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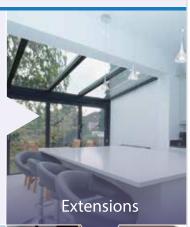




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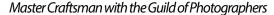
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Summer certainly seems to be vanishing rather more quickly than it arrived but I hope you all enjoyed it while it lasted and are looking forward to our seasonal village events. Tickets for the Firework display on the Crick will be on sale very soon, numbers are restricted, please see page 21 for news and updates.

I am back in the office at the start of my twelfth year as the very proud editor of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette. The years have flown by, I love doing this voluntary job but old age and the physical disabilities from my accident 40 years ago, are taking their toll and none of us can go on for ever. Whilst I am in no rush to vacate this chair, I must look to the Gazette's future, so if you would like to consider becoming the next Gazette editor, do please get in touch.

VOLUNTEERS! Do you realise that everything which makes our villages what they are is run and organised by these increasingly elusive creatures? These people often do have "busy lives", they do need "me time", they have families and often full time jobs and businesses to run but they "spare a little time" to help. It is good news that a village fete is being planned for next year, that Classics on the Crick will happen and Fireworks are going ahead, but NOTHING happens, there would be no village hall, events, social groups, or the Gazette without volunteers! Please help!

Now as you all know I LOVE good news and there is none more so than the update on young Jacob Youens. Two years ago I published the devastating news that Jacob, then three years old, had been diagnosed with cancer. It has been a gruelling journey and a well fought fight for Jacob and the family. What a delight and privilege it is to publish the lastest update, please see page 17.

Many of us have battled the vagaries of the broadband service, over the years it has improved as technology has advanced. Many areas have long had fibre broadband and this has been widely acclaimed as a big advance but it was not available in our villages. WELL! After lots of roadworks and disruptions, I today received the news from Gigaclear that fibre broadband is now available in our villages. Please see page 27.

So here is another packed edition of the Gazette about to go to press. Even with added pages I have failed to get everything in. I have held several articles over which I will do my best to include in the November edition.

Enjoy October, hopefully the storms and heavy rain are done with!

Best wishes

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Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council Chairman's Report

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There were 10 trustees present at the village hall meeting on the 2nd September.

The painting of the hall and kitchen has been completed and there was general agreement it looked good. The electrics have been PAT tested, tiles put back on the ceiling and various leaks repaired over the summer.

In the playground the condemned wooden tower has been removed and two worn-out beams in the swings replaced. It has been necessary to remove all the bark chippings along with some large pieces of concrete from the playground. In its place 42 cubic litres of playground wood chip has been laid. The fencing has been refurbished and a galvanised gate installed for easier maintenance. A new recycled plastic tower should be installed shortly. All the waste timber has been securely stacked and will be disposed on the bonfire. The playground is already looking better.

Various fund-raising events are in the planning stage for this year and next but they are all dependant on volunteers. These events bring the community together but they are also vital to the continued existence of the hall and playing fields, so if you can spare an hour here and there, please volunteer, you might even enjoy it! The Bonfire committee are always looking for volunteers and a working party has been put together to organise a fete weekend for 2025, date to be confirmed but it will not be the same weekend as Classics on The Crick.

We are currently looking for a secretary and a maintenance facilities officer. If you think you would like to get involved with the village hall council and could help with either of these roles please contact Clive.

email: chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk www.naphillvillagehall.org.uk

The next village hall council meeting is the 7th October at 8pm.

Editorial Comment: Thank you Bartha for kindly writing this report at very short notice! I hope you enjoyed your holiday Clive.

Sonia

Village Hall Diary Dates 2024



Naphill Brownie Jumble Sale
Saturday 5th October
Naphill Village Hall
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Bradenham Parish Council

Bradenham parish council is very fortunate to have one of our Buckinghamshire Councillors present at each meeting. At its September meeting the parish council enquired how Buckinghamshire council was getting on with registering local footpaths, 'Restoring the Records' by 2031 as it is suspected that there might be a backlog. BC Cllr Shade Adoh is making enquiries. Luckily, the footpaths in our parish are on National Trust Land and the NT Countryside Manager was also present at the meeting. He will make enquiries at the Local Access Forum. Cllr Adoh mentioned that people who may need support in the upcoming winter should access www.buckinhamshire.gov.uk to find what support is available.

With the NT Countryside Manager, we discussed repairing the track up Bradenham Hill. There are no funds available for major track repairs that are needed, but the NT will look at some levelling off the bottom of the track and placing logs to protect the grass. There is a problem with nitrous oxide canisters left at the A4010 end of Rectory Lane. It is not easy to get rid of these canisters and they are a real nuisance. We have asked the police to patrol often.

The presence of an RAF representative is always much appreciated. Making the footpath through the woods from Parkwood to the Officers Mess site permanent was discussed. All parties agree this would be ideal, but funding is a problem as well as Natural England as there is a SSSI nearby. The RAF maintenance team will cut back the branch obscuring one of the pelican lights on New Road.

Overgrown hedges in the parish are obstructing safe passage on footways. Under the Highways Act 1980 S154 landowners are responsible to cut back their hedges that overhang the highway, footways, footpaths, cycle paths etc causing a danger or a nuisance. If they are not cut back eventually, we have to ask Buckinghamshire Council's Enforcement Team to take action. Please ensure people with pushchairs, wheelchairs etc can use footways safely.

The parish council is very grateful that one of Bradenham's residents is repairing the Bradenham notice board. This means we can save up for a new noticeboard sometime in the future. It was decided to renew our devolved services contract with Buckinghamshire Council for Beech Park for another two years. We get a minimum amount of money for cutting the grass there, next year £119.80 pa, but it all helps.

The Financial Regulations, which are a legal requirement for the parish council, were reviewed, overhauled, and adopted.

Our next meeting will be Monday 11th November at 7pm at Bradenham Cricket club.

Deirdre Hansen,

Clerk to the Council.

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Hughenden Parish Council - Chairman's Report

The latest meeting of HPC was held on 10th September. The good news is that we have recruited Jason Wise as our permanent Service Manager and Deputy Clerk, but our search for a permanent Clerk continues.

We have also recruited Richard Wilding as a councillor for the Naphill and Walters Ash Ward. There are still vacancies for councillors in all four wards.

Onn 6 August 2024 the Council finally agreed the funds and plans for the refurbishment of Templewood playground. Feedback from the community engagement warranted some amendments to the plan, which were agreed on 3 September. Work will commence after the pre-works meeting on 23 September.

The playground will sadly not be ready for October half-term as originally envisaged but we will keep you updated on progress. Thank you for your support and patience. Similarly, progress is being made on the Great Kingshill playground with request for tenders going out now to potential suppliers/installers.

Our consultant has prepared plans for our main open spaces, and two of these, Little Burnham Field and Spinney in Hughenden Valley and Vincent Meadow and Pond in Naphill were approved for Chiltern Rangers to carry out work this autumn.

Some of the trees and shrubs in the Garden of Rest in Cryers Hill have been allowed to overgrow, so a contract has been awarded to sensitively rectify the problem, clearing and tidying burial areas.

Regarding Council governance, we have approved the revised financial regulations that are now much nearer the national standard. Unfortunately, our Responsible Financial Officer has resigned and we are seeking a replacement.

The purchase of a second solar powered Mobile Vehicle Actuated Speed unit has been approved in our unending effort to reduce speeding in our villages.

We are always ready to receive requests for community grants from local groups or organisations.

Stan Jones

Chairman - Hughenden Parish Council

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Gordon the Bird Man





In those far off days of yesteryear the age old ritual of ploughing would have been in full swing with the small tractors or horses being followed by clouds of white of various species of gulls. Less obvious flocks of Green Plovers and Rooks and even less obvious of species of Finches and Buntings, all searching for invertebrates and seeds being brought to the surface by the plough. Fast forward to the present day.

During the first week of September the fields below Lodge Hill and those above Valley Road towards Wycombe were being ploughed but something was missing. Of course! No birds. Nothing! Ziltch! Is this a manifestation of the catastrophic decline in birds over the last few decades (some surveys report over one hundred million), or the state of the soil, with so few invertebrates that birds know that they will just be wasting energy.

On a brighter note, summer finally arrived during the second week of July and with it came the butterfies, up until that time just six species had been recorded, since then a further eleven have made an appearance but in fewer numbers than in past years, with Small and Common Blue, Comma and Painted Lady in low single numbers and no record of Dark Green or Silver Washed Fritillary.

I do not think I have ever been shown so many pictures of the Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar to identify. Their natural plant food are the various Willow Herb species but in gardens will readily feed on the larger leafed cultivars of Fuchsias.

Gordon



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STANDING TALL WITH UKRAINE - A VILLAGE RESPONSE

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For over two and a half years, our incredible community has demonstrated unmatched generosity toward the people of Ukraine. Your compassion an help has provided families and individuals in desperate need a safe haven, allowing them to escape the turmoil of a war-torn country.

The Ukraine to Chilterns Charity has been working to assist our guests in transitioning from their sponsors' homes to their own accommodations in the area. We've welcomed new arrivals, supported youngsters in furthering their education, and fostered small business opportunities.

A Story of Resilience and Art: Val and Irisha's Journey

One inspiring story from our community is that of Val and Irisha. Val, a filmmaker, was working on a poignant short film about the impact of loss in war when conflict erupted in Ukraine. On July 11th, several of us attended a screening of his film, "Forced." The film was both excellent and harrowing, capturing the raw human emotions when a loved one is violently lost.

With donations made at the screening, a grant from Ukraine to Chilterns, and practical support from local film industry professionals, Val and Irisha are now aiming to take "Forced" to Short Film Festivals. This exciting project will spotlight the struggles of ordinary Ukrainians, bringing their stories to a global audience.

We eagerly anticipate hosting a community viewing of the film here in the Chilterns soon.





A Taste of Ukraine in the Chilterns

Meanwhile, our wonderful guests have been sharing a taste of their culture with Princes Risborough. On July 13th, they delighted visitors at the Summer Fete with traditional Borscht, bread, and sweet treats. The day was a success, with many enjoying the delicious fare and engaging in warm conversations with our guests.



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The nurses / consultants at Wycombe hospital are absolutely amazing they really have been there for us as a family and we can't thank them enough.

A massive thank you to my family for coming to celebrate with us on the day! We really have appreciated you all and everybody who has supported us and cheered us on through Jacob's fight against cancer.

Lucy Youens

Editorial Comment - What a journey! What a an amazing young man and





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A Message from our MP - Greg Smith

"The standout event of my summer was hosting the second annual Summer Bucks Landy Tour. The purpose of this tour is to give constituents a chance to meet with me in a casual environment to discuss local or national concerns, providing a more relaxed alternative to the usual scheduled advice surgeries.

Given the size of my rural constituency, which spans 336 square miles, I could think of no better vehicle to represent the countryside than a classic Land Rover – which I ran on fully synthetic fuel from P1 Fuels.

The back of the Land Rover, with its bench seating, served as a mobile office for the tour. During the six days, I made 22 stops and had the opportunity to engage with many constituents on a wide variety of topics, ranging from planning issues and potholes to SEND services and GP availability.

We also discussed school transportation and international matters. One recurring more recent issue is the Labour Government's decision to strip many pensioners of their Winter Fuel Payment, leaving some of the most vulnerable residents at risk this winter. I am fighting hard against this decision

and will do whatever I can to support pensioners across the constituency that have been left without the help they need during the cold months ahead. In addition to the Landy Tour, my summer was filled with meetings with Parish Councils, community organisations, businesses, and churches.

I also had the pleasure of attending several fantastic local events, including the Bucks

County Show, Wendover Picnic in the Park, Dinton Beer Festival, and the 40th anniversary celebrations at Abbeyfield House in Great Missenden. Looking ahead, here are the dates and locations for my upcoming surgeries:

September 20: Princes Risborough - October 18: Naphill - November 15: Stokenchurch - December 6: Grendon Underwood

Additionally, more "Pint of View" pub drop-ins will be announced soon on my website and social media. If any constituent has an issue or needs assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out: greg.smith.mp@parliament.uk - I'm here to help!"

Greg Smith MP



Join the Re-wear Revolution

Hughenden has a plethora of community-led environmental groups seeking to raise awareness and secure greater engagement in projects aimed at making it an even better place to live. Seeds, plants and books are swopped however there is one category that has perhaps been overlooked: clothing. There is nothing quite like putting on something new and receiving compliments on our latest 'look'. Unfortunately, the cost of achieving this can be high as budgets are under continuing pressure. Also, our carbon footprint may negate our efforts elsewhere.

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Firstly, thank you to our committee members for your continued hard work and to all the residents who answered our call for help earlier in the year. Without your passion and voluntary time, this event couldn't happen. With that being said, we are enormously proud to announce our 30th Annual Fireworks display (Voted as the Best in Bucks) will be back again on Saturday 2nd November 2024 from 4.30pm!

This year we have the amazingly talented Kirsty Fuller playing for you throughout the evening, make sure you bring your dancing shoes, (or festival wellies!) and let's party! Naphill Football Club will be providing their renowned delicious BBQ. For the kids, there are glow sticks and wands available to purchase, and for the big kids, there is alcohol to buy provided by the boys at the Men's Club tent!

Tickets will be available to purchase by the 19th October from www.naphillfireworks.co.uk All local pubs and shops will stock tickets where you can buy them for cash only.

Prices:

Early Bird/Paper Tickets – Adults £10, Children (5-15) £5, Under 5's are free.

Please note, online ticket prices will increase 1 week prior to the event - Adults £12 Children (5-15) £6.

On the day tickets - Adults £14, Children (5-15) £7

As always, unfortunately there is NO PARKING at this year's event, however, you can help ease the traffic pressure. Any resident who has extra space for parking is welcome and invited to sell their space for the duration on www.justpark.com or similar. Rent your space for free, earn a little cash and help us take some cars off the road. All information about this can be found at the above website. For any other questions and queries, please contact us via www.naphillfireworks.co.uk.

Just before we light up the village for the biggest event of the year, we'd like to thank our main sponsor Surebuild, local businesses, our volunteers, the RAF, the Gazette Team, The Wheel and The Black Lion. Without your support in this community this historic celebration of rebellion would long be in the archives! We look forward to seeing you all there!

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I've written before about my experience of working as an apprentice draughtsman at the furniture makers Nichols and Janes in High Wycombe. I return to it, (perhaps too often), because it was so new to me and full of characters and odd happenings that still come to mind.

Each morning I would cycle down from Naphill, usually a little late, and hurry, flustered, through the downstairs office saying hello to Mrs Crump, past a smaller office then up the stairs to my drawing table and photographic studio where I could make myself look busy and worth my weekly starting salary of twentyfive shillings. As I made this entry, I would glance into the small office and acknowledge an elderly gentleman in shiny black boots who would say good morning without looking at me. To me he was Mr Boreham the company secretary (whatever that was), obviously significant, but what was most distinctive about him was that he sat on a high stool crouched over a small high desk, scratching away with a pen that he dipped into an inkwell. It seemed so Dickensian. He seldom seemed to speak to others, but he did, however, have one indulgence – he took snuff. I soon found this out because a very brown stained handkerchief would occasionally appear in the men's toilet after he had attempted to wash it. I assumed, rather than dare inflict the job on his wife.

Sometime in the early sixties the local authorities decided that the rundown factory and jumble of old houses at the end of St Mary's Street was on a site better used for a new police station and the overgrown timber yard for a technical college later to become a university. And so, we had to move the factory to Queens Road



opposite The Rye. We started then, to dismantle our offices that had not changed much that century. We all began the dusty job of shifting furniture and sorting their contents to load onto our one pantechnicon.

It was not a pleasant job and often heavy work. I struggled to move some high shelving and as I turned them, I noticed pinned to the end, hidden for years, a faded cigarette card. It was of a footballer and the caption read: Reg Boreham who, with one goal, saved Arsenal from relegation. He had never spoken of it, and I never would have guessed.

Phillip Hussey.



Naphill Village Hall Service of Remembrance 10th November at 2.30pm



The Annual Remembrance Service will be held at the Village Hall, Naphill on Sunday, 10th November at 2.30pm. The Service will be taken by Padre Andi Chapman, the Station Chaplain at RAF High Wycombe.

I hope that this year that there will be a good attendance and you are all invited to come. A reminder to all who attend that there will be a collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal after the service, so please remember to bring along some cash.

Wreaths will be laid at the end of the service on the Remembrance Stone. I should remind all organisations that it is their responsibility to provide their own wreaths.

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Friends of Naphill Common

We're now officially in autumn, and the trees are beginning to show the first signs of turning.

Walks - Our monthly walks – a shorter walk (about an hour) led by Chris Miller at 10:30am on the first Wednesday of each month; and a longer walk (roughly 2 hours) led by Ron Collins at 9:25am on the third Monday – continue to be popular. The long walk on 19th August ended in the annual barbecue at the Camp residence, with catering by David and Nina Downes plus food and drink provided by the participants – a great time was had by all!



Activities - Our guided walk around Little Burnham Meadow and Spinney in Hughenden Valley on July 22nd, with local naturalist and conservationist, John Moorby, was a great success, and a credit to the hard work John and his team of volunteers (on behalf of the Parish Council, who own the land) has put in over many years.

Although our minibeast safari on Naphill Common, led, once again by John Tyler, was successful in locating numerous and fascinating minibeasts, turnout was disappointing with just two families in attendance. I must try to think of better ways of publicising it for future events.



Save the date!

Our AGM will take place in the Village Hall on Friday 24th January at 7:30pm. Guest speakers will be Susie and Andrew Howard of Beachdean Ice Cream (in North Dean), so it should be a fascinating evening.

FoNC Working Parties

If you wish to join in with either of our weekly working parties, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, our web site (where our walking and other activities are also listed) has all the contact details:

http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk/activities.html

Because both working parties are dependent on the weather, it's always best to check with the organisers before setting off: Tuesdays – Peter Davis (HW 569303); Thursdays – Ron Collins (HW 562240).

Chris Miller Chairman





A Letter from Buckinghamshire Councillor David Carroll

Can I firstly thank the residents who give their time supporting our community in so many ways.

The new government have announced sweeping changes to the planning system and a 42% increase in housing numbers for Bucks which could potentially affect our area and the protection of the Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Beauty.

We have always tried to protect our wonderful countryside and this will continue.

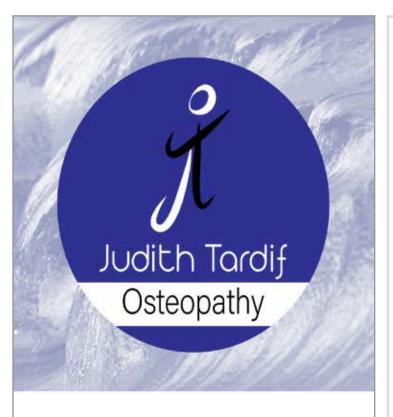
Hopefully the new numbers from the Government can be accommodated on brown field sites in Bucks and safeguard our environment for future generations.

Over several months I directed Bucks Council officers to have discussions with the National Trust at Hughenden Manor about resurfacing the road. I'm delighted to report this is now happening. I do realise that the Park is very important to our community.

As always can I thank residents for contacting me highlighting issues in our area and giving me much needed support over many years.

Regards

David.



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Naphill and Walter's Ash Broadband Relief as Villages Connected

Broadband relief for more than 2,200 rural residents and business owners in Naphill, Walter's Ash and Lacey Green is on the horizon with engineers set to complete work to extend a full fibre connection to the three communities by the end of next month (October).

Work to connect the villages began in September 2022 when engineers from telecoms company Gigaclear began extending its network from Great Missenden using fibre optic cables. Since then, they have been going street-to-street either digging new trenches or using existing infrastructure such as poles and ducting in order to reach each property.

The majority of homes and businesses are expected to have access by November.

Senior Project Manager Oli Ward said Gigaclear is working hard to ensure rural, often hard-to-reach communities such as Naphill and Walter's Ash can access the same fast and reliable full fibre broadband enjoyed by larger urban areas.

Hesaid: "As well as extending our network along Main Road and New Road, we've provided a service to the neighbouring communities of Speen, Walter's Ash and Loosley Row. Taking our full fibre to communities that might otherwise only have access to slow and outdated part-fibre broadband fundamentally changes them for the better because it creates choice for the people in those communities about how they work and how they live their lives."

To find out if you are able to access Gigaclear's full fibre broadband, scan here.





Editorial Comment: *Great News! After all the digging ,FIBRE BROADBAND has finally reached Naphill & Walter's Ash!! Welcome Gigaclear!*

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Naphill & Waler's Ash Brownies

In the absence of a new leader to run the Naphill Brownie pack, Naphill Brownies are now running alongside Walters Ash Brownies on a Tuesday evening. I am truly grateful to the leader-in-charge of Walters Ash Brownies for offering this solution.

Since most of the girls attend the local schools, they know each other already, so the transition has gone very smoothly. However there are now over 30 girls attending, with more waiting to join, it is an exciting prospect!

The Brownies will continue to get involved in village events such as the Jumble sale, Remembrance and the village fete, as well as combining all the leaders' best ideas for creating a really interesting and fun programme

If you think your daughter may be interested in brownies, may I suggest you register as soon as possible, even if your daughter is not yet 7. We do now have a waiting list.

To register interest, please visit: https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/

There is no fee to register and no obligation to join when a place becomes available.

Ruth Daly







Not from the Vicarage - Words of blessing

We are very used to saying 'Bless you' when someone sneezes. There are a number of reasons why we may do this. Ancient beliefs indicate people thought that when you sneezed, your spirit left your body momentarily, so saying "bless you" could bring you back to life and keep evil spirits from entering. However, during the bubonic plague, Pope Gregory I suggested saying "God bless you" after a sneeze to protect the person from death. Some cultures also believed that spirits could be ejected or evil spirits transmitted during a sneeze, so saying "bless you" helped ward off such exchanges. All very interesting given what we now know about droplet transmission of diseases (aka evil spirits) and the Government's 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' campaigns.

The words automatically trip off the tongue when we hear or see someone sneeze, but what about other times we may say 'bless you'? I was recently ambling along enjoying the sun on my back and lost in thought as I walked to the supermarket. Suddenly my reverie was broken by the sound of a large crash. I looked up and a man had just emerged from the local corner shop carrying a bag filled with cans and bottles of beer.....only the bag wasn't filled anymore! The dodgy 'reusable' paper carrier bag from the shop had completely given way, spilling the contents all over the pavement. By some minor miracle, none of the bottles had smashed or cans burst. Eager to be helpful, I immediately went over and offered him one of the far more

robust bags I had for my supermarket shop. Profuse thanks and the words 'bless you' were uttered over and over again by the man and we went our separate ways.

God has funny ways of drawing your attention to things. At the supermarket self-checkout, a flustered woman turned to me and asked if I could help her weigh her bananas. She'd pressed the help button and no one had come to her aid. I was happy to assist and showed her how to search for, select and weigh the bananas. Profuse thanks and the words 'bless you' were uttered over and over again by the woman and we went our separate ways.

These two little events really made an impact on me. I walked home feeling elated. Two complete strangers had repaid my acts of kindness towards them by calling down God's blessing on me. 'Thank you' would have been enough, but instead, in uttering those two words almost without thinking, these people had asked God to bless me. It really made me think about the words I use, how I use them and the impact those words may have on whoever hears them.

In St Paul's letter to the Romans, he urges us to 'bless and do not curse', even when people are not very nice to us. This is a big ask, but just imagine the effect asking God's blessing could have on us and all those we meet.

Bless you all

Rev Jenny Ellis



Naphill Tennis Club

On Thursday 29th August, the Tennis Club celebrated the 'switch on' of its first-ever court lighting. All members were invited to witness the event and to raise a glass to the success of the Club's new venture. Much discussion and careful research had gone into the project but, once planning was approved, it was all go! The Club now has low-level LED lights which minimise light pollution so should not annoy our neighbours.

Now matches can be completed in a good light and those in work or full-time education will be able to play tennis in the evenings throughout the year. This is a great facility for the local community to enjoy so do come and join us. The Club offers beginner/improver courses and rusty racquet sessions to those returning to tennis or interested in trying a new sport. Come and join us!

For further information on Naphill Tennis Club, please visit our website: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/NaphillLTC or email naphilltennismembership@gmail.com.

Jenny Tench



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Our first meeting in September was on Monday 9th when the director of the Amersham Museum, Bryony Hudson, gave us a most interesting talk entitled 'In sickness and health . She knew her subject well and her illustrated talk was very well delivered, retaining our undivided attention. She began with photographs of the charming garden behind the museum which contains plants such as arnica for bruises, apothecary's rose for treating coughs and cold, evening primrose and sneezewort. The names of plants with 'wort' at the end indicates they have medicinal uses. The garden is attractive and informative, being well labelled.

A number of buildings in Amersham have a history of treating patients. In 1622, Gore Hill House was an isolation Hospital for plague victims. In 1617 a

workhouse was opened, administered by the Poor Law Commission from 1832.

In 1924 St. Mary's was an infirmary. With the coming of the railways in 1892, doctors were able to live in Amersham and travel to London to work, keeping their families safe in the clean air of Amersham. Haddon's Pharmacy dates from this time.

Shardeloes was a maternity hospital, and GE Healthcare was established in 2004 in Chalfont St. Giles.

Amersham Hospital has grown from these small beginnings to the large general hospital it is today.

The Museum has displays of the people and places involved in sickness and in health; well worth a visit. It looks small but has a wealth of information inside...

Our next meeting is on October 14th when Jo Laurie will lead a session entitled 'Air Miss'?! 2pm as usual.

Peggy Ewart

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Wycombe Photographic Society

October / November are a good months to look for and photograph fungi. We are very lucky to have Naphill Common on our doorstep where over 390 different species have been found including a few rare species. Get down low to photograph them. Use any camera or phone. Go on give it a go.

Wycombe Photographic Society meets in the large hall at Hughenden Valley Village Hall, on the first 4 Wednesday of each month at 8pm. We have a new programme for the 2024/2025.

2nd Oct Your Photographic Projects for the Year

9th Oct Talk by Steve Harman1

12th & 13th Oct Our Autumn Exhibition in the Small Hall - everyone welcome

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- Back to basics before you start socialising your older dog, make sure they are able to walk nicely on the lead, have good recall and consistently follow basic commands such as sit, down and wait.
- In older dogs, sight and hearing can deteriorate, making them more nervous and possibly, reactive to situations. Joints also start to get stiff making them feel more vulnerable in certain situations that they were previously settled in.
- If your dog has become nervous or stressed when out walking, take them out for a short walk with another calm dog and find a quiet and safe area to let them play off lead to gain confidence.
- Whatever training or socialisation you are embarking on with your pooch, time and positive reinforcement is key. At times, a short training session may replace a walk, as mental enrichment is equally as beneficial as physical exercise and can increase the bond between you and your dog.

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Wonderful! Exquisite! Delicious! Roget's Thesaurus has many words for it and I particularly liked "fit for the gods". Yes, it is the wonderful taste of real tomatoes in summer after a winter and spring of shop-bought water-bags. There is simply nothing like that superb taste of the very first of your own tomatoes. One can look forward to real tomatoes during summer and autumn, then back to water-bags again in winter and spring.

And what gives your own tomatoes that excruciatingly wonderful taste? It is not freshness as many believe. It is what the tomatoes contain, which should be the 19 vital trace elements (zinc, sodium, calcium, sulphate, boron, selenium, chloride, fluoride, copper, molybdenum, cobalt, manganese, iron, nickel, iodine, bromine, vanadium, aluminium and magnesium). I offer the following as proof. I used to be in the habit of going on holiday with tomatoes from the greenhouse, red ones, less-ripe orange ones, yellow ones, green ones and dark-green ones. They all matured to red ones, some taking five weeks. Yet that sublime taste was still there, proving that it was not freshness which gave them their superb taste. So, if you want to experience the taste of real tomatoes grow your own!

Which leads me to one of my pet hates – hydroponics. It has become more and more common to have our food grown in polytunnels or monster greenhouses with artificial light, heating and young plants with their roots in enriched water. But I fear that there will be few of the 19 vital trace elements in that water. There will be plenty of the usual nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, but I am convinced that it is the 19 vital trace elements which give food its real taste. You can enrich your soil by importing farmyard manure every year. I did this and, on average, increased the 19 vital trace elements by an average of 157% and my soil was within the DEFRA guidelines. Because

farmland has become deficient in the 19 vital trace elements our food, be it vegetables, fruit or meat, will be deficient in those trace elements. So, grow your own to ensure that at least part of your diet will contain those vital trace elements – and your food will taste better.

What has this year been like for growing crops? Well, I have had a very difficult year. It seemed to rain nearly every day from mid-September to mid-July. But the worst aspect seemed to be the almost continuous cloud cover which deprived crops of essential sunshine. In consequence my climbing French beans and dwarf French beans were very slow to develop and so were other crops. I had a crop of strawberries as usual in mid-May (but they were small) and, hey presto! another crop in August and they were much bigger in size. That was quite unprecedented and a symptom of a year when the climate seemed to have changed significantly.

Good gardening!

Míke Mason







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On the Farm

In mid-July we were not over impressed with the weather. The rain had got the grass going again after a couple of dry weeks but the unseasonably cool weather was not what the doctor ordered. The maize loves sunny warm weather it is not impressed with the cold mornings. I know how it feels, having to dress as though it is November in July! The maize was planted late but most of it has reached the unscientific target of 'knee high by the 4th July' so hopefully will push on to be a normal crop, apart from one crop which has badly eaten by slugs despite being protected by slug pellets. The wheat is still quite green. There are many diseases wheat can be affected by, in the grain filling stage we are trying to protect the main leaves from fungus as these contribute to a significant part of the yield of the grain by being able to photosynthesise efficiently.

The end of July and beginning of August has brought in generally warm and dry weather and by mid-August the maize is now six foot high, many acres of hay have been made, winter barley has been cut and we are well into the wheat harvest. Our new grain barn has been finished, see the photo of the first load of wheat being tipped. The cows have been milking well and enjoying grazing throughout the summer. (See photo).

The dairy herd is coming up for a busy period with towards 200 cows expected to calve in July - October. (see picture of Daisy, our only red cow, and her calf called Piglet.) This obviously gives us a large workload looking after the young calves. This time last year we were shut down with TB and so couldn't sell the beef cross calves to other farmers to rear. This year we were cleared in March and so can currently sell them unrestricted, being told by Defra to do a 6 month test again in September. However with one email this may all change! Defra has decided to do a Radial test as someone within 3km radius of us

has had a TB failure. We are expecting a letter to tell us when they wish us to do it, this is leading to anxious letter opening every 3 days when the postman actually comes. These letters are posted first class, I wonder if they would deliver it at all 2nd class!

I have been asked how technology is being used to change and develop farming. Over the next few articles I will write about different aspects of this at Stocken Farm. One piece of equipment that we have recently installed in a passageway that the milking cows walk through daily after milking, Is called Herdvision.

Herdvision captures moving 3D images using a small camera based above the cows. These images are coupled to cloud computing to identify problems a cow has before a trained stock person would have, making early intervention treatment more likely to be successful. The cows mobility is recorded on a daily basis, when the system detects the cow is moving differently it sends an alert so we can pick its hoof up and look for a problem which for an example could be a flint stuck in its sole, obviously the sooner its removed the better. The system also monitors the cows body condition. Our nutritionist is able to look at this information to see if their body condition is suitable for its stage of lactation and therefore being fed the correct ration.

Technology is not cheap to buy and often there is monthly subscriptions to pay as well, making investing a difficult decision. The aim is to improve our cows welfare and to assist our stockman, time will tell if we have made a good investment!.

Richard West

Stocken Farm







From the Vicarage

By the time you read these words, a group from St Michael & All Angels Church will have returned from a weekend away at High Leigh Conference Centre, in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire. (pictured above)

The theme of our teaching this year is "Being an outward looking Church", and we will have been stimulated by two Saturday morning teaching sessions by Chris Bull, formerly Vicar of Flackwell Heath, and now Associate Archdeacon in Oxford Diocese.

I have always found time away together with other Christians to be a real blessing – whether it be to attend a retreat, a conference, or other activity. There is something about a shared experience in a restful location that I have always found a special time for forging friendships, as well as being able to meet with God in many different ways.

For some, the highlight of our weekend might have been an autumnal walk in the grounds, the great food and fellowship, the variety of different fun games which Frank Hawkins, our Churchwarden has planned to draw us closer together... For others peace and refreshment might be found in the silence, the sung worship, the teaching, the prayer or the sense of warmth and friendship from spending time together aside from our usual daily lives.

There are some who will have attended, who have been to many previous weekends, and we have some first timers as well, which is especially encouraging. These same principles of finding fulfilment and meaning in the company of others can apply across all forms of social interests, whether your passion is gardening, walking, the environment, charity fundraising or hang gliding.

Amongst the many lessons we learned as a society during lockdown was how much we need each other. We are truly blessed with a wide variety of societies and clubs within our local community which cater for a multitude of interests.

If you have a passion for something, but cannot find a local club, why not start one up yourself? Passion and enthusiasm can be contagious, whether it is sharing our faith, bird watching or caring for God's creation.

Rev Keith Johnson

Mothers' Union News

The speaker at our meeting this month was William Reid. His speciality is the history of High Wycombe and he gave us a very informative and interesting account of the history of just 3 roads in the town which form a triangle. They were Crendon St, Easton St and Abbey Way. This is to be Francis Dove St after the founder of Wycombe Abbey School. His period spanned the early 14th century up to the present day in an area starting at the railway station and ending at Wycombe Abbey school.

The historical figures involved and the fortunes of the various commercial enterprises that rose and fell in that period was extremely interesting especially to those of us who did not grow up in the town. There were royal visits by Queen Victoria, George VI and our late Queen. The history of what is now Wycombe Abbey School produced some surprises. Did you know that there is an enormous bunker buried very deep beneath the grounds of the school? It was used by the US during WW2 to plan the day-time bombing raids. The ancient remains of a monastery and hospice are the oldest buildings in the town along Abbey Way but are sadly in need of restoration.

Ann Gee

Summer News from Saint Michael's and All Angels

September is often the time for change after the summer. Back to work, back to or moving school, college or university, sorting out the garden and so on.

Many churches celebrate a 'back to church Sunday' on the first weekend. At St Michael's we created 'Ice Cream Sunday', (pun intended) which luckily this year had appropriate weather for consuming cold treats in the Churchyard, whilst catching up with friends. The service was led by the younger members of the congregation, with readings and puppet performances to inform our worship.



On the second Sunday of September the services were followed by a barbecue in the Mothers' Union garden to herald the start of the new school year and send our young folk back to school with all our good wishes. All ages from 1-80 years came to join the send-off and to enjoy the usual range of BBQ food (including veggie options). Gazebos had been set up in the garden to

protect everyone from the expected rain, but in fact they were needed to shelter from the sun. (The rain came later, but the torrents that engulfed nearby villages and caused flooding in Princes Risborough, seemed to spare Hughenden and Naphill).

The Church has been busy over the summer as a very popular venue for weddings, including that of Megan, the daughter of our own associate minister Helen, who performed the marriage ceremony herself: a very special occasion.

Tiny Tots restarted: how the children have grown over the summer! We were able to say a final farewell to some of our school starters who popped in before they began the new stage in their education.

Friendship mornings continue under the leadership, of Helen, after the retirement of long-serving Penny.

The next September event will have taken place before you read this: the Parish weekend away. Many of the congregation will be spending a weekend at High Leigh House in Hertfordshire, a Christian study and conference centre, to listen to thought provoking talks, and share fellowship and worship as well as entertainment and good walks.

Jane Tyrer



Recently there has been a surfeit of posters appearing in and around our villages. A reminder from Neighbourhood Watch regarding this unsightly practice!

The issue of fly-posting has become a significant concern for local authorities and communities alike. These activities not only deface public spaces but also pose environmental and safety hazards.

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We have enjoyed a very busy summer, welcoming new and regular customers. The weather has mainly been kind so lots of cold drinks and ice creams were the order of the day. Now that autumn is fast approaching we will be reintroducing soup as our special.

At the time of writing, our flowering baskets, planted and tended by Sue and Richard Smith over the summer, are still looking glorious! Many thanks to them again for their kindness in making our terrace look so colourful this summer.

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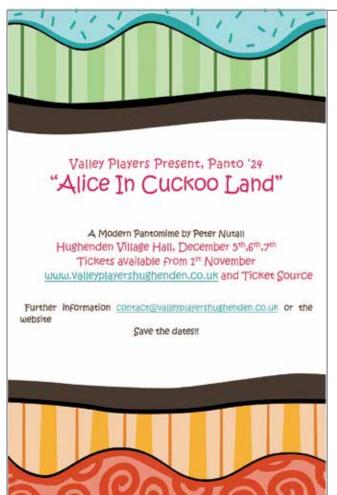
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That was the first half!

Has it ever crossed your mind that you really fancy having a go at been in Pantomime or indeed strutting your stuff in a murder mystery, a bit of Shakespeare. Or making the audience fall about laughing in a comedy? You could also be backstage making this all happen.

If you do, no experience is required just enthusiasm. Come to a rehearsal on a Monday at Hughenden Village Hall or send a message on our email. We would be pleased to hear from you.

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Learning through association can be a happy experience but it can also be an unpleasant one. Out dated training methods using aversive techniques such as smacking a dog when they do the wrong thing, shock collars, prong collars etc. This still has the same 'association and consequence' outcome. However, when the consequence is an unpleasant experience the dog is more likely to react from a state of fear. It makes them feel unsafe, takes away the dogs agency and their ability to make their own, good decision. Think about it, if I put an uncomfortable amount of pressure on your shoulders and only stopped when you sat down, you would learn to sit, but would be you be feeling happy and relaxed as a result? How would you feel about me? Chances are you wouldn't be particularly keen on me. It would also be unnecessary, unethical and most importantly unkind.

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We are very proud that Rosie and Kieren got the GCSE results that they needed and both Michael (The Scienceman) and Tom (The Zooist) got great results in their A levels and are now off to Southampton and Manchester universities. We wish them luck and I'm sure they'll be back at Christmas.

Talking of Christmas it is now that time when people are planning their parties and celebrations. We have got our menu all done and we are running it like we did last year. The traditional Turkey Roast will only be available on

Sundays, and we have six Christmassy specials that will run throughout December. As always, we do advise you to book your table so as not to be disappointed, especially as the days and nights turn colder and we can only seat so many indoors.

During September we took part in the National Cask Ale week and it was great to be able to champion some new breweries and give the locals something different to try.

Here are some dates for your diaries.

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By the time you read this it will only be a few days before our popular annual quiz night. If you haven't already got a ticket please contact Susan Bickerstaffe smbickerstaffe54@ gmail.com or 01494 565161. See you there!



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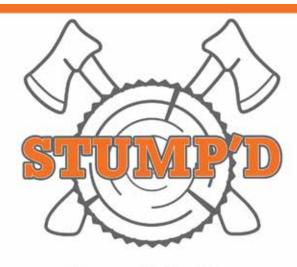
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We can only facilitate this aim with our team of volunteers. This team includes our Trustees who deal with the running of the group, our Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary, along with the uniformed leaders who set up the meetings and activities, (full training is given and expense are covered) and our assistant volunteers help with running the sessions. Everybody working with our

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princesrisboroughbowlsclub.co.uk

On the social side, the Club will be open on Tuesday afternoons and Friday evenings throughout October until March. Why not come along and introduce yourself? There will be Bingo sessions on the first Saturday of each month, 7.30 start, commencing on October 5th. All are welcome. Again, more

details can be found on our website. We are always keen to recruit new members to play this most sociable of sports. We succeeded in gaining 31 new members in 2024, both playing and social. If you would like to make new friends and gain valuable exercise and wellbeing, please give Lawn Bowls a try in 2025. No previous experience is required and free coaching will be provided. Mark your calendar now to contact me in March, 2025. I will then be able to arrange a "taster" session as soon as our green reopens in April.

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Our News

September marks the start of the u3a's 'New Year'. We've lots of exciting things happening in the year ahead. We already have many visits planned, a full programme of guest speakers for our monthly General Meetings.

Appropriately, in September, we launched a new Hand Bells Group. Our photograph shows members already rehearsing with Andrew, our Convenor, for their contribution to our Christmas event, to be held as usual, in Naphill Village Hall. We are also expecting our Ukelele Group to make their usual appearance although we do not expect both Groups to be playing at the same time!

In September a visit took place to the RAF Cosford Museum, bringing back memories to many of our members who had served in the RAF. Appropriately on October 23rd our Guest Speaker is talking about High Wycombe's contribution to Aviation.

Other regular Groups at Naphill Village Hall include Rummikub, Quiz, Computer and Discovering Art with many others in local Halls. Following on from the successful visit to the Penguin Collection - reported in the last edition of the Gazette - we have been able to arrange a second visit in November to other special collections held at Oxford Brookes University. This time we will be majoring on their Cookery Book Collections including the work of the distinguished cookery writer Jane Grigson (1928 -1990).

Our members cannot also believe how fortunate we are to have brilliantly researched talks on the stages in the Earth's development, put together by our professional convenors and guest speakers including Jill Eyres, Buckinghamshire's own Geologist and Archaeologist.

Finally, in the last edition of the Gazette, we featured our 5-day holiday to Devon. Our holiday in June 2025 virtually sold out the week it was launched.

If you have an expertise or interest in a particular subject you would like to share with us, or would like more details of our visits, monthly Guest Speakers and monthly Groups, please email gilliamph@aol.com

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Time for a new start? Helping people deal with change.

Aligon Scott

Do you know a young person starting a new school or university? Or maybe you're about to change jobs or move home?

Change can feel so daunting. New environments and rising to new challenges do not come easily to most people - however exciting that change might be in the long run. Change as an inevitable part of life and we can learn to embrace it - not avoid it.

What can help?

- Being mindful encourages us to not look too far into the future and enjoy the moment.
- Breathing techniques calm the nervous system and alleviate physical symptoms, such as a racing heart or stomach aches.
- · Positive mental messages help us through being aware of how we talk to ourselves. We need more compassion for ourselves in times of challenge.
- · Sharing fears with a therapist or trusted friend will ensure that negative thoughts are balanced by a new perspective. Journaling also helps us to process fears.
- Embracing change is an essential life skill. We can learn to be flexible and enjoy the new skills that change brings. Facing our fears is a necessary part of life and often brings growth, renewed confidence and excitement!

How can hypnotherapy help?

I have helped many people through significant transitions. Hypnotherapy can reframe past issues and fears and help clients build on all their natural skills and talents.

I use visualisation techniques, breathwork, NLP and CBT techniques as well as teaching clients how to relax mind and body. They become more aware of what they want from life and better able to understand their values and talents so that change becomes more exciting.

I also record bespoke 'word weaves' – recordings that speak to the subconscious mind, reminding it of what it most needs to hear. Some people end up listening to them for years afterwards.

Special Student Packages

I am offering hypnotherapy packages for students who need additional support going to university, college or leaving home. I can work remotely so there is always some-one to reach out to. Young people away from home for the first time can feel very vulnerable, often facing issues with alcohol, drugs, relationships, loneliness and all the challenges of being away from the security of home.

Testimonial

"Working with Ali has completely changed the way I think about myself, hopefully forever. Hypnotherapy has left a lasting feeling that we all have the ability to change for the better. I really can't thank Ali enough for opening up my mind to new possibilities. She has both challenged and supported me, whilst maintaining an incredibly caring and safe space, which is no easy feat when doing this work remotely." Anon 2024

COGNITIVE HYPNOTHERAPY



Do you feel that you are not living your best life, no matter how hard you try? I practice hypnotherapy, reiki, and therapeutic coaching in Naphill as well as online.

Hypnotherapy can help with such a wide range of issues. Our unconscious mind is often in charge of how we think. We don't know why we repeat the same negative patterns. Making the unconscious conscious can bring about powerful changes in the way we perceive ourselves and others.

"LIFE-CHANGING!"

What does hypnotherapy help with?

Most clients come to me for help with the following:

- Stress and anxiety
- Low mood
- Lack of confidence
- Big life changes (pregnancy, relationship breakdown and grief)
- Young people struggling with exams, school or relationships
- OCD and neuro-diversity
- Health and pain issues

When changes take place at this deeper level, the challenges of daily life can be alleviated, leading to a healthier outlook, positive habits, and



About me: I have a Diploma and Master Practitioner qualification in QCH Therapy combining CBT, Gestalt Therapy, Positive Psychology, Evolutionary Psychology, Parts Therapy, NLP and EFT. I gained my Master Reiki aualification Second Dearee in 2018.

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Our News

Our Club was formed in 1981 and currently has 59 members, male and female, ranging from 40 to 80 years old. Of these, 7 have joined in the past year. It is a vibrant organization which meets on Mondays at the Whiteleaf Golf Club for enjoyable and lighthearted evenings, which include a meal and entertainment in a friendly and fun atmosphere which helps build strong relationships - a crucial part of our club's identity. For example we have been twinned with a club in the beautiful town of Wasserburg, Bavaria, for over 40 years and we meet every 18 months alternately here and in Germany. It was our turn to host in September, and we had a great weekend together with 15 German guests. The visit included a guided tour of Oxford and an outstanding dinner for 55.

An important objective of Rotary is to support local, national and international organisations. To this end we run various events to raise money. Over the past few years we have raised over £30,000 annually, the majority of which is donated to local charities and organisations. To raise such amounts requires considerable effort and we try to be both creative and engaging in all we do. During September we supported the Town's Farmers' Market – publicizing a "Hearing Information Day" which was aimed at helping families struggling with the challenges of hearing loss (this included one of us dressed as a large "Hearing Dog"). Many of us were also heavily involved in supporting the Kop Hill Climb, which over the past 12 years has raised over £1,000,000 for charity.

If you would like to be part of this and might consider joining us, visit our website and perhaps come to one of our meetings to see if it might interest you. Also, if you know of causes that would benefit from our support, or you would like to donate to our Charity Account, please use the contact details below.

You can contact us at: rcpr.org.uk or call David White on 07787 750889, or email: david@dhwhite.plus.com

Shear Madness



I'm writing this to you from a very eventful holiday! Before we even landed in Croatia I took a tumble and managed to give myself a black eye, since then my husband has been getting very strange looks from people. Funny old weather one day it's hot and the next it's torrential rain and huge thunderstorms but it's still a well earned break away.

Well I must say "welcome back Julian" our much loved postie, as many of you know he's been struggling in recent months and as a good friend of his I have been checking up on him as well as passing on all of your lovely messages so thank you all it's really helped him through tough days and I'm happy to say he's back pestering me to go to the gym.

Clock changes, Halloween and half term so it's a busy month but have fun and stay safe, remember the Halloween code.

So that's me signing off to finish my pina colada.

Love as always

Mandy xx



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