

Infant Welfare - Wednesdays 5th and 19th August.
 Library - Fridays 14th and 28th August.
 Youth Club - Tuesdays only for Summer months.
 Mens Club - Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
 British Legion Social Club - Mon., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for August:-

2nd. Aug.	11.a.m.	D.S. Howard.	6.15.p.m.	E. Pullan.
9th "	11.a.m.	F. Howard.	6.15.p.m.	Rev.G.B.Middleton.
16th "	11.a.m.	A. Hawkins.	6.15.p.m.	Mrs.Greenstreet.
23rd. "	11.a.m.	Rev.A.G.Burnham.	6.15p.m.	A. Goodearl
30th "	11.a.m.	H.Saint.	6.15.p.m.	Miss R. Clarke.

There will be a Bazaar in the Methodist Schoolroom on Saturday 19th September. To be opened by Mrs. Ernest Smith of Walters Ash. Details in next issue of Gazette.

HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH.

During the Vicar's absence, the Services will be taken Sunday by Sunday. The clergyman taking the services are the Rev.F.Cocks, Assistant Chaplain in Chief of the R.A.F. and the Rev. Mr. Woodward, of Marlow. The Services are at the usual times. The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on the last Sunday in September.

Old Tyme Dancing will be held every Wednesday throughout the Winter, commencing September 9th, from 8.p.m. to 10.p.m. Instructor, Mr. Free. All are welcome, you can be sure of a pleasant evening.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There will be no W.I. Meeting in August - the September meeting will be MEMBERS' DAY and our HARVEST FESTIVAL so please bring along anything you can spare for this. Mrs. McCue has a Brown Umbrella, left in the Hall on Tues. 14th July.

BUCKS FUND FOR THE BLIND - Collection realised £7:18:1 and Mrs. McCue wishes to thank those who helped her with this collection and all who contributed.

INNOCENTS ABROAD

I had thought to leave Elizabeth mounting the Alpine crests and vanishing into glory, but I am asked once more to find a situation to describe. I should like to say a few words this month about the Black Market as we found it on our French trip.

We bought several hundred duty-free cigarettes on the car-ferry, and we were issued on landing, with petrol coupons, far too many for an Austin 7. It was like carrying juicy bones amongst starving dogs. English cigarettes were highly prized, the Black Market value of each coupon could be as much as 10/- We didn't know this. At first we were extremely generous. The driver would disappear into a shop, talk loudly and inaccurately for an hour, then dash out to the car, grab 10 cigarettes and rush back, "She's got a sister in Bromley"

Petrol coupons too, we parted with freely. Many went in the search for Primus fuel. Nobody had ever seen a primus in France, nor understood what we wanted when we ran out of paraffin. Our French failed. A jet was described as "a little bit of nothing surrounded by metal" Something called "petrole" was offered us, but we refused it, demanding "paraffin", pronounced in the French way. It didn't exist, so we tried "alcohol to burn" paying liberally in coupons. This turned out to be meth. Various other bottles were sold to us, and smelly and useless, accompanied us on our travels. They cost us, we discovered later, about £5. worth of petrol coupons. Finally, after the countryside had been lit up many nights by various coloured flames, and we had gone supperless to our tent, we found that the French for Paraffin was "petrole". This somehow reconciled us for giving up our coupons for it!

All this is leading up to an incident which occurred at the time when our generosity was gone. We had just circled a market place looking for the way to Arras when Elizabeth stopped and lurched forward. A front wheel had fallen off! A crowd soon collected. By signs and gestures an understanding was reached and tools were produced. Feeling embarrassment about rewards, I moved away. The wheel was soon on again.

A shout recalled me, "What shall I give them? I faced up to it. "20 to the man with the tools, 10 each to the two assistants, apologise for having no more" Hundreds of eyes seemed to be on the cigarettes. To escape them I turned to the woman beside me, She smiled greasily. "You have much petrol," she said. "Not so much as we had," I said. "Please tell me the way to Arras," changing the subject, quickly. "Arras," she said, "Ah, we were going to Arras in our car, but we have no petrol and cannot go. If we were to be given petrol we could go with you and show you the way". "Ah" I said, racking my brain for a way out of that one. "I now remember that we wish to go to Lille" I smiled at her. She pouted. We drove off. There was a cheer. I forced the reluctant driver to take the Lille road, and we joined the Arras road many miles further on. I felt a bit guilty about the poor women who couldn't go to Arras. There, just outside Arras, we were passed by an enormous car. Leaning out, shouting and waving, was the poor women and half the market place crowd... "So she's managed to get to Arras without petrol," I thought. "And here they are at Arras after all", no doubt she thought, "No such innocents after all." Vive la France.

TENNIS CLUB

The Singles Tournamants were won by Mr. S. Monks and Mrs. Kelway. The match with Turners on Sat. 18th. July was lost, result - Turners 6, Naphill 2. 1 draw. The match with Rio on Sat. 19th, was won, result: Naphill 6 Rio 3. Two mixed matches have been arranged for August 8th, away - Rio. 15th. home - Broomwade.

GARDENING NOTES

August always seems to be the month when one is occupied either with catching up with jobs that have got out of hand during our absence on holidays or getting everything nice and tidy before going away. These include staking and tying, lawn mowing and weeding. If you want Hyacinths in bloom for Xmas, pot up the bulbs this month. Before earthing up celery, cut off any small side shoots coming from the base of the plant. Give runner beans all the water you can spare and cut out all old fruiting wood from black currants and raspberries as soon as the fruit is gathered.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thank you everybody for the nice things you said about our Show on the 4th July. We were pleased with the increased support from our own Naphill people both as exhibitors and visitors. Entries were the highest for several years, keep it up. Congratulations and thanks to Mr. Reid, for the excellent display of Naphill grown and processed tobacco, we welcome such exhibits and hope that others will come along at future Shows. Congratulations also to Mrs. Bayley on winning the Naphill Cup with which of course we couple the name of Mr. A. Sexton.

CRICKET

The month of July started badly with a home defeat by Prestwood, 158-91, but two good victories over Lacey Green & Booker, put the team back in the picture again, and then came the visit to Hampden, and who will forget that thrilling match in a hurry! Naphill all out for 59 and it looked hopeless, when Hampden are 34 for 2, and it is raining . . . but not for long - their wickets began to fall - Hampden 35 for 3, 35 for 9 . . . the almost impossible happens again, and instead of victory, the last Hampden pair put on 44, and that vision of a Championship Dinner had faded. Sunday matches have been spoilt by rain while the Reserves have won only one game.

Aug. 1st	Typers Green - home	Tylers Green - away
8th.	Desborough Sports - away.	- - -
15th.	Bledlow Ridge - home.	Holmer Green - away
22nd.	Great Kingshill - away	Oakridge Rd. - home.
29th.	- - -	Lacey Green - home.
Sunday Aug. 23rd.	Inkpen - away.	

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SYRETT'S the Local Butcher, can now offer you off Ration Meat and Bacon. Cooked Meat and Sausages, always in stock Anyone served!

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New Seasons Birds Eye Fresh Frozen Peas have just arrived. We also have Fresh Frozen Kippers, Haddock, Plaice, and Codling, Take & Lyles Golden Syrup, Dried Fruit, Nestles Tinned Cream, on sale at G. WALLACE & SON, POST OFFICE STORES, NAPHILL.

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Our aim - your satisfaction, at the little shop with the large stock.

M. E. WHITE, GENERAL STORES, NAPHILL.

AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Thur. Dec. 3rd. Women's Institute Monthly Meeting.
 Sat. " 5th. Christmas Bazaar.
 Fri. " 11th. Childrens Dancing Special Night 5.30-8.30 pm
 Sat. " 12th. School Concert.
 Fri. " 18th. Christmas Whist Drive at 7.30 pm.
 Wed. " 30th. Old Time Dance 8-11.30 pm.
 Fri. Jan. 1st. Whist Drive at 7.30 p.m.
 Wednesdays 2nd & 16th Dec. - Infant Welfare.
 Fridays 4 & 18th Dec. - Library 6.30-8 pm.
 Youth Club - Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 Men's Club - Tuesdays & Solo Whist Drives - Wednesdays.
 British Legion Social club - Mon., Thur., Fri. & Sat.
 Old Time Dancing every Wednesday 8-10.30 pm. and Children's
 Dancing Lessons on Fridays 5.30-6.45 pm. with Mr. Free in-
 structing.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Preachers for December:-

6th 11 am.	Mr. F. Collins	6.15 pm.	Rev. G. B. Middleton.
13th 11 am.	Miss R. Clarke.	6.15 pm.	Mrs. Greenstreet.
20th 11 am.	Mr. W. Smith	6.15 pm.	Carol Service.
27th 11 am.	Mr. E. Pullen.	6.15 pm.	Mr. H. Turnbull.

Why not come along & join us in our services. Note our
Carol Service on the 20th - come & sing all your favourites
 with us.

HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH.

The Services on the 4 Sundays of Advent will, as usual, draw
 the attention of worshippers to Our Lords' Second Coming with
 power and as the Judge of the living and dead. Christmas
 Services - Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm. on Christmas Eve. Holy
 Communion on Christmas Day at 8 am. and 12 noon (if enough
 Communicants ask the Vicar before 19th Dec. and an extra
 communion service at 7 am. can be arranged). Mattins & Sermon
 with Carols at 11 am. Evening Prayer (said) at 4 pm. On the
 Sunday after Christmas the service of The Nine Lessons with
 Carols will be held at 6.30 pm. Other Services for Sunday as
 usual.

THE EARL HAIG APPEAL COMMITTEE wish to thank everybody
 for their generosity to the Poppy Day Fund, enabling us to
 forward nearly £104 to the above.

BRITISH LEGION. Will British Legion Members please note
 that the Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday next, 3rd
 Dec. at 8.15 pm. in the Social Club. Your presence is requested.

OUR CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE.

In the absence of Major Oakeshott, may I, as the Acting Chairman of the Village Hall Council, crave a little space in your Gazette, Mr. Editor, to send Christmas greetings and best wishes to all your readers and to all the dwellers in Naphill, old and young. Many events in recent months have increased the pride of Naphillians in their little village, notably the Coronation Fete, the Flower Shows, the Arts & Crafts Exhibition, the productions of the Naphill Players, the Old Time Dances, the Dinner to the Elderly Folk and a list of Social Services too numerous to mention. Encouraged by the Past, we are making plans for the Future and there are many schemes afoot which will engage but not, I trust, exhaust the energies of the Naphill population. Chief interest centres round the Village Hall and it is with some concern that we note a steady expansion of the activities in the Village while the Hall, alas, remains of the same size and it is a problem to find accommodation to squeeze in Babies, Infants, Footballers, Actors, Dancers young and old, and Card-players with all their Shows, Fetes, Bazaars and Committee meetings. The Hall has now reached the respectable age of 25 years and it is proposed to celebrate the Silver Jubilee by laying down a Dancing Floor; this improvement is sorely needed and we must prepare ourselves to raise the money somehow, while living in hopes that the next person to win a Football Pool will provide Naphill with a stately Annex to house all the various activities of our lively and energetic people. Naphill is not without its civic pride and we like to think that our Village compares favourably with any other similar community in Bucks. But there is still much to be done and we feel confident that any schemes devised with the praiseworthy object of increasing the amenities of the Villagers will meet with their wide-spread and vigorous support. We face the future with high hopes and with a determination to make 1954 a year of continued progress and achievement. ERIC BAYLEY.

GARDENING NOTES.

December gives us the shortest period of daylight hours in the whole year so we must take every opportunity to keep abreast of the various jobs, such as winter digging, pruning and spraying fruit trees, cleaning up dead and decaying leaves on lawns and around growing crops. Any of those plants that come up year after year (perennials) can be thinned out or transplanted any time during the winter when the soil is free from frost and not too wet. This also applies to roses, flowering shrubs and many kinds of fruits,

including raspberries and loganberries. If wet, clean the lawn mower or spend an hour with a good gardening catalogue. Cheerio!

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Only a few more shopping days to Christmas and it may be a white one this time, so shop early and come to the Village Hall Christmas Bazaar to do it. Other Village Organisations are co-operating and will share the proceeds. The Horticultural's Stall will be there as usual and we hope that our members and friends will bring along something to be sold from our Stall, garden produce, sewing, toys, furniture or anything from the store cupboard would be welcome and will help both us and the Village Hall which has served us now for a quarter of a century.

WOMENS INSTITUTE.

After the business at our meeting to be held on Thursday, 3rd Dec. we are to have a Film Show by the Rev. Price of Hazlemere and a film after tea will also form the Social half-hour. As members requested 8/6 seats (for 6/-) have been booked for the matinee performance of "Humpty Dumpty on Ice" on Thurs. 21st Jan. The Coach Fare will be 3/9 each and the coach will leave for Wembley at 1 o'clock from Thompsons Stores. The Good Housekeeping Institute have kindly arranged for a party of 37 members to visit them for a demonstration and tea on Tues. 9th March. The coach fare on this occasion will be 4/6 and tea at the Institute 1/6 per member. No money for this outing is required until the day, but please book your seat and pay your 6/- to Mrs. McCue for the "Humpty Dumpty on Ice" show at once.

YOUTH CLUB.

In the "Youth in the Kitchen" competition organised by the Gas Council, Avis Hussey and Joan Hopper have been chosen to go forward into Round 2 after successfully passing Round 1 in High Wycombe. Round 2 will take place on Monday, 7th Dec. at Gerrards Cross.

TENNIS CLUB.

The Committee would like to take the opportunity of thanking all who helped to make the Arts & Crafts Exhibition a great success, with special thanks to the Exhibitors and friends who so kindly gave their assistance.

CRICKET CLUB.

It is proposed to organise a coach trip on Sat. 6th Feb., 1954 to Earls Court to see "Sinbad the Sailor". Providing sufficient support is forthcoming, arrangements will be made accordingly. Will anyone interested please contact Mr. F. Crossley, Hope Cottage, Naphill, not later than Tues. 8th Dec.

FOOTBALL CLUB.

Although we beat Hambleton in the Berks & Bucks Junior Cup, in the next round we lost badly to Richardson Rovers 6-1, although the previous week we beat them in a League Match. The Reserves have beaten Skirmett(a), Widmer End(b) but lost to the latter away, however this Saturday they are at home to Lane End in the Chalfont Hospital Cup. Fixtures for the month are:-

Dec. 5th		Harrisons	Home
" 12th	Chesham A ...	Home Winchmore Hill Res. ...	Away
" 19th	Rotax	Away Molins	Home
" 26th	Booker	Home Booker Reserves	Away

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There's BIRDS EYE FISH for lucky you,
All ready, cleaned and filleted too!

Obtainable from G.WALLACE & SON, POST OFFICE STORES, NAPHILL.

The OLD TIME DANCE COMMITTEE wish to thank most sincerely all who helped to make the dance on 14th Nov. such an outstanding success.

On 11th Dec. the Children's evening will be from 6-8 p.m. when parents of the children who attend the Dancing Class will be welcome. Admission 6d. Refreshments. Come and see your children do Old Time Dancing.

Dancing every Wednesday in December, but a special evening, 30th Dec. 8-11.30 p.m. Dress Optional.

Don't forget you can do much of your Christmas Shopping at the Annual Bazaar on 5th December at the Village Hall, while on Friday, 18th December, a Whist Drive will be held at which the prizes will be Christmas Fare. The Whist Drive is for the Village Hall Silver Jubilee Floor Fund.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.