Fundraising weekend, we raised £1,030 for this amazing charity. We are also in the process of selling the doll's house on Ebay with the proceeds also going to Macmillan so fingers crossed it does well.

Our new Sunday Roast offer is now up and running throughout September and October. We are offering a roast dinner with all the trimmings plus a homemade pudding for only £10.50. Food is served 12-4pm on Sundays so please book to avoid disappointment by

calling 01494 563176. Who can resist roast beef, chicken, lamb or pork (two roasts on the menu each Sunday) plus a homemade pudding such as sticky toffee pudding, chocolate brownie, white chocolate and blueberry cheesecake or apple & rhubarb crumble served with custard. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

As soon as the nights draw in it feels like Christmas is closer and so we are busy preparing our Christmas menu. Our two and three course Christmas menu will be available throughout December for parties up to 46, although if you really fancy roast turkey at the end of November we would be more than happy to oblige! The Christmas menu will be out soon so keep an eye out on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/NaphillBlackLion), our website and menus available in the pub.

Finally we are looking for bar staff, if you are over 18 and would like to join our team then please send your CV to sianmaguire87@icloud.com.

As always thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Jack, Sian and the team

#### The Wheel

We hope everyone had a great time over the holidays, whether you went away or stayed at home. It has been a steady summer for us as the sun did not shine as much as we had hoped. Our first and most important news is that we have rescued a new chocolate Labrador!! 'Maxii' is 1½ years old and she has started to settle in, she came to us from her old loving home at the beginning of September. Daisy and Maxii are becoming great friends, although Daisy does need more sleep!! I would ask anyone who comes to see her to remember that she can't be let out of the front doors as she isn't yet road trained.

By the time you are reading this our Winter Menu will be in full swing, meaning that pies, curries and full stacks are back. The Chef and I have been working hard to ensure that the Christmas menu is now available to collect in the pub. So, come along and book early to avoid disappointment.

We are also well on our way to Bonfire night, this amazing village night is always one of my favourite evenings. This year we will have a set menu in the dining room, which will be for bookings only. There will only be two sittings, the first at 5.30pm and the second at 7.30pm. In addition, we will be doing the box menus which will be served in the bar and the garden.

So, what's coming up:

Thursday 26th October – Curry Night. Saturday 4th November – Fireworks. Saturday 18th November – Live Music. Christmas Menu –Book soon. The smoking shed has had an overhaul and is no longer leaking, it also has some pretty lights. Thanks to Paul (Flo) and Chris for all their hard work, it looks great.

So, lastly an update on our staff, we have said good bye to Annabel and Rohan who have gone back to University. We say hello to Heidi Franklin, Scarlet Halton and Annie Lovett, welcome to the Wheel family and here's too many happy evenings.



Thank you to everyone as usual for their continued support and I'm sure we will see you soon (even if it is just to meet Maxii).

Claire and Mark

#### **Naphill Evening WI**

We have not been very active as a group during the summer, but many of us have met up from time to time. The Food Group had lunch at the Bull at Bisham in August and the Plough at Cadsden in September. They are now looking forward to an evening meal at La Bodega in Flackwell Heath on 26 October.

Some of us have met up with our twinned WI, Napton, at the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People centre in Saunderton. On arrival we had a lovely chicken lunch



followed by chocolate pudding. We were then given a most interesting talk on the training of the dogs, including a demonstration by a lovely black labrador. After a look at the kennels and time to look in the gift shop, we had tea and scones followed with a lot more chatting before it was time for the Napton ladies to make their way

home.

By the time you read this we will also have had our September meeting when the speaker will talk about Dementia Friends. Our October meeting, on the 19th, will be our Annual Meeting when we will choose our new committee and elect our President for the following year. We will also have a light-hearted quiz and draw a bursary, the winner of which will receive money towards a course at Denman College, the WI's College near Abingdon.

Our Autumn Group Meeting, when several WIs get together, is also in October, when the hosts will be Sands Valley Evening WI and the speaker will be Andy Smith, a guitarist and entertainer.

Plenty to look forward to as the evenings draw in.

Carol Gilliam

#### Naphill Tennis Club

The August Summer Tennis Camp went well and was greatly enjoyed by all the children who attended.

In early September, a 3 hour Tennis Clinic for adults was held on a lovely sunny Saturday and finished with an informal doubles tournament so that new-found skills could be put to good use. There was a short break during the session for a cream tea and the whole event was much enjoyed by all participants as can be seen in this photo.



Our Ladies' Team has done brilliantly this summer – in spite of having relatively few players – by coming 2nd in their division in the Bucks Summer Shield. This means they will be promoted to the next division. A great achievement – well done, ladies!

New players are always welcome. Give our Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel, a call on 01494 563706 and come and pay us a visit. We play tennis all the year round. Take a look at our website: www.naphilltennisclub.org. uk or our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/naphilltennisclub for more information.

Jenny Tench

#### **Wycombe Photographic Society**

With apologies to that "great" film character, and onetime Governor of California,....WE ARE BACK!!

The new 2017-18 year got off to a fun start in September with a "Mini Internal Competition" with the judges, yes multiple judges, being all our members. The theme was a print depicting a Shadow or a Silhouette and the winner selected, by secret ballot of course because we are very democratic...(big grin), was non other than the Naphill & Walters Ash Gazette Web Master .... Peter Davis....who was very clever in that he combined shadows and silhouettes into the one image...(standing applause for Peter from all Gazette readers).

Whilst votes were being compiled there was a fun photography quiz...aka Photography Related Aptitude Test with the winner being awarded the P.R.A.T. Award Certificate.

All lots of fun to get the year started.

What is going on this month at the Wycombe Photographic Society?

The first of our Internal Printed Images Competitions and a couple of "away" competitions against other clubs like Amersham and Hemel Hempstead. The "away" competitions are the first in a series against other clubs from the South East and these will continue into 2018. Last year we did rather well in these and are hoping for the same success this year.

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

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

David Greenwood

Membership Secretary - Wycombe Photographic Society

#### **Growning Your Own**

A few years after acquiring my allotment I thought it would be rather nice to have my own vineyard. I bought a red variety, Seibel 13053, and a white variety, Muller Thurgau, which were recommended as the best for our climate. I grew them for a year then took cuttings from the two vines to produce two rows of vines, each having 12 plants about 3 feet apart. During the second year I trained the growing canes on wires 18 inches above the ground. Taking cuttings from vines is really easy, since vines will grow new canes up to 12 feet long in a year so providing plenty of new wood. In October take a cutting about 18 inches long, just below a node at the lower end and just above a node at the other with one node in the middle, then plunge the cutting into the soil so that only the top node is above ground. The two lower nodes will grow roots and the upper node will produce canes. All my 24 cuttings were successful and raced away to such an extent that the winter job of pruning-out unwanted canes was quite a task.

After 3 years the red variety was bearing lots of bunches of grapes, ripening in October. The individual grapes were on the small side but there were lots of bunches. The white grapes were a complete disaster as they did not produce fruit, just wood, so I dug them out after a few years. Now to the winemaking. I obtained a small wine press from France, plus white plastic dustbins and a white plastic bucket. I washed each bunch carefully, removing damaged grapes and ejecting the slugs and spiders hiding in the bunches. Then I separated the grapes from their stalks with a fork, crushed them in the bucket with the end of a rolling pin and put the contents in the dustbins. Then in with special winemaking yeast and some sugar, dustbin lids on and away went the first very vigorous fermentation. After a few days I decanted the liquid into demijohns fitted with airlocks, squeezing the last drops of precious liquid from the skins with the wine press. After 3 months I put in Campden Tablets to stop the fermentation, added sugar to taste and bottled the wine. I usually produced 30 bottles.

Was the wine good to drink? Strictly speaking, no – too much tannin. I had wanted to produce really organic wine, with nothing added apart from sugar and Campden Tablets. Commercial wine has had up to 50 chemicals added to stop the fermentation, adjust the sweetness, improve the colour, taste and clarity and so on. In go whole bunches of grapes and they don't eject the slugs and spiders! With my organic wine not really fit to drink I drink commercial wine these days. Chemical wine complete with the essence of slugs and spiders becomes quite acceptable after a while!

Cheers! Mike Mason

#### **Bon Ami**

Hello, I hope everyone has had a good summer and that you are all settled back enjoying autumn life, schools, universities, work, clubs, etc. Here at Bon Ami it is once again HOMEMADE SOUP TIME! We hope our soups will fill and warm you up on the colder days. You can have your soup, enjoy the view of The Crick and it's beautiful autumn colours and then you can have your cake and eat it!

If you receive this edition in time please do come to our McMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. We will have cakes to buy and lots of coffees, teas and hot chocolates to drink. We will donate a percentage of our takings for the day towards this extremely worthwhile charity.

One of our customers has approached us with the idea of setting up a Bon Ami book club and a Bon Ami theatre group. If any of you are interested in either of these please do come and tell us.

We have some Christmas activities in the planning stage at the moment. Please watch this space!

Take care and see you soon.

Amanda & Ruth.

#### Christmas Gift Fayre, Friday 24th November 6pm – 9pm

We know it may seem rather early to be mentioning this, but following the success of last year's event, we have decided to once again hold the Gift Fayre on a Friday evening.

There will be plenty of opportunities for you to make a start on your Christmas shopping with a wide variety of gift ideas from local suppliers, along with essentials like mulled wine & mince pies, and the usual Very Grand Draw!

We still have a few stall spaces left, so if you would be interested in having a stall do get in touch.

So, please Save the Date- we want you all to come along on November 24th and enjoy this traditional fun and festive event at the Village Hall.

Cathryn Carter (563233) & Moira Harris (562099)

#### **News from Christians in the Community**

We've had our committee meeting to discuss events leading up until Christmas. The first one will be a coffee/ tea morning held at the Naphill Methodist Church on Saturday 4th November. As well as the usual Traidcraft, cakes and rafflestall there may be some Christmassy items for sale! More details on all things Christmassy next time.

Just a reminder that we do run a prayer chain for people who are unwell and we keep an eye on people living near to us. Remember we are Christians who attend local churches – Hughenden St.Michael and All Angels Hughenden, Naphill Methodist Chapel and King's Church, High Wycombe.

Norma Clarke

#### **Letter from the Vicarage - Hughenden**

Have you noticed how quickly our so-called summer has evaporated this year, as beach wear and garden furniture is put away for next year, jumpers and warmer clothes are dug out from the back of the wardrobe, and we have started thinking ahead to the clocks going back and a beautiful autumnal vista across the glorious landscape of Buckinghamshire?

We have our Harvest celebrations at St Michael's & All Angels – a Barn Dance on the night of Saturday 30 September in Hughenden Village Hall, followed by our Harvest Festival services the following day – Sunday 1 October, and once again, this year, we are pledging to donate non-perishable food and money to the excellent One Can Foodbank Trust, which supports many local families and individuals in the High Wycombe and South Buckinghamshire area.

Traditionally, at times of harvest, especially living in a semi-rural area, we are particularly mindful of the crops which grow in the fields in and around the parish – the

blessing of the land which contributes significantly to the local economy and the food chain. However, statistically, we are far less likely to be consuming produce from our own garden, or local area, than a generation ago, although I am always particularly warmed to see the shelves of our stores displaying local produce.

Typically, we might be asked to pay more for local produce, but I have always found that it is more than value for money when I consider the quality, let alone the smaller carbon footprint which has been taken up in transporting it from farm to store to my larder.

The One Can Trust has been operating locally for six years, and in excess of £150,000 worth of food is generously donated by our community each year. That in turn constitutes food parcels which have annually fed well over 20,000 adults and children.

Whether or not you attend a place of Christian worship this Harvest, I do commend to you the outstanding work undertaken by One Can Trust. I encourage you to support their vital ministry to many of the more vulnerable in our local area.

You may well have noticed my intention to locate myself in the Hughenden Village Store and Coffee Shop every Monday during September, to see if anyone would like to say hello – and at my time of writing – two Mondays into September, I have been delighted by how well received it has been amongst the local community. So much so, that I am looking to extend my presence to also include the excellent Bon Ami @ The Pavilion in Naphill on Wednesdays during October. So, if you find yourself in Hughenden Valley on a Monday or Naphill on a Wednesday, on both days between 10am – 12noon, during October – please come and say hello, as some of you have done already – I would love to meet you!

God bless you this harvestide

Rev.Keith Johnson

# 'Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye...'

We are soon to enter the season of remembrance, so the words of this song seem all the more poignant as we recall the sacrifice of many who were sent into battle never sure that they would see home or their loved ones again. Hellos and goodbyes are part of everyday life and as we grow older we adapt to the regular rhythm of welcoming new people into our lives and similarly letting people move on to new circumstances. It is difficult to imagine how the men and women that we will remember in the coming weeks must have felt as they said farewell to families and friends often for the last time. I pray that we will never have to experience anything like that on that scale again. In the military and especially the RAF we come to terms with these moments in life with an ever-increasing frequency. Every few years military personnel and their families are required to move homes, jobs, schools, away from friendship networks, colleagues and areas of life that are of interest. This brings with it, its own set of challenges and demands, some we welcome, others we struggle with. It is a very different experience to that of the people of the major wars of our history but nevertheless demanding in its own way.

With this said, it is time for me to say goodbye to RAF High Wycombe and Air Command as I prepare for deployment and a posting in 2018 to RAF Halton. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Naphill and Walter's Ash for their friendship, support and assistance in the 2½ years that I have been here. Whether uniformed personnel, civil servants, contractors or members of the local community we have enjoyed some good times together and I hope that the wider RAF community is the richer for those experiences. My successor, Padre Kevin Capelin-Jones from RAF Benson, will continue to keep you in contact with the hellos and goodbyes of the RAF at High Wycombe. With my prayers and good wishes for the future.

Padre Mike Hall

#### Letter from the Vicarage - Bradenham

October! The second metrological month of Autumn sees our weather progressively deteriorate towards winter cold and storms.... or does it? We may not have had much of a summer this year, but yet there is hope.

For centuries farmers have noticed a period of better weather at the autumn harvest. We often call this phenomenon an 'Indian Summer'. I had always thought the term referred to something to do with the Raj – comfortably warm weather like that experienced in the Central Indian Highlands by those able to escape the heat of the Indian lowlands. In fact, it is a North American term and refers to Native Americans gathering their harvest later than in Britain. The North American Indians - native Americans - who lived on the eastern seaboard used to depend on extended periods of fine, quiet, sunny weather at this time of the year to complete their harvest and to put together stores of food to see them through the long, cold winter.

People have long noticed this weather pattern — a final burst of summer before the winter really sets in. Shakespeare used the expression "All Halloween Summer" in Henry IV part I for a period of warm sunshine as October gives way to November. More commonly, this period of unseasonal warmth was known as 'St Luke's Summer', the term applying to any spell of quiet, dry weather starting on or around 18th October - the Feast of St Luke.

So who is this Saint Luke? We don't really know that much about him, though he is mentioned by name quite a bit in the New Testament. He was a physician and some traditions have him dying a young martyr's death, hanged from an olive tree, whilst other accounts have him die of natural causes aged 84. Take your pick! The main thing about St Luke is his writing - he actually wrote about a quarter of the New Testament, being the author

of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. So far as we can tell, he didn't ever meet Jesus in person, but his association with Christianity goes back to its earliest roots. Luke actually accompanied St Paul on some of his journeys, the story of which makes up a large part of the Acts of the Apostles. Luke's eyewitness account, his travelogue, effectively chronicles the spread of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire. Luke's Gospel gives us many much loved scriptures and prayers – Mary's prayer, known as the Magnificat and Simeon's prayer, now called the Nunc Dimittis. Luke also gives us the Christmas story of shepherds and angels, his words forming almost verbatim the lyrics for many favourite carols. Luke is the patron saint of physicians, surgeons, artists, students and butchers, hence he gives his name to many schools, hospitals and hospices.

Perhaps as St Luke's day dawns, you could celebrate the day by reading his Gospel account of the life of Jesus and his own story in the Acts of the Apostles. The books make compulsive reading – political intrigues, plots, subterfuge, false trials, bribery, shipwrecks, riots – it's all there. And for what? To tell the world of the most wonderful message that will see its fulfilment at Christmas – that almighty God became fully human in Jesus Christ, dwelt amidst his creation and showed us a new way to live, love and be.

May you know God's blessing during this St Luke's Tide.

Rev.Jenny Ellis

#### **Church Service Times Saint Botolph's Church**

1 Oct.	Eucharist	11am	Rev.A. Barton
8 Oct.	Eucharist Harvest	11am	Rev. Jenny Ellis
15 Oct.	Eucharist	11am	Rev.A.Barton
22 Oct.	Matins	11am	Rev.V. Beaumont
29 Oct.	Benefice Eucharist	9.30am at St.Paul's Bledlow Ridge	

**Last Word:** Goodbye to Padre Mike with very grateful thanks for all his inspiring contributions to the Gazette and his support and work within our community. We will miss you!

My thanks to all our faithful contributors and my apologies to those who I have not managed to include in this issue. The contributions not used have been stored for future use.

Himself, alias my long-suffering husband Paul is super pleased this month as his fungus photo has made it on to the front cover. My thanks to him and to Richard for arranging this cover, as he always does, so brilliantly.

As we approach Christmas, always a busy time for us all, I should respectfully request that the next magazine deadline, 15 October, is respected and that all text is unformatted and photographs are large file uncropped! I hope you all enjoy this October edition!

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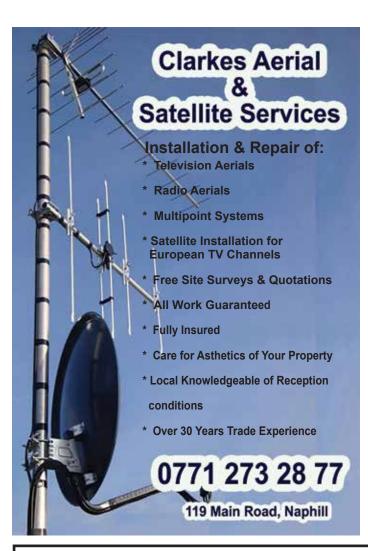
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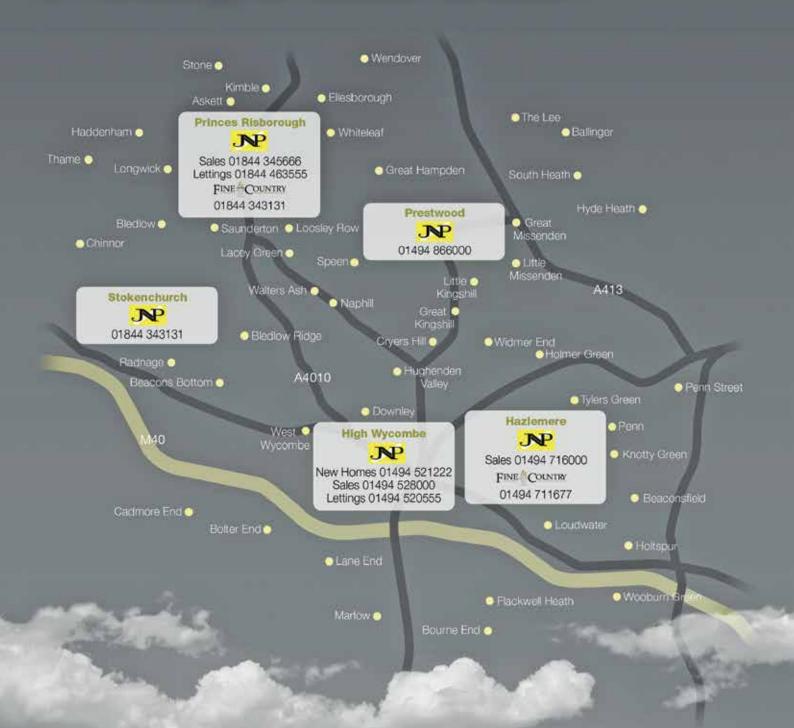
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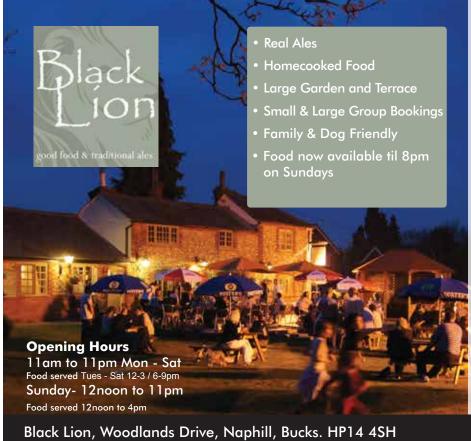
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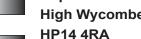


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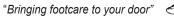
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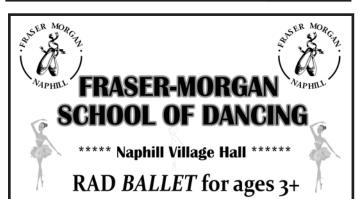
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#### **Editorial**

I guess like everybody who volunteers I get the odd day when I question my own sanity and ask myself just why I do this. These questions occasionally are verbalised to Himself who is quick to remind me that I love the opportunity to communicate with you all and to feel that whilst I cannot get out and about very easily anymore, I can be part of the community from my own home. He does add that If I did not spend quite so much time working on the Gazette that I would probably spend even more time baking, definitely not good for the waistline and shopping on line, not good for the bank balance, so he encourages VOLUNTEERING to edit the Gazette!

Last month I made an impassioned plea for an electrician to help with the village hall Christmas tree lights. We have several electricians living and working in our villages and I really thought that I would be inundated with offers to help. Sadly, this was not the case but fortunately one lovely gentleman, Ross Greenlee, proprietor of Ross Electrics, has offered his services, so thank you Ross.

This week I received the very sad news that Don Turner, one of the finest examples of just how much a very quiet, unassuming volunteer has done for our community, has sadly passed away. I am grateful to Richard Pushman for writing an obituary for Don, his great friend of many years and along with so many of you, extend my condolences to Don's wife Anne, their family and many friends who are mourning the loss of this great man.

This month another fine group of volunteers will be organising the 25th Anniversary Naphill & Walter's Ash Bonfire Night and Fireworks display. As always, we have to hope that the weather will behave and that this will be another great evening of celebration for our villages.

Once again, our Residents Association are coordinating the fight to stop the development of the land in Clappins Lane. Whilst this might not be immediately on your doorstep and whilst it might not spoil the view from your property it will have a huge impact on us all and so it does mean that we should all sit up and take notice if we believe that the preservation of our greenbelt land and countryside is important.

Sonia



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#### **Chairman's Report**

The village hall committee meeting was held on the 2nd October. The meeting was Chaired by Andrew Wasilewski on my behalf as I was on holiday. At the meeting it was agreed to reiterate that if you see any anti-social behaviour taking place around the hall and car park, you can report it on the web site giving time and details so that the CCTV can be viewed. The ongoing situation where there is a temporary overload on the car parking facilities was also discussed. It was noted that this often occurs on a Thursday evening when meeting times run one after the other. It would be helpful if people attending meetings would arrive just in time for their meeting as hopefully the previous meeting will then be leaving. The situation will be monitored and hopefully a solution will be forthcoming.

I have been aware that the playing fields could be enticing for travellers to park on. After investigating the rules of what we need to do in this situation we hope to consult with West Wycombe council as they have had recent experience of this problem. If you do see this happening please let the committee know immediately.

The bonfire and fireworks display on November 4th is our next fundraiser and a new website has been put in place, it is Naphillfireworks.co.uk. The Christmas Fayre is on November 24th.

The Christmas lights will be put on the tree on November 25th and a "My Donate" account will be set up for donations for the lights.

Unfortunately I have heard that Don Turner died. Don was a Chairman and vice chairman of the village hall committee and the meetings we had with Don were always good natured with a touch of humour. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Clive Lawrence
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#### A Tribute to Don Turner

On October 11th Naphill lost one of its popular village stalwarts, Don Turner, who died peacefully at home whilst with his wife Ann and son Adam. Don had lived in Naphill with Ann for almost 60 years and I have been privileged to know him for nearly all of that time. He first came to the village as a result of being

posted to what was then RAF Bomber Command, as a meteorological officer or weather forecaster in modern parlance. Don was to have many postings during the course of his career including Germany, Cyprus and Scotland but always returning to Naphill at the end of his tour, a village that he much loved and the village loved and respected him.

Don had earned that love and respect from the many acts of kindness he willingly gave to both friends, neighbours and folk with whom he was in contact in the course of his daily life. Don hailed from Lancashire of which he was extremely proud and he retained both the richness of his accent and the friendliness of his manner associated with that part of England.

 $He \, gave \, unstintingly \, of \, his \, time \, to \, village \, organisations,$ the first of which was Naphill Cricket Club, as when first arriving in the village in the late 1950s he answered a post card advert in the then post office window for a green keeper to prepare the wicket for Saturday matches. Don got the job with no knowledge whatsoever of grass management and kept it for two seasons! There were many organisations with which he was associated, too many to list here but to mention a few, the Village Hall of which he was treasurer for many years, the Horticultural Society as its President, Naphill Methodist Church where he was the steward for transport, spending much time in taking the elderly and infirm to both church services and numerous other functions. On many occasions Don had acted as a lifelike Father Christmas, both at the local school and at the Village Hall Annual Bazaar. He brought much pleasure to both children and their parents alike. For many years Don helped as a volunteer at the High Wycombe Museum in Castle Street. The staff there were most appreciative of his generous help, always delivered with good humour and common sense.

Don was a much-loved friend to many within the villages of Naphill and Walters Ash. Always generous with his help and support and popular with all those with whom he came into contact. He was a popular baby sitter for his friends' children and my daughters said that he was their favourite!

His profession of weather forecaster brought him into frequent discussions with the more sceptical of us as to its accuracy. I often teased him by recalling Winston Churchill's comments as to whether it was worth paying for a service which had only a 50 percent accuracy! Fortunately, in these latter years with the aid of more advanced computer technology the service is now much more accurate. Don was fiercely loyal to his profession, dealing with any flippant comments related to 'feeling the sea weed' with a good natured northern rejoinder. He was much respected for his work and attained a high rank as a Service Forecaster. He is well remembered by many Royal Air Force pilots and navigators for his well informed and accurate forecasting.

Our community is much poorer for the loss of Don Turner, he had a delightful sense of humour, often sharp and to the point but never personal or hurtful. We have lost a dear friend of the village and for Ann, Adam and Jamie a great personal loss but perhaps they can take some comfort from the fact that he was much loved and will be sorely missed by a great many friends and colleagues.

Richard Pushman

#### **Funeral Announcement**

A funeral service to celebrate the life and work of Don Turner will be held on Thursday 2nd November at 10.30am in Naphill Methodist Church, Chapel Lane.

All welcome at the church

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association:

The following local planning applications received by Wycombe District Council (WDC) in the 4 weeks to 12th October, 2017 were discussed and any responses by NAWARA appear on the WDC website.

Planning Applications to 12th October 2017: 17/07491/FUL. Hogtrough Smallholding, Louches Lane, Naphill, HP14 4QH. Demolition of existing buildings and clear the site, change the use of the site from redundant B1-B2 (business/industrial) to C3 (dwellinghouses) and erection of 1 x 3 bed low carbon dwelling house which utilizes ground source heat, grey water harvesting, very low U-value insulation and solar power. Target Determination date. 24.11.2017. 17/07553/FUL. 25 Ash Close, Walters Ash. HP14 4TR. House holder application for construction of single storey side and rear extension including 2 x rooflights and 2 x suntubes and associated alterations (alternative scheme to pp 17/06247/FUL). Target Determination Date: 29.11.2017

#### Green Belt At Walter's Ash Targeted By Wycombe District Council In Wycombe District Local Plan, Regulation 19, Publication Version, October 2017

This Publication Version of the W.D. Local Plan is the plan that WDC will submit to the Secretary of State for an independent examination with an absolute deadline for responses on Monday 27 November.

Wycombe District Council is proposing to remove Green Belt protection from 5.5 acres of agricultural land in unique Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty within Hughenden Parish at Walter's Ash bordering Clappins Lane. Why? To cover more of our agricultural Green Belt countryside with bricks and mortar with not

# Land off Clappins Lane, Naphill - illustrative layout Proposed residential Proposed open space Proposed tree belts. Existing trees woodland Potential vehicular access Existing footpaths Site boundary Site boundary

Please note that this plan is indicative and only drawn for the purpose of assessing development capability

a mere 50 buildings as it previously said, but at least 64 "dwellings". WDC says it has to find somewhere to build the thousands of houses the government insists it builds in the District. What next? The precedent is a threat to all the villages in this rural Parish.

The fundamental aim of green belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open. WDC cannot alter Green Belt boundaries without persuading the government that there are "exceptional circumstances" to invade the diminishing Green Belt. The overwhelming majority of those who live in our two villages totally disagree that there are any "exceptional circumstances" for this proposal and are prepared to put their case to the Planning Inspectorate through a Chartered Planning Consultant who we have employed.

## On page 275 of the Plan WDC actually state: "PRINCIPLES FOR RURAL AREAS

- 1. Cherish the Chilterns
- a) Protect and enhance the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and other environmental assets including their historic, landscape and biodiversity value
- b) Respects the particular character and sense of place of villages and hamlets."

At a packed public meeting in Naphill on Monday 16th October it was decided to set up a fighting fund with contributions being initially paid into the Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Association Yorkshire Bank Account 61386287 Sort Code 05-04-70. Each contribution with a Reference of no more than 12 digits including Name followed by FF (for Fighting Fund).

In order to receive up-to-date information, a great many people at the meeting provided their email addresses or phone numbers.

To stay abreast of current local developments people can also join the dedicated Facebook group. Search for 'Walters Ash Save Clappins Lane (AONB) Say NO to Greenbelt development'

Green Infrastructure

We need to make sure our responses to the Local Plan are strong, convincing and effective. It was agreed at the meeting that a Planning Consultant should be engaged to assist in the response.

On www.wycombe.gov.uk/wdlppublicationversion you can find:

- (a) The entire Local Plan by clicking "Wycombe District Local Plan for Consultation" half way down the page.
- (b) Essential information for responding to the Local Plan by clicking "Statement of representations and statement of fact."
- (c) The Council's online response form way down the page by clicking the green box "Complete the response form"

It is recommended that responses use the advice gained from the consultant which we will circulate to those on the email list and put on the Facebook page.

In (b) you will see you can write a letter to the given address at the Council, but the Response Form carries the most weight. If you wish to speak at the Enquiry in Public request this in your response. Aude Pantel of the Planning Policy Dept, on 01494 421538 or newlocalplan@wycombe.gov.uk can be very helpful.

The Inspectorate is encouraging any large group of people who share the same view to send in a joint

response with their names appended, or a petition.

Our Chartered Planning Consultant will be dealing with the complex Response Form, a representation at the Enquiry in Public and a Petition. These tasks together with any future moves to save the Chilterns AONB/GB/ Agricultural land on the border of our villages could be costly, so I hope those who can afford it will be able to contribute a little to our Fighting Fund.

The Chilterns Conservation Board is fully behind our efforts and has provided us with professional advice.

A Committee concerned purely with saving our rural environment is being set up. If you would like to be part of it in the latter stages of our short 6 weeks consultation period phone 563634.

A further meeting is planned for Monday 30 October at Naphill Village Hall. Please watch out for details that will be put out on flyers.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

#### Naphill Tennis Club

Do you remember the Silent Auction at Naphill Fete last summer? One of the prizes, which 4 members of our club collectively bid for and won, was a Real Tennis experience.

"So what", you might think? Isn't that what you usually play at a tennis club?

You would be wrong! Real Tennis (as played by Henry VIII) is very different from Lawn Tennis (which is what we play at Naphill). It is one of the oldest sports in existence possibly dating from the 13th century. It is played indoors and 3 sides of the court resemble a monastery cloister which is probably how it began. The 4th wall may have originally been the side of the monastery as it has a buttress jutting out of it which can be an advantage or disadvantage depending on who is playing the shot. The net droops alarmingly in the middle and the racket looks like a tennis racket that has been squashed and knocked sideways.

In Real Tennis, the ball is handmade and is heavier than a tennis ball. If you are a squash player you will have some idea of how to deal with a ball that can ricochet off 3 walls picking up some spin as it does so. When it finally hits the floor at an angle you're not expecting, it runs out of bounce frustratingly quickly as we soon discovered. No doubt, with practise, its trajectory might be more successfully determined!



Scoring is similar to that of Lawn Tennis but, to spice things up a little, one can 'lay a chase' which is then played out later in the game. The rules are quite confusing but we began to make some sense of them after attempting to play doubles.



Our Real Tennis experience was just that! We all thoroughly enjoyed pitting our wits against a somewhat incomprehensible game and can now say we have something in common with Henry VIII ..... or perhaps not!

Jenny Tench

#### **Bon Ami**

Our soup is now selling as fast as our hot cakes! We have a different recipe on our menu every week so your favourite will soon be here. Our customers are already asking for our "Tatties, Neeps & Haggis" soup. We promise we will have this on our menu a little nearer to Hogmanay.

We have had a few enquiries regarding our potential Bon Ami theatre group. Please do let us know if you are interested and we can pass on your details to our customer who hopes to arrange this.

Whilst you may think that it is not ice cream weather; many of our customers are still enjoying it all year round! We have a feature flavour for November; Dark Chocolate & Raspberry Beechdean pots. Do come in and try one if you fancy.



We have plans in place for a wreath making evening with Cath Gillespie on Tuesday 5th December. The evening will be an opportunity to get together with friends over a glass or two of mulled wine and mince pies, while creating a masterpiece for your front door over the

festive period. The cost of the event is £40 or £35 each for a booking of two or more. The running of this event is dependent on numbers so please do book in with us by 15th November. We are looking forward to this very much.

Ruth and Amanda



#### **Naphill Brownies**

What a great start to term. Only two weeks into the new term and 39 fabulous brownies from the 3 Hughenden district brownie packs could be spotted tied together (3-legged) and brightly dressed walking all the way from Naphill School to the crick. Why? To raise money and awareness for Macmillan Cancer care. Not only was it a quite a challenge to walk a whole mile 3-legged (especially over the muddy bits), but we raised well over £200 for Macmillan. And it was great fun!

The brownies have chosen to do their Craft badge and their Brownie skills badge this term. So we will be cutting, sticking and making things to our hearts content with plenty of paint and glitter thrown in.

Our brownie skills badge includes 'helping at an event where we collect money' so the recent Jumble Sale was a perfect opportunity. The brownies turned out in force to help sell the jumble that you kindly donated. I am delighted to say that we raised over £600 towards Brownies and Guides funds. So, may I say a huge thank you to all who donated, shopped or helped in any way. To earn our badge we will also need to do some knot tying, map reading and sewing amongst other things

Later in the month, we are hoping to entice some of our brownie parents to join us for some Halloween fun. And then we move forward to the village Remembrance service.

Lots to look forward to.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly) 565571. ruth.daly3@btinternet.com

#### **Hughenden Cub Scouts**

How and why, when choosing what to write for the Gazette is an art and I admire anyone who takes time to practice the skill for a permanent feature. On the other end of the spectrum is the someone who takes time in reading this, for which I am grateful.

November brings a celebratory 1st Birthday for Hughenden Cub Scout Pack, who meet in Naphill Scout Hut on Monday evenings. The year has flown by and a lot has happened: Astronomy, Home Safety, Athletics, Science Badge, Tesco's visit and a District Camp to name a select few. I completed my wood badge this year which is Scouting training with practical skills in a classroom as well as outdoors



The main goals of a Wood Badge course are to :-

- (a) Recognize
  the contemporary
  leadership concepts
  utilized in the
  corporate world and
  leading governmental
  organizations that are
  relevant to Scouting's
  values.
- (b) Apply the skills one learns from participating as a member of a successful working team.
- (c) View Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, values-based programmes that provide age-appropriate activities for youth.
- (d) Revitalize the leader's commitment by sharing in an inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission.

The pack is still in its infant years and adult leaders are desperately needed across all sections. In turn we need support for the communities' youth. Only with adults' hidden knowledge and life skills, can we have growing minds that children need and require to flourish in a safe and controlled environment. With our help we can make great adults for our future community.

Any enquirers please contact - handnhcubs@hotmail.com

Beth Foster



#### TEMPLEWOOD PLAY AREA NEEDS

**YOUR HELP!** As your Councillors, we have been tasked with coming back to the whole Council with what the local community views are on what should be done with the play areas. Please share your ideas with us by email to nawa@hughendenpc.org.uk or writing to us care of the Parish Council.

Despite our best efforts with regular specialist inspections and an annual maintenance program, our playgrounds are in desperate need of attention. You are most likely aware of this as several items of play equipment have been removed from the two playgrounds we have looked after in the Ward. The one on the Crick, owned by the Village Hall and our own one at Templewood in Walter's Ash.

The stark situation was made clear from our latest playground reports, which among other things, recommended the removal of all the wooden equipment in the Templewood playground due to rot and so on 4th October we held an extra-ordinary meeting of the council to decide the best course of action given the significant 6 figure investment required across the Parish for our playgrounds to remain fun and safe to use.

The meeting was well attended by the public and others had made their views clear either by stopping and talking to us Councillors in the street and on Facebook.

A summary of the decisions resolved at that meeting are below:

**17ECM006 -** That from 4th October 2017 responsibility for the maintenance of the village hall owned playgrounds – Hughenden Valley, Naphill, North Dean and Widmer End - reverts to the village halls.

**17ECM007** = That the council continue to organise and fund both the annual and quarterly inspection reports for the village hall owned playgrounds until April 2019 and will pay for recommended high-risk repairs.

**17ECM008** - That from April 2019, the council continue to organise and fund the quarterly and

annual inspection reports for the village hall owned playgrounds. Upon receipt, the reports will be sent to the village halls for their attention.

**17ECM009** - That the council may offer funding such as grants or loans to assist with playground maintenance if required.

The Chairman at the meeting stated that the council wish to work closely with the village halls during the next eighteen months to ensure a smooth transition and the continued provision of playground services within the parish.

While covered in more detail elsewhere in this edition of the Gazette, we are involved in the opposition to the Wycombe District Council (WDC) Local Plan, having lodged our official *HPC view back in August 2016. Councillors have also submitted personal statements to WDC.* 

We look forward now to the annual Remembrance service at the village hall and our not-so-new Clerk's first anniversary in her role while preparing for our financial meeting to set next year's Precept.

May we also take the opportunity to thank the volunteers that gave up time during their busy weekends last month to clear away the undergrowth from around the Walter's Ash duck pond. Walter &

Ashley (the ducks) now have a little more foom to forage as winter sets in!

Your Parish Councillors

Martin Burch, Chris Waterton, Peter Williams and vacant seat. email nawa @hughendenpc.org.uk

website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

#### **Council Meeting Dates**

14 Nov. - Full Council

23 Nov. - Planning Committee

29 Nov. - Precept Meeting

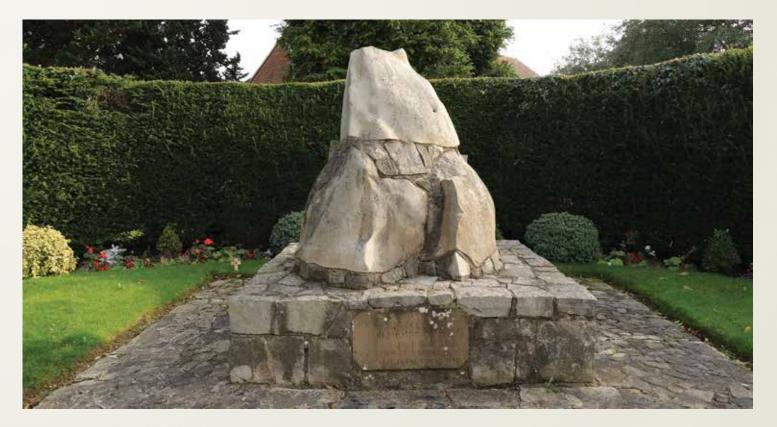
All meetings commence at 8pm and are held at the Council Offices, Great Kingshill



# Parents' open meeting Beginning Primary School Sept 2018

At Naphill and Walters Ash School





#### Naphill War Memorial

As is customary, residents will gather in the village hall, and around our War Memorial, on Remembrance Sunday falls on November 12th this year. The first such gathering took place on July 14th 1929 when Major Coningsby Disraeli unveiled the Memorial at the service of Dedication conducted by the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Buckingham. It was a simple but moving service attended by hundreds of people. 'Abide with me' was sung at the beginning, and 'Oh God, our help in ages past' at the end. The National Anthem and the hymns were accompanied by the Naphill Village Band. As the Union Jack fell from the stone, Major Disraeli said, 'I unveil this Stone of Remembrance to the beloved memory of the men of Naphill whose sacrifice was accepted in the Great War'.

It had been decided in May 1924 to combine the Memorial Scheme with that of the proposed public hall, with the proviso that the memorial stone, already decided upon, be placed outside the new hall. Many fundraising events were held to raise money for the hall and it was completed in 1929, the Foundation Stone having been laid in July 1928.

This year our War Memorial was assessed, and added to the National Heritage List of buildings of special architectural or historic interest, with a designation of Grade 11. The factual details for inclusion on the list are given as follows:

#### History

The aftermath of the First World War saw the biggest single wave of public commemoration ever with tens of thousands of memorials erected across England. This was the result of both the huge impact on communities of the loss of three quarters of a million British lives, and also the official policy of not repatriating the dead which meant that the memorials provided the main focus of the grief felt at this great loss. One such memorial was raised at Naphill, as a permanent testament to the sacrifice made by members of the local community who lost their lives in the First World War.

#### **Details**

Situated on the corner of a crossroad, adjacent to the village hall, Naphill War Memorial takes the form of a stone of remembrance. Composed of a number of large stones, the gaps between them filled with smaller stones bedded in with mortar, the overall shape is one of an irregular but smooth-sided pyramid or cairn. This stands on a square random-rubble stone dais with a stone plaque on two sides. The plaque on the front bears the inscription:

#### A STONE OF REMEMBRANCE TO THE MEN OF NAPHILL WHO FELL IN THE GREAT WAR.



The second plaque, on the NE side, bears the names of the ten men of Naphill who fell during the war. The names of two men who fell during the Second World War have been added.



photographs in this article courtesy Paul Goby

The memorial stands on an area of 'crazy' paving – a surface which became popular during the interwar period - and is surrounded by a low random-rubble stone wall.

The details above were provided by Historic England when we were asked to comment on the submission. A bit more information was provided by us but not, I think, actually used. I have not been able to clarify this as the Historic England website is too complex for an 'oldie' like myself to navigate. See as follows our suggested addition:-

The large stones used for the cairn memorial were donated. They were dug up from the clay pits at Walters Ash and are exceptionally hard wearing. The stones are hard white sandstone, known locally as Denner Hill stone after the area in which many of them were found.

The area of 'crazy' paving contrasts with the neatly kept grass around it, forming a small memorial garden. The area is bounded on one side by a well maintained yew hedge and a narrow strip of shrubs and flowers. The green of the hedge provides a backdrop ensuring the memorial cairn stands out clearly. The village takes great pride in its memorial and volunteers maintain the garden.



**Note:** Trish Bowen and Ian Green keep the garden in very good order. Thank you both.

Peggy Ewart (with assistance from our local historian, Pam Smith)

#### Remembrance Sunday 12th November

Our Annual Act of Remembrance will take place at the Village Hall and at the Stone of Remembrance on Sunday 12th November at 2.45 p.m. The Village Hall with be open from 2.15 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the Annual event, perhaps more poignant this year as the centenary of the 1914 -18 war is being commemorated. So many of our servicemen and women have given their lives in the Great War and the 1939-45 war and all the ensuing conflicts. This annual Act of Remembrance gives us the chance to reflect on the freedoms that we enjoy as a result of their sacrifice. It also enables us to contribute to the Poppy Fund which supports dependent personnel who have suffered injury to mind and body whilst serving in the armed forces.

Any further information please contact Richard or Valerie Pushman 01494 564152.



## **Chiltern Hills Arboriculture**

We are pleased to announce Naphill and Walters Ash's newest start up.Chiltern Hills Arboriculture opened their doors for business this September.

Run by Danny Peacock and Mike Beckley. Danny is fully qualified in all aspects of tree surgery with 6 years experience. No job too big or too small. Mike has responsibility for the business administration, and has 15 years site management experience. They offer a full range of services.

As well as tree work they carry out hedge trimming, grass mowing, and general estate management. Autumn is a very good time to have your trees surveyed, as once the leaves have fallen it is far easier to identify any split or unstable limbs, and carry out remedial works in good time.

Chiltern Hills Arboriculture are fully insured for public liability and waste carrier licensed. Fixed price, no obligation quotations provided for every job."

Mike Beckley 07961 825814



# TWO LOCAL MUMS LAUNCH ON-LINE BOUTIQUE JUST IN TIME FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Hannah Morgan and Karen Davis met through WANSA, the local school's PTA; both already full-time working mums they got chatting about their love of quirky home décor and everything vintage and over a 'Pudding and Prosecco' night out (it's a thing!) they decided to go into business together (as there really are more than 24 hours in a day!?).

Karen was already running Rose & Aster as a hobby business alongside chicken/egg, her marketing and design agency, but her main focus was jewellery. Joining forces with Cisco business development manager Hannah, has allowed them to overhaul the website and invest in more stock, now with home and gifts taking equal footing on the bill!

From statement necklaces, stunning rings and sparkling bracelets to quirky doorstops, shabby chic home gifts and rustic style Christmas decorations.

They will be running a Pop-Up shop at Dukes Wine Bar in Princes Risborough on 28<sup>th</sup> November plus they'll be at various Christmas Fairs and events but you can also host your own Rose & Aster Party (they'll provide the Prosecco!) or, of course, you can head to the website and get shopping – <a href="https://www.roseandaster.com">www.roseandaster.com</a>

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A ROSE & ASTER PARTY?

CONTACT: KAREN@ROSEANDASTER.COM OR HANNAH@ROSEANDASTER.COM

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#### Christmas Gift Fayre Friday 24th November 6p.m – 9.p.m

The Christmas Gift Fayre Evening is almost here, giving you the perfect opportunity to buy attractive and unusual gifts such as luxury chocolates, jewellery, table decorations & door wreaths, skincare, turned wood items, Christmas decorations & so much more.

Why not enjoy a glass (or two) of mulled wine and a mince pie whilst browsing the fayre?

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 have lots of fabulous prizes as always.

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 & Moira Harris





## 25th Annual Naphill Fireworks & Bonfire

By the time you read this there should be a large amount of wood on the Crick ready for the bonfire. The fireworks team will be at the Crick on Saturday morning 28th 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 have been on sale since 21st October or before, in the shops and pubs in the village. 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. You can pay using a card by going on-line at: www.naphillfireworks.co.uk but there is charge for doing so, that the service provider levies.

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.

We hope you come and join this highly enjoyable event and have a great time.

Andrew Wasilewski
Chairman – Fireworks committee
Tel: 562770

#### **Friends of Naphill Common**

By the time this appears Wessex Woodland Management will have started Phase 2 of their work on the Common. First to appear will be a huge machine capable of chewing up vegetation, including small trees. It will start by clearing stands of holly so that workers can begin thinning the trees. Later on, it will return to work on widening and shaping two paths: H2 from Dew Pond to the junction with H12, and H12 from the junction with H21 along to opposite the end of Downley Road. The felling will take out a number of small and medium sized trees. The timber will be stacked near the end of Forge Road, as it was in Phase 1.

Please note that FoNC have no control over the actions of these workers, who are directed by the West Wycombe Estate. We have been very pleased with the level of involvement that we have received, but this is pure professional courtesy and not because we have any authority over them. As you may have noticed, we have marked with biodegradable green paint those trees that we want to be preserved. We chose mainly valuable old trees and those that have significance to the village, or where locals carved their names long ago. We have also marked trees that are important habitats such as the willows and some decaying trunks where woodpeckers make their nesting holes or search for insects.

During this phase of felling, which will continue until after Christmas, several other useful tasks will be undertaken. Some trees have fallen so as to block paths and they will be removed. The Great Beech that has collapsed into Dew Pond presents a complicated problem. The main trunk and branches have to be removed from the pond but we must be careful to leave the lower part which is host to the rare Lion's Mane fungus. We also want to allow more light in to the areas where we have planted the juniper cuttings.

It will be a period of disruption that those who use the Common may find uncomfortable, but we hope that after it is finished the result will be an improvement. We should end up with more open areas, a greater diversity of vegetation, clearer paths and fewer areas dominated by holly. We hope that the effect will be quite similar to that of the first phase, carried out three years ago, which has been well received.

Our Common is getting ever more renowned for its fungi. You are welcome to join in our Fungal Walk on 5th November, starting from the Village Hall at 1 pm. There will be three groups each led by a guest expert plus a member of the Bucks Fungus Group. The experts will be Richard Fortey, author and natural history TV presenter with several BBC4 series to his name; Danish mycologist Thomas Læssøe, of international repute and author of many fungi books; and Alick Henrici, one of the UK's top authorities on fungi. One obvious attraction is the Lion's Mane fungus Hericium erinaceus, but there are many other species of interest. You don't have to be an expert and children are welcome.

All are also invited to join our walks. 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 prompt start at 9:30am. Members and non-members are equally welcome. These are the usual arrangement but as there is sometimes a need to make changes it would be wise to consult our website, posters or the two leaders to confirm the details. One of our walks before Christmas will be in support of Children in Need and there will be a collection.



Chris Miller Chairman



#### **Kop Hill Climb 2017**



One of the most accessible and enjoyable motor sport events of the year occurs every September incredibly within 15 minutes of our doorstep. I refer to the spectacular Kop Hill Climb, which this year I volunteered for as a Steward . Managing to put a tick on my bucket list I had a thoroughly enjoyable Sunday in a field just outside Princes Risborough.

Starting with a good look round the Paddock getting close to some 800 vintage, veteran, classic, historic and sporting vehicles (cars, motorcycles, and the occasional motorised bath and sofa!). There was the not-to-bemissed SoapBox Challenge with some amazing and in some cases extremely well engineered entries all bidding to go the distance from the ramp, through the chicane, over the obstacles and win the Beaumont Cup.

After lunch (of which there was plenty of choice judging by the tempting smells), I donned my stewarding cap and badge and took off round the back roads to join my team at the top of Kop Hill to assist the entrants as they finish their climb, re-enter the open public road safely. It was a fantastic spot. Many drivers and their passengers stopping for a friendly chat about their motors as they waited for traffic to clear or treating us to a wave and a cheery hoot of their horn or klaxon as they went past. It was a delightful way to pass the rest of the day.



Kop HIII is run under the local Buckinghamshire Community Foundation (BCF) "Heart of Bucks" and organised completely by hundreds of volunteers. It raises money to help the BCF support local projects. In 2016 30 local charities and organisations benefitted to

the tune of £100,000, so it's a fantastic cause to support. I'll be there again next time and stewarding again - my next ambition - to get a drive up the Climb of course!

You now have no excuse - if you have been promising yourself to pop along sometime and then keep missing it visit http://www.kophillclimb.org.uk/ to learn more and subscribe to get next year's dates when they are confirmed.

Petrol-Head Peter Williams

#### **Wycombe Photographic Society**

November is a "full on" month for the club.

We start off with a double internal competition – The Desborough Cup & The Carrington Cup. These two competitions are the only themed competitions that we have. The theme for prints is "Elemental" and for the Digital Projected is "Urban Living". It will be very interesting to see how the members interpret these two "themes".

The themed competition is followed up by an interclub one on Monday 6th November in which we take on Amersham Photo Club and Hemel Hempstead at Hemel.

Our Digital Workshop this month is all about Lightroom and looking at how to use the Develop Module.

The month is wrapped up on Thursday 30th November with a talk by Tom Way who is a professional award winning fine art wildlife photographer based in the UK.

Tom has been awarded in various competitions with his most recent success being awarded in the European Wildlife Photographer Of The Year 2016 competition.

His work is widely published and he is a contributor to the BBC Wildlife Magazine. Tom photographs both in the UK and overseas.

Recent projects have seen Tom work with Meerkats in the Kalahari Desert, Mountain Gorillas in Uganda and Red Foxes in the UK.

His biggest passion is Africa where he leads a number of photographic wildlife safaris to destinations such as Zambia, Kenya and Uganda. Tom also guides for the UK's leading photographic tour operator: Natures Images, where he leads both UK and overseas trips to a whole host of destinations.

Tom's UK workshops are extremely popular and give people the opportunity to join him photographing Kingfishers, Red Deer, Little Owls and Red Foxes.

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

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

David Greenwood Membership Secretary Wycombe Photographic Society

#### Naphill & Walter's Ash School Reporters



This year, on November 17th, we are celebrating Children in Need! This is the new Junior Leader Team's first fundraiser and we are very excited.

Part of what we're doing is the Round Pound Countdown! As you probably know, the old round pound coins are no longer legal tender from the 15th October. However, Children in Need can benefit from them and use them so please donate them generously.

The children can also come in their pyjamas as part of the Big Bedtime Story, in which teachers will also read stories to the children. Throughout the day, the children will go onto the school field and try to find Pudsey's spots that have been cunningly hidden and the winners are the class who rescue the most spots.

We are hoping to raise over £700. And yes, Children in Need is actually on the 18th but nobody wants to go to school on the weekend, not even the teachers!

Grainne, Thomas and Orlando

#### **Stories from Old Naphill**

In my story this month I want to make a correction, because Allen's Drive is named wrong. The builder of the houses there had a son with cerebral palsy, and his name was Alan Christopher Brown - hence Christopher Close (which we built) and Allen's Drive — which should have been spelled A-L-A-N not A-L-L-E-N. That's Monkey Allen — who had been dead for years by then! I worked for that firm for 29 years, so I know what I'm talking about!

Albert Brown was the builder. He lived just opposite me on Downley Road. Albert was very helpful to me when I wanted to build this house, because everything was on licence – timber, bricks, everything. This was at the end of the 1940s. Had I have tried to order any of those materials they would have said 'Who's Geoff Nicholls? We're not supplying him!' and I would never had got the stuff. So Albert used his own licence to get the materials, he could ring Steve Shuttleworth the timber importer, and straight away that came – because Steve used to like to see an extra five pound note - and that's why I've got wooden floors downstairs and not cement composite as it was supposed to be. It was lucky, because that composite was made up of cement, sawdust and peat I think it was - and the sawdust left the cement and you couldn't stop sweeping it! So the council had to house people while the asphalt people put new floors down. I should have been in the same

boat had it not been for Steve's supplying all that timber for the floor.

The facing bricks for this house and the bungalow next door were made in Naphill by the Brown brothers. There were two brick manufacturers in the village, Brown and Bristow. Brown the brick maker was Albert's dad - uncle Ted was one of the brothers. He wasn't my real uncle, but Ted's wife and my mother were like peas in a pod, and associated with each other a lot so that I used to call her auntie Nellie and him uncle Ted. We waited for over three years for a licence to build the house. Uncle Ted sorted the bricks out for me over that time, making a pile of Geoff's bricks in the corner of his yard for three years, until he had got 26,000 facing bricks in his pile for me! And the inside of the wall was made up of LBC London Brick Company bricks, made in Bletchley I think. We couldn't start building until the licence came through. When we started, it was in the April of 1951, and we moved in by Christmas. Albert soon put a move on. I put the roof on, and some shelves in one of the cupboards out the back, and did some of the floor boarding. I was working at the turkey farm in Kingshill most of the time, for Mr Linton.

The house was designed by my cousin, Dennis Brown (Ted's son, not my real cousin). He was working for an estate agent Hamnett & Rafferty's, buying and selling properties, but also drawing plans for houses, which he'd learned at technical school. He only lived just up the road – so the whole thing was a family affair.



If it wasn't going to rain, Uncle Ted wouldn't put the covers on top of the bricks when they had been made. One particular night a cat got up on the row of 20,000-odd bricks drying off in the stack. And as a result I have one brick with a perfect cat's paw burnt into the brick. I should have loved to see that cat walking along

the bricks like that. Those brick workers didn't half work hard... they were on piece work, and I don't think I'm exaggerating if I say they made 1,000 bricks a day. And then they had to be dry enough to handle, and then they put them in the kiln. And the last couple of nights someone would have had to stay with the fire to make sure it kept going. It would be going for getting on for a week to fire the bricks. The clay for the bricks came from Monkey Allen's ground – the clay was drawn from the right hand side of the road from Clappins Lane up to the Bradenham Park turning; and chalk was taken from the tunnel on the left hand side of the road. On one of Monkey Allen's fields there was a little bit of a dell that looked a bit like a test hole to check the quality of the clay (the clay had to be perfect without any stones in it whatever). Monkey Allen had a terrible reputation for thrashing his animals – and he didn't get much sympathy from folk when one day he fell into the dell and broke his leg!

Geoff Nicholls

(transcribed from a conversation with Sarah Rogers)

#### Naphill Evening WI

By the time you read this, we will have had our Annual Meeting, with a light-hearted quiz and selection of the new committee.

We will also have had our Disraeli Group Autumn Meeting with our hosts, Sands Valley Evening WI, when our speaker was Andy Smith, a guitarist and entertainer.

Some of us went to High Wycombe Town Hall in October for a County event. We had a most entertaining talk by John Benjamin, a gem specialist best known from the Antiques Road Show. We now know a little about the colour spectrum of diamonds and how to tell if a pearl is natural or cultured.

16 November is an Open Meeting, when we can bring guests. We will have an entertaining account of will making from Dickens to the present day by Kareen Smith. Her talk is entitled 'Where there's a Will there's a ...'. Our competition will be 'an item we have inherited'.

The Food Group are as busy as ever, with an evening meal for members and friends at La Bodega, Flackwell Heath on 26 October, a coffee at Toad Hall, Fawley on 21 November and then their Christmas lunch on 5 December at The Peacock, Henton. I think the Food Group should be thanked for all their hard work during the year organising such a tasty programme.

The Craft Group are busy but keeping their ideas to themselves at present, although we do have the Christmas Party in mind and there was definitely more creativity and less talking at the last meeting.

Carol Gilliam.

#### **Black Lion**

Christmas is fast approaching and we are delighted that our new Christmas Menu is now out. You can find copies in the pub or on our website. We will be offering a 2 course meal for £19.95 or 3 courses for £23.95 per person. To book your Christmas party from 1st December please pop in or give us a call.

Following the success of our Sunday Lunch and Dessert special for only £10.50 we will be continuing this throughout November. Come and join us every Sunday for a choice of home cooked roast beef, chicken, lamb or pork plus all the trimmings together with a homemade pudding for only £10.50 per person.

We would like to say a big thank you to Bob Hathaway whose wonderful garden has been providing us with apples and rhubarb for our crumbles. There are still lots of apples to pick so come and enjoy a crumble with our very local fruit!

We are delighted to announce another special for lunchtimes at The Black Lion. We will be offering a

set menu of winter favourites including liver & bacon, sausage & mash and shepherds pie followed by our homemade puddings. Two courses for £8.50 and three courses for £12.50 which is excellent value for money so come and join us Tuesday to Friday lunchtimes when food is served 12-3pm. This will be running to 30th November.

From 1st December our Christmas Menu will also be available, our lunchtime and Sunday Roast specials will be back in the New Year.

Finally don't forget that the Firework Display will take place on Saturday 4th November, Jack will be helping on the bar so will look forward to seeing you all then.

Thanks for your support.

Jack, Sian and the team

#### Naphill Neighbours

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed our last outing of the year and plans are well underway for our Christmas dinner on Monday 11 December.

Our very brief AGM will take place at our November club meeting on Mon 13, after which John Tyler will make a return visit to give us an illustrated talk entitled THE FORESTS OF BORNEO. Also, we will be taking the money for our Christmas dinner, so please remember to bring along your cheque(s), £22 for members and £27 for guests.

Hazel Vickery, 563977.

#### **Pony Espresso**

They say every cloud has a silver lining! At Pony Espresso we had a rather large cloud in the form of a flood from the upstairs flat. Imagine my surprise when I opened the door only to be hit by a wall of steam, water dripping through the sagging ceiling and a small lake covering the floor! A lot of mopping and a weekend with an industrial dehumidifier later we were able to open for business. Months later and the silver lining is that (hopefully) all the repairs will have been completed and the cafe redecorated throughout, saving me a long put off overnight job! Apologies for the two closed weekends in October but there was no good time.

The winter hanging baskets are done - hopefully they will not continue to be used as ashtrays (really!) - the outside chairs and tables are still in use for the hardy and the doggy watering hole is always full. So come along, with or without dogs, and catch a glimpse of winter sun or sit inside in the warmth, and treat yourself to breakfast, elevenses, lunch or afternoon tea and cake along with free WiFi, the daily newspapers and a chat!

Blaine

#### **NapFest**

NAPFEST 2018 is here (well nearly), book the dates in your diaries. This year the theme is '1928 (celebrating 90 years of the Village Hall)', so head down to the Naphill Crick for a weekend of family fun and entertainment.

Starting Friday evening 8 June 2018 at 6pm, we have the Live Music on the Crick, the music is suitable for all ages, from toddler to grandmother, so come along and strut your funky stuff. Don't forget that there will be a bar and food stalls. Tickets can be purchased online or through local businesses.

Saturday 9 June 2018, brings the Annual Village Fete starting with the procession from the Scout hut at 1200hrs, where our Fete Prince and Princess will officially open the proceedings. All afternoon the Arena will host various entertainments, and of course there will be the Dog Show and don't forget the amazing stalls and rides.

Sunday 10 June 2018, is the Classics on the Crick, so dust off the vintage cars and bikes and drive on over.

If you would like to hold a stall at the Fete, no matter how big or small, or if you have any form of entertainment that you would like to showcase in the arena please email the Fete Committee on nwafete@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

Linda Clark

#### The Wheel

By the time we are reading this Gazette we will have our fingers and toes crossed hoping for good weather for Bonfire Night on Sat 4th Nov. The main thing we all want is for it to stay dry so we can watch this amazing event. A reminder to you all, we will be stopping ticket sales at the end of the night on Friday 3rd, so make sure you get your tickets early. The Wheel is running two menus for the evening. The Dining area is a set menu and there will be two sittings one at 5.15 and one at 7.45 after the display (please book). We will also be running the Box menu for the garden and bar areas.

So, what's coming up:

- Saturday 4th November Fireworks.
- Sunday 12th November Remembrance Sunday
- Saturday 18th November Live Music.
- Thursday 23rd November Bangers and Mash Night
- Christmas Eve Evening Food is from 6-8pm and is Booking Only

Christmas Menu – Is now available so make sure to book your party soon.

September seems like such a long month, but I think its felt longer this year with all the holidays booked and the added fun of Maxii. I am pleased to say she and Daisy are getting on brilliantly and are becoming best of friends. I think she has now met most of the

village and is now settling down although it has been fun at times. She loves her new life and especially the morning walks with all her new friends (Fudge, Bert, Ernie, Zeb and Popcorn just to list a few).

By the time you read this Mark and I will have had our holiday break and we would like to thank all the staff (especially Chloe, Julia, and Chefkins) for covering for us so we could get a break before Christmas. We would also like to congratulate Julia on becoming a Grandma, little Skylar was born on Sat 7th October at 8.15pm weighing 7bl 6oz. Nana J (as she is now known) would like to thank all the staff that were on standby for her to cover her shifts and to everyone for their support (here's to all the baby photos)!

For those who may or may not plan in advance, we feel we should mention that Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both fall on a Sunday this year!!! So how will this affect you all? Well Sunday hours are 10.30pm closing...... Thankfully our licences are separate for both dates and the party will carry on as normal although there will be a couple of changes. Christmas Eve food service will be 12-3pm and then 6-8pm, the evening session will be BOOKINGS ONLY, also our Christmas menu will run from the 1st Dec till the 23rd Dec, bookings only. On to New Year's Eve, we will be serving a Buffet in the evening from 8.30pm. NO OTHER MENU WILL BE ON. We will not be putting a dress code in place this year so each group can make their own (I hope it will be entertaining)!!! Just remember you will need to be able to dance the night away with the DJ playing from 9pm till late. Let'sParty!!!

So, thanks to you all as ever for you custom, your patience with Maxii, our staff and us!! Please try and plan your Wheel Life over the next few months. See you all soon.

Claire and Mark

#### **Growing Your Own**

November is the month for reviewing the growing year. And what a year! Every year seems to pose different problems for the gardener. This one was characterised by very low rainfall in winter and spring, and right up to the end of July when we had very warm weather for an extended period. The lack of water in the soil certainly had an effect on my crops. Many of them paused, rather than died. I remember maize in farmer's fields having reached a height of a couple of feet then just standing there immobile for a month or more, unable to grow on because of the lack of water. Once the heavens opened in August away they went, as did my crops. Some of my crops did not do too well on the whole but I was most gratified that I had record crops of onions, carrots, sweetcorn and brassicas generally. Among the brassicas I had my very first good crop of calabrese. I also had a very good crop of the kale called cavalo nero - a new crop for me. The crop of apples and pears was very much an all-time record. Salad crops were very good. Weeds were good!

As for pests and diseases, for the first time for many years my carrots had very little damage from the

dreaded carrot root fly. This was probably because my two rows of carrots were flanked by rows of onions and the smell of the onions probably put off the carrot root fly. The fine-mesh net over my brassica patch gave complete protection from pigeons and cabbagewhite butterflies. My cucurbits (marrows, pumpkins, courgettes etc) were a different story. For many years the only damage from Muntjac deer was that they would nibble away at the very ends of the sprawling, running shoots and I did not mind since it was time to stop further growth. However, this year the deer went for the plants soon after I had planted them out. so immediate drastic action was called-for. I spread (wire) chicken netting over the whole patch and that worked. Potato blight seemed to come early this year and devastated my outdoor tomato plants. Potatoes were not seriously affected since my crop was below the soil and, when I dug them up, only 6 tubers had been affected. Potato blight is a fungus brought in on the wind. Farmers spray their potatoes about 13 times per year against the blight.

Returning to an old topic, for the third year in a row I had virtually no insects impaling themselves on the front of my car this summer, and there were virtually no birds in my garden or on the allotment. There was the odd robin but very few blackbirds. There were plenty of our marvellous red kites zooming about, and unwelcome pigeons and magpies. But the usual small garden birds were conspicuous by their absence. I still link that with the absence of insects.

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

#### **Letter from Hon.David Lidington MP**

A few weeks ago, I spent Saturday afternoon at an event in Aylesbury organised by Prison Hope, a group that brings together people from different churches to try to change the lives of prisoners and support them after release.

All bar a tiny handful of prisoners will be freed one day. We cannot be satisfied with a situation where nearly half of them reoffend within a year. In the end, the cost of reoffending is borne by the victims of those crimes.

Of course, those who commit crimes are responsible for their actions. Rehabilitation does not mean that we ignore the need for punishment and deterrence. It means using the time that we have people inside to maximise the chance that they will change their attitudes when they get out.

Successful rehabilitation has to start with the prisoner wanting to make it work. There are some who, no matter what support is offered, will show no remorse and no desire to change. Others, and I met some at the Aylesbury event, have turned their lives around, helped by prison officers, chaplains, volunteer visitors and others.

Nothing can excuse crime. But we have to recognise that the problems in our prisons don't start at the gates. A quarter of prisoners have spent time in care. Many

come from homes that were at best chaotic, at worst violent and abusive. And the cycle perpetuates: nearly two thirds of prisoners' sons go on to commit crime. Most prisoners assessed on arrival have the reading skills of an 11-year-old, and half have no qualifications at all.

When these prisoners return to society I want to see them able to get a job and to keep it. In prison, they should spend as much time as possible in classrooms and workshops, not banged up in cells. I want them willing and able to take responsibility for themselves and their families, keeping on the straight and narrow rather than falling back into old ways.

And I want more intensive rehabilitation to take place in the community, particularly to tackle offenders with substance misuse and mental health needs. We also need probation to work better, so we have tough community sentences that command the confidence of the courts and the public.

All this will take time. There is no quick fix. But the success stories I've seen, locally and around the country, show it can be done.

David Lidington

# From Our New RAF Chaplain Cultivating Joy

As we head toward the season of Advent, I'm sure your preparations for Christmas are 'snowballing'. As we hurtle ever nearer the festivities, schools preparing plays, choirs practising carols, we all have our own expectations of what Christmas time means for us, but one thing we probably have in common; whether looking forward to spending time with family, all the Christmas TV & Films, Candlelit-services or maybe a present or two; most people look forward to the joy that Christmas brings.

"Have you been in really good physical shape at some point in your life? If you aren't at that same level of fitness today, you probably know that it didn't "just happen"; you didn't lose your six-pack or your ability to run eight miles overnight. You stopped running regularly, or you quit lifting weights three times a week, or you started adding a couple of extra scoops of ice cream to your bowl. There are reasons that we are where we are and who we are, and they aren't random.

It's the same with joy in our lives. We tend to think of joy as something that ebbs and flows depending on life's circumstances. But we don't just lose joy, as though one day we have it and the next it's gone, oh darn. Joy is something that we have to choose and then work for. Like the ability to run for an hour, it doesn't come automatically. It needs cultivation." – Francis Chan, 'Crazy Love'.

Maybe that resonates with you if you're in the military facing your fitness test yet again, and it's been six months since you promised yourself you'd get 'back in shape'?! Or you signed up for a half-marathon on a whim. Or remember back to last January's New Year

Resolutions? Maybe you're in a place in life where you feel that your joy just isn't what it was, or what it should be. With all that we have around us, we have an expectation in Western society that life should be completely joyful – 'it's my right'.

Except it isn't, and as Frances Chan says, it's something we have to work at. Just the same with our faith, our spiritual life – something to be worked at; we shouldn't just expect to turn up to a random wedding, baptism, funeral, Remembrance day, or Christmas, and expect to be 'fit' for God.

Training for that Half-marathon, a fitness test, or regular competitive sport takes commitment and dedication. So too should our spiritual lives – what St Paul calls the race of life, requires training.

Our fitness, our faith, and our joy aren't things that just happen to us – they're for us to make them happen. And Advent (like Lent and New Year) can be a good time to bring focus to what's really important to us.

Padre Kevin Capelin-Jones

# Monthly Musings from Bradenham Vicarage

No sun - no moon!

No morn - no noon -

No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day -

No sky - no earthly view -

No distance looking blue -

No road - no street - no 't'other side the way' -

No end to any Row -

No indications where the Crescents go -

No top to any steeple -

No recognitions of familiar people -

No courtesies for showing 'em -

No knowing 'em -

No travelling at all - no locomotion,

No inkling of the way - no notion -

'No go' - by land or ocean -

No mail - no post -

No news from any foreign coast -

No Park - no Ring - no afternoon gentility -

No company - no nobility -

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,

No comfortable feel in any member -

No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds, -

November!

Thomas Hood's colourful (or should that read colourless) poem reflects on November. Gone is Keats' 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' autumn just got 'hard core'! The fogs, the damp, the mud, the darkening evenings, the ever increasing cold. Gone are the glorious bright golds and reds – the trees

are black and stark now. The merriment of Christmas with all its good cheer and its signaling the return of the lengthening days is still a good 7 weeks away. I remember when my daughters had a little Welsh Mountain pony called 'Jock'. We had to bring him in from his field and stable him for the night as it became colder. It would get to about November 10th and I would be thinking 'It's 5.30pm and already pitch dark. Can it possibly get any darker? Arrrgh! Yes, it can – it's still 5 weeks until Christmas....'

Can anything good be said about November?

Well.....

There's Bonfire Night – the dark skies mean we can watch fireworks from early evening. If natural pyrotechnics are more your thing, there is the Leonid meteor shower due to reach its peak on Friday 17th (look East, about the same height and distance from the Plough as the North Star, but in the opposite direction). There are the beautiful and moving services of Remembrance. It's a great time for comfort food – grab the latest supermarket magazines for the best seasonal ideas. The garden can pretty much be 'put to bed' for the winter. The shops begin to fill with all manner of delights in preparation for Christmas. Mulled wine, candles, snug sweaters, hoar frosts, migrant birds, NO MOSQUITOES (Hood should certainly have put that line is his poem!).

If we take the time to look and savour the moment, there is beauty and pleasure in each and every season. It is all too easy to spend time looking towards 'when it's warmer', 'in the spring', 'after Christmas', 'next year' that we forget to be in the present and miss out on the simple joys of living. Jesus' teaching contains many references and stories about living in the moment and appreciating what we have. If we can learn to do this, we might just find the no in November becomes something far more positive. How about a rewriting of that poem......



Rev Jenny Ellis



#### Services at St. Botolph's

5 November 11.00am All Saints - Holy Eucharist

12 November 10.50am Service of Remembrance

19 November 11.00am Holy Eucharist Rev.A.Barton

26 November 11.am Christ the King - Holy Eucharist

# A Message from Hughenden Vicarage Walking in the footsteps of Jesus

In January 2012, I was privileged to go on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, together with a group of fellow Priests from the Rochester Diocese, whilst I was living and working in Chatham, in North Kent.

The Ten days we spent exploring Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Emmaus, Nazareth and Capernaum, has had a lasting impression upon me. Sitting on the shoreline of the Sea of Galilee, and hearing read out the account of Jesus calling his first disciples from their fishing boats caused the hairs to stand up on the back of my head, and I am still often reminded of places we visited, when I reread familiar bible passages, whilst vividly recalling where we were standing on the day I trod on the same earth that the Son of God walked upon some 2,000 years ago.

One day we visited the Mount of Beatitudes, on the north-western shores of the Sea of Galilee, situated between Capernaum and Gennesaret. We visited the Church of the Beatitudes on the hillside, and I can still recall walking up the path from the carpark towards the Church, and reading the many stone tablets which were placed along the way, bearing quotations from the beatitudes.

The beatitudes are a collection of well-known sayings which Jesus gave regarding the Kingdom of Heaven. He shared these words of great wisdom and insight whilst preaching his most well-known speech, commonly called the Sermon on the Mount, which it is traditionally believed was given on the Mount of Beatitudes, hence the name, and comes at the beginning of chapter five of the Gospel of Matthew.

The Beatitudes include the following words:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled...

Bishop Steven, the Bishop of Oxford, has written to every church, chaplaincy, small group and school within the Oxford diocese, inviting them to read, study and dwell in the opening words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount during the next year.

As the Bishop says "To be more Christ-like...means to catch a fresh vision of Jesus Christ. The Beatitudes are a self-portrait of Jesus. They show us that to be more Christ-like means to become a more contemplative church, a more compassionate church and a more courageous church.

For Christians, being contemplative means simply to spend time with God... Compassionate people feel and show sympathy and concern for others. A compassionate church laments or mourns with the suffering in the world and is full of mercy which leads to action. Courageous people are whole-hearted. To be

a courageous church means to put our heart and soul into everything we are and do. A courageous church will be hungry and thirsty for justice, seeking peace and reconciliation and willing to bear the cost of our discipleship and offer a bold witness to our faith".

What a challenge! My hope and prayer is that we can seek to become more contemplative, more compassionate and more courageous, becoming more like Jesus Christ, and in so doing, be a witness of the love of Christ to the world.

Rev Keith Johnson

#### **News from Christians in the Community**

Just a reminder that on the 4th November we have a Coffee / Tea Morning at the Naphill Methodist Church, there will also be Traidcraft products for sale, a raffle, a cake stall and perhaps some Christmassy items!

Everyone welcome

Norma Clarke



Carols by Candlelight

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Carol Singing Dates to be announced

#### **Last Word**

A very warm welcome to Padre Kevin Caplin-Jones who has taken over from Padre Mike Hill at our local RAF base and who has kindly agreed to write a regular article for the Gazette.

You will notice that this month I have included two new Naphill business announcements. Both of these entrepreneurs would have liked feature advertisement space in our magazine but currently there is none available. They are on my waiting list! If your business wishes to advertise with us in the future please let me know and I will add you to the waiting list.

On a grey, misty, Autumn morning dare I mention that the next issue of the Gazette will be December/ January - Christmas/New Year! Please send me all your festive articles and photographs on or before 15 November. To make this issue special I do need your help!

Finally, my thanks to Richard for this month's cover photograph and to all our contributors for their items and I look forward to compiling the December/ January Gazette next month.

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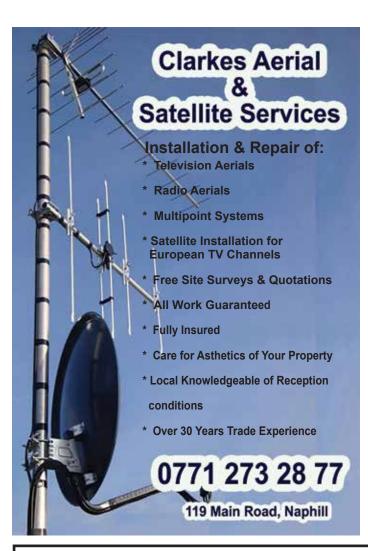
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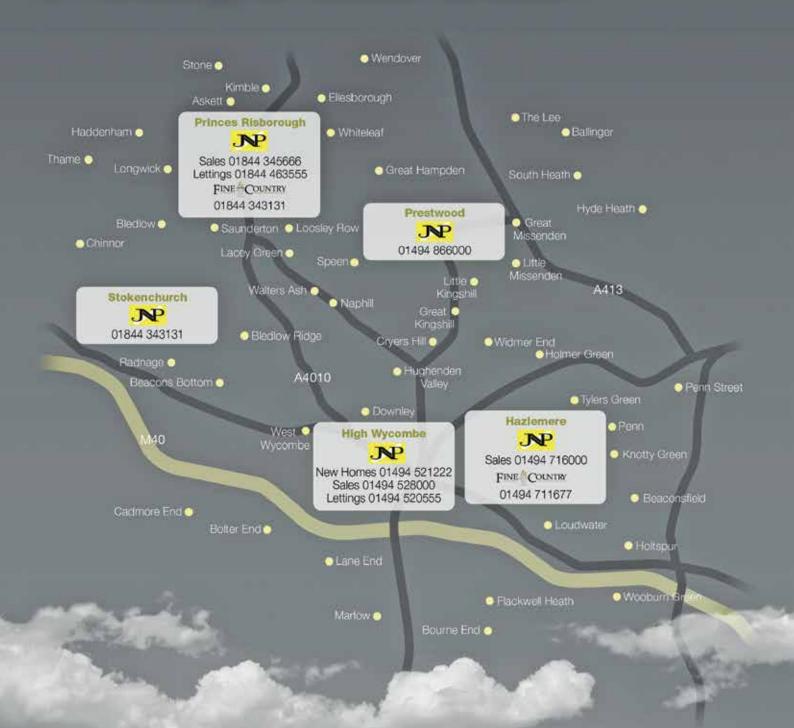
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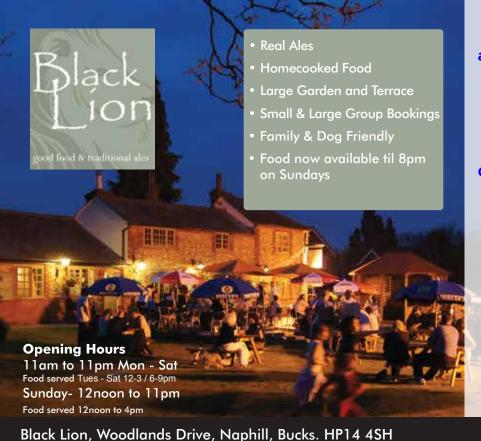
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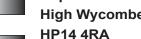


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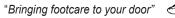
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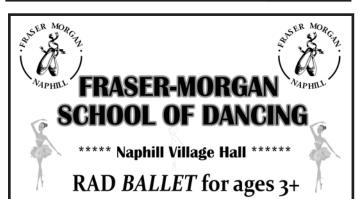
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	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30- 11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332		
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash			
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767		
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden 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		
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wasilewski 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk		
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -1220pm	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		
Wednesday Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564469		
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	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282		
Tennis Club - Senior	Sundays 1.30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm Fridays 4.15-7.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com Terry Crooks 562539 ter-		
Tennis Club - Junior	Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		rycrooks2001@aol.com		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Clive Lawrece chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk		
Help with filling in online forms	Judy Whitehouse 562742 or Sheila Draper 563670				
Naphill Evening WI	3rd Thursday in month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Juliet Shortall 565018		

# Christmas 2017

#### **Editorial**

What a great year this has been for village events! Last weekend we celebrated our fantastic 25th Firework display and what a display it was! Our granddaughter Naomi mustered her troops and led the family parade to the Crick. They all returned safely after negotiating some imaginative and hazardous motoring manoeuvres as they walked home along Main Road but happily they all arrived safely in time to tuck into supper and tell me all about what a great time they had enjoyed! Huge thanks and congratulations to the firework committee and to their chairman, Andrew Wasilewski who is retiring after 25 years in office. Thank you, Andrew, your successor has a big act to follow.

Christmas and New Year are always a time for reflection, "another year over and what have we done?" Certainly, another busy year here at Gazette World Headquarters. Peter Davis has joined the Gussetteers as our webmaster and courtesy of him, our villages have a new website which we hope you are enjoying and finding useful. I am truly blessed to have my great team of Gussetteers, each one of whom works so quietly and efficiently to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Guys, I truly don't know what I would do without your patience, help and support, many thanks to you all!

Probably the members of the team who I personally have least contact with are our distributors who do the footwork. In all weathers they deliver the magazine and I owe you all a huge debt of gratitude! Thank you all!

Our advertisers play a vital role in the magazine. Mike has just sent out the accounts for next year to our advertisers. Advertising space is in great demand and Mike and I will discuss how we can deal with this and how we manage this. We thank our advertisers for their ongoing support.

There would be no magazine without your contributions. Each month I send out an invitation to our regular contributors asking them to send their articles to me on or before the 15th of the month. I then send out ANOTHER reminder on the 14th of the month. Suffice

it to say most of them are very good at complying, some always just about make the deadline and some would regularly be on the "naughty chair" if I had one. I might well issue MORE guidelines on how long articles can be in the New Year as I often struggle to get everything in and laid out to my exacting standards which for me has to include photographs and colour where I feel it is appropriate. Just to assure you, you are appreciated and thank you all!

Last but not least, you our readers! Thank you for buying the Gazette, thank you for reading it, thank you for your comments and your ongoing support!

SO! Once again, my gallant Gussetteers, Pauline, Mike, Richard and Peter join me in wishing you all a merry Christmas and a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year!



Sonia

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A Note from Our Treasurer to Our Advertisers

Those of you who see a copy of the gazette will be aware that an invoice has been sent to you for next year.

We have decided to keep the rates the same as last year although there has been an increase in printing costs.

Prompt payment will secure your space. If you do not wish to continue advertising, please let Sonia, and me, know as soon as possible as we have a lengthy waiting list.

My sincere thanks to all those advertisers who have settled their accounts so promptly. Some had paid before I had finished sending them all out!



Mike

treasurer@naphillandwaltersash.org.uk

New Year 2018



#### Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council - Registered charity number 300309 Chairmans Report

The village hall committee meeting was held on the 6th November. It was a very busy meeting as there were three extra items not normally on the agenda. At the start of the meeting a one minute silence was held in tribute to Don Turner. We then welcomed Jonny Goddard to the meeting and he was very accomplished in his proposal for an outdoor table tennis table on the crick. Jonny explained why he and his friends felt it was a good idea and spoke of his support for the table on Facebook. Jonny continued that he was willing to fund raise and liaise about the location of the table. The committee thanked Jonny for his presentation and we will move forward with this over the next couple of months.

The next item was the Classics on The Crick update from Mark, Ian and Sam. This year the event had raised £9000 which was donated to the Air Ambulance. This amount allows the helicopter to fly for one day. Classics are now an approved fundraiser for the Air Ambulance. The Classics committee and the Napfest committee will now work more closely to promote the weekend event, which next year will be held on the weekend of 8/9/10 June 2018.

We then had two representatives from Hughenden Parish Council who told us of the Parish Council decision to withdraw from funding the play area. The Parish will continue to pay for the safety inspections but any more equipment and maintenance will have to be funded by the village hall. They have agreed to let us know how much it had cost for the last 5 years.

Seats on the Crick. It was agreed that an order for four seats would be placed and donations would cover this cost. The village hall will pay for the concrete bases and installation of the seats.

The bonfire and fireworks display was held on the 4th November and we were fortunate enough to have good weather, a great crowd that enjoyed themselves and a big bonfire and fantastic fireworks. The next fundraising event is the Christmas Fayre.

The Christmas lights have been put on the tree. They will be switched on for the Christmas Fayre on 24th November. Some of the lights and wiring will need replacing soon and donations will help to fund the lights. Please see details on page 18.

Trish Bowen has done a great job of looking after the war memorial area but has now decided to pass the job on. It appears we could have two people to help with this but any more offers would be nice.

So, after an extra long meeting we finished at 10.40

Clive Lawrence
Chairman, Naphill Village Hall
chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk



#### Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association Planning Applications

The following local planning applications received by Wycombe District Council (WDC) In the 4 weeks to 9th November, 2017 were discussed and any responses by NAWARA appear on the WDC website.

#### Planning Applications to 9th November 2017.

17/07768/FUL 28 Ash Close, Walter's Ash. HP14 4TR. Householder application for erection of detached

summerhouse to rear garden (part retrospective) Validated: Wed 11 Oct.

17/05766/FUL17 Allen Drive, Naphill. HP14 4SS Proposed non-material amendment to permission for construction of single storey front and side infill extensions granted under householder planning No: 17/07926/MINAMD Validated: Fri 27 Oct

**Decisions Permitted:**1707/07106/FUL 28 Ash Close, Walter's Ash HP14 4TR **Decisions Refused** 17/06948/VCDN. Take-Away Food Shop. 127 Main Road, Naphill. HP14 4SA

Gloria Leflaive - 563634

#### **Shear Madness**

#### IT'S CHRISTMAS !!!!

Well I must say that the tree looks amazing again this year, a huge well done to the team, I know it takes a lot of planning and is weather dependant but we would all be lost without it, so thank you.

Wow, it's hard to believe that we have been in the village 6½ years already! So I would really like to thank you all for your custom, friendship and support especially over the last three years since I've been on my own, I have met some truly wonderful people and friends for life. I just love it that we have such strong community spirit in a world that doesn't think that way anymore, it really is something very special.

Have a magical Christmas, kiss your little ones and hug the oldies, spare a thought for loved ones missing someone special and our hardworking emergency services and carers.

Ho Ho Ho and Happy New Year !!!

Closed for New Year

Mandy X

## **Shear Madness Christmas/New Year Opening Hours:**

Closed 24th December
Open Friday 29th December 10am-2pm
Open Saturday 30th December 10am-2pm

Tuesday 2nd January normal business hours resume





#### Naphill Evening WI

Where to begin? We have lots to look forward to in December. Quite a few of us will be having Christmas lunch at The Peacock in Henton on 5 December, arranged by the Food Group. Then on Friday 15 December, we will have our Christmas meeting when a three-course meal will be served by caterers. (OK, food features quite a lot at this time of year.) The committee will, as usual, be working hard to ensure everyone has a good time at the Christmas party.

There has also been a trip to The Mill at Sonning to see "Perfect Wedding". Dinner beforehand of course.

We also have an excellent programme to look forward to in 2018, starting on 18 January with a talk on "Ordinary People of High Wycombe who led Extraordinary Lives". The competition will be an old photo of Wycombe or Naphill.

I would also like to thank Sonia Goby for her hard work in putting the Gazette together so brilliantly every month.

Best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carol Gilliam

#### A New Wheelchair For Matthew

Many thanks to all who contributed and supported our sale, we were able to start the fund off with £1,300 and further monetary donations are still coming in from friends who were unable to come on the day.

The Veysey Family.



#### Naphill Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

The team hope everyone is enjoying the lights. The lead climber, who climbs the tree monkey-fashion, was Mike Leggett. He was doing the climbing for the 27th time and has been helping to put up the lights for 42 years. Mark Blamey from Saunderton drove the cherry picker and up on high with him was Stephen Fountain from Lacey Green. Neil McMinn was up a tall ladder for some time and the rest of the team on the ground comprised Ron Collins, John Harris, Peter Davis, Peter Brown, Glenn Gavin, Gary Putnam from Lacey Green, myself – and Ross Greenlee of Ross Electrics on Stocking Lane who was joining the team for the first time and who is taking over the electrical side of things from myself. Gary Putnam came with one eye not functioning because of an eye problem and it was good of him to turn out.

The tree had its periodic pruning three days before we put up the lights - for which we had to obtain planning permission since there is a Tree Preservation Order on the tree. The pruning was carried out by Mark

Blamey of the lights team, James King, Danny Jenner and Jordan Clifton. We were delighted with the cherry picker which was hired from Hawes Plant Hire of High Wycombe at a very reasonable price for the few days. We must also give a vote of thanks to Mark Blamey who paid for the cherry picker out of his own pocket, so saving the Village Hall that expense. And thanks to Marlène Mason who provided freshly-made hot mince pies with whisky, tea and coffee for the team when we had finished.

The garlands and bulbs and other equipment are being used this year for the ninth time and we need to replace some damaged garlands and bulbs every year since they suffer from the hostile environment of wind, rain and occasional snow. We seem to have a gale or two every year whilst the lights are up.

Your contributions towards these costs will be much appreciated. Please see details as to how you can contribute on this page.

Merry Christmas!

Mike Mason



#### **Naphill Neighbours**



Another successful year for our club ended at the November meeting which started with a brief AGM and was followed by a really interesting encounter with bugs, beetles, butterflies and other creepy crawlies from the forests of Borneo – a most enlightening talk by John Tyler about a part of the world of which we knew very little.

We meet again on Monday 11 December, for our annual Christmas dinner. Please remember to arrive no earlier than 6.30pm and no later than 6.45pm when a welcoming glass of wine and a lot of festive spirit will greet you.

Our New Year meeting will be on Monday 15 January, please note the later date on this occasion. We will be entertained by Catherine Griss of Wycombe Museum, her subject A HISTORY OF WYCOMBE FROM PRE-HISTORY TO MODERN TIMES IN 10 OBJECTS. Your annual subscription of £15 is due at this meeting.

Wishing everyone a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year and looking forward to seeing all our members again in 2018.

Hazell Vickery 563977

### **Naphill Tennis Club**



FESTIVE TENNIS with Mulled Wine & Mince Pies is our Christmas event which will take place on SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER to be followed by a 'Bring & Share' Lunch at the Club. Entry requirement: Wear a bit of Christmas bling!

At the same time, the 'Grand Opening' of our newly refurbished Clubroom will take place. Recently, a member of the public very kindly donated her kitchen cupboards and worktops and these have now been installed by one of our members together with an updated hot water system. Several of our members

have also worked hard to give the walls a face-lift with fresh coats of paint so they now look very smart.

Last month's Bonfire Night was a successful and enjoyable event for most people but it proved to be something of a headache for our Tennis Club due to burning material from the bonfire and fireworks landing on the artificial grass courts (they melt!).

We hadn't even thought of that happening when we replaced our ageing tarmac courts last year!

Fortunately, thanks to a diligent band of Club members who turned up for fire-watch duty armed with buckets and watering cans and to the services of two RAF firemen, we were able to save the courts from any serious damage.

Many thanks also to all those who arrived the morning after Bonfire Night to help clear the courts of debris.

We look forward to lots of tennis this winter and wish everyone a very 'Happy Christmas'

Jenny Tench

#### **Naphill Methodist Church**

Naphill Methodist Chapel recently celebrated it's 166th birthday, with a service led by a former minister, the Rev Janice Honey-Morgan (Pettifer), followed by a buffet lunch. However, as some of you may have heard, sadly, we may not be celebrating 167 years in Naphill.

For a variety of reasons the current lovely, warm and welcoming congregation is growing smaller and wondering what to do in the future.

The final decision on the future of Naphill Methodist church and the congregation has not yet been made and we are still considering and praying about our options.

Why not come and join us on a Sunday morning at 10.30, and see if for yourself what we can offer.

If you feel Sundays in church are not for you, should we hold services on week nights? Would you enjoy an evening bible study group or a chance to chat about faith and life?

Claire Walker, Chief Executive of the National Churches Trust said:

"...churches, chapels and meeting houses are a tremendous asset to local people and communities throughout the UK."

The use of church buildings as 'community hubs' has the strong support of the public.

We have a wonderful space in Chapel Lane that we would love to see used by and for the community so please get in touch if you would like to find out more.

Naphill Methodist Church Stewards Contact number 01494 564955

#### **Growing Your Own**



William Parslow, grandfather of Sheila Rolfe, used to have my allotment. He was born about 1872 and died about 1955. He had my allotment for many years and Sheila remembers visiting her grandfather's allotment. William, in 1917, planted a cooking apple tree about midway on his 20-pole plot which stretched from the track to the northern boundary of the Walter's Ash allotment garden. In 1973 I took over most of the plot and was told by a neighbour that it had been without a tenant for at least 10 years, so it could be that I was the next tenant after William.

The tree was very prolific and my children enjoyed climbing it every September to gather the apples, which were of a most delicious variety. Then I noticed that the tree was in a very poor condition. The real wood inside the bark had completely disappeared, probably eaten by the hordes of insects and microbes which enjoy eating hard dry wood, and the tree was supported by just a ring of bark. Even worse, at ground level, the 15-inch diameter tree had lost its bark on one-third of its circumference so was in a most precarious situation. I could rock the tree by lightly pushing with my fingers. It seemed clear to me that the tree could fall down at any minute so I decided to replace it with the same delicious variety.

Ron Piercy was our local fruit expert and identified the tree as a Crimson Bramley. In 1980 I managed to track down such a tree and planted it about 8 feet from the old one. Meanwhile the old tree continued to produce a good crop of apples every year whilst the new tree got up to speed (it usually takes fruit trees and fruit bushes 3 years to start producing fruit). The old tree went on and on. I marvelled at its tenacity in hanging on to life and wondered whether it would last until its 100th birthday in 2017. Well, it did – then broke in two when covered in fruit in September, giving a good crop right to the end.

1917 was a terrible year, when the First World War was in its third year and no end was in sight. One of William's sons Ernest Frank Parslow, aged about 18, served in France. He survived the war but returned home with a very bad back injury which made working difficult and he died a few years later. How sad for William, and I wonder whether he was thinking of Ernest in France when he planted the tree.

If you are thinking of planting a cooking apple tree I can thoroughly recommend the Crimson Bramley. It does not grow very high – about 12 feet as a "standard" tree – and spreads its branches about 10 feet in all directions. The fruit are out of this world, very useful for apple crumble, apple tart, apple sauce, tarte tatin, Norwegian apple cake, etc.

Good gardening,

Mike Mason

#### The Black Lion



Firstly, congratulations to all of the Firework Committee and volunteers. The fireworks were fantastic and it was great to see so many people enjoying the bonfire and refreshments. Can't wait for next year!

Our lunchtime special menu has been going down really well so this will continue until the New Year. The lunchtime special menu is available from Tuesday to Friday 12-3pm. 2 courses are only £8.50 and 3 courses are £12.50. Come and enjoy some traditional favourites including liver and bacon, homemade lasagne and mushroom stroganoff.

We have also now launched our early bird Friday special. Now the clocks have changed we are now serving food from 5pm on Fridays. There is also 20% off children's meals between 5-6pm.

Our Christmas menu is being served throughout December so please call us to book your Christmas party. 2 courses are £19.95 and 3 courses are £23.95 per person. We are able to cater for parties up to 46 so we look forward to seeing you.

Please come and join us for some family friendly fun on Christmas Eve. We are also hosting a family friendly and free entry New Year's Eve Party with buffet and glass of prosecco at midnight. For more details check out our facebook page.

#### Our Christmas opening hours areas follows:

**Christmas Eve** - Pub open 12-11pm Food served 12-6pm Roasts available. Family friendly party with music in the evening.

**Christmas Day** – Pub open 12-2pm No Food served on Christmas Day.

**Boxing Day** – Pub open 12-6pm. Food served 12-4pm Roasts available.

**New Year's Eve** – Pub open 12pm – 1am. Food served 12-4pm Roasts available. Family friendly party with buffet and glass of prosecco at midnight. Free Entry.

**New Year's Day** – Pub open 12-6pm. Food served 12-4pm Roasts available.

We wish all of our lovely customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your support in 2017 and we are looking forward to a very exciting 2018.

Jack, Sian and all the team

#### **Bon Ami**



As advent is now here we are serving Christmas fare. We have Christmas cake and mince pies made with orange pastry and filled with mincemeat and mascarpone cheese. These are perfect to enjoy with our speciality winter magic coffee. We look forward to serving you a treat. We are continuing with our hearty soups which seem very popular. Order early as some days we have run out due to high demand!

Sadly due to a lack of support for the event we have had to cancel our wreath making evening. Now for some exciting news. We have decided upon both a book and a date for the inaugural meeting of the Bon Ami Book Club. The book is "The Dry", by Jane Harper and the first meeting will be on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 7pm. This will give you a chance to pop it on your Christmas list and have plenty of time to read it before the meeting. Please let either Amanda or Ruth know if you would like to join or phone Sue Chalker on 07813 177223. Once the book club is up and running we will turn our attention to the theatre club plans.

As in previous years we look forward to spending the festive period with our families. Therefore Bon Ami will be closing at the end of the day on Wednesday 21st December and we will reopen on Thursday 4th January 2018. We would like to thank all of our customers for their loyalty this year and to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a happy New Year.

Amanda & Ruth.

#### **Naphill Brownies**

Have you spotted any painted rocks around the village lately and wondered why they are there?

The brownies have been getting involved with a current national hobby, whereby you paint a rock and put it out in the local community to be found by others. If you find one you can just enjoy finding it and leave it for others to find or move it to a new location. If you have facebook, you can post a message to say you found it (Naphill and Walters Ash Community page). We would love it if any of you would consider painting a pebble for us to find.

With the darker evenings upon us, we have been busy learning lots of new skills including fabric painting, planting up winter plant pots (some of which are on display outside the Scout & Guide HQ), sewing patterns onto bookmarks and hammering tee-pegs into pumpkins for Halloween.

We were delighted to welcome lots of brave adults to brownies for our 'Bring-your-dad-to-brownies' night, not least because, without them the hammering would have been far more stressful.

We have completed our both our Brownie skills and Craft badges now.

The coming weeks will be a busy time at brownies with the Village Remembrance service, an evening of Chocolate, enrolments, cheerleading and then some Christmassy things to finish off the year.

Since this is the last Gazette of 2017 We would like to wish you all a very happy festive season and all the best for 2018.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly) 565571. ruth.daly3@btinternet.com 1st Naphill Brownies meet Thursdays 5:45-7pm



## Fireworks Display & Bonfire 2017 – Our silver jubilee



After some rain in the morning the weather was cold and a little wet underfoot. I think you will agree the display was fantastic with all fireworks being fired electronically, giving a polished and synchronised performance. We spent more than last year and in addition we had the "25" at the end made especially for us.

As last year we laid a roadway to the bonfire to allow lorries and vans to deliver the pallets without getting bogged down in mud. It worked well again. We also hired a forklift to help with the stacking of the pallets. We are hoping for reduced rates and maybe some late donations.

The bonfire was lit by the RAF station commander, Group Captain Rob Woods, 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, staying right to the end. He will be here for another year so I expect he will be keen to repeat the performance.

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 third year that we have done this but this year bears out last year's results so that we will be continuing this policy into the future. It generated a huge amount of heat when it was first lighted, which I can only assume was down to the fact that it was fairly dry.

I am very glad to report that this year no one had to be

treated by our first aiders.

We have counted the number of people who attend for 3 years now and the figures are:

- 2015 2,400
- 2016 2,750
- 2017 2,900

A very pleasing increase in the number of people attending, but I am not sure from where they come!

Needless to say, 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 swords as well as the mulled wine which went very quickly.

This year, the new chaps on the committee tried out electronic media, namely the facebook page which I am sure many of you saw, and they also piloted electronic ticketing. We did it in limited numbers so that we did not end up with a disaster if it did not work. It did work, so it will be rolled out next year with many more e-tickets being made available. Look at our facebook page as the Buck Free Press continues to mis-report our event.

The initial indications are that we have made another record profit for the Village Hall. We think it will be about £1,000 more than last year but we have a few bills to pay and some sponsorship money to collect before we know the exact total. This goes to the maintenance of the Village Hall and the playing fields, and this year we have a large bill for roof repairs with which the profit will greatly help.

Firstly my thanks to all those who turned out in the morning to help. All the committee members were there plus 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 set-up and then clearing away. I would like to thank all of those who contributed in any way towards the fireworks display. Thanks, in no particular order to:

#### Our sponsors:

- Country Supplies Countrysupplies.uk.com,
- Argent Wealth Management Argentwm.co.uk,
- WDS Building Contractors WDSBuilding.com,
- Harwood Electrical Services harwoodelectricalservices.co.uk,
- the Wheel, the Black Lion, and John Field (aka JJ) for their generous donations of barrels of beer,
- Simply Waste (previously Wycombe Trade Waste) for taking all the waste material away,
- the RAF station commander Group Captain Rob Woods 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

- The Wheel, Black Lion, Mini-mart (Post office), Coop, Bon Ami and Sheer Madness, all of which sell the tickets at no profit to themselves,
- Adam Pool, John Harris and the firing team (the Pool family). Adam goes on training courses every year to allow him to maintain his firing licence, as well as updating the risk assessment and taking the final decision of whether we go ahead with the display,
- · Darren Lomas and his BBQ team,
- Darren is also responsible for the artwork on the tickets, posters etc.,
- Ron Carter and his army of stewards on the numerous gates and entrances,
- Kieren Moore and his team of marshals to guard the bonfire and fireworks fall-out area, as well as 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, daughter-in-law Heidi, and Liz Moore who run the soup, mulled wine and hot chocolate stall,
- Ruth Bond and Judy 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,
- · Alan Ross for being our official photographer,

Plus the new members of the committee; Nick Barber,

Pete Dalby and Billy Sutherland, who will be taking a more prominent role in the event into the future.

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.

During the week after the display a small team scoured the area for nails and filled 2 one ton bags with them. We got most of them up but be aware that there are likely to still be nails there that will come to the surface over time. Any volunteers to continue clearing the site will be gratefully received.

Now I have organised 25 fireworks events, and this was my last as chairman. One of the newer members on the committee will be taking over for next year but us older ones will be still be here helping.

I hope you enjoyed it and look forward to next year's display on 3rd November 2018.

Andrew Wasilewski

Chairman - Fireworks Committee NaphillVillageHall@Yahoo.co.uk

#### Letter to the Firework Team

A very big thank you to the entire team who made the firework display on the Crick such a wonderful success. The weather was perfect and the community came in their droves to enjoy the spectacular display, beer and food. All the time and effort - which is considerable - that went into organising the event, judging by the attendance, was very much appreciated. With grateful thanks to you all.

Ron Collins





#### Naphill & Walter's Ash School

Here at Naphill, we are one of the best in the district in sporting achievements. Each half term sees focus on a new sport with some year groups entering a competition in that sport. For example, Year 6 have been studying tag rugby this half term and entered a tournament. They came in 1st place. The subjects focused on in PE throughout the school include: tag rugby, football, tennis, hockey, athletics, cross country, cricket/rounders and ball games.

There are also many sporting clubs: netball, football, tag rugby, hockey and cross country. Some of these even enter competitions. In a joint tournament, the netball & football teams came 3rd and 1st respectively and an overall first.

Meanwhile, the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are busy learning their songs and lines for the Nativity. Don't Mary and Joseph look lovely! They are played by Faith Windsor and Ellis Gray.

We would also like to thank all donators to our Children in Need fundraising; it was a huge success.



Grainne, Thomas, and Orlando

#### From Hughenden Vicarage

There are few experiences in life which can be surpassed by the feelings of elation and thanksgiving when a baby is born. I recently met our two month old niece Elsie for the first time, and cradled her in my arms, gazing in wonder at the miracle of a new birth, and sharing in the joy with Elsie's parents and our extended family.

It is quite common for all conversation to be centred around a baby, who captures our full attention in a room, especially when the baby is very young, getting to know us, and growing in their awareness of their surroundings as they develop more and more each day.

A baby changes your life forever – I can still recall the moment I held our eldest Luke for the first time, and found myself lost for words, as I gazed at my Son and he gazed back at me. No one is ever totally prepared for parenthood until it is thrust upon them, you tend to learn on the job, making mistakes, but treasuring those early days especially, cherishing each moment you have with them, until the initial wonder is overtaken by the challenges that sleepless nights and incessant crying brings to young parents. But these things pass, as the baby grows into a young child, beginning to find their place in the world.

As our family talked, we discussed what hopes and dreams we might have for Elsie in the future – what kind of world will she grow up in – will she find happiness and joy in her life; will the world know peace in her time?

As we approach Christmas, I invite you to consider the birth of another baby, some 2,000 years ago, to unprepared but loving young parents, whose birth and life were so important that billons of people across the world choose to follow his life and teaching to this day.

Mary and Joseph would have had great expectations for their new-born Son Jesus. They knew that he was special, but how special only dawned upon them over time, as he grew into the man who would become the Saviour of all humanity.

I invite you to join us here at St Michael & All Angels Church, Hughenden, this Christmastide, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the hope for the world.

May God grant you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!

Rev Keith Johnson

## Christmas Services at St Michael & All Angels Church:

**Sunday 10 December** 

3pm Christingle service

Sunday 17 December

6pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 24 December – Christmas Eve

3pm Crib Service

11.15pm Midnight Holy Communion

Monday 25 December – Christmas Day

8am Said Holy Communion

9am Sung Holy Communion

11am All Age Holy Communion

5pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 31 December – New Year's Eve

10am Parish Holy Communion with Carols

# Seasons' Greetings to you all from Bradenham Vicarage



'Christmas is coming and the geese are getting fat' begins the old rhyme, gleefully anticipating the start of the season of goodwill, plenty and celebration. Forget the geese, my 'Christmas is coming' begins when the

clocks go back – I see this event, not as the sombre farewell to the last of the year's warmth and light, but as the starting gun that sets my mind racing towards Christmas.

Make no bones about it, I love Christmas. I love the brightness of lit interiors, shop windows, candles and stars shining out against the dark. I love the flavours of cloves, cinnamon and oranges, be they in cakes, puddings, exotic gourmet sauces or seasonal cocktails. I love the broadcasting of carols on Classic FM and I feel quite bereft if I haven't heard my favourites at least once over the festive season. Making my final preparations on Christmas Eve, I enjoy a massive carol 'singathon' with Aled Jones, David Suchet and all my favourite radio presenters (though I do have to be careful that I am not completely 'sung out' with no voice left for Midnight Communion!). Yup! I wholeheartedly subscribe to Wizzard's sentiment 'I wish it could be Christmas every day'!

The rest of the rhyme continues:

Please do put a penny in the old man's hat

If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do

If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you!

Commentators say that the poem is about Christmas being the traditional time for charitable giving, reminding us not to forget those less fortunate than ourselves. The 'penny' may well have been a silver penny, dating the rhyme as far back as the late 18th century or earlier. Donating the silver penny or half penny suggests giving generously according to your means. Later, when pennies were made of copper or bronze, the rhyme can be interpreted as giving even the smallest amount of coinage to those in need, even just a few pence making a difference to the poor.

The rhyme makes no comment on why the old man is holding out his cap in the first place. He could be holding it out for a 'whip round' amongst his friends and neighbours collecting for some worthy cause. He could be holding it out because he is so destitute that he is reduced to begging from all who pass by.

From the brightness and comfort of a cosy home and well stocked table, it is easy to be caught up in a dream of Christmas that owes more to Hollywood and folk traditions than to reality. As the darkness of the waning year ever deepens, we fend it off with light. Candlelight, firelight, fairy lights, gold and glitter. Yet, whilst these lights serve to brighten the darkness, behind them the dark seems to become even more palpable. Behind the poem of the cheerful giving lies a story of desperate need.

Behind the glittery celebration of Christmas also lies a story of darkness, poverty and desperate need. The heart of Christmas is about humankind being in desperate need of love, forgiveness, healing and God. The essence of Christmas is a broken world into which God sends His Son, Jesus, to heal it. The Creator sends his Son to earth, not with fanfare and majesty, but into a world of poverty and squalor —he is born in a stable and his first bed is a manger, an animal's feed box. Our Christmas cards will show the scene with shiny gold straw, sparkly manger and elegantly clad figures.

The straw was intended to soak up the excrement of the animals housed in the stable, the feed box probably covered with chaff dried in place with the slaver of the last animal that had eaten from it. Our modern world has removed us from the reality of that first Christmas. God himself becomes poor, so that we might learn what it is to be truly rich. True riches are born of contentment, love, understanding, forgiveness, generosity of spirit and faith.

In the midst of all the jollity, let us not lose sight of that story, for it is God's story and we are a part of it.

May you have a blessed Christmas.

Rev Jenny Ellis

Then five or six parties, with those from headquarters, forgetting they're all someone's son or their daughters; As dresses and suits are donned and adjusted and after the drinks and the laughs and the lusted... Some emptiness with all the 'joy' that abounds... And the Christmas card greetings: how hollow it sounds.

Yet here in the crib, with the tiniest of toes,
A babe wrapped in swaddling – no Gap or Next clothes.
A child born of Mary, God's One from above –
To give and to show the most selfless of love.
Not presents and food, indulgence and trite,
But a love just so gentle, but the greatest of might.

#### **SERVICES AT ST. BOTOLPH'S**

3 December Eucharist
 10 December Eucharist
 11am Rev. Jenny Ellis
 10 December Eucharist
 11am Rev. Allan Barton
 17 December Carol Service 6pm Rev. Allan Barton

24 December Crib Service 5pm Rev. Jenny Ellis

24 December Midnight Mass 11.30pm Rev. Jenny Ellis

#### From Our RAF Chaplain

As Johnnie and Jane awake for their stash of Christmassy presents, and hope for more cash; As they stuff on the turkey and pudding and pies, And struggle through Christmassy films with their eyes. They wonder, and wonder what it all could be for This season of Christmas, that bursts through the door.

From November the start of the ads on the telly, "Buy all these toys, and the cakes – fill your belly." As the pantos rehearse, and also the choirs Practicing carols in cold halls for hours.

Nativity costumes are sewn and then altered And lines are all learnt, so no-one has faltered!

So celebrate greatly: King, Emmanuel, God is still with us; there's much more to tell. The child from the manger challenged Priests, Scribes and Kings,

(The One about whom the famous and Candlelit choirs sing).

He confronted Romans but comforts the lame, The blind, lost, the lepers, were never the same.

As Johnnie and Jane awoke from their slumber, from watching (the 5th time) of Dumber and Dumber. They realised their focus was somewhat misplaced And turning to each other, they quietly embraced: "God's Son, here on earth, came down, for us each Let's make a new start, and for heaven we'll reach"...

© Rev Kev 2017

# Christians in the Community Invite you to the



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#### **Carols by Candlelight**

In the Naphill Village Hall
On Sunday 17th December 2017
At 4 pm.

Mulled wine and mince pies

Retiring collection to be donated to the Wycombe Refuge Partnership

# Christmas Schmooze!

### and NO Apologies!

Usually folk if asked, what Christmas means to them? The adjectives will be along the lines – Family, Carols, Christmas lunch, or if young, presents! I've always been a bit of a loose cannon, so I would say Cremola Custard Powder!

Looking up at the dark square in the landing ceiling, Mum holding a very dodgy set of steps, Dad's legs clad in very baggy grey 'flannels' would appear. His hands clutching the most magic of wooden boxes in the world. Circa 1940 a wooden box stencilled on the side Cremola Custard- 3 dozen packs! It contained Christmas! Two generations of precious baubles, two peacocks with spun glass tails, a tatty silver foil item called Lametta, a very precious glass bell that rang and a very grubby roll of cotton wool to simulate snow on the tree. Underneath all this treasure lay the tree lights. Every year these seemed to have a party life of their own in the loft. Always folded away neatly on 12th night they would reappear the following year in a tangled mass! This would find Dad very stressed (modern word - not sure what was used then!) crawling around the sitting room floor trying to straighten them out. Having succeeded, the big moment, SWITCH ON, they never worked! (Younger people reading this wouldn't understand, LED type bulbs are so dependable!) Another frustrating half hour was spent changing every bulb, until relief, the duff bulb would be found and the carpet would glow with coloured lights.

The same wooden box appears at Christmas still, containing my children's and grandchildren's memories. Although the grandchildren are grown up, they still look when they visit, for the carousel horses added when our first grandson was born. Too heavy for the small tree we have now, but stand proudly on the dresser in the hall. The horses perform their movements with flashing lights like a real fairground round-a-bout, playing Christmas Carols ad infinitum! When small, the Grandchildren would have this playing full volume from the moment they rushed through the front door. By the end of the day it began to wear a bit thin, especially after a very 'jolly' Christmas lunch. Twitchy Parents would turn it down only to have it revved up again by over excited kids! These are memories we now share.

The original contents of the magic box, sadly mostly broken, a glass bell (my daughter is the custodian) has survived, plus the 'Rosebud doll' fairy my Mum dressed all those years ago. She will of course, be on the top of my tree in her rightful place!

I hope THE box plus its contents of LED lights, my children's homemade ornaments and carousel horse lights will continue to weave magic moments for the generations yet to be born.

I wish you all a very Happy Cremola Custard Christmas and all the magic that memories bring.

Margaret Hunter





Congratulations to the Fireworks committee, that was an amazing event and all your hard work paid off. Thanks to all our customers who were patient with our staff, they were desperately trying to keep up with the flow of people. All I can say is well done to my team of staff, you all worked your socks off.

Well, it is the season to be jolly, and we hope to see you all throughout December making the most of the silly season. We have a large number of Christmas bookings in the diary, so I suggest you phone to check availability of tables during the month so as to make certain that you are not disappointed. I am really looking forward to New Year's Eve and the DJ this year, we will see in 2018 in style. All our Opening times are advertised on Facebook, on our website and at the pub.

Sadly, after six years of working for us Rachael Keen has decided to leave us and we will all miss her lots, although she has been told she's got to come back in April for next year's Beer Festival. On that note we welcome Chris Marshall to the Wheel family.

The Staff, Mark and I would like to wish you all a fabulous festive season, and we look forward to celebrating with you soon!

#### 'Deck the Pub'

Stock the Pub with Ale and Bubbly,
Fa la la la la, la la la!
Treat yourself and spend some lolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la!
Don't disturb our sleeping santa,
Fa la la la la, la la la!
Come see us for daily banter!
Fa la la la la, Ha ha ha ha!

We serve in larger measures,
Fa la la la la, la la la!
Takes away your stress and horrors!
Fa la la la la, la la la!
Please enjoy your Christmas suppers,
Fa la la la la, la la la!
Served by staff in lairey jumpers!
Fa la la la la, la la la!

#### **Our Christmas Opening Times:**

**Sun 24th Christmas Eve** - Open 12-11pm Food served 12-3pm and 6-8pm Evening sitting is booking only

**Mon 25th Christmas Day** – Pub open 12-2pm No Food served on Christmas Day.

**Tues 26th Boxing Day** – Open 12-11pm. NO FOOD

**Sun 31 New Year's Eve** – Pub open 12noon -1.30am . Food served 12-3pm

FROM 8pm TICKET ONLY - DJ and buffet (pay what you wish)

**New Year's Day** – Pub open 12-6pm. NO Food served

Merry Christmas everybody, and a prosperous New Year – Lets party on!

Claire, Mark, Daisy, Maxii and all the staff

#### **Crashpad Appeal**

My name is Frankie, I'm 27 years old and I live in Naphill. This Christmas will be the 6th year running I have fundraised for a homeless shelter for young people. The shelter is called the Crashpad. It houses and supports young people between 18-23 who are homeless, at risk or are fleeing harm. They are based in North London and generally will house around 20-25 people at a time. I use the donations raised to take them presents on Christmas day, and support them during the winter period.

It all began the Christmas of 2012 when I decided I would like to spend my Christmas doing something worthwhile. However, it came to me that I didn't want to turn up empty handed. Hoping to raise at least £200 for some presents I set up a donation page. By the time I needed to buy the gifts, to my extreme delight I had raised around £800.



I find the trivial nature of consumerism to be overwhelming, and very unhealthy during the festive period. Especially as we're force fed extremely consumeristic ideals by the media. I also feel if there is any time of year (although, ideally, we should aim to do it all year around) to reach out and support those who may be suffering, lonely, in poverty or so on it is Christmas. Due to the nature of the holiday being about having - having family, having food, having presents, it begs the question how does this make people feel who are the have nots?

For me I feel my time and energy is better spent on this than anything else at Christmas, and I now couldn't imagine spending it any other way than trying to bring happiness, love and support to those who are most vulnerable in today's society.

My thanks to you for reading my article. I wish you all the joys of Christmas. I should be very grateful if you could please help make someone less fortunate than yourself by making a donation however small, every little really does help to make a difference!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/crashpadchristmas17

Frankie Becklev

#### Naphill Mum & Daughter's Mount Snowdon Walk To Raise Money For Local Charity



My daughter Romilly has been attending the weekly Wycombe Youth Action youth group since July this year. We first heard about WYA through the Chiltern Rangers who she volunteers for helping to clear woodland, chalk streams and creating nature artwork to display around Wycombe.

WYA are a local charity who have been running for

35 years. They work within the community to target and challenge attitudes and perceptions around young people. They complete multi-generational and conservation projects to provide young people with the chance to give back to their community and provides them with the chance to both challenge and change the stereotypes faced by young people today. Furthermore, they work to support safer, more equal communities so local communities can thrive.

WYA rely heavily on funding and to help them run the service for another year they decided to organise a sponsored walk up (and down) Snowdon - no train for us. Romilly and I set off from Naphill at 6am on Saturday 28th October and we arrived at the lovely Welsh village of Llanberis later that morning to meet the rest of the team. We were well prepared with walking boots, layers, waterproofs, gloves, bobble hats, lots of water and sustenance to keep us going. We set off up the Llanberis path towards the peak at 12.30pm and finally reached the summit and then the peak through cloud, drizzle and very cold wind just after 3pm. What a great feeling! A little rest at the café at the top to refuel and then turned around and came back down again, nothing could guite prepare me for the descent, oh my knees! Romilly being 30 years younger than me virtually ran down - oh to be young. We reached the village just as darkness fell so we did it just in time. It was a wonderful and bonding experience for us as mother and daughter and to make lots of new friends with the team from WYA.

We wanted to say a huge thank you to all of our family and our friends from the surrounding villages for their very generous donations, to date we have raised £1300. If you would like to donate to this fab local charity that works so hard and are so supportive of our local young people then cheques can be made out to Wycombe Youth Action and dropped round to 50 Main Road.

Sarah Fisher

#### Remembrance Sunday 12 November 2017

The annual service to commemorate the two world wars and other conflicts when so many people were either killed or maimed for life was celebrated once again in our Village Hall and then at the memorial stone. It was very well attended, and the service was conducted by the Revd. Sqn Ldr Capelin-Jones, RAF High Wycombe. The pianist was Ben Brice and the last post was sounded by Adam Pool, thanks to them both.

The amount of the collection at the service was £325.28 and with the payment for the wreaths of £267.00 makes a grand total of £592.28 for which we thank you.



Richard & Valerie Pushman

#### A Point of View

Having returned from our usual dose of summer sunshine in France I came back to the UK conscious of what they have, and we haven't; not food, not wine, not cheese but excellent roads! Having visited France over the last 50 or so years I have seen their road system transformed from what was a bone shaking experience to one which is of smooth and quiet surfaces which are a joy to drive on, not only on main roads and autoroutes but through villages also. Returning to the UK and driving up from Dover, the contrast was frightening. Many times, have I questioned our highway engineers on this subject and I am told that the French specifications are different and that it would cost much more for us to adopt them! I am afraid that our patch and pothole fill will not give the good results that the French achieve. A few billion pounds taken from the HS2 budget could do so much good for our road system.

We are about to enter the most expensive time of the year with the Festive season already upon us.

Why the celebration of Christ's birth should always lead to such a commercial bonanza I have never really understood. It is sad that a simple family celebration with a special meal and the giving of personal gifts within a close circle of friends and family, has now become an expensive shopping frenzy creating family debts with repayment terms over many months and into the New Year. The benefits of a little more abstinence and a walk in the beautiful Chiltern countryside which is on our doorstep, would refresh the mind and lift our spirits! A very Happy Christmas and healthy New Year to all readers.

Richard Pushman

#### **Friends of Naphill Common**

Our Fungus Walk on 5th November was a great success. Over a hundred people, including several children spent a fine afternoon walking round the Common hunting for fungi. Despite the fact that many toadstools had come and gone unusually early this year, they still managed to find 86 species. The foray was a joint venture between FoNC and the Bucks Fungus Group. The searchers were divided into three groups, each guided by a FoNC member and led by a renowned mycologist. As well as the experts from the Bucks Fungus Group, Penny Cullington, Roger Wilding and Derek Schafer, we had Alick Henrici, Thomas Læssøe, both eminent authors, and Richard Fortey the well-known TV figure, expert and author. The walk was followed by a display of specimens and talks in the Village Hall, plus very welcome refreshments. We would like to thank all those from the village and from the Bucks Fungus Group who made it so enjoyable and, of course, the experts who identified all we found.

The star was, as before, our rare Lion's Mane fungus Hericium erinaceus which still adorns the great beech despite the fact that the tree has collapsed into Dew Pond.

Wessex Woodland Management are well underway with the second phase of thinning the holly and the trees. The area concerned looks rather ravaged but the end result will be less holly, more open areas and hence more grass, and much richer variety of wild plants. They have agreed to remove various trees that have fallen across paths and lift at least a part of the Great Beech out of Dew Pond. Thanks to Julia Carey and Andy McVeigh we now have five more juniper bushes, all grown from seeds produced by one of our existing bushes. The opening up of more areas will give us spaces to plant them out in a year or so.

Our AGM will be in the Village Hall on Friday 9th February at 7:30pm. Please come along and hear our speaker (to be announced). Our membership fee is only £5 (£2 for under 18s) per annum. We have over 100 members but there are many others who have, unfortunately, let their membership lapse. It would help us, and the Common, if our membership grew. We could better equip our working parties, commission more reports on the ecology, history and archaeology of the Common and organise more events with a little more money. If you have any suggestions for things we could do concerning the Common please let us know either at the AGM or direct to our chairman Chris Miller.

The work parties are continuing to meet to clear paths, remove scrub and maintain the ponds in good order. If you would like to help please check the web site (www. naphillcommon.org.uk) or contact the organiser, Peter Davis for details. Tools and training (where necessary) are provided.

All are also welcome to join our walks. 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 prompt start at 9:30am. Members and non-members are equally welcome. These are the usual arrangements, but as there is sometimes a need to make changes it would be wise to consult our website, posters or the two leaders to confirm the details. Ron Collins has also organised an additional walk in support of Children in Need, which will be on 30th November (with the same starting arrangements as the usual 'longer walks'). There will be a collection, with a minimum donation of £5.

Chris Miller. Chairman



#### **Hughenden Parish Council**

#### Factoid #19 Definition of precept

A general rule intended to regulate behaviour or thought.

An order issued by one local authority to another specifying the rate of tax to be charged on its behalf.

Firstly, we wish to congratulate Shona Hadwell on the anniversary of her 1st year as Clerk of our Parish. The time has flown by and Shona has now completed 12 months of running the Council office and being our Responsible Financial Officer. Having joined us from the world of high street banking, this is Shona's first Parish Council role and the one consistent word she uses to describe it is "varied!"

Whilst always a sombre occasion, the Remembrance service at the Naphill Village Hall and War Memorial continues to be a key annual event within our community. Once again is was really wonderful to see Villagers, RAF personnel and the children from our local Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Guides turn out on a chilly and windy day to reflect and remember those lost in the two world wars and other conflicts since. Cllr Williams laid a wreath on behalf of our whole community, as other Councillors do at similar events in the other wards that the Parish spans. We would like to extend our thanks to all those who attended, contributed and organised this, especially Richard & Valerie Pushman who make sure our Act of Remembrance runs so smoothly.

This time of year is key for most Parish Councils including ours. As you read this we will have already had our annual Precept Meeting. This is where Council reviews its past spending and its requirements for the next financial year and sets its levy for the period April 2018-March 2019. This levy (or precept) is then added into every resident's Council Tax charge. We will be reviewing existing and newly submitted requests from community organisations for grants, donations and loans as part of the meeting as well as the council maintenance and administration costs and those costs associated with the facilities that we run such as our Garden of Rest and the allotment gardens. The Precept Meeting was held in public at the Council Chambers in Great Kingshill on 29th November. Information on what was decided and how that will affect your Council Tax will appear in the February edition of the Gazette or you can always talk to one of us.

One thing that we have been able to fund (from this year's budget) is a donation to the Clappins Lane Action Group. Representatives from the Residents Association came to our November Council meeting asking for the Council's support of the Action Group, its aims and a contribution to its fundraising campaign to contest Wycombe District Council's Local Plan with regard to removing Green Belt status from a field in Clappins Lane, allowing developers to build on it. We are delighted that the Council agreed that this wasn't just a NAWA Ward issue but that any threat to the Green Belt is a threat to our whole Parish, it being surrounded by Green Belt land. A donation of up to £1000 was

agreed upon. More information on the Action Group and its activities is available at http://www.nawaraid.co.uk/

Since the extra-ordinary meeting on playgrounds held in October that we wrote about last month we have not been idle. We attended the November Village Hall Committee meeting to listen to their questions and concerns on the handing back of the maintenance of the play area on the Crick. We have taken those back to Council and we are arranging formal meetings with all the Village Halls affected so that they have the necessary information to plan the future of their playgrounds. The Parish Council will continue to fund urgent equipment repairs (but not replacements) up till March 2019. The quarterly and annual safety reports for all the playgrounds will also remain the responsibility of the Parish Council.

You will hopefully have seen the flyers or the poll on local Facebook groups asking for your feedback to the 3 possible options we have for the Templewood play area and open space on the corner of Templewood and Main Road in Walter's Ash. Unlike the playground at the Crick, this is owned and maintained by the Council so it's up to us to come up with a solution on how to fix the current issues. The options essentially boil down to removing the play area entirely and leaving it as a community open space, replacing the rotten play equipment with the same or similar pieces or to look at a redesign of the space and perhaps come up with something that could cater for more than just children up to 8yrs old. We are keen to hear back from those that live around the space as well as those that use it. To date (16/11) we have had almost 70 responses (93%) of whom are local residents) so well done all those that have given us their preference. Closing date to let us know was 25th November so that the results could be used to help secure funds in next year's budget. We hope to bring you more information in our next article.

It simply remains for us to wish all our parishioners a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful 2018.

Your Parish Councillors - Martin Burch, Chris Waterton, Peter Williams and vacant seat. email nawa@hughendenpc.org.uk website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

12th December- Full Council meeting 8pm-10pm, Great Kingshill Parish Office

#### Letter from Hon. David Lidington MP

I spent part of a recent constituency Friday learning more about rubbish! Everyone in Naphill and Walters Ash knows that their bins are emptied by Wycombe District Council. Many know that non-recyclable household waste is taken to the big transfer station at High Heavens.

But what happens next? It used to go to a landfill site and be dumped, but in the last two years that has all changed, with the opening of the Greatmoor Energy from Waste (EfW) plant in North Bucks.

My visit to Greatmoor was an eye-opener. From the outside, it's clearly a large industrial plant. When you walk round, you quickly see that the operator, FCC Environment (which has the contract from Bucks County Council), is using modern technology. The staff I met were sitting at computer screens, not shovelling ash, and I learned that the company looks for employees with experience of boilers and thermal engineering. A fair number of their recruits come from the Royal Navy.

Wycombe's waste travels to Greatmoor by lorry and is tipped from ground level into a 23 metre deep bunker. Staff inside an air-conditioned control room move it by crane to a grate where it burns for two hours.

The residue, once cooled, is sorted using a giant magnet to recover metals for recycling. The ash is used as aggregate or to make breeze blocks. But the real prize is the generation of electricity that's sold to the National Grid: 22 megawatts, enough to power 36,000 homes.

When the plant was first planned, there was a lot of public concern about pollution from the 95 metre chimney stack. In the past, there were indeed serious problems, symbolised by the Seveso disaster in 1976. Nowadays, the legal controls are much tougher and the filtering technology much more effective. Emissions are constantly monitored (those computer screens again) and what comes out of the stack is 99.9% water vapour.

We still as a society produce a lot of non-recyclable waste. Converting that waste (300,000 tonnes a year at Greatmoor) into clean energy seems to me a sensible way to dispose of it. It's certainly better than consigning it to landfill.

The Scandinavian countries make a lot of use of EfW plants. They also locate these facilities close to towns, with EfW not only generating electricity but heat for homes and offices. Perhaps an idea for any future new settlement in Bucks?

David Lidington

#### **Bereavement Notice**

The family of the late Mrs Babs Wright have asked that a notice of her passing be placed in the December edition of the Naphill Gazette. Her son asked us to send you the following:

Barbara Wright "Babs", a resident of Naphill for the last 45 years passed away unexpectedly on 9th November aged 76 years. Beloved wife of Ken for 53 years, Mum to Steve, Ian, Alan and David, much loved Nan & Great-Nan. The Funeral Service took place on 24th November at the Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Lacey Green. Family flowers only, but donations to Diabetes UK or Wycombe General Hospital may be sent c/o Surman & Horwood Funeral Service, 25, High Street, Princes Risborough, HP27 0AE.

#### **Clappins Lane Action Group**

Hopefully, every household in Naphill and Walters Ash has received the leaflet informing them of the progress in the fight to save Smiths Meadow in Clappins Lane from development. To reiterate, Wycombe District Council have decided that Green Belt status protection should be removed from this 5.5 acre field to allow the building of up to 64 dwellings. By the time you read this, the 27th November deadline for responses to their Local Plan may have passed, but there is still much to do to maximise our chances of preventing this from happening and setting a precedent that could see the gradual erosion of our beautiful countryside. We have employed a planning consultant to put together a response that has been submitted by NAWARA on behalf of the two villages together with as many signatures as we have been able to get to demonstrate the strength of local feeling. We will need the continued services of this consultant to put our case to the Planning Inspectorate in the spring and this requires funding. Any donations received will only be used for this campaign and if we are not successful over the Green Belt removal, it could take years to then fight subsequent planning applications. So why is this so important? Many people may see this just being an issue for houses close to the field, but a development of this size would affect the whole village. Already stretched amenities such as the school and surgery would come under increasing strain. Clappins Lane traffic onto Main Road would be a nightmare, especially as more houses are built in Princes Risborough leading to even greater traffic flows through the village than the 4000 movements a day we get each way at the moment. The drainage system can't cope with current sewage requirements and can you imagine the parking problems outside the Coop? If you are reading this before 27th November, please send an objection Wycombe District Council before midnight on that date using one of the means of responding set out in the leaflet or detailed on www. nawaraid.co.uk.

Updates will be posted on this website where you can also find more information and links to useful sites including the Clappins Lane Action Facebook Page.

Phil Conran

#### A Letter to the Editor

Dear Ms. Goby

#### Fly posters

I wonder if other residents are becoming as concerned as I at the increased incidents of fly posting? Regardless of whether you find the content offensive the "fly posters" rarely undertake their removal no doubt expecting the fairies to carry out this work.

#### **Wycombe District Local Plan**

A word from an underwhelming minority. I am sure many of the attendees at recent meetings, espousing opposition to the above, reside in "infill or ribbon" developments that abound in this area. Face up to the fact this country is experiencing a massive housing shortage and we all have a duty to assist in its resolution. Whilst not suggesting there should be a wholesale conversion of green belt into development land we cannot bury our heads in the "NIMBY sand" and expect all development should happen in someone else's back yard.

Sincerely John Evans

#### **Wycombe Photographic Society**

December means Christmas and the chance to take lots of photos of Christmas festivities.

Photos of the Village Tree festooned in lights. Nice long, but not too long, exposure of the lights and if taken from the correct angle you will have the light trails of headlights and tail lights of the vehicles passing the tree to add that something "extra" to your photo. Long exposure means that you will have to support your camera on something solid and not rely on just handholding or else you will get movement in your photo.

I know that the Gazette Editor will be more than pleased if you submit your photos to her, of the Village Tree in all its glory.

Not a lot going on this month at the club.

Two interclub competitions against other clubs from the South East and a workshop evening where members will bring along images from a project which will be discussed by two of our most successful members. The discussion will help members to "get that little bit of wow" in their photos.

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

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

David Greenwood Membership Secretary Wycombe Photographic Society

#### **Bradenham Parish Council**

At its last meeting, the parish council agreed to undertake repair and maintenance work on some of its bus shelters.

The bus shelter by the entrance to Air Command on New Road needs a new roof, a repaint and a clear up. The parish council had looked at purchasing a new bus shelter here, but the cost exceeded the annual precept. Money has been set aside each year for repairs and maintenance and this will now be used for the substantial repairs. The bus shelter on the A4010 alongside the Red Lion will also be repaired and repainted. The one opposite the Red Lion will be dealt

with in the new year.

Our war memorial will also be looked at in the new year.

The National Trust looks after our footpaths, they are on National Trust land. We have been talking to the National Trust about repairs to dangerous paths, the trimming of shrubbery to improve visibility etc.

We have also been in touch with landowners where hedges and the like obstruct pavements. It is landowners responsibility to maintain hedges and tree growth on the boundary of their property and ensure they do not impede users of the footways.

Potholes are a continuing problem. We would encourage you to report any potholes on the link below, please add a photograph. You will also need to report the dimensions of the pothole.

https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/

The County Council do come out fairly promptly to check on them, but depending on the type of pothole it can take some time to get them fixed.

Our next meeting is on Monday January 8th 2018 at 7pm at Bradenham Cricket club.

The Parish Council wishes you a Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Deirdre Hansen, Clerk. clerk@bradenham.org.uk

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#### **Last Word**

What I thought might be "Mission Impossible" is done! My apologies for not including the parking letter which has been well aired on the village Facebook page and the message from a new regular contributor and would be advertiser, I ran out of space! On the subject of letters, articles and use of space please read my disclaimer below.

My thanks to all our contributors and to Richard for the stunning cover. My thanks also to Himself and the Chihuahua boys, I feel I may not have been over blessed with patience whilst doing this magazine this week but the coffee and sympathy was appreciated!

Finally my best wishes to you all and I am sure by 15 January 2018 I will be looking forward to editing the February 2018 edition of the Gazette.

Sonia

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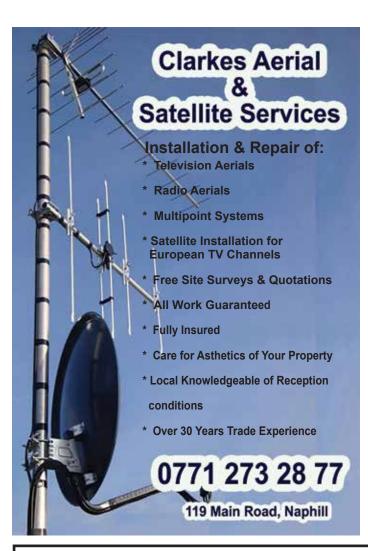
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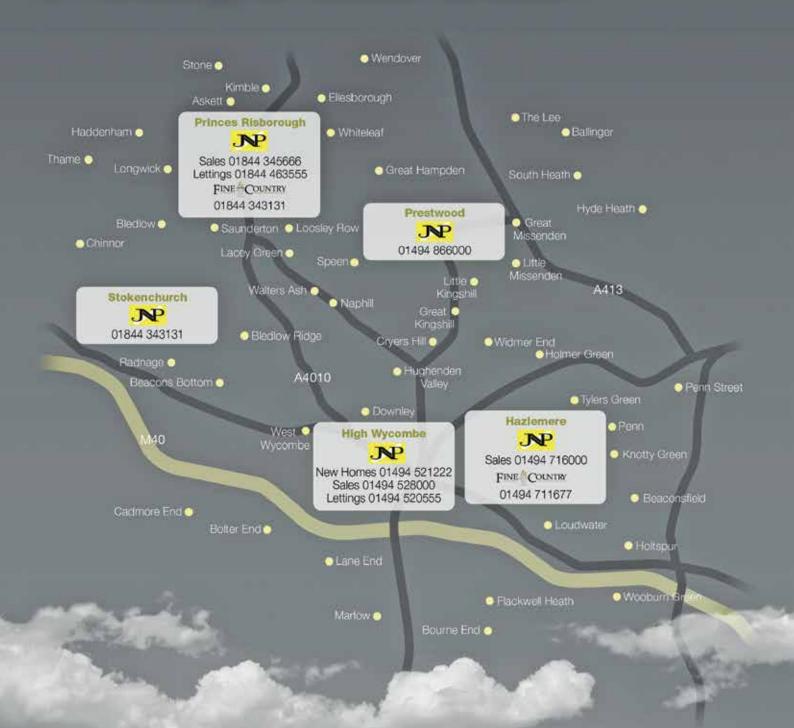
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