

Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette February 2007

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Editorial

A very happy new year to you all.

We are starting 2007 with a new style cover page. Many people keep their back copies so I thought it would be a good idea to feature a different local photograph as the front cover each month to make them even more collectible. I set out enthusiastically round the village armed with a new camera and lots of ideas. Unfortunately my enthusiasm was quickly extinguished. I am no photographer.

My thanks therefore go Mark Dell of MK1. Mark lives in Naphill and has very kindly volunteered his services for a year as Gazette 'front page' photographer. Welcome to the Gazette team Mark. Our first theme will be a celebration of the beauty of our wonderful Chilterns location.

Next month is main advert renewal month so I am currently contacting existing advertisers for their renewal instructions and reviewing my waiting list.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary			
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30–8.30 & 8.30–9.30pm	
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8.00pm	
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Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm	
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm	
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2.00–3.30pm	
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00–9pm	
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00–9pm	
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15–2pm	
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm	
Mobile library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30–11.15am	
Mother and Toddler	Forge Road	12.15-12.50	
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2.00–4.00pm	
Traphini Boys i C training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6.00–7.30pm	
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30–8.00pm	
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30–9.00pm	
Naphill Neighbours	U6s–U12s every Saturday	9.30–11.00am	
Over Sixties' Club	Second Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm	
Pre-school	Alternate Fridays	2.00–4.00pm	
Residents' Association	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am–12.30pm	
Village Hall Council	Second Thursday in month	8.00pm	
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	First Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm	
Tennis Club Sessions	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm	
	Every Sunday	10.00am onwards	
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards	
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards	
	* At RAF Astroturf		

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County & District Councillor's Report

I am sure that we are all hoping for a happy and successful New Year, certainly 2006 had many problems we would not wish to see repeated.

Two thousand and seven will see many changes as the year unfolds. Local government is under review resulting from The Government's White Paper on the subject of change. We are all faced with challenging decisions over the next weeks, the options are limited and we have two main choices. A Unitary Council covering Buckinghamshire, or an enhanced two-tier system which would retain the County and Districts working to a closer agenda. It is recognised by all the five councils in Buckinghamshire that several services could be amalgamated, such as the legal departments, payroll and the collection and disposal of waste. The County and four Districts have to make up their minds before the end of January as to which option they prefer. Maintaining the status quo is not an option.

The County Council has proposed a new Cycleway between RAF Domestic Site entrance opposite Kilnwood and the HQ Building on New Road. The scheme is supported by the RAF who have offered the funding for the scheme. It has attracted much adverse comment from the School, Parish Council and the School Governors, mainly because it proposes a joint cycle path with the pedestrian footway along most of its route past the riding stables, having crossed over the road from Grimms Meadow, via a traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing. Much of the footway along this stretch is barely one and a half metres wide.

Names and Numbers to Note

The Gazette's e-mail is nwagazette@lycos.co.uk or judy@judyq.demon.co.uk

Naphill Website is at: http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/

Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is naphill@lycos.co.uk

Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk

Local Community Beat Officer is Lee Turnham. For the police control room, ring **715352**

Crime Reduction Officer is Maria Marston on 01494 736644

Naphill and Walter's Ash School has a website at http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/

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Hughenden Parish Council: Tel 01494 715296 Email hughendenpc@btconnect.com

Hughenden Valley Surgery Pharmacy: Opening hours are 8am to 12.30pm then 1.30pm until 6.15pm. Enquiries direct to Pharmacy Tel: **01494 565458.**

Names and Numbers to Note

Next month I am expanding the Names and Numbers to Note Section on this page to include local village organisations.

This is prompted by the number of people who call me asking for contact details that I don't actually have at present!

If you would like your organisation to be included then please let me know before 15th February.

Judy Whitehouse

In the opinion of the objectors, this is insufficient to accommodate pedestrians, including children and cyclists to pass safely.

The new speed limits within the village are now being enforced. I understand from the police that the village has recently had a visit from the 'white camera van' and that many speeding drivers have been detected along the stretch of Main Road. I have received several complaints from residents that drivers are still using the straight from Coombe Lane to Downley Road as a trial racetrack and have not yet appreciated that it now has a 30 mph limit.

The wet winter is not all bad news. The County aquifers are almost full and we can expect a reprieve from the hose pipe ban. The water levels are not high enough to activate the Hughenden Stream springs but we should be spared a repeat of the flooding of four winters ago.

Richard Pushman

Notes From Hughenden Parish Council

Many of you will be aware that there is a proposal to construct a Cycleway between the RAF Domestic Site 3 and Strike Command HQ. Consultations are continuing, and a formal planning application has not been submitted. On the basis of the draft consultation proposals, the Parish Council has written to Bucks County Council objecting to the plans as they stand at present; it is not convinced of the necessity for such a cycleway.

The Parish Council has recently set the precept for 2007/2008. This is the amount of money the Parish considers it needs to meet its requirements for maintaining and enhancing those aspects of the local area which are its specific responsibility. More information will be given once Wycombe District's Council Tax has been announced. Suffice to say that the Parish increase will be below inflation, except for the inclusion of exceptional expenditure on children's playgrounds throughout the Parish. It is felt by the Council that there will be support from residents for ensuring children's play areas meet safety standards, and for improving them where possible.

My friends and neighbours in Naphill are aware that I moved out of Tavern Cottage early in December. I am currently living in temporary accommodation while seeking a smaller property to buy in the local area. This is just to reassure residents that I remain actively involved in Naphill and Walters Ash, and will continue to do my best to represent you all at Parish level. I shall move back to the villages as soon as I possibly can. In the meantime, I may be contacted on 01494 529259 or on my unchanged email address:

-pegwat1066@aol.com. Please get in touch if I can help in any way. And also if you hear of a property which might suit me!!!

Peggy Ewart, Vice Chairman - Hughenden Parish Council

Something Different

Well I hope that you did attempt the Christmas language test on page 6 of the Dec/Jan edition of the Gazette. I found it amusing reading and listening to some of the entries although no one succeeded in identifying the two languages correctly. East European was the main area of guesswork: Finnish, Romanian, Bulgarian, Serbo-Croat and Polish were amongst those suggested. In a bizarre way, Polish was the nearest for the first part, inasmuch as the artificial

language Esperanto, invented by a Polish Jew, Ludwig Zamenhof, in 1887, was my choice for this. The problem for the inventor of an artificial language is how to persuade people to learn it when no-one else knows it! In fact Esperanto was making great progress in establishing itself when halted in its tracks by the emergence of English as the world language, after the 1939/45 war, because it was the language of the developing world airline systems plus the financial dominance of the United States (which uses a form of English!).

Zamenhof also advocated a world religion which he called HOMARANISMO (member of the human race), dedicated to peace, tolerance and the unity of peoples. He would have been a splendid Secretary-General of the United Nations!

The PS of the Christmas message was in Gaelic, the Scottish version which is still spoken by about 70,000 people in the Highlands and the Western Isles of Scotland. But whereas there is just one form of Esperanto, Gaelic is less standard because of variations within the Clans. There are for instance four versions of the words for 'and'.

Although no one identified the languages, there was one really spirited attempt to translate the message. Mr. H Latham did extraordinarily well with applied logic and was duly rewarded with the prize.

Esperanto is very easy to learn as every aspect is standard. There are no linguistic quirks as in English. All nouns end in 'o', all plurals in 'j' and all adjectives in 'a' and there are no irregular verbs. It is purely functional and not really attractive.

If you are wondering why I used Esperanto and Gaelic, the answer is quite simple. I learned Esperanto during the 39/45 war when I thought that it would be the world language of the future. So I can be wrong! The Gaelic stems from my father's interest in it, some of which rubbed off on me, although I have never used it.

For those interested, the original Christmas message in English was:

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. But time is short. There are Christmas cards to be bought, written and posted. Christmas presents to be chosen, bought and packed. Bottles of good cheer - wine, beer and fancy drinks to be bought. And seasonal foods (turkey, Christmas pudding) to be bought and prepared. Get on with it before time runs out and recriminations begin.

PS I repeat, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the good folks of Naphill and Walter's Ash".

There are about 1000 living languages so perhaps next December I shall bemuse you with Chuvashi and Keigana. Any idea where they are in use?

David Leith

20 Years Ago This Month.....

The following is an extract from the February 1987 edition.....

"The Gazette team has been extended to include David Leith, who will be responsible for Distribution..."

So thank you David for 20 years loyal service to the Gazette.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club



Having received Judy's deadline reminder for the first Gazette of the New Year, I find myself sitting at the computer with the rain pounding on the window panes, with all thoughts of playing tennis seeming months away! Actually, there have been slight pauses now and again when we have been able to play but, at this time of year, it's not endless rain but frost and ice which usually prevents play. In fact, the reason for changing the timing of our Sunday club sessions to 1pm during January and February is to give the courts time to defrost which, so far, has not been the case but there are still a few weeks to go before we can confidently not expect slippery surfaces!

Both December social events in which the Tennis Club was involved were successful, with record cake sales at the NVC Christmas Fayre and a very enjoyable 'Tinsel Tournament' followed by mulled wine and a very tasty Christmas lunch. Intentions to continue play after lunch were, unfortunately, thwarted by rain (and, I suspect, rather full stomachs!).

Following the AGM, held in November, the committee is now at the planning stage for events in the current year, which, for the Tennis Club, commences on 1st April when the 'summer season' starts and subs are due. All members should receive details of these towards the end of February and beginning of March. Meanwhile the winter season matches are continuing with our Ladies having won 2 and lost 1 and our Mens having won 2 and lost 2.

Members are also reminded that we book an Indoor Court at the Cressex Tennis Centre. The cost of a session at 7.30 – 9am on Friday evenings is £27.00 per court and available dates are listed on the Clubhouse notice board or you can contact Maddy Morris on 01494 523495, e-mail: Maddymorris99@aol.com, if you would like to book any of the remaining available dates. For any further information on the club and membership details – contact our Sue Crooks, our Membership Secretary, on telephone no. 01494 562539 – e-mail: smcr2000@aol.com.

Ingrid Tomlins - Tel: 01494 446063 - e-mail:

Naphill Evening WI

February 2007 already – Happy New Year to all our readers. Now, to look back on the events at the end of last year. On November 16th we welcomed Mr G Laurie talking about the 'History of Royal Flying' which proved to be very popular with members and visitors. A truly interesting evening. Our Christmas party on December 14th was the usual success with delicious food and entertainment by 'yourselves' - a nice relaxing end to the WI year. To celebrate the coming of Christmas, on the 20th December the two Caroles had a sherry and mince pie evening which was well attended and equally enjoyable. Funds were raised for the Village Hall so well done to you both.

To get back to 2007, firstly, we were saddened to hear of the death of Stella Page, a long serving member of our WI and we send our condolences to her family. Three members went to the Resolutions meeting on January 4th and voted on the five put forward. There will be a further briefing meeting in April where just one resolution will be chosen. Our new President, Nancy, attended her first Group meeting on January 8th with Betty our Secretary; the two Group meetings in March and October were on the agenda. At our WI we are starting off the year with two local speakers. On January 18th Kate Davis will have spoken on Complimentary Medicine and Therapy, (comments in the next issue) then on the 15th February Vivienne Pountney will talk about her life in the village. The competition will be a favourite pet. Visitors are always welcome, so do come along and join us for an interesting evening.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

When you read this December 2006 will seem an age ago. However, there will be happy memories of our Club's delicious Christmas dinner and very professional entertainment at the beginning of that month, followed later by our trip to the Royal Albert Hall for the Christmas Carol Sing-Along - an afternoon of carols and seasonal songs with full orchestra, choir and soloist. A wonderful and joyful atmosphere in a magnificent building.

Our President, Sheila Rolfe, has planned another varied programme of speakers for 2007, starting with a peek back into the past before films and television with "A Victorian Magic Lantern Show" at our January meeting. Gordon Casbeard and Tony Brown gave us a glimpse into a time unknown to us. The glass slides dated back into the first years of the last century - views of a leafy Chilterns, humorous cartoons, city and town scenes and we were particularly moved by the slides of barefoot children in the slums of Deptford.

There has been a change of speaker for our February meeting as Marc Meltonville's Hampton Court commitments are taking him to America on that date, but we hope he will be able to come to talk to us again some time in the future. Instead David Vernon will give us an illustrated talk entitled THE WOODLAND TRUST AND PENN WOOD on Monday, 12 February at 8pm. This will be an Open Meeting so husbands, partners and friends will be most welcome. The Tea Hostesses are: Vanessa Wilson, Cynthia Jebson and Norma Clarke.

During the year we hope to live up to our successful outings of 2006 with visits planned to Woburn Abbey, The Blenheim Palace Flower Show, a Cotswold River Cruise and a "Brummie Christmas". Dates will be announced later.

Hazel Vickery: 563977

Naphill & Walter's Ash Over 60's Club

Since the December issue of the Gazette, we have had several meetings the first of which was on 17th November when Anne Hardy, charmingly attired in a bustle dress of the period, gave a talk on the music hall artiste Marie Lloyd. The talk was illustrated with recordings of the songs Marie Lloyd made famous, including a rare recording by Marie Lloyd herself. We joined in heartily with what is perhaps Marie Lloyd's the best known song today "My Old Man Said Follow the Van".

For our meeting on 1st December, Joyce Wheeler (of Banjovi Revival) talked to us about the part music has played in her life. Her talk was interspersed with demonstrations on the various instruments she now plays, including an excruciating reconstruction of her early beginnings on the violin as a young schoolgirl. A chance purchase of a banjo in her teens had led to many performances for charity with Banjovi Revival and with other folk bands and ensembles.

On December 15th we were once again entertained by the melodious Twyford Bell Ringers with a programme of Christmas music and well known carols, which we all enjoyed singing.

Our January activities so far have included the annual lunch on 4th January when we were delighted to welcome Richard and Valerie Pushman, and a bingo session on 12th January.

The programme for February will be:

9th February: To be confirmed 23rd February: Talk on Tai Chi by Lynn Williams. This meeting will be held in The Father's House as there will be a blood donor session at the Village Hall.

Doris Lording: 569424

Men's Club AGM

The Men's Club will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 31 January in the Men's Club room to the right of the Village Hall from 8pm. All members are requested to attend and any other man who would like to join the Club and play a little snooker or billiards is very welcome. You do not have to be good at snooker to join! We look forward to seeing some new faces as well as the old ones.

Andrew Wilmot - Chairman - Naphill Men's Club

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes

By the time you get to read this it will be a bit old hat, but nevertheless may I take the opportunity of wishing you all the very best of health, wealth and happiness for 2007.

Our "Christmas Tree" was better than ever this year and survived all that the weather could throw at it. Again I offer our heartfelt thanks to those intrepid souls who shin up the tree to fix the lights for our benefit. We had visitors down from Scotland who could not believe that such a modest village (their words, not mine) could produce such a delight. It is not a cheap exercise and we are very dependant on those kind souls amongst you, who dip into their pockets and fill up our collecting tins. Thank you for your generosity – Christmas would not be Christmas if we were unable to afford to light our tree.

Those of you who have been into the Hall recently will

see that the barre for the ballet classes has now been fixed to the wall. If you need to brush up your entrechats – then now is your chance. It is unobtrusive and a great help to our young ballerinas.

The roof of the Hall suffered significant damage from vandals who have been climbing up and loosening the tiles. God bless them! The repair is going to be a major expense for us and we are getting in quotes and investigating various options for a long lasting job. So - please come along and support all our fund raising events. They are as follows:

Quiz night	23-02-07
Fete	9-6-07
Fireworks	3-11-07
Christmas Fayre	1-12-07

Have you looked at the village web site recently? Old editions of the Gazette are now available on the web site so you can see how things have changed over the years, and how the Gazette has gone from strength to strength.

Our next meeting will be at the start of February when hopefully we should be starting to get some signs of Spring.

Fireworks Display 2006

I would like to thank all of those who contributed in any way towards the fireworks display. I know that it was a few months back but I missed the December Gazette deadline and then there is no issue in January. I have spoken to most of the helpers and sent notes to the others but in case I have missed anyone, your help was very much appreciated.

We raised just over £7,000, an incredible figure. More than double that of last year. It was helped by the generous donation from the RAF. I also have been told that there was no display in Princes Risborough so I suspect that a lot a extra people came from there to ours. There was a huge crowd of people.

The display was the best yet as, due to the RAF donation, we were able to spend a lot more on the fireworks, not to lengthen the display but to fill in the gaps. We also had more fireworks going off together to provide a better spectacle. The firework firers did a wonderful job.

Once again, thanks to the helpers and I hope that we have as good a time at the next display.

Andrew Wilmot Chairman, 2006 Fireworks Committee

Christmas Tree Lights

Well what a wonderful Christmas scene our tree gave us again this year. I have even heard some people made special journeys to the village to see it. Thanks must go to the team of volunteers who give their time and skills to make this possible.

A special thank you goes to the business premises in our village who kindly displayed the collection boxes and of course to the people who dropped those coins into them. This year the amount in the tins was £296-65 and two businesses were very generous and gave me cheques for £125 which is very much appreciated.

The village hall take out insurance for the volunteers who climb the tree and each year many bulbs have to be replaced. Also the tree surgeon gives the tree a check and some loving care which goes against the cost of the lighting to make it possible.

The tree has a special history connected with it. One person who was a very special person and lived at Cournswood, Walter's Ash with his family gave us the tree. His name was Dilly Knox and during WW2 he was at Bletchley Park with others who broke the coding on the Enigma machine which they say shortened the war by two years. A very clever man.

I will next Christmas time write an article for the village gazette giving more history on the tree but if

you come on June 9th to our village fete I will be displaying again my exhibition of some of the history of Walter's Ash and Naphill and Dilly Knox's family history will be amongst it.

I have decided to charge an entry fee to the exhibition which I will put towards the cost of repairs to the roof of our village hall as on Bonfire night senseless hooligans broke a double glazed window and also 100s of tiles on the roof area causing lots of damage as you can imagine. Such a shame that money raised by events have to be spent this way on repairs like this as the village hall committee work hard to keep our hall in good order for the village.

Pam Smith - Village Hall Rep.

Naphill Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

The team hope everyone enjoyed the lights this Christmas. The comments we received were that the display was one of the best so far. The tree was buffeted by very strong winds. For only the third time in the past 31 years we had a cable break - after the lights had been up for about 10 days. The cable break was the worst so far. Mike Leggett had to go literally out on a limb at the top of the tree to retrieve a broken cable end. Well done Mike!

I thought this year that I would give everyone a glimpse into the past, so I did some research. First I looked at the Gazette web site (http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/) and found that our editor Judy Whitehouse had had copies of the Gazette from about 1934 to 1974 loaded onto the web site. Magic! People from all over the planet can now see what was happening in Naphill and Walter's Ash during those years! However, I was seeking information from 1976 and those Gazettes had not yet been loaded, so Judy kindly let me look through her master copies. We have had a fairly consistent team for quite a few years now (which makes things much easier for me since I no longer have to tell people what needs doing). I thought the team and others would be interested if I let them know the number of times each member had assisted in putting up the lights. So here we go for the team this year with numbers in brackets representing the number of times each member has helped with putting up the lights:

Mike Leggett (31), John Harris (20), Ron Collins (15), Terry Aldridge (12), Richard Walmsley (10), Peter Brown (9), Gary Putnam from Holmer Green (8), Glenn Gavin (8), Stephen Fountain from Widmer End (5), Peter Davis (5), Ben Putnam aged 11 and son of Gary (1), and myself (31). I should add here that the climbers were Mike Leggett, Stephen Fountain and Gary Putnam and that Gary's son Ben was very good indeed – we believe in training up new members of the team for the next 50 years!

I thought it would be of interest if I also listed other members of the team since 1976 who have departed from Naphill/Walter's Ash, have died, have retired or are just resting. Some names from the past will be of interest to readers:

Ray Newell (19) (but quite a few before 1976), David Brown (15), Simon Mason (14), Willie Constable (8), Andrew Leggett (8), Helen Taylor née Mason (6), John Brain (6), Kelly Fountain of Hughenden Valley (5), Greg Hargrove (5), Simon Leggett (5), Steve Payne (2), Terry Hodson (2), David Adams (2), Stratton Moore (2), Paul Rutter of Great Kingshill (1). Nigel Norman (1), Mick Stallwood (1), Steven Parslow (1), John Hutchinson (1), Andrew Lindsay (1), Peter Wardell (1), Simon Elmore (1), Trevor Rackstraw (1), Kim Johnson (1), David Moore (10), Robert Brown (1), Moira Harris (1), Matthew Collins (1), Les Saw (1), Nigel Brown (1), and David White (1). That makes a grand total of 43 people for Naphill, Walter's Ash and nearby villages who have participated in the team since 1976. Quite a combined effort!

I should give my thanks to the team this time for taking down the lights in cold and rain – it started raining just after we had commenced. Thanks also to Marlène Mason who helped with repairing the cable and for providing the essential mince pies and coffee, and to Pam Smith who organised the collection tins in the local shops. And finally a big thank you to the public who put money in the tins or contributed through collections via various village groups. We cannot carry on without your generous financial support!

All the best for 2007!

Mike Mason

Gazette Back Copies 1937 - 1974

Back copies of the Gazette are now available on the internet for you to browse through at your leisure. Do have a look, they make fascinating reading. To see them go to http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/, select the link to the Naphill Gazette and then scroll down to the bottom of the text and select Back Copies. We still have some copies from 1937 to be added. They had to be scanned using a manual process as they were in a bound book and the resulting files are too large to load at the moment, we are working on this.

Please note that to read these files you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader. This can be downloaded free of charge if you do not already have it. Also be prepared for a wait of 2 or 3 minutes for the main Gazette link to open up as these are sizeable documents in computing terms.

My thanks to Andrew Wilmot our Webmaster for making these available for everyone to view. Andrew has requested feedback from anyone using the site. He can be contacted from the web site itself or through me at the Gazette.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning: Applications to 6 December 2006.

06/07732/FUL. 9&10 Ash Close, Walters Ash. Construction of detached double garage to serve both properties.

06/07733/FUL Lone Pine. Bradenham Woods Lane, Walters Ash. Construction of new single garage in front garden attached to existing garage.
06/07779/LBC. Coombe Barn, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Internal alterations to provide second floor en-suite bathroom within existing roof space.
06/07826/FUL. 8 Bayley Gardens, Naphill. Construction of single storey side extension and front entrance porch. (Extension replaces existing conservatory.)

06/07855/FUL. Stone Cottage 133 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of single storey extension to form garage. 06/07856/FUL. Unit 3 Bristows Brick Yard, Walters Ash. Erection of 1x20m tree structure with 2 dish antennae, 1 Nokia Ultrasite radio equipment cabin and 1xO₂ Cabinet. (The tree structure is a 20m pole mast thinly disguised as a 'Corsican pine' tree. This is taller than, and totally out of keeping with, surrounding trees, and AONB criteria. There is no supporting evidence to show why 02 need such a height as previous refused applications have only shown a 12m mast. There is no evidence why 02 should not siteshare on the existing tower at HQ. PPG8 states that every endeavour should be made to share on existing structures, as is already done on the STC tower by at least 2 other users. Strongly object until a detailed argument is given why 0₂ cannot site share and why they need such a high mast).

06/07874/FUL. 20 Grimms Meadow, Walters Ash. Construction of conservatory to rear. *06/07877/FUL*. 5 Main Rd., Naphill. (Latchetts).

Construction of 1st floor side extension.

Applications to 9 January 2007

06/07942/FUL. Shana Riding School, New Road, Walters Ash. (Retrospective). Creation of manege. 06/07943/FUL Lamorna Christopher Close, Naphill. Construction of single storey front, side and rear extension. Demolition of existing garage and erection of detached single garage.

06/07950/FUL. Stable Cottage, Ashburnham Drive, Walters Ash. Erection of detached building to provide single garage/conservatory/sun room and potting shed to front of dwelling. (Alteration to 06/05577/FUL). 06/08021/FUL. 232, Main Road, Naphill. Erection of 3-bed barn style dwelling and detached double garage (amendment to 06/05123/FUL to include revised

fenestration and addition of a new porch only). 06/08032/VCDN. Chiltern House, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Variation of Condition 3 of pp W/0674/74 (occupation restricted) to allow occupation of former caretakers house by employees and visitors to the site. 06/08037/FUL. Bailiffs Cottage, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Erection of cart-shed type car port. (Clarification of position of car port being sought). 06/08062/FUL. 20 Ash Close, Walters Ash. Construction of rear conservatory.

Excessive Speeding. There have been many complaints about motorists ignoring the 30 mph speed limit through Naphill and Walter Ash. We are requesting that (a) The repeater signs are checked for visibility and separation distances. (b) A SID be installed on a temporary basis in Main Road, Naphill. (c) Enforcement measures be taken once the SID has been removed.

Naphill Village Hall Quiz

Friday 23rd February
(Doors open 7pm, Quiz Starts 7.30pm)
Teams of Four
Tickets £7 pp (includes Ploughman's)
Full Bar Available
In Aid of Hall Funds

Tickets in advance from Ted Chapman (563034) or John Harris (562099)

Next Meeting - Thursday February 8th 2007 at Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Your Letters

Coles and Blackwell – A Homage

With just a week left to Christmas, I managed to book a whole day off work. I planned it meticulously – from collecting the posh frock and dinner jacket from Joliffe's, to doing all my Christmas shopping, to delivering all my local Christmas cards, and completing the basic domestic grocery shop. Taking hubby to the station first thing – car decided to bunny hop and cough, and I saw my Christmas falling down around my ears. So I had a little cry.

Limped home, dispatched hubby via A Bus to the station, and – knowing I didn't have a hope in the hot

place but not wanting to give up – I called Coles and Blackwell. Lovely, sympathetic lady immediately made me feel better purely because she understood. But it didn't look good.

Less than 15 minutes later she called back and said if I could get my car there, I could have the loan car, and as they had one more mechanic than they expected that day, they could work on my car!

So I had my day, my Christmas, and my faith in human nature – not to mention in old-fashioned customer care – restored all in one fell swoop. AND I managed to have lunch with my daughter.

I've told as many people as I could, and not ONE of them was surprised. Coles and Blackwell – take a bow, and my heartfelt thanks.

Julie-Anne of the silver Xsara.

Unwanted Christmas Presents - A Reminder

Whilst the summer months and our village fete may well seem an eternity away, might I once again ask readers to consider donating any unwanted Christmas presents to the tombola stall. Any item, no matter how small, will be gratefully received. I will gladly collect donations or they can be left at Michaelmas Cottage, 2 Lacey Drive,(off Chapel Lane) Naphill. Tel. 01494 562240 Many thanks in anticipation.

Ron Collins

Thank You

Many thanks to the ladies who provided such a lovely Christmas feast for the senior citizens. It is much appreciated and not only for the Christmas dinner but for all the dinners throughout the year.

Jean Lawrence-Mann

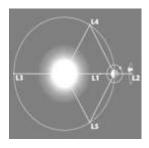
The February Sky in Naphill & Walters Ash 2007

The Moon is new on February 17 and full on the 02. Capella, the bright star in Auriga is high overhead. Orion remains a majestic constellation in the southern sky every evening. M31, the Andromeda galaxy is about 40° above the western horizon near the square of Pegasus. Look for the Orion nebula below his belt. For those who are waiting for the evenings to be longer, British Summer Time comes into operation on March 27. Venus is an evening star and is very bright in the western sky, Mars can be see for only a short time in the morning before the Sun rises, Jupiter is a morning star and Saturn is an evening star. On Feb 3, the Moon is 0.8 of a degree north of Saturn; Moon is 3 degrees south of Mars on 15th, and is 2 degrees north of Venus on 19th.

Feb1	Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Rises Sets	07.56 16.52	15.47 08.06	08.53 19.01	06.35 13.56	04.23 12.10	17.34 08.37
Feb 8 Rises Sets	07.43 17.06	None 09.16	08.38 19.25	06.26 13.55	04.01 11.47	17.03 08.08
Feb 15 Rises Sets	07.29 17.20	06.59 14.04	08.23 19.48	06.16 13.55	03.38 11.23	16.32 07.40
Feb 22 Rises Sets	07.15 17.34	08.35 None	08.07 20.12	06.05 13.56	03.15 10.58	16.01 07.11
Mar 1 Rises Sets	06.59 17.47	14.53 06.31	07.51 20.35	05.52 13.58	02.52 10.34	15.30 06.43

Planetary Rings

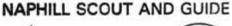
The rings of Saturn have been known for nearly 400 years but it was only in the late 20th century that thin rings were discovered around the other giant planets. Jupiter has three faint rings bounded by the orbits of the small ring-moons Amalthea and Thebe, at present called Halo, Main ring and Gossamer ring. Saturn's rings are called D ring, C ring, B ring, A ring, F ring, G ring and E ring in order of distance from the planet. Uranus has ten narrow rings called 6, 5, 4, Alpha, Beta, Eta, Nu, Delta, Lambda, and Epsilon and they are less than 12 km thick. There is also a diffuse ring called 1986U1R. Neptune has Galle, Le Verrier, Lassell, Arago and Adams (named after the astronomers involved in the discovery of Neptune). The rings are disks of particles that follow nearly circular orbits near the equatorial plane of the central planet. Saturn's rings



extend thousands of kilometres.

Lagrangian Points

The Italian-French mathematician <u>Josef Lagrange</u> discovered five special points in the vicinity of two orbiting masses where a third, smaller mass can orbit at a fixed distance from the larger masses. On the out-ofscale diagram, the Sun is the central circle, the small circle on the right depicts the Earth and shows the orbiting Moon and the five Lagrange points are L1, L2, L3, L4 and L5. L1 and L2 are unstable on a time scale of approximately 23 days and masses at these points





ADVANCE NOTICE

NAPHILL SPRING FAYRE 2007

organised by the Naphill Scout and Guide Headquarters Committee.

SATURDAY 17th MARCH 2007

2-4pm Naphill Village Hall

We would be interested to hear from anyone who would like to have a stall at our Spring Favre to sell their products.

For further details and price Please contact JILL WILKINSON on 01494 564271

need continual minor adjustment. L4 and L5 (sometimes known as the Trojan points) are at the apexes of equilateral triangles with the Earth and Sun and are the most stable of the five points as long as the mass ratio between the two large masses exceeds 25 (which is the case with the Sun and Earth example given in the diagram). This has already led scientists to consider these positions as possible sites for artificial space colonies in the future. In spite of lack of stability, the L2 point has been chosen by NASA as the future site of a large infra-red observatory (shown in the diagram). L3 is invisible from the Earth as it is directly behind the Sun; nonetheless it could be useful for certain astronomical tasks and also science fiction writers who have planet X located there.

Population I, II and III stars

This paragraph explains one of the ways astronomers have classified different stars to enable them to indicate some of their properties. For example Population I stars are relatively young that are found in the disks and spiral arms of spiral galaxies and have orbits about the galactic centres. The Sun belongs to this population together with stars in older open clusters. Population II stars consist of the old red stars that occur throughout elliptical galaxies and in the halos, globular clusters and central bulges of spiral galaxies. They differ from Population I stars in having low metal content (defined

in this context as to mean that there are very few elements other than hydrogen and helium). Population III stars are hypothetical, that probably existed in the very early universe. An early population of massive stars, long extinct, would have exploded as supernovae and thus account for the metal content of Population II stars in globular clusters. The remains of Population III stars would account for black holes, neutron stars and some of the dark matter needed to explain the missing mass in the galaxies.

Another way of classifying stars is by their stellar spectra. This system has evolved considerably over the years and by the end of the 19th century it had become a sequence of alphabetical letters representing hot to much cooler stars. The sequence is OBAFGKMSRN and mnemonics have abounded to help students remember this order (such as Oh Be A Fine Girl Kiss Me Sweetly Right Now). The system is related to the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram which appeared on the 2006 November contribution to the Gazette. The Ostars from the sequence are the hottest and most massive and the M-stars are the coolest. Stars S and R have more carbon than oxygen. S-stars are the same temperature as M-stars but show zirconium oxide absorption bands. Each letter is divided into tenths except O-stars which only go to O3. The Sun is a G2 star.

Grant Woodruff

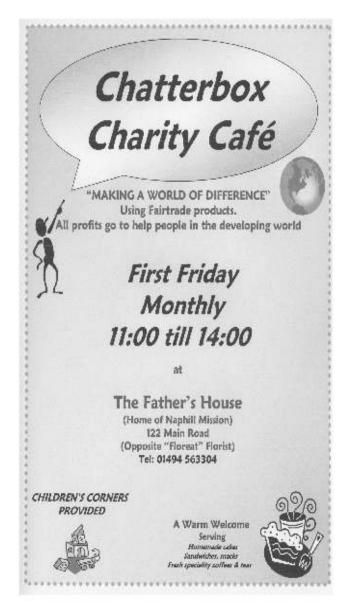
The Father's House

It only seems 5 minutes ago and we were all preparing for the rush of Christmas and we find ourselves with the first month of the New Year already over.

I must admit I don't remember a New Year starting in quite the same way as this one but before I go any further I promised you the results of the Operation Christmas Child collection from last year. It must be said the response was great for our first attempt at being a collection point. 151 shoe boxes in total were collected and sent off just after the 20th November. A great big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed and we hope that next year we will reach a target of at least 200 boxes.

We also saw £420 go off to the ROPE Charity in support of a work that is helping in Macedonia with Romany people. Again another very big THANK YOU to everyone who has helped support our Chatterbox Charity Café on the first Friday of each month so far. You have helped make the lives of many others (especially children) less fortunate than ourselves better by ensuring they get some nourishing food each day.

Please continue to come and enjoy the nice light lunches, of homemade soups, sandwiches homemade cakes, and fresh coffees/teas, which will again be available, and bring your friends with you. But come early if you want the soups because we have been known to run out because of their popularity.



We are next open on Friday 2nd February and 2nd March 2007.

Please note that in April <u>only</u> Chatterbox will be moved to Thursday 5th because of Good Friday on the 6th April.

What has been a running start into this New Year has meant that I have had to ensure that I look at what my priorities are, and I'm sure, this is something many of us think about when we come into a new year and make plans for the year ahead. Work commitments, house improvements, holidays are often all thought about and planned for around this time and seeing the busyness that lies ahead might make us think how we could make life a little easier.

I've even heard from those who have retired from full time work, "I don't know how I had time to work." Things never really seem to get easier because many of us are continuously striving for a better future and though there is nothing wrong with that I wonder how many of us spend time prioritising and securing our eternal future.

I believe most of us hope when this life is over we will

go to heaven but how much time do we spend doing anything about it? What makes us think that if we have ignored God all our lives that He will welcome us into heaven when we die. And if we've live without him all our life why do we think we would want to spend eternity with Him.

Many people I know have an issue with God because they feel He has let them down in some way. Should we demand He do something for us when we otherwise turn a blind eye to Him and His ways? And if we took a serious look at the condition of the world around us, which we might blame God for, or ask Him to do something about it, we will see the fault lies with mankind not God.

When He created us He gave us the gift of free will so we could choose to believe and trust in Him. It is a sad reflection on most of humanity that we continue to follow our own desires rather than God's plan and that is why the world is in the state it is.

Although many of us hope and even strive to live long and healthy lives death is the great leveller the one guarantee that will at some time effect us all. So is that the end of each of us as individuals?

Some of us will hope that it is, but most of us still, I think, hope there is life beyond the short existence we enjoy on earth, that there is a heaven we will all go to. Yet we remain complacent about ensuring we get there - even though alternative is too awful to think about.

I know this may seem a very glum first article for the New Year but I do see so many people needlessly striving, prioritising and investing just in the things that are short term, cannot last or be taken with them when their eternal future could be so easily secured.

God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. (John 3: 16-17)

My hope and prayer is for everyone who has not made their eternal future a priority that you will seek the Lord while He may be found and find peace and eternal security.

May you all know God's love, peace and blessing.

Bob Semple. Tel: 01494 563304.

Naphill Horticultural Society

Happy New Year to you all

Dinner & Entertainment- Friday 2nd March

Doors open 7.15pm Wine & Soft Drinks Bar

Tickets are now available, and cost just £14. So if you would like to join us in the Village Hall for this popular event, give me a call.

The menu will be a choice of Beef & Ale Pie, Pork with Apple Slices & Calvados Sauce or a Vegetarian alternative of Aubergine & Tomato Gratin, all served with New Potatoes Carrots & Roasted vegetables. For dessert there will be either Chocolate Roulade with fresh Fruit or Walnut Treacle Tart. Tea and Coffee will follow

The problems we experienced last year should be alleviated as the caterer has bought a hostess trolley which will ensure that the plates are hot!!

Following the success of last year, we will be entertaining ourselves with a <u>very</u> light-hearted quiz during dinner. This is again intended to be fun and based on general garden knowledge (no specialist subjects!!). The questions will be printed, so you can take as long as you like over it. All we ask is a minimum of 2 per team; there is no maximum number as the prizes will all be for sharing!

Members and non-members are welcome, but I *must* have final numbers by February 23rd. Tickets always sell fast – so don't wait to be invited, just pick up the phone!

On Monday March 19th we hold our AGM at 8.00pm in the Small Hall. As always, all are welcome to air their views, and we would love to see some new faces.

Lastly, we are planning a trip to the BBC Gardeners World Live at the NEC in Birmingham on Wednesday

June .13th. The cost will be approximately £26 per person including entrance to the show. This is a fabulous day out, so if you would like to join us please let me know as soon as possible as I cannot book the tickets until I have final numbers. Again non members are very welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you all on March 2nd

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Water!!!

When you come to read this article the weather may be grey, wet and windy. The memory of the summer of 2006 may be fading. But what a summer! In central England July was the warmest month since records began in 1659 – nearly 350 years! And that followed two dry winters. So we had hosepipe bans and the drudge of frequent watering by hand to save our gardens and crops. So it is topical that this article is devoted to the subject of water.

Things are expected to get worse. The trend seems clear. Nine of the ten warmest years on record have occurred in the last ten years. The UK Climate Impacts Programme indicates that by the end of the century the average temperature will be 2 to 3.5 degrees centigrade warmer. Summer soil moisture content will be reduced by 40% from current levels by the 2080s. I know that seems a long time ahead but it will probably become a little more difficult every year

from now on $-\frac{1}{2}$ % less soil moisture every summer, a slow squeeze of the sponge.

What can we do in our gardens and allotments to conserve moisture? I offer 5 measures:

- 1. <u>Weeds.</u> As well as extracting, and wasting, valuable nutrients, weeds extract precious water from the soil. Therefore removal of weeds has to be a top priority. Easier said than done, I know, but essential. Use of the hoe when the weeds are tiny is the easiest and most effective method.
- 2. <u>Mulching.</u> Covering the soil with a layer of homemade compost or farmyard manure is the ideal way of reducing the evaporation of moisture from the soil. A layer 2 to 3 inches deep is necessary. The worms will drag it down over a season or two but such mulches will be enriching the soil as well as conserving moisture. Alternatives are grass cuttings, landscape porous plastic sheeting and even stones. I have mulched for 7 years, following the no-dig method, and neighbours will confirm that I <u>never</u> water except when transplanting, or raising plants from seed in the middle of summer.
- 3. <u>Cracks</u>. Cracks enable moisture deep down in the soil to evaporate bad news. Therefore fill in the cracks as soon as they appear. I usually have no cracks on my allotment but in the truly exceptional hot dry conditions of 2006 I had a few.
- 4. <u>Perennials.</u> Grow perennials where practicable. Perennials have had the time to develop deep root systems so should not require watering even in the driest summer, thus leaving more of your time and energy to transport water to annuals that do need it. On the allotment or vegetable plot grow perennial vegetables such as asparagus, Good King Henry, seakale, sorrel, Welsh onions, globe artichokes and ciboule. At present I am experimenting with perennial salads such as burnet, lovage and buckshorn plantain. So far so good and I am going to try others.
- 5. Sow Early. We usually have reasonable amounts of rain up until the end of May then the drought starts. It therefore makes sense to sow early so that a good proportion of the growing period is over before the lack of rain can shrivel the plants. This also means that plant root systems will be deeper into the soil before the drought starts. It is of course necessary to protect young plants from frost and to create warm conditions so that seed will germinate. Out in the open I protect sowings of broad beans, carrots, potatoes and parsnips with horticultural fleece, doing most of such spring sowing in March, but I do not protect onion sets as they are hardy enough. I also, wherever possible, start young plants in warmth indoors then transplant into the allotment, garden or greenhouse when conditions allow. I usually sow beetroot, brassicas, tomatoes, leeks, celery, celeriac and peas in warmth at the end of February for planting out or transplanting at

the end of March. I sow runner beans, French beans, the marrow family, cucumbers, peppers, aubergines, sweetcorn and okra in warmth in early May for planting out in early June. The ultimate in early sowing comes with the planting of garlic, shallots and overwintering onions in early October.

The Future

What about when the weather becomes a lot drier? This July I visited an island off the French Atlantic coast where it does not rain at all in summer. There are no weeds- they are all dead. I looked at one vegetable garden with great interest. Each plant was watered daily. There were hosepipe systems everywhere to ease the task of evening watering. Crops such as aubergines, tomatoes and the marrow family had upended plastic mineral water bottles inserted into the soil near the roots so that water could be directed where it was most needed. I was really intrigued at the sight of tomatoes and the marrow family on mounds with impermeable black plastic sheeting all round. Of course, if it rained the water would run off and be of no help to the plants. However, if it never rains that is no problem! Clearly the impermeable plastic was there to reduce moisture loss by evaporation from the soil.

Here is an idea of mine. For the past two years I have been growing the marrow family on my allotment in the following way. Where the plants are to grow I slightly rake the soil so that there is a very shallow depression a yard square centred on where each plant is to be grown. Then the whole area is covered with impermeable black plastic and a hole made in the centre of each depression for a plant. The result is that when it rains all the rain goes to the roots of the plant. The black plastic sheet also prevents weeds from growing and greatly reduces evaporation from the soil. We may have to come to rely more and more on such measures as summers become ever drier. Good gardening!

Mike Mason

Special Anniversary

This January the Special Trees and Woods Project, which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, celebrated its first anniversary. For the past year, with help from the public and a team of volunteers, stories relating to special trees in the Chilterns have been recorded.

Liz Manley, project officer said 'The Special Trees and Woods Project, has got off to a great start! Many of the 90 trees already recorded have amazing stories; some have been pruned to form a local landmark, planted as a celebration or even carved by American airmen in WWII.'

There are special trees of all shapes and sizes, on village greens, commons, in local parks, churchyards and in the wider Chilterns countryside. Many are displayed on the interactive map on the project web site - www.chilternsaonb.org/special

Why not log on and see if there is a special tree to visit near you?

Liz Manley - Special Trees and Woods Project

Do You Own or Manage Land in the Chilterns?

The Chilterns Conservation Board has recently produced a free information pack for landowners and managers in the Chilterns. The pack consists of a number of leaflets written by the Conservation Board and its partners on a number of subjects including Land Management for Horse owners, Hedge Management, Hedge Planting, Archaeology, Rights of Way, Chiltern Commons, Chalk Grassland, Ponds, Planning and Woodland. These advice notes are Chilterns focused and aimed at those new to land ownership or those who have not had access to information in the past, so the advice is simple and jargon free. The packs and the advice notes are available from the Chilterns Conservation Board Office, details below.

For more details contact Tracy Adams Farming and Land Use Officer at the Chilterns, 01844 355523 or email tadams@chilternsaonb.org.

Tracey Adams

Wycombe District Ranger Service

February 2007

Saturday 3rd 'Ronald Wood and Fern Circular Walk'. This walk is approximately 4½ miles long and involves some steep climbs. Bring waterproofs and sturdy footwear in case of bad weather as it can get muddy.

Meet: 10.00am Spade Oak public car park, Coldmoorholm Lane (off A4155), Bourne End

Saturday 3rd 'Scrub Bash', Sands Bank LNR. Help the Rangers conserve this valuable chalk grassland site by removing and burning the scrub that can smother the wildflowers. Hot drinks will be provided. Bring a potato to cook on the fire.

Meet: 10.00am by the entrance to the Causeway Stadium, Hillbottom Rd., Sands.

Saturday 10th 'Wildfowl Walk' Little Marlow Gravel Pit'.

Come and see the many different types of ducks, geese and swans that can be found on this Nature Reserve during the winter. This walk circles the lake and is fairly flat. Bring waterproofs and sturdy footwear in case of bad weather as it can get muddy, and don't forget your binoculars if you have them.

Meet: 10.00am Spade Oak public car park, Coldmoorholm Lane (off A4155), Bourne End.

Saturday 17th & Thursday 22nd 'Path clearance and Litter Blitz', Castlefield Wood.

Join the Rangers to help give this lovely wood a really good spring clean. Hot drinks will be provided. Stout footwear and warm weatherproof clothing are essential.

Meet: 10:00am in Rutland Avenue car park.

Sunday 25th 'Tree Thinning' Castlefield Wood. Come along and help the Rangers carry out this important woodland task. Gloves, tools & hot drinks will be provided.

Stout footwear and warm weatherproof clothing are essential.

Meet: 10.00am in Rutland Avenue car park.

March 2007

Saturday 3rd 'Wildfowl Walk', Little Marlow Gravel Pit.

Come and see the many different types of ducks and geese that can be found on this Nature Reserve at this time of the year. This walk circles the lake and is fairly flat. Bring waterproofs and sturdy footwear in case of bad weather as it can get muddy, and don't forget your binoculars if you have them.

Meet: 10.00am Spade Oak public car park, Coldmoorholm Lane (off A4155), Bourne End.

Sunday 4th 'Marlow Common and Beyond - Guided Walk'.

Join a WDC Ranger for a 5 mile circular walk passing through Marlow Common, paying particular attention to the early spring bird activity. Bring binoculars if you have them.

<u>Meet:</u> 10.00am by Court Garden Sports Centre, Pound Lane, Marlow.

Saturday 10th 'Spade Oak to Cock Marsh and Winters Hill Circular Walk'.

Come and see the great views from Winters Hill on this 4½ mile walk which includes some steep climbs. Bring waterproofs and sturdy footwear in case of bad weather as it can get muddy.

Meet: 10.00am Spade Oak public car park, Coldmoorholm Lane (off A4155), Bourne End.

Sunday 25th 'Commons Circular Walk', Wheeler End. Come on a 4 mile circular walk taking in several commons within the Lane End area. This walk will take between 2-2½ hrs to complete.

<u>Meet:</u> 10.00am in front of the Brickmakers public house, Wheeler End Common.



Do you have an old mobile phone you no longer use?

Naphill and Walters Ash School is collecting any old mobiles to be recycled by the Fones4schools campaign. Not only is this a good move for the environment, you will be helping the school raise money.

Saturday 31st 'In Search of Kingfishers', High Wycombe.

Come and look for this secretive, colourful bird as we walk around Kingsmead, the Rye and Funges Meadow Nature Reserve. This walk is fairly flat and approximately 4-5 miles long.

<u>Meet:</u> 10.00am in Kingsmead public car park at the bottom of Fennels Rd.

BOOKING EVENT (Please note that places are limited for this event).

Saturday 31st 'Spring in your step – Guided Walk' High Wycombe.

A gentle spring guided walk around Hughenden Park and Millfield Wood looking for signs of spring such as hazel catkins, spring flowers & bird song etc. This walk will take approximately 2 hrs and will be no more than 3 miles in total.

Meet: 10.00am in the National Trust car park, Hughenden (above the church).

BOOKING EVENT (Please note that places are limited for this event).

To book your place or for further information on any of the above events, please contact WDC Ranger Service on 01494 421825 or email:Ranger Services@wycombe.gov.uk

Naphill Brownies

We started this year off with a trip to the 'Wycombe Swan' to see Peter Pan which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Our first meeting back, we said goodbye to Sonia who has moved up to Guides and welcomed 4 new Brownies to the unit, plus Louise Parker who is a warranted Guider working at RAF Strike Command but commuting from Hampshire. Louise used to run a unit in Hampshire but due to her job relocation is now unable to get back in time, which is great news for us!

During the Christmas holidays we have sponsored an endangered species for a year, a tiger in Africa, with money raised through donations from our Christmas Craft workshop.

We are very excited about our forthcoming Pack Holiday weekend at the end of January to be held at Ellesborough Guide Centre. We have lots of activities planned from making pizza's, hiking up to the Beacon (Butlers Cross) to flying home made kites which should be interesting!

We will also be looking this term at 'The Brownie Tradition' badge where we will be asking Brownies to question their parents about their Brownie days and bring in any old memorabilia they may have lurking in their attics.

We are collecting used stamps in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind; if you have any to donate there will be a box at the Brownie Guide Hut and also in the Post Office.

If you would like to add your daughter's name to the waiting list, even if she is a long way off her seventh birthday, please contact me Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) on 565571 or me on 01494 564576.

Judy Pope

Naphill Guides

Naphill Guide Unit is a thriving and full unit who meet every Wednesday in term time from 7.00-8.45pm in



Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale

Saturday 3rd March

Naphill Village Hall 2.00pm

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

No furniture or electrical goods please.

the Naphill Scout and Guide hut. Guides cover the age range of 10-14 and it is only open to girls.

We have two guiders and very supportive parents, but would love to have a permanent helper, who would be willing to come most Wednesdays. At times we rely heavily on parents to run a meeting. If there is anyone out there who has a bit of time, likes young people and doing a variety of things from crafts to cooking, silly games to hikes or songs to quizzes, we need you!

We have a fantastic bunch of girls, who need a few adults aged 18-65, to keep them busy. If you are interested please contact Deirdre Hansen, Guide Guider on 01494-562254.

Deidre Hansen

Naphill Pre-School

If you would like more information about joining pre-school or to come for a visit please call Tanya on 01494 564037 (am) or 01494 563053 (pm and eve).

Debbie Marchant: 565046

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents / carers with Toddlers and Babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea & biscuits, while the children play with numerous toys and make new friends.

We meet every Thursday during term-time at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm.

Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling).

For further information please come along during session times or call Zoe on 01494 444502 or Una on 01494 566164.

Zoe Hart

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

Happy New Year to everyone reading this publication!

New year started off in school very well with most children seeming to have enjoyed the over indulgence of the festive period. Leading up to the end of term the school was a frenzy of Yuletide and sporting activity.

We are delighted to announce that the school has had recent sporting success with both our netball and tagrugby teams. The netball team beat St Johns CE School by 7 goals to 2 at last week's 'High Five' Tournament before the rain set it and spoilt the event. Last term Mr Stallwood, Mrs Hawes and an army of parents took the tag rugby team to play against St Johns CE School at the prestigious Adams Park Stadium. The team hammered St Johns 8 points to 5. The behaviour of the children

was excellent and had a great time. Jolly well done to everyone concerned!

The school choir, under the leadership of Mrs Ross and Mrs Trickett, did a fantastic job singing to the Christmas shoppers at John Lewis on a cold December evening. The choir sang two sets of songs and brought seasonal cheer to the beleaguered shoppers and the management of John Lewis were most complimentary of their efforts.

Mrs Pascoe led the Foundation Stage and Keys Stage 1 team in their rendition of 'Is there a Baby in There?' This was a musical nativity story and was truly magical. The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy it and I've been singing the songs at home all week. In addition to this our exiting collection made a total of over £350 for CLIC Sergeant Cancer Care, thank you to everyone who came along and also gave so generously to this charity.

The Christmas Music concert was held on the last Friday evening of the term and always makes me feel very proud of my involvement in a school full of such talented children. Nearly 200 people squeezed in to our hall to hear our musicians and choir perform. My thanks to all the peripatetic teachers for supporting this event and to Mrs Trickett for organising it.

Parents may be aware that we have received notification from the transportation section of the County Council that the Cycling and Walking team has received funding from the Royal Air Force, High Wycombe to improve the existing footpath and install a shared cycle footpath along Main Road between the RAF Site 3 and Site 1. Governors are in the process of responding to this proposal and weighing up the benefits and pitfalls to such a scheme.

Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher

Proposed Shared Cycleway - More Information

Details of a consultation period, with a 17 January deadline for replies, were disseminated on the 20th December just as the school was closing for the 2 week Christmas break and many of the footpath users were heading off on holiday or would not be travelling the route until the school reopened.

The scheme would permit cyclists to ride along the current footpath from the entrance to 3 Site, across the end of Kilnwood, over the junction to the Silver Birch Caravan Site, through the bus stop at the junction of New Road and Bradenham Wood Road and across the end of Grimms Meadow. The route will then cross New Road via a Toucan crossing and continue down the opposite pavement to 1 HQ Site.

This "shared use" pathway travels along pavement areas that are the main access routes to the school where, at various times of the day, there is a

substantial movement of children and parents leaving or approaching the school on the footpaths. They are particularly busy and congested in the morning between 7.45am and 09.15am when the children are arriving at school/Before School Club at the same time as the main movement of RAF personnel between sites. The situation is similar at the end of the school day, which extends to 6.0pm when the After School Club closes.

Department of Transport guidelines recommend that "shared use" facilities should where possible be 3.0 wide with an absolute minimum width of 2.0m. With the exception of the stretch between the Silver Birch Caravan Site road junction and 3 Site, the remaining length of the route does not meet the 2.0m minimum requirements. Most worryingly, there is a "pinch point" at the Bradenham Wood Road junction where the old barn wall projects onto the pavement; the County measurement of the pavement width at this point as 1.5. It seems improbable that our Reception Class pupils with a 6 inch ruler could fail to notice that

it is actually 1.3. Additionally, at this "pinch point" the footpath turns into the bus lay by to produce an almost blind corner. Even with the proposed adjustments to the lay-by, travellers in either direction cannot see what is approaching round the bend until the very last minute. There are concerns that a young child might run out onto the road junction if confronted by a cyclist. There are also worries over the line of sight at the junction of Main Road and Kilnwood if pedestrians or cyclists take the inside line at the corners. Further areas of concern are: the proposal allows for cycling in both directions leading to the possibility of 2 cyclists and pedestrians contesting the same area of the footpath; it will be open to cyclists 24 hour a day including in winter when it is dark; it relies on the removal or cutting back of foliage and the clearance of footway vegetation being maintained; it introduces a risk that parents parking against the pavement adjacent to proposed Cycleway and opening their car doors to drop off/pick up their children may cause cyclists to swerve into the path of pedestrians; it does not reduce the risk to cyclists crossing from Greenwood or at the

Walters Ash Naphill School Assoc.

would like to invite you to their

Auction of Promises Evening

Friday 2nd March 2007 at Naphill & Walters Ash School from 6.30pm

We have some fantastic lots on offer - a week-end away in a holiday cottage by the sea, a hot-air balloon flight, several dinners for 2, ironing service, hampers and a water-ski package to name but a few! Check our web site for the full list of lots to be sold - this will be updated regularly.

Auction catalogues are available in advance from mid-Feb in the school office for £1. The catalogue is then your entry ticket to the event. We will accept postal bids on all lots so even if you can't come on the night, please be sure to check our listing of all lots for sale.

Food and bar available on the night

Children welcome, you don't have to stay the whole evening - just come along & bid for your dream lot!

We still have space for more lots - if you would like to donate something, big or small, an item or an experience, we'd love to hear from you.

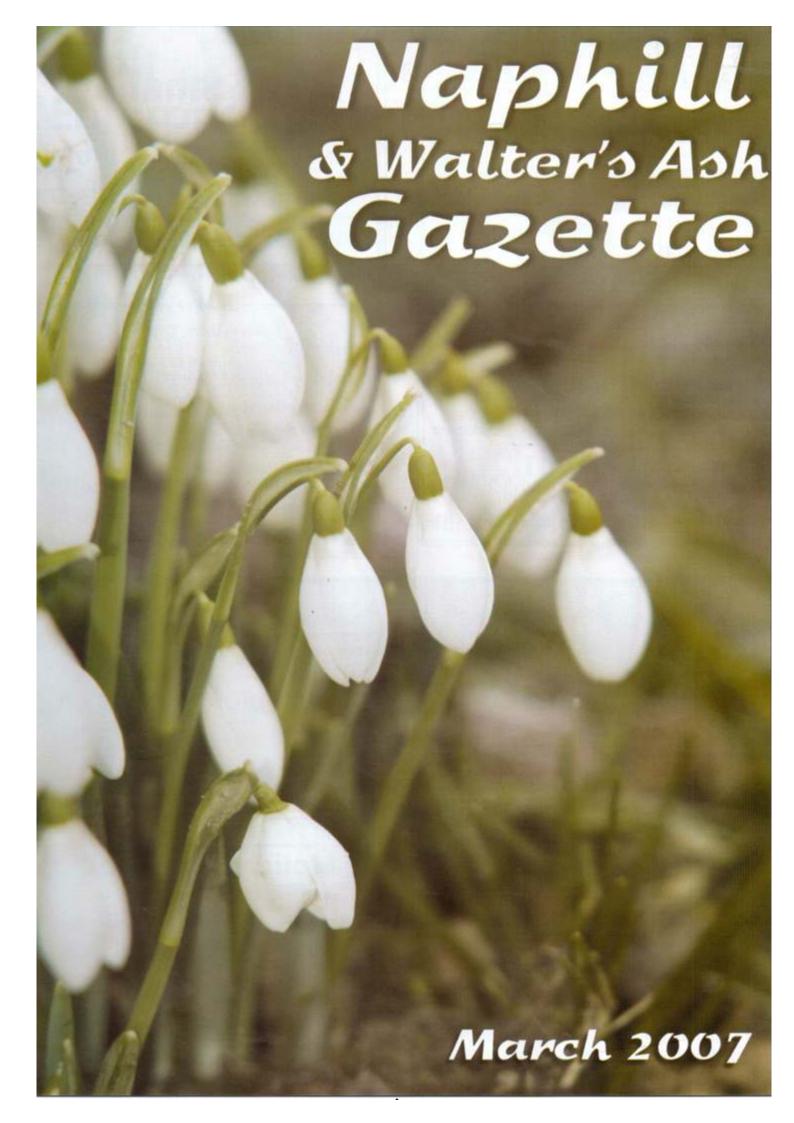
Auction web site can be accessed via school site :-

www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk

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Wansa Chair — Becky Adams can be contacted via school office or on 01494 564664

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Editorial

I lost a key whilst out walking between Christmas and New Year. I re-traced my steps the next day but was unable to find it. A few weeks later I saw a notice pinned to a stile saying that the key had been found and giving a contact number. I was able to retrieve the key, so thank you very much to the kind and thoughtful people responsible.

A second thank you to customers from the Black Lion who came and pushed my neighbour's car out of the

mud (it got stuck while she was delivering an article for the Gazette!). People like this are one of the many reasons why it is such a pleasure to live here.

The new Directory of Village Organisations has got off to a slower start than I had hoped but now you've seen the idea I hope for more entries.

Finally, very best wishes to Grant Woodruff who was in hospital at the time of writing and therefore unable to send his usual article.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary **Pilates** Each Wednesday 7.30-8.30 & 8.30-9.30pm Fraser Morgan Dance Classes Each Monday 4.45-8.00pm Fraser Morgan Dance Classes Each Tuesday 3.30-7.30pm Fraser Morgan Dance Classes Each Wednesday (Small Hall) 4.00-8.15pm Ballet (Pam Sheen) 6.15-7.15pm Each Wednesday Evening W.I. Third Thursday in month 7.45pm EXTEND gentle exercise class 2.00-3.30pm Each Monday Horticultural Society Committee Occasional Mondays (Small Hall) 8.00–9pm Line dancing 8.00–9pm Each Tuesday Luncheon Club 1 for 1.15-2pm Second Wednesday in month Men's Club Monday to Friday 7.30pm Mobile library Each Wednesday -Village Hall 10.30-11.15am 12.15-12.50 Forge Road Mother and Toddler Each Thursday (Term-time) 2.00-4.00pm Naphill Boys FC training sessions U14s every Wednesday* 6.00-7.30pm U16s every Wednesday* 6.30-8.00pm U18s every Wednesday* 7.30-9.00pm U6s–U12s every Saturday 9.30-11.00am Naphill Neighbours Second Monday in month 8.00-10.00pm Over Sixties' Club Alternate Fridays 2.00-4.00pm Pre-school 9.15am-12.30pm Each weekday (Term-time) Residents' Association Second Thursday in month 8.00pm Village Hall Council First Monday in month 8.00-10.00pm Yoga: stretch, tone and relax Each Tuesday 1.30-2.45pm Tennis Club Sessions Every Sunday 10.00am onwards **Every Tuesday** 10.15am onwards Thursday (summer only) 6.30pm onwards * At RAF Astroturf

Small Ads



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Crime Reduction Officer	Maria Marston	736644	
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888	
	Hazel Vickery	563977	
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County & District Councillor's Report

How the weather changes, last week snow – today, sunshine! The well forecasted snowfall and heavy frost in February, was noted by our road salting teams and Naphill and Walters Ash were well served and it was amazing how soon the salted roads cleared of snow. The cost of this process is high and it is essential that the forecasting of icy road conditions is accurate. This time we got it right and congratulations to the highway's team, who worked hard during the preceding night with the salting and gritting of roads in the area.

Winter weather plays havoc with road surfaces and the incidence of potholes is higher than I can remember. "Highways on Call" 0845 230 2882 should attend to reported calls within 48 hours. I suspect that not all potholes are so reported. There is always the tendency to assume that somebody else has done it!

Controversy about the proposed Cycleway between Woodcock Road and RAF HQ buildings is not yet resolved and I am waiting to see an amended scheme which will avoid traffic lights and the use of the narrow footpaths at Bradenham turn. The original scheme was quite unacceptable because of the conflict

between cyclists, pedestrians and children walking to school. I am receiving complaints about increased signage on our roads, yet another two have appeared on Bradenham Hill Lane, which could set an unfortunate precedent.

The County Council is responsible for Trading Standards and that department offers clear, practical consumer advice on all kinds of consumer issues from bill queries to faulty goods, to reporting dishonest traders and avoiding scams. They can be contacted by dialling 08454 04 05 06 during normal office hours.

The District Council has been publishing a number of venues where the public can have a say in planning the future and ensure that the new planning framework documents will represent, where possible, an acceptable future built environment. New housing will be inevitable under the government's present figures and public scrutiny of the proposed sites is very important. The Dates are 28th Feb, 7pm – 'M40 Gateway' at John Hampden School, High Wycombe, 1st March, 7pm – Kings Centre, High Wycombe (concentrating on town centre issues) 6th March, 7pm – Green Street Youth & Community Centre (Desborough and western parts of the town).

This will be a chance to discuss what we are proposing for site allocations in the town. A newsletter outlining the main proposals is currently being distributed to households in the district.

As I forecast last year, the county council is to go ahead with trial schemes to save on energy by reducing street lighting in parts of the county. The stretch of Hughenden Valley Road, from the boundary sign of High Wycombe to the junction area with Cryers Hill will be switched off this spring. The self-illuminating road studs have shown to improve road safety. Hughenden will get back some of its rural tranquillity and the stars will again shine over the Valley!

Richard Pushman

District Election Thursday, May 3rd 2007

Having served as your **District Councillor** for the last 20 years and after much thought, I have decided not to contest the coming **Wycombe District Council Election** in May. It was not an easy decision but I have found that combining District meetings with the responsibilities of the County Council has become a heavy workload and time is a precious commodity.

There is much happening at District level with the exiting future of the new Eden Shopping centre, new plans unfolding for the District and the continuing pressures for development. This is the right time to hand over the representation of our community to a fresh approach. My successor as the Prospective Conservative Candidate for the District Election will be John Gibbs, who lives on Main Road, Naphill and has already established himself as a helper within the community. Should he be elected I know that he, together with his wife Julie, will make a worthy team.

My personal thanks for the support of all readers during my past 20 years as a Wycombe District Councillor. It has been a great privilege and honour to serve such a community.

I shall of course continue to serve as your **County Councillor** for all the residents in Greater Hughenden. On the County Council, I remain Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Community and Environment and a member of the Chilterns AONB Conservation Board.

Richard Pushman

Notes From Hughenden Parish Council

I mentioned the Parish Precept in my NOTES last month. I am now in a position to provide more

information. In the current financial year the Precept is £128,000; this is the amount Wycombe District Council includes in the Council Tax so the expenses of the Parish can be paid. The Precept for 2007/08 has been set at £151,500, a rise of 18%. However, £20,000 of this is proposed expenditure to improve the assets of the Parish by providing a new adventure trail in Naphill and Walters Ash. Without this capital expenditure, the percentage increase would be below inflation at 2.7%. There are about 3,300 dwellings in Hughenden Parish so the cost of the Parish Precept is roughly £46 per household per annum, less than £1 per week.

Apart from the cost of staffing, the largest item of annual expenditure, after grants to community groups, is £10,000 for the maintenance of children's playgrounds throughout the villages. This responsibility was taken over from the Village Hall Councils because it was no longer possible for them to manage and maintain the facilities to the standards required to meet health and safety legislation. In addition to the new play area in our village, the Parish has an annual maintenance programme for all five playgrounds (The Crick, North Dean, Great Kingshill, Widmer End and Hughenden Valley), plus a rolling programme of planned improvements.

The Parish Council considers that, apart from the maintenance of services, its role should be to enhance the community's facilities. Hence the decision to become involved in the village playgrounds. These are inspected regularly, deficiencies addressed, and improvements made when finances allow. The Council is mindful of the cost of local taxes but believes residents will be willing to bear this small burden if they can see something of practical value for their money.

Other Parish annual costs include:-

Grants to Village Hall Councils and clubs	about	£12000
Grass cutting		£9000
(allotments and Four Ashes Burial Ground)		
Hedge cutting ditto		£2000
Street lighting		£3700
Dog bins, inc. waste removal		£ 1200
Maintenance of bus shelters and seats		£350

In addition, the Parish conserves and maintains land such as Vincents Meadow and Cockshoot Wood, managing some 66 acres in all. It also makes loans to assist local organisations. Full details of the accounts will be available at the Parish Meeting on May 24th in Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

Peggy Ewart – Vice Chairman Hughenden Parish Council Tel 529259 Email pegwat1066@aol.com

An Odds Story

The news that Manchester has been chosen as the site of the first huge, Las Vegas style Gaming Casino is well known because of the enormous publicity given to the decision. It so happens that a second casino location has been proposed but for legal reasons the Government is unable to make a formal announcement. However I can reveal that the location is Naphill. This may come as a great surprise to you but there is a cold logic behind the decision.

Manchester was chosen in order to inject money into a relatively poor area, to build up the local economy, generating wealth and thus rejuvenating investment by taxation. In the case of Naphill it is, of course, a wealthy area as you can easily ascertain if you wish to have some work done in your house or garden. The Government object here would be quite different, namely to divert cash from the local economy into gambling to reduce inflationary pressure on local services.

The Crick is the natural location for the Casino but Green Belt considerations rule it out. Thus the Pushman and Latham acres then become prime contenders but their physical separation poses problems. Car parking, and general support facilities such as snack bars, restaurants, and banking are critical. For the former, a large underground car park is proposed for <u>underneath</u> Bradenham Beeches, thus avoiding the accusation of attacking the Green Belt. However the whole project could founder as various organisations, including Friends of the Earth and the National Trust, argue that such a project would affect the Red Kite population and we know that Governments are very sensitive about anything that affects nature.

Staffing of the Casino would generate a large number of jobs locally. The chorus line of Cabaret would provide vacancies for W.I. members and various gambling games will offer croupier roles for Naphill Neighbours. Those of us who enjoy a flutter should refresh our memories on the range of gambling attractions which may become available.

Roulette (Little Wheel) is the Casino game par excellence and it appears in various forms. Craps (always to be mentioned in the plural!) is purely a game of chance. Poker dice has a nice element of bluff in it whilst backgammon is a fine challenge to skill.

Faites vos jeux!

After this flight of fancy, may I add that the April edition of the Gazette will include the annual finance

report which will be a little less fanciful. The Red Collection Boxes will also be issued then.

David Leith

FOR SALE

Due to kitchen re-fit!

Siemens white fridge/freezer 4 months old and still under 2 year warranty. Was £500 will accept £375.

Bosch 12 place setting Dishwasher in white, OIR £70

Creda Concept double oven electric cooker, in brown, including extractor.
OIR £45

Buyer collects.

Tel: Mike and Pauline Pool 01494 564226

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club



Once again, sitting at my computer and looking outside at the very snowy scene, the approaching new tennis year still seems remote. I am glad to report, however, that our committee is busily putting into place the infrastructure for the (hopefully) warm sunny days ahead. The very damp weather has taken its toll on our courts and it is now deemed prudent to call in the experts to address the problems of moss which can cause the courts to be slippery in wet conditions. We are obtaining quotes for this work and, if satisfactory, members may find the courts will be out of commission for about a week so please consult notices in the clubhouse or watch this space! If this work is carried out in the near future, it will leave a bit of a hole in our funds which will need to be filled in. To this end, Ted Chapman has kindly offered to run a Quiz Night in July to bolster our funds and all members are urged to support this event – see Newsletter for dates, etc.

Members may also like to be reminded that our annual Club Dinner is to be held on Friday, 30th March at 'The Gate', Bryants Bottom, at 7.30 for 7.45pm. Details of menu choices are on the list on the Clubhouse notice board. Everyone is welcome to join the party – if you are unable to access the Clubhouse on Sundays or Tuesday morning club sessions, contact Helen Leek on 01844 344148 – e-mail:

<u>hleek@aol.com</u> or any other committee member whose contact details will be listed in our Newsletter – due to hit your letterboxes very soon!

Other good news for club members is that our Chairman has been negotiating hard on the club's behalf to secure the services of a reliable coach for our summer season Junior and Rusty Racquet sessions, resulting in the appointment of Mel Ebbles, whom members may remember took some of the free senior coaching sessions last year. Again, contact details should be included in the Newsletter.

For any further information on the club and membership details – contact our Sue Crooks, our Membership Secretary, on telephone no. 01494 562539 – e-mail: smcr2000@aol.com.

Ingrid Tomlins - Tel: 01494 446063 - e-mail: <u>RGTomlins@aol.com</u>

Naphill Evening WI

At the end of last months' report, we mentioned the death of a past member of long standing, Stella Page. Her funeral was very well attended and we are sure many friends will miss her, as will of course her family. She is remembered with fondness at the WI for holding the torch while Mollie, another old member, played the piano for our singing of Jerusalem - even though Stella could play the piano herself.

We had a very successful talk by local therapist Kate Davis on Complimentary Medicine in January and it made us think about positive ways to improve our health without always rushing to the doctors' surgery. Some ladies even signed up for personal treatment and massage. It is always good to hear a local speaker and as we write we are looking forward to listening to Vivienne Pountney at our February meeting.

Now to cheer us up, have you bought your tickets for our Friends Evening Race Night, being held on Friday 16th March, an event not to be missed. All tickets must be purchased in advance of the event. A hot supper of sausage, beans and mash followed by plenty of laughter and fun - what more could we want after the short dark days of winter and snow to boot! Our regular March meeting, on the 15th, is an open one, so bring along husband, partner or friends to hear Brian Edwards talk about "Famous Bucks Families and Their Houses". It should be an enjoyable evening with tea, coffee and the usual raffle to follow. The competition is a photograph of a stately home, so do have a look and see what you have in your albums. March 23rd, the Group meeting, will be held at Sands Valley with speaker Martin Sirot talking about Sulgrave Manor. A lot of us have visited the manor so it will be interesting

to hear more about it. Competition a small flower arrangement for a coffee table. Once again we look forward to seeing you at the open meeting, 7.45pm Naphill Village Hall on March 15th where you can meet friends and no doubt catch up with local news.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

At our well-attended open meeting in February David Vernon gave us an illustrated talk on THE WOODLAND TRUST & PENN WOOD. The Woodland Trust is the U.K's leading woodland conservation charity and it is committed to:

- No further loss of ancient woodland
- Restoring and improving the bio diversity of the woods
- Increasing new native woodland
- Increasing people's awareness and enjoyment of woods

We were particularly interested in nearby Penn Wood and David Vernon told of its varied history from Roman times to the present day. A most informative talk

Plans have been made for a number of outings during the year, the first will be on Tuesday, 24th April when we will be visiting WOBURN ABBEY in Bedfordshire. Tickets cost £21 per person for members and £22 for guests and must be paid for at our March meeting. If you have not already booked and would like to join us, please contact Sheila Rolfe on 562888.

We meet again on Monday, 12th March at 8pm when Geoff Burnett is making a welcome return visit to give us an illustrated talk entitled DOWN MY WAY AND FURTHER AFIELD. Tea hostesses will be: June Black, Jenny Price and Trish Bowen.

Hazel Vickery: 563977

Naphill & Walter's Ash Over 60's Club

Archaeologist Colin Oakes was our speaker for the meeting on 25th January and on this occasion he talked about the impact which the Edwardian era had on the development of modern London. There were many innovations with the advent of electric tube trains, the invention of escalators, and the expansion of retail trade sparked by the opening of Selfridges store in Oxford Street. The increase in customers visiting London prompted the opening of cafes for the less-well-to-do people where hitherto only well-off people could afford the existing exclusive restaurants. Cars were seen on the streets and the rather disreputable Music Halls changed to the more respectable variety shows. It was also a period when the Suffragists, and

the more militant the Suffragettes, campaigned for women to have the right to vote.

The programme for March will be:

9th March: Singer Sally Edwards

23rd March: Talk by Richard Pushman

Doris Lording: 569424

Your Letters

Thank You

Sam at Hair to Dye For would like to thank everyone who has sent cards and presents for baby James, born on 15th January weighing 6lbs 4oz.

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes

We seemed to get through our business in record time this month, and yet still cover all that we needed to. A lot of outstanding jobs seemed to have been completed. All minor "housekeeping jobs", but its still good to have them taken off the "to do "list.

Hughenden Parish Council have no moneys available to upgrade the equipment in the play area this financial year. It is however, being maintained and is checked weekly to ensure that it is safe and in working order.

We are gradually getting in quotes to refurbish the roof. This is obviously not going to be a cheap job. There were some samples of roof tiles for us to look at during the meeting. These were made of metal but had the look of "slates". They should not be noisy as there will be a layer of insulation, and should be cheaper and more resilient than our current slates. The quote that we have had in would involve the removal of the Tower. There was a mixed reaction to this. The tower gives the Hall some character, but is also the area that seems to let the rain water in. Next month we hope to have more information to help us to make our decision. I'm sure it will be a while before we can proceed, especially if applying for grants is involved.

Our next fundraising event is the Village Quiz on the 23rd of February. Do make up a team and come along it is always an excellent night.

The Fete is on the 9th June on the Crick. The theme is pantomime characters. (Oh no it isn't. Oh yes it is.) Ted is well underway with the organisation but still needs someone to shadow him this year so that they

are well prepared to take over in 2008. Ted is an excellent mentor and should have very detailed plans and records ready for his successor. Do give it serious thought and talk to him about taking over. You are sure of support from the good folk of the village.

On a final note – Jenny Price received our heartfelt congratulations on her award an "An Unsung Hero of Buckinghamshire" for her continuing work in the community. Well done Jenny – very well deserved.

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

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning applications to 6 February 2007:

07/5120/FUL: No. 2 Site RAF High Wycombe, Walters Ash. Installation of 2.4m cantilever security gates and replacement security fence not exceeding 2.4m in height.

07/5154/FUL Digmoor Cottage, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Erection of single storey rear extension and erection of detached double garage to front. 07/5172/FUL 232 Main Rd., Naphill, Change of use of strip of land from agricultural to residential garden to incorporate a driveway. (Objection. This was not considered necessary at the Appeal. What has changed?).

07/5178/FUL Auchinyell, Downley Rd., Naphill. Erection of 3 x 3 bed terraced houses with associated car parking and landscaping and alterations to existing access following demolition of existing building. (Objection. Not much improvement on previous plans. Location in AONB not considered. Car parking is still parallel to road. Building is still bulky.)
07/5222/FUL 232 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of

07/5222/FUL 232 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of single storey rear extension. Raising roof and insertion of five dormer windows in connection with loft conversion and construction of chimney. (Objection. Over development adjacent to Green Belt.)

AGM Thursday 12th April 2007.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

News from 'Christians in the Community'

I know Christmas seems a dim and distant memory but I thought you would like to know that donations from the Carols by Candlelight at the village hall amounted to £90. And the children and adults who went carol singing around the village on THE coldest night of the winter raised £25 – both amounts were sent to the Toybox charity.

Easter cards detailing times of services in the local churches should be delivered to all homes in the parish during the end of the month.

KRASH will meet on the 9^{th} and 23^{rd} March – the latter date will be an Easter special. We are considering starting a half hour earlier after Easter to enable younger children to come – i.e. we would start at 6 pm and finish at 7.30 pm.

Norma Clarke (563116)

The Father's House

Our first Chatterbox Charity Café of the New Year at the beginning of February again proved to be a great success and in fact was the most successful on to date with over £100 being taken. We do apologise that some of the cakes and Lemon meringue pie ran out but we will attempt to make extra next time. Thank you to everyone who supports Chatterbox and the work of ROPE in Macedonia which our profits go towards helping. We hope you will all continue to come to support us and this work when we next open and please bring or tell a friend. The next 3 dates are **Friday** 2nd March, **Thursday** 5th April and **Friday** 4th May between 11:00 – 14:15. Thank you.

The months of February – March are often amongst my favourite months of the year for no other reason than I can, as a very keen ex-rugby player, enjoy the "Six Nations" Rugby Internationals. This year there has been a great amount of press on the return of a certain J. Wilkinson into the English side with some supporter's banners around Twickenham saying "Jonny is God."

Though in a sense he may prove to be one of English Rugby's saviours after what was an awful run of bad results the one thing he is not is God. I hope he gains the status once more of being the world's best fly-half and with him England go on to win the Six Nations and retain the Rugby World Cup later this year but to idolise him as some do is taking things further than even he would wish.

It seems to be very easy for us as a nation to idolise even worship others especially some of our sporting heroes like Jonny when they are doing well. I'm glad he for one remains what seems to be a modest man amidst all the acclaim that follows him but will the nation ridicule him and bring him and the team down should they fail to deliver what is now expected as they have done in the past with all our other national sports teams? We only ever seem to love winners.

Another man, who at the time of writing, has also had a successful return to international rugby, is team mate Jason Robinson who is known to be a committed

Christian.

Jason and countless millions of Christians have come to realise that all of us as individuals need a Saviour not from the lack of achievement but from the consequences of what we call sin, living independently from God, and we have found him in the person of God's only Son Jesus Christ.

God became man in Jesus and through a selfless act of love died on a cross for the sins of the world but after three days was raised to life so that all who believe in Him and make Him Lord might be reconciled to God and be given everlasting life.

Although we can admire and even thank people like Jonny Wilkinson for their dedication, sporting prowess and the feel good factor we get when they help our countries teams win no sporting hero is, I believe, worthy of the idealised worship they are often given because they cannot give us what we all really need.

Only Jesus who saves our souls reunites us with God is worthy of such acclaim for only He gave His life that we might live and have life. My prayer for everyone in this community, nation and the world who do not yet know this Saviour will come to see their true need and find Him.

In and through Jesus you will find everlasting peace, rest and a relationship with God that is intimate loving and personal for eternity and this guaranteed win, win offer can begin today.

If you would like to know more or speak to me on another issue please contact me on the number below.

May you know God in whom there is love, peace, security and blessing.

Bob Semple. Tel: 01494 563304.

St. Michael and All Angels Hughenden

When I stand in front of congregations I am increasingly aware that the word sin is actually an alien word to most people. The word itself has all but dropped from most people's vocabulary as belonging to traditional religious phraseology which in an increasingly secularized society is declared to be meaningless. What is sin? It has been summed up as 'defiance, arrogance, the desire to be equal to God....the assertion of human independence over against God'. This is perhaps a reflection of our culture. So much of our moral understanding had it's foundations in a Christian view of the world in which there was a God and a moral law to be acknowledged. However when we remove God from the picture, very

soon any notion of moral law becomes confused and purely relative so that even the basic notions of right or wrong become muddled.

One acute observer of the human condition was the American psychiatrist Karl Menninger who wrote a book entitled 'whatever became of sin?'. Describing the malaise of western society he comments 'one misses any mention of "sin". 'It was a word once in everyone's mind, but is now rarely if ever heard. Does this mean', he asks, 'that no sin is involved in all our troubles? Has no-one committed any sins? Where indeed did sin go? What became of it? He notes that 'many former sins have become crimes, so that responsibility for dealing with them has passed from church to state, from priest to policeman, while others have dissipated into sickness, or at least symptoms of sickness, so that in their case punishment has been replaced by treatment'.

Dr Menninger then goes on to plead for a reinstatement of the word 'sin' in our vocabulary and also for a recognition of the reality which the word expresses. He takes preachers to task for soft peddling it 'The clergyman cannot minimize sin and maintain his proper role in our culture'....for sin is 'an implicitly aggressive quality - a ruthlessness, a hurting , a breaking away from God and from the rest of humanity....' To ignore this he says would be dishonest. To confess it would enable us to do something about it.

Lent has just begun. It is a time in the Church's year when we can focus on this, not to grovel in the dirt and feel bad about ourselves, but to face up to the truth about ourselves before the reality that is God. It is only then that we can understand the nature of the Grace of God who meets with us in love, not to condemn, but to forgive and restore, though we remember that forgiveness of our sin came with a heavy price, no less than the cross.

Simon Cronk Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels Hughenden

Albert Owen Brown

It was something of the passing of an era at the funeral on 13 February of Albert Brown, almost certainly, at 91, the oldest born-and-bred resident of the village. Albert died on 31 January at Cherry Tree Nursing Home, Saunderton, after several months of declining health. He leaves a daughter Rosalind, son-in-law Allan, grandsons Paul and Tom, and sister-in-law Vera Goodchild, who had looked after him for many years since his wife Nancy passed away.

Albert's life and achievements were covered in greater detail in the April 2005 issue of the *Gazette*, when he

celebrated his 90th birthday so we will not repeat them all here. New residents, however, might be interested to learn that Albert – who was the son of a Walter's Ash brick maker – was responsible for the construction of some 275 homes in and around Naphill.

At the Amersham Crematorium service, there was scarcely a spare seat, with relations, friends, comrades from the Royal Engineers and some who had perhaps met him only briefly all there to pay their respects and to celebrate his remarkably active life as a family man, WWII soldier, talented cricketer, Wycombe Wanderers supporter, housing developer and friend – truly a man of many parts. We shall all miss him.



Albert Brown on his 90th Birthdaylan Lewis

Naphill Horticultural Society

I know it seems a long way ahead, but we are organising a trip to the BBC Gardeners World Live at the NEC, Birmingham on Wednesday 13th June. If you are interested in coming along, please let me know as I must have final numbers and payment by **Friday 23rd March** in order to book the tickets. The cost will be £26 per person which covers the cost of the coach and entrance to the show. A bargain as the normal ticket price is £21(plus £7 parking and your petrol). To quote from the brochure "Filling the air with perfumed scents will be blooming show gardens, the most

desirable plants and fabulous live entertainment. This is any keen gardener's paradise and the perfect day out". The show is also co-located with BBC Good Food Summer Festival and BBC Good Homes Live, so there should be something for everyone. The trip is open to both members and non-members of the Society – but hurry we are booking up fast.

Finally, a reminder that our AGM will be held on Monday 19th March in the Small Hall at 8.00pm. You are more than welcome to come along and air your views – we would love to see you, and the meeting usually only lasts about an hour. Alternatively, if you have any suggestions or ideas, but cannot make the meeting, please feel free to 'phone me and I will pass on your comments.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Badgers and Maize

Most readers will be appalled that the government are considering a mass cull of badgers – completely eradicating them in certain areas – to counter the spread of bovine TB. However, help may be at hand following a farmer's astonishing experiment. The farmer had a herd of 600 cattle. Five years ago he was in the same situation as neighbouring farmers – he lost stock to bovine TB and the local badgers had TB. Then, for reasons unconnected with the TB problem he decided to go organic. He was astonished to find that his cattle no longer went down with TB. In five years he has not had a single case of bovine TB in his herd. All the surrounding farmers' cattle continue to be plagued with TB.

He decided that it was the change of diet which must have been responsible. Previously his cattle were fed largely on maize. When he went organic he fed his cattle largely on clover. He looked into this and found that maize was deficient in two vital trace elements — selenium and iodine. Clover was not deficient in those two trace elements. In other words, his cattle had previously been suffering from malnutrition and thus had reduced defences against an attack of bovine TB.

He tried an experiment with his badgers. Badgers love maize and he felt there was a possibility that they also were suffering from malnutrition. He put buckets of feed rich in the missing two trace elements near their setts. His badgers no longer suffered from TB – but surrounding farmers' badgers continued to suffer.

No need to cull badgers

If this "cure" for bovine TB can be substantiated there would be no need for the government to conduct the proposed mass cull of badgers. All that farmers would have to do is to feed their cattle food supplements containing the two missing trace elements. They could do

Naphill SPRING FAYRE 2007

Saturday 17th March 2007 2.00 - 4.00pm in Naphill Village Hall

Come and join us at our Spring Fayre, with something for everyone – games, gifts, and attractions for the whole family – all at amazing value. Many of the stalls will be run by the Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts

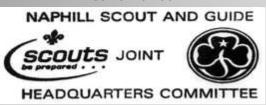
On Saturday 17th March you will be able to:

- Buy excellent value Easter gifts and bric-abrac
- Indulge in the always popular cake stall
- Chance your luck on the tombolas
- Play games and competitions
- Enjoy the various refreshments.

Please come along and support this event. All the proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Scout and Guide Headquarters Building – a facility used and enjoyed by many village children.

Hope to see you there. EVERYONE WELCOME

For further information please contact Jill Wilkinson 01494 564271



the same with their badgers and whole swathes of the country could be free of the scourge of bovine TB.

A few thoughts of my own

About 12 years ago badgers started eating the sweet corn on my allotment. I had grown sweet corn every year for the previous 20 years without such a problem, despite the fact that one of the badgers' paths went straight through my allotment, sometimes straight through my sweet corn. There is no doubt that for 20 years sweet corn was not on their menu. So why the sudden change? The local farmers had just started to grow maize, a crop I had seen often in France but never before in England. Obviously, the badgers had started to eat the maize, developed a taste for it then found "maize" on my allotment. In 3 nights they demolished my entire crop of 137 plants having an average of two cobs each and which were almost ripe. (I now grow my sweet corn in the garden and have no problems with our friends.)

That fixes the timescale. The farmers in my area started to grow maize for the first time about 12 years ago. If cattle have been fed on maize for 12 years and have thus been suffering from malnutrition for 12 years that could explain why the problem of bovine TB has been increasing exponentially, to the increasing frustration of the farmers, the government and badger-lovers. The "plague" could be down to the change of the cattles' diet onto maize. The Badger Trust (0207 228 6444) are "on the case". Let us hope that the farmer's happy discovery is the answer to this awful problem.

Meanwhile, there is a lesson here for human health. About one third of the UK population is suffering from malnutrition. People may not be aware of this until they go down with some complaint or other which can be ascribed to malnutrition. I don't know how the general public could be checked for malnutrition - it seems an impossible task. But by growing nutrient-rich food in our gardens and allotments and having a balanced diet we gardeners have a better chance of avoiding malnutrition.

Mike Mason

Wanted

CONDUCTOR AND NEW MEMBERS FOR LACEY GREEN SINGERS (Any voices are welcome but in particularly we are in need of men(both tenor and bass) to add to our dwindling numbers.)

CONDUCTOR: There must be embryo conductors out there who would welcome the experience of conducting a choir. We are not necessarily looking for someone with loads of experience (however welcome that might be) but someone with enthusiasm and knowledge of music and who needs or would like the experience of running a very enthusiastic and committed choir. There is remuneration for their trouble.

CHOIR: We meet on Thursday evenings at St John's School, Lacey Green. Over the years we have had a variety of conductors so our repertoire is wide as naturally conductors have their favourite music: choral music, light summer music, music from the Shows and folk music. We look on the choir as social as well as a wonderful satisfying hobby so we do not ask people to audition but just to show enthusiasm and commitment.

If anyone is interested and would like to have more information our web site is: www.laceygreensingers.co.uk. Telephone numbers to contact: 01494563728; 01844343604; emails: angela.brand@virgin.net; jane@brownbods.com; pestcontrol@bucknet.co.uk.

Angela Brand



Risborough Rewards

I wonder how many of you have visited Risborough recently. There is much going on under the covers – some of which is beginning to surface. In the middle of last year a study was published into where the town could be in the year 2035. This provoked a number of retailers to mutter that they were more concerned with survival until the end of 2006 than whether the town should have a major new bypass. (Have you counted how many local government studies seem to focus on timescales such that it will be impossible to hold their perpetrators to account? But that is another story!).

The local business group knew that it was urgent to help restore retailer confidence in the town centre. We have lobbied the district and town councils and are happy that:

- CCTV is promised to make all town centre users feel safer, particularly on dark evenings;
- Car parking problems in the town are now being taken seriously. However, the welcome arrival

- of Marks & Spencer in the Spring will increase the challenges already faced by shoppers;
- A study of traffic organisation in the High Street is being undertaken.

Nonetheless, we decided that something must still be done to assist our local independent retailers maintain the character of our little market town, faced as they are with:

- ever-increasing rates,
- rents that seem to rise faster than inflation,
- the threat of major competition from the mammoth new shopping centres being planned by Aylesbury and Wycombe.

We resolved that the message to Risborough citizens from the retailers would be "Use us or lose us". Last October we revealed our plans for a local loyalty scheme. It works like this. Shoppers sign up on the web for a free loyalty card. Retailers decide what level of benefit they will offer to Risborough shoppers. Some are offering a straight percentage off goods. Others are offering 3 for 2 type deals. Some offer special deals from time to time that we make our members aware of by email. Any business displaying the logo below will offer its own unique deal.



We have been staggered by the goodwill that the shoppers are showing to the scheme and pleased by the enthusiasm of retailers for their new ability to market their wares to Risborough people.

The reason for writing this note to the residents of Naphill and Walters Ash was threefold:

- 1. To let you know that Risborough is reawakening.
- 2. To offer you the chance to apply for a free Risborough Rewards card.
- 3. To assure your shopkeepers that if they wish to join the scheme they will be very welcome.

This could be a win-win for Risborough and for Naphill and Walter's Ash. Just point your browser to http://www.RisboroughRewards.co.uk for more information.

Mike Pitcher, Vice Chairman - Risborough Area Business Group

Time To Go Solar?

With properties for sale soon to be rated for their energy efficiency and CO2 emissions (a requirement

of new Home Information Pack), renewable energy systems start to look attractive. Add on global warming, rising gas and electricity prices and worries over UK energy security and it seems logical to harness the energy in the sun, wind and earth, so we are less dependent on gas, oil or coal.

But the basics must come first...

Many of us may still be able to reduce the amount of fuel we burn by simply moving up to today's recommended depth of 270mm loft insulation. For more about insulation grants and discounts or advice on renewables and energy saving, call the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on 0800 512 012 or visit the web site (www.mkea.org.uk). Lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm.

Gordon Glass - Energy Efficiency Advice Centre

Naphill Brownies

Our Brownie Pack Holiday was very enjoyable at the end of January. The weather was fantastic and we managed to climb to the top of the Beacon and fly our homemade kites. The Brownies throughout the weekend fulfilled their duties of cooking, laying the table, washing up and even cleaning the toilets! All the Brownies received their Pack Holiday badge at the end of the weekend for all their hard work.



Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale Saturday 3rd March

Naphill Village Hall 2.00pm

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

No furniture or electrical goods please.

After half term we have two more Brownies moving up to Guides and we wish them well, which means we have two new Brownies joining us.

We have lots of activities planned for next half term, a visit to the RAF Fire Station, enrolments, treasure hunts and continuing with our Brownie Tradition badge.

Please support our main fundraising events for the year, our Jumble Sale on the 3rd March and the Scout and Head Quarters fund raising event 'The Spring Fayre' on the 17th March.

Thank you to all those who supported our stamp collection in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind; if you still have any to donate the Post Office can still accept them for a short while longer.

If you would like to add your daughter's name to the waiting list, even if she is a long way off her seventh birthday, please contact Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) on 565571 or me on 01494 564576.

Judy Pope

Naphill Pre-School

This term has been all about different shapes, colours and rainbows. Next term will be about animals and Easter with the Easter Hat Parade on March 30th.

We would like to say goodbye and thank you to Tanya and Elaine and wish them all the best for the future and welcome some new staff. Jean Underwood has joined the team along with Beverley MacGregor. Debi Conn is supervisor with Annabel Brocklebank deputy. Debi can contacted on 01494 564037 (am) and 01494 521612 (pm).

We would like say a big thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising events so far this school year and would like to mention some dates coming up. There is a 70s/80s disco on Friday 23rd March and due to popular demand we will be holding another barn dance with band 'Pigzear' on Saturday 12th May.

If you would like more information about joining preschool or to come for a visit please call Debi Conn on 01494 564037 (am) or 07907 102149. More information can also be seen on our new web site which is still under construction but can be viewed at www.naphillpreschool.co.uk.

Debbie Marchant: 565046

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group - Easter Special!

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents / carers with Toddlers and Babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over Tea & Biscuits, while the children play with numerous toys and make new friends.

We will be having an Easter Party on Thursday 22nd March 2007. Time 2–4pm. Come along and make Easter cards, Bunny ears etc. (all with help of course!). There will be a special Easter treat and Easter eggs. Join us for the fun!!

Please phone Zoe to book your place. Price £2.50 for 1st child and 50p per subsequent child.

We meet every Thursday during term-time at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm.

Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling).

For further information please come along during session times or call Zoe on 01494 444502 or Una on

Naphill Pre-School

70's & 80's DISCO Friday 23rd March at Naphill Village Hall 8pm - 11.30pm

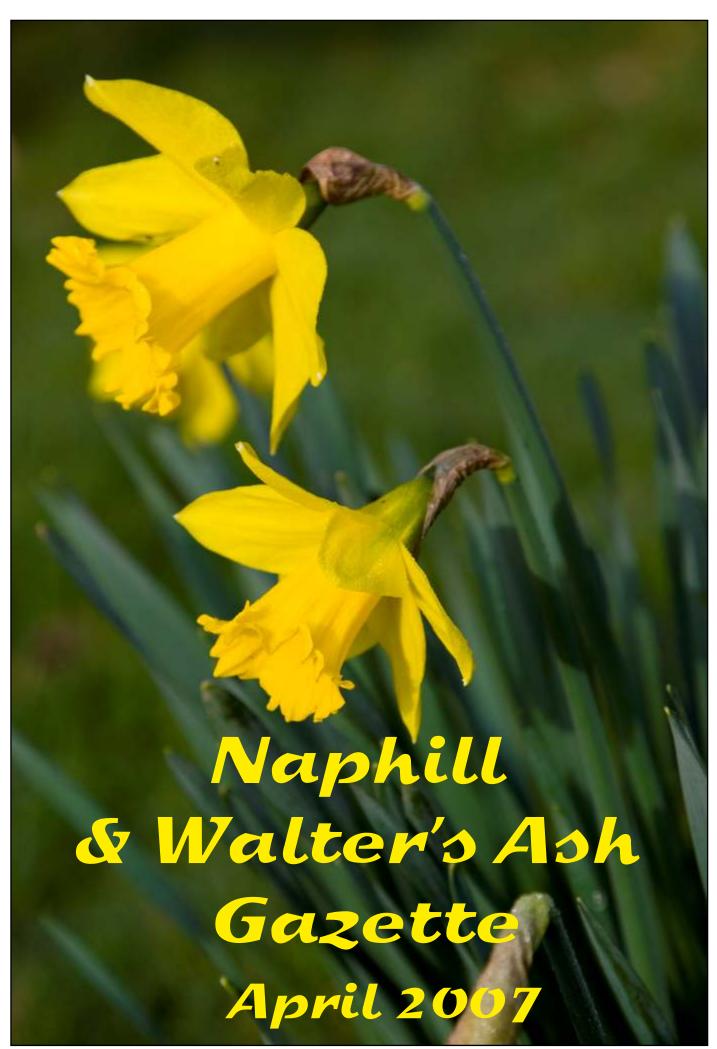


Nibbles and bar, Optional Fancy Dress Ticket Price £5

For tickets please contact

Debbie Marchant on 565046 or

Claire Cotes on 566120



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Editorial

I've just got all excited reading Ted Chapman's article about the fete. That combined with the wonderful Spring weather as I write makes me really believe that Summer is close.

Thank you to everyone who passed on kind comments about the snowdrops on the March front cover. I hope you enjoy this month's daffodils just as much. Mark took some marvellous and very artistic shots for me to

choose from this month, making the Editorial job very difficult. He is amused by the fact that I 'played safe' with this selection!

On the subject of the new covers we would like to get a bit more adventurous shortly and feature some of the village organisations in action. If your organisation is willing to be included then please get in touch.

Happy Easter everyone!

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary				
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30–8.30 & 8.30–9.30pm		
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8.00pm		
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Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00–8.15pm		
Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm		
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm		
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2.00–3.30pm		
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00–9pm		
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00–9pm		
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15–2pm		
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm		
Mobile library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30–11.15am		
M 4 1T 111	Forge Road	12.15-12.50		
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2.00–4.00pm		
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6.00–7.30pm		
Naphill Neighbours	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30–8.00pm		
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30–9.00pm		
	U6s–U12s every Saturday	9.30–11.00am		
Over Sixties' Club	Second Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm		
Pre-school	Alternate Fridays	2.00–4.00pm		
Residents' Association	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am–12.30pm		
Village Hall Council	Second Thursday in month	8.00pm		
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	First Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm		
Tennis Club Sessions	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm		
	Every Sunday	10.00am onwards		
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards		
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards		
	* At RAF Astroturf			

Small Ads

ARALIAS TO YUCCAS! Specimen shrubs 0.75 - 2.0m tall from my nursery site in Penn. Bargain prices. Supply and plant or supply only. Also herbaceous perennials. G C Travers HND Am Hort. 01494 563367

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County & District Councillor's Report

With the Wycombe District Council Election taking place on Thursday 3rd May my usual notes are not included because of electoral protocol and I write only as a County Councillor. Readers will already be aware that my twenty-year representation as your District Councillor will be ending when my successor is elected on 3rd May, and so future District Notes will be written by someone new.

I cannot remember our local roads being in such a poor state with potholes too numerous to mention. The wet weather this winter has not helped but I suspect the underlying cause is the lack of infrastructure investment over the years due to insufficient government rate support grant. The County Council is faced annually with the dilemma of having to allocate limited funds to a wide range of deserving causes and road maintenance is rarely high on the list. Unfortunately, our local roads were not constructed for the heavy traffic that uses them today. Lorry weights have increased enormously over the years and satellite navigation systems direct drivers over unsuitable routes. However Highways have increased their maintenance teams and reported holes will be attended to within 48 hours. Highways on call is at 0845 230

The new Cycleway at Walters Ash is now nearing completion. It will terminate at the new Zebra Crossing and cyclists will have to decide whether to proceed along the roadway or enter Greenwood and proceed through that estate to Kilnwood. The construction of a through cycle route will be the next phase of the RAF plan. The RAF is paying for this entire construction and it is within their budget for this financial year. Hence the speed with which this work has been carried out. This new path will increase the dissatisfaction of readers who complain to me frequently about the poor state of our roadside paths through the village. There are some particularly bad stretches and I am pressing for improvements to be made.

The lighting switch off experiment along Hughenden Valley Road has caused much local comment. There is concern about safety issues but the council is confident that the new self-illuminating road studs and the lower speed limits will improve the safety record. Since the Scheme was installed on the A4128 there have been two crashes on the rural section. Both these crashes involved a positive breath test and one involved an under age driver whilst under the influence of alcohol. Had these drivers stayed within the law, there is a good chance that the 'after' crash record on this stretch of road would have been zero. The scheme will continue

to be monitored. What a tragedy that some drivers will not drive within the law.

Richard Pushman

Notes From Hughenden Parish Council

Drug Awareness

On March 6th the Parish Council facilitated an evening meeting at Great Kingshill School with the purpose of raising awareness about drug and alcohol abuse. The meeting was well attended by local residents, including parents and some older children. Information was provided about different drugs and their effects, how to recognise symptoms of drug abuse, and the amount of crime related to drug taking. Apart from the crimes associated with dealing in drugs, a significant proportion of the cases coming before local magistrates arise from damage caused by young people who are 'high' on drugs, and by burglaries, etc. committed to provide funds for the habit.

One of the 'handouts' provided at the meeting indicated 'How to ENCOURAGE your child to use drugs.' The following are some of the suggestions:-

- •Never eat together as a family.
- Never listen to your children. Always talk at them not with them.
- Never let your child experience cold, fatigue, adventure, risk, challenge, failure or frustration
- Always pick up after your child and never let him/her take any responsibility.
- Always solve your child's problems and make his/her decisions.
- Go to the medicine cabinet regularly for relief.

Further information about the facts and fiction associated with drug taking is provided by the charity FRANK. Tel. 0800 77 66 00 or email frank@talktofrank.com or visit the web site.

Parents can do everything right and still find their children have taken drugs because they have been targeted. It is well worth becoming as informed as possible because tragedies can happen to anyone.

Playgrounds:- I note that last month's Village Hall Notes state that the Parish Council cannot afford to do anything other than routine maintenance for the playground on the Crick in the coming financial year. Residents may like to know that major refurbishment of children's playgrounds is planned on a rolling programme so too much cost does not fall in any one year. There are plans to upgrade the Naphill playground in 2008.

Hughenden Parish Council

It is with some regret that I am having to step down from Hughenden Parish Council due to the increased pressure of running my own business. I would like to take this opportunity to say that I have enjoyed my four years. It has been interesting and rewarding dealing with local issues such as planning, traffic calming (well, trying), local amenities such as play areas and the environment.

Unfortunately, two of my colleagues from Naphill & Walters Ash are also leaving for very similar reasons. This will leave a huge void on the Parish Council that desperately needs to be filled if Naphill & Walters Ash are to have a voice heard. Please could I ask anyone that may have an interest in the future of their village to consider standing as a Parish Councillor for Naphill & Walters Ash, YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!!!

If you wish to discuss this role, please contact either myself or the Parish Clerk, Lynne Turner on 715296.

Ian Bond: 564824

Money, Money, Money

It is time for the annual financial statement which covers the period from 1st February 2006 to 31st January 2007. Such statements are usually somewhat boring, except when serious financial problems have arisen or some financial improprieties have occurred. Hopefully the Gazette will never suffer from such unpleasant excitements and so you may expect this report to be boring. However as it happens, this has been an interesting year for three reasons, one not so good but the others quite positive indeed progressive.

Traditionally I shall deal with the bad news first and I have to report that, for the first time, a significant number of advertisers have been very slow to pay.

When a late payer is approached the standard response is either:

- a) I haven't had the Invoice or
- b) I thought I had paid

I have to confess that your hard working, unpaid Treasurer does not relish such responses. Eventually all paid including one I had to threaten with small claims legal action. Such excitement!

The good points both involve spending money beyond our usual limits. First the stored copies of the Gazette from the early years were beginning to crumble from sheer age (I know the feeling). To preserve them for posterity (worthwhile we hope), some have been electronically preserved. Doubtless more will require such treatment in due course.

Secondly, we have moved with the times and introduced colour. You will have seen and hopefully enjoyed the colour frontispieces (this isn't quite the correct word but I like using it), which is a good start. Further development will follow but we naturally wish to proceed cautiously as colour is not cheap. Meantime the cost of the Gazette eases up to £2 and our advertisers also contribute more.

Over the years a reserve fund of about £2,000 has been built up to pay for the first three issues of the Gazette, before the new income flows in. I have allowed this to build up to about £6,000 to cope with impending extraordinary expenditure. As you can see from the above table, preserving the old Gazettes has to date cost £653.82 and dipping our toes in colour £618. There will be further expenditure on colour before we achieve the optimum solution. Meanwhile the contingency fund may be under some pressure but that, of course, is what it is for.

It is always desirable to end on a happy note and I can do so by reporting that one late payer donated £10 towards the cost of the Christmas Tree Lighting. Thus out of evil came good! And the cheques for the 2007 advertising are beginning to flow in. Indeed I am reminded of the brilliant American wit, Dorothy Parker, who in response to the question "What are your favourite two words?" replied "Cheque

Income	31.01.07	31.01.06	Expenditure	31.01.07	31.01.06
Adverts	3940.80	3920.00	Printing	6124.12	5576.22
Collections	1284.00	1675.00	Computer	22.00	16.00
Donation	375.00	390.00	Postage	41.62	62.90
Interest	59.61	87.82	Petrol	28.00	25.00
Small Ads	210.00	181.50	Phone	21.00	6.90
			Colour	618.00	
			Preservation	653.82	
TOTALS	5869.61	6264.32		7508.56	5943.70
			Deficit	1638.95	
			Surplus		567.30

enclosed". As a Treasurer I support her choice of words.

David Leith

The Naphill & Walters Ash Gazette

Following on from David's report I thought I would add a brief review of my own, the view from the Editor's chair.

Now half way through my second year as Editor there are two things that I wasn't really aware of as just a reader. Firstly, the commitment that the regular contributors show to producing their reports every month. Secondly, the number of volunteers that are necessary to ensure that the Gazette reaches you every month. It is a tremendous team effort with at least 45 people involved including the people who walk the streets in snow or sunshine delivering the Gazette through your doors. I thanked them all in the Christmas edition but I want them to know that we are all enormously grateful to them for giving up their time to ensure that our magazine continues to be produced and delivered as it has been since 1937.

The decision to change the front cover was taken after careful consideration and as a result of suggestions from contributors and a review of other local magazines. We wanted to ensure that the Naphill & Walters Ash Gazette was given a facelift in the hope that our existing readers would continue to enjoy it, that we could maybe recruit new readers and that our advertisers, on whom we depend financially, would continue to consider it a publication worthy of their interest.

When making the decision we did some analysis of costs and statistics based on the financial position (before colour). I thought you might be interested in the results:

Circulation: Approx 1000 households
Subscription: £2 a year covering 10 editions
Cost per edition: £5.90 a year for 10 editions

Shortfall: £3.90 a year

The shortfall is (almost!) made up by charging for adverts. We have 64 people with large adverts, many of whom have been loyal supporters for years, and 24 people with small ads.

Advertising rates for 2007/8 are:

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The interest in advertising with us has dramatically increased to the extent that I have to do something about it, I just haven't quite worked out what yet so I am sharing my dilemma!

Many existing advertisers in the large adverts section at the front and back would really like more space, many people who are currently in the small ads section really want large adverts and I have a waiting list of 24 people that I can't actually accommodate at all. Also some people would like colour adverts. I spoke to several advertisers this week and they tell me they get a fantastic response from the Gazette and that you are all a very desirable 'target audience'. However we are at the stage where putting in more advertising space would detrimentally impact the balance between adverts and copy.

Another consideration is the number of content pages. For most of last year we were running at 13 but I sometimes had to hold back entries which I do not like doing. If people have been prepared to put time and effort into writing articles then I feel these should be published. This edition I have had to increase to 17 pages (my next break point). Of course increasing to 17 pages of content will increase the cost of printing this month and once again eat into those precious reserves.

I feel that the ideal compromise would be 2 more pages of content each month and 2 more pages of adverts but I am throwing the debate open?

I did follow up on the suggestion made by several people last year that existing advertisers should be asked if they were prepared to have a smaller advert but no one was. I will also be much tougher this year on the people that don't pay on time. We allow 30 days, which is both reasonable and normal. If no payment is received following a reminder then the advert will be removed and the space made available to someone from the waiting list.

Finally, as David suggests, we would like to do more

colour work this year but we can only do this if funds are available. Can I ask you to bear this in mind when those subscription tins come to your door?

Thank you for listening.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club



I am pleased to report that, by the time this month's Gazette is published, our courts should have been cleaned, the necessary work being scheduled to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 14/15th March. This 'spring clean' should ensure that the surfaces are moss-free and not slippery in damp conditions – in fact – ready for action for the forthcoming summer season. At this point, members are reminded that we also arrange a 'spring clean' of the clubhouse and, this year, it is scheduled for Sunday, 25th March at 10am – ALL WELCOME!

April is a busy month at the tennis club with the following events - as listed in our Newsletter: First Evening Club Session - Thursday 12th April (and each following Thursday until the end of summer); first social tennis event 'Summer Starter Doubles' - 2pm Sunday 15th April; details of our Wimbledon tickets allocation will appear on Clubhouse notice board - Friday 20th April; start of Junior coaching - also Friday 20th April (see Newsletter for times and details); U/7 Beginners Club - Saturday 21st April; First Rusty Racquets (free) - Thursday 26th April. This last event is open to all comers, i.e. members and potential members who might be thinking of joining us and would like to develop or revive their tennis skills.

In addition to the above, our schedule of matches in the local leagues will be starting and, whilst most of these are usually played in the evenings and at weekends, members should check fixture lists on the notice-board for court availability. Pre-arranged matches do take precedence over social play but most matches will only utilize two courts, leaving one free for members. Whilst on the subject of team tennis, could I remind all local tennis players that there is plenty of room in our teams for new contenders and we will be delighted to hear from anyone interested in helping us to climb up the various divisions! Currently, we run 1 Mens and 1 Ladies team in the Aylesbury League and 2 Mixed teams in the High Wycombe League.

Although the previous paragraph has emphasized our need for members willing to play in our teams, we always welcome those who wish to play socially and not competitively. Whilst we do try to encourage all members to join us at social events and club sessions, we realize that those with young children often enjoy a family game together and hope that eventually this will lead to both junior and senior members taking an active interest in club activities.

For any further information on the club and membership details – contact Sue Crooks, our Membership Secretary, on telephone no. 01494 562539 – e-mail: smcr2000@aol.com.

Ingrid Tomlins - Tel: 01494 446063 - e-mail: RGTomlins@aol.com

Naphill Evening WI

April, spring has arrived - we hope you have been enjoying the mild, sunny weather. What a delightful, amusing talk we had from Vivienne Pountney at our February meeting. She has really led an interesting life with all its ups and downs. Besides bringing up a family she not only does the triathlon but house sits peoples' pets and plants as well.

A lot happened in March – but mostly after this report had gone to press, so as usual you will read about it next time! On March 15th we will have listened to Brian Edwards talking about 'Famous Bucks Families and their Houses'. The following evening, March 16th was our friends evening and race night – hopefully equally successful as last year, with a good hot supper and lots of fun. Then on March 23rd the Group meeting at Sands Valley WI, when Martin Sirot renewed our acquaintance with Sulgrave Manor, which many of us have visited on a very enjoyable trip. So plenty to look forward to reading about next time.

As there is only one resolution this year we will be discussing it at Jenny's Ploughman's Lunch on the 10th May. A most pleasant way of combining business with good food, a glass of wine and a chat amongst friends - an event not to be missed. Tickets available soon. At our next meeting on April 19th we welcome another 2 local speakers, Mr & Mrs Singh from Naphill Mini-Mart. They will be talking about 'Life as a Sikh' living in Britain. The competition is a souvenir from India. Once again it is an open meeting, so bring along husbands, partners and friends to share an enjoyable evening starting as usual at 7.45pm.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

Geoff Burnett paid a welcome return visit to Naphill Neighbours for our March meeting. His journey in

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vision and music entitled DOWN MY WAY AND FURTHER AFIELD took us through many of the pretty villages and small towns of South Bucks, starting in Marlow, via Long Crendon, Dinton, Haddenham and many more and ending in a blazing sunset neat Hazlemere. We could have been looking at views from the 18th or 19th centuries with pretty cottages and Victorian houses, the woods, lanes and meadows.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 16th April when Brian Edwards will talk about ARTISTS OF THE THAMES VALLEY. Tea hostesses will be Merle Abbott, Gill Church and Margaret Stallwood.

Happy Easter, everyone.

Hazel Vickery: 563977

Naphill & Walter's Ash Over 60's Club

Our 9th February meeting was cancelled due to the difficulty of travelling following the snow so we were unable to exercise our brains on the Quiz planned for that day. Exercise of a different kind was the subject of Lin Williams talk on 23rd February when she explained and demonstrated the Chinese art of T'ai chi chuan. Although classed as a martial art, it was originally developed to be defensive rather than offensive and has now become a gentle form of exercise for toning muscles and promoting general well being.

Sally Edwards, one of our favourite entertainers, provided a varied programme of songs and poetry on 9th March with the music ranging from songs from the shows to the charming 'Westering Home'.

There will be no meeting on 6th April as it is Good Friday. The next meeting will be on 13th April when David Hobbs will give a talk on Garden Birds.

Doris Lording: 569424

Your Letters

Hughenden Parish Council

Once again our parish councillors have excelled themselves in setting the parish precept for 2007/8. The increase is a whopping 18.2% following from 7.2% last year and 8.6%, 2.4% and 10.5% in the preceding years. You don't need to be much of a financial genius to realise these figures are vastly in excess of the rate of inflation and in almost every year by far the largest percentage increase of any of the authorities on whose behalf council tax is collected by WDC. The increase in my council tax since 2002/3 has been 40.26%, vastly in excess of the increase in my pension but the increase in the parish precept since 2003/4 (the earliest year for which I can make a comparison) has been 40.92%. These are figures that may be acceptable to City fat cats but they aren't to local pensioners.

This year Peggy Ewart has kindly provided us with an explanation of parish expenditure. Most of the increase is going on an adventure trail. Unfortunately we only get a one line explanation with no meaningful detail despite the fact that this item alone accounts for 13.2% of total expenditure. Don't bother looking at the parish council web site to see if there are any further details – it hasn't been updated since December 2005, nor have I recently seen any minutes etc on the village hall notice board. No doubt we'll be asked to shell out another 18% next year as other villages in the parish demand their adventure trails.

Peggy has also told us that the annual parish meeting, which is an opportunity for the parish to put questions to its councillors, will be held in Hughenden Valley village hall on 24th May. If you feel strongly about these big precept hikes why not turn up and say your piece? No doubt we shall be told in next month's Gazette what time the meeting is to be held. See you there.

David Frost: 564466

The Wheel

It's that time of year when spring is in the air and the fetes and festivals are just around the corner. The Wheel is no exception to the start of the season's entertainment. We will be having a jam packed spring

and summer with events for all the family to come and join in on the fun.

It all starts with a fresh new menu that will be commencing in April. We will also be carrying on with our curry nights on the 1st and 4th Wednesday of each month and our Sunday Roast will also stay on as a regular.

Well that's the food covered so what next.....We will be celebrating St. Georges day on Saturday 21st April (not on the 23rd as it should be) we have just had a fantastic St. Patrick's Day celebration, and are hoping that St. Georges Day will be much the same. Our main event in April will be the first of many Beer Festivals throughout the year. April's one being held over the weekend of 27th, 28th and 29th, and will be focusing on local breweries, on Saturday 28th there will be a hog roast and live music.

The quiz night which is held on the 1st Wednesday on each month will carry on with the focus on having fun and taking part, as any team could win a prize not necessarily just the winning team!

So what does the future hold? Lots!!! Well have the two Bank Holidays in May to think about, along with the all important village fete day and most importantly our 1st year in The Wheel to celebrate. Watch out for our advertising in The Gazette, the boards outside the pub or our Website www.thewheelnaphill.com for a constant update.

We look forward to see you all in the pub having some well earned fun.

Claire and Mark

NCH

You may be interested to know that although the annual village envelope scheme for NCH had to be suspended due to the difficulty recruiting volunteer collectors, we have , through the Box Holders Scheme - whereby individuals have a lantern collecting box in their homes - plus individuals giving annual donations - sent off a cheque to NCH totalling $\underline{£403}$. (Naphill Neighbours and W.I. Members also contributed by passing a collecting box around at one of their meetings). Many thanks to you all.

NCH helps the most vulnerable children, young people and their families by some 500 projects throughout the UK.

In the present climate these schemes are of the utmost importance to help foster good family life - the backbone of any nation!

Please contact me for any further information or offers of any help in any way.

Found

In the woods on the common behind Downley Road on Thursday 15th March 2007 - brown envelope containing money.

If you wish to claim this please contact the Editor who will then put you in touch with the honest and considerate finder.

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes

As I write this spring seems to have arrived. The rain has stopped at long last and the Crick is having a chance to dry out. I dread to think what the weather will be doing by the time you are reading this, but it is lovely at present to have a bit of blue sky. Makes us all feel so much better and energised.

The quiz was yet again a great success. Many thanks go to Ted for arranging this lucrative and fun evening.

There is, as always, plenty to be done in the Hall. Our two major projects are the heating and the roof. Neither of these is insignificant so please bear with us.

I do apologise to those of you who have been cold in the Hall. We are looking into the best solutions to remedy this, and planning to get quotes and specifications of the work necessary from heating engineers. The building is a complex one and needs to be broken down into zones so that only the parts being used can be heated adequately and we don't have radiators belting out heat into empty rooms both for the benefit of our finances and the environment.

We continued our discussions about the roof. I know that I worried some you last month when I said we had been looking at refurbishing the roof with metal tiles and possibly removing the tower. Can I quell your fears by stating that at present we are only investigating all the possibilities and relevant costs as we are bound to do. Whatever materials we choose will not be cheap, and we are honour bound to ensure that we gather as much information as possible to make the best decisions. We all care greatly for the aesthetic appearance of the Hall and ensuring that it retains its character. However the current tower is well past its best by date. The wood is rotten and it leaks water into the Hall but we are keen to replace it if we can afford to do so. Please support us in all our fund raising efforts so that we can retain the character of the building.

Next months meeting will be followed by the **AGM**.

All are most welcome. Our April meeting, on **Monday the 2nd April**, has been brought forward to start at 7.30 p.m. so that we can start the **AGM at 8.30 p.m.** Hope to see you there.

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

The Village Fete – Saturday 9th June

We've just received the most marvellous news; the Royal Air Force Battle of Britain Memorial Flight is providing a Spitfire and a Hurricane flypast especially for the Naphill & Walters Ash Fete! Words fail me, what a terrific gesture from our RAF neighbours! I do hope that you will all come and enjoy the sound and spectacle of these very special aircraft.

Do check your diaries now. Are you free to come to the Naphill and Walters Ash Fete on Saturday 9th June? If necessary cancel your holiday, put your wedding and honeymoon on hold and preserve all of your time and energy for the greatest event of the year. The Fete will be held on the Crick as usual.

Our festivities open in the traditional manner with a super procession that starts in Forge Road at 12 o'clock. This year's theme will be 'Pantomime Characters' which we hope will provide inspiration for those involved with the Classic Cars, the tableau, the stall holders and everyone else. Children can be Cinderella, Snow White, The Seven Dwarfs, Dick Whittington (or his cat), Peter Pan, Captain Hook (or the crocodile), Sleeping Beauty, Aladdin, Babes in the Wood, Alice in Wonderland (or the White Rabbit); adults can arrive as Prince Charming, the ugly sisters, the Mad Hatter, Widow Twanky or anything else that takes your fancy. We would also like to see some dressed in a way which compliments the RAF Spitfire and Hurricane input.

The full range of attractions and sideshows will be available and you will meet all of the friendly village people that you haven't seen for a while. Do admire the stalls that our hard working volunteers provide and man, and sample Clive's beer and Pete's beef burgers while the children explore the many fascinating things that are being prepared for them

There is no need to wait until June to become involved. Root out your Bric-a-Brac for the Second Hand Emporium and 'phone Ian (564824), collect your unwanted books together and give Pauline a call (564226), Ted (563034) is waiting for items suitable for draw prizes and Sheila (562888) would be

delighted to hear from anyone who will donate something to the ever-popular Cake Stall.

An enthusiastic team is making good progress on arrangements for the big day but, of course, volunteers are always welcome to help with the myriad of jobs that need doing. There will be something for everyone who wants to help – from selling raffle tickets to thumping posts into the ground (and removing them) and many other tasks for which we hope to beg a few minutes of your time. Please 'phone Taskmaster Ted on 563034 if you can help.

This is also a chance to show your appreciation to someone in the villages who you think should be nominated as 'Best Neighbour'. Drop me a line explaining why you think this person is special. Your identity will be kept confidential. Everyone who is nominated will receive a certificate and the 'Best Neighbour' gets to hold the cup for a year with the



names of all their worthy predecessors inscribed on it.

This will be a great day for the whole family. We know that the weather will be super; all we need is you. Do come along and bring as many friends and children as you can collect. Join us in all the fun of this very special the fete!

Ted Chapman - Fete Organiser 563034

History of Naphill

For those of you who have recently moved in to the villages we still have some copies of Rex Leaver's excellent book 'Naphill and Walters Ash - Looking Back at Village Life'. If you would like a copy, price a very reasonable £4.95, then please contact me.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning:

07/5316/ADV. 312. Main Rd., Walters Ash. Display of internally illuminated sign. (The existing sodium lighting is to be queried and also the times when the sign will be switched off.)

07/5311/FUL. 10 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of single storey rear annexe.

07/5473/FUL The Wheel, Main Rd., Naphill. Erection of two shelters to the rear of the public house.

07/5474/FUL 11 Bayley Gardens, Naphill. Construction of side porch.

07/5485/FUL 19 Vincents Way, Naphill. Construction of rear extension and roof alterations, and installation of two front and one rear dormer windows in connection with loft conversion.

07/5525/FUL. Willow Barn, New Rd., Walters Ash. Construction of prefabricated stable building (Retrospective). (Questions have been raised as to length of time this temporary structure is to remain in its present position and whether it is too close to the boundary of the neighbouring property.) 07/5545/FUL. 1 Beech Park, Walters Ash. Erection of summerhouse in rear garden (alternative to pa06/7532/FUL).

Cycle Path. Jill Shiu represented the Residents Association at a meeting on this proposal, following which a cycle path acceptable to the RAF and local residents was agreed. However the RA have queried the need for as many as 6 cycle path signs and have been concerned that colours of tarmac and signs should be compatible with an AONB setting. Work has now started on the new cycle path.

Change of Date. The AGM will take place at 8pm on Thursday, 10th May 2007, in Naphill Village Hall, not 12th April as advertised last month.

Next Meeting. 8pm 12th April 2007.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Naphill Methodist Church and Chapel Hall Services and Events

- Every Sunday 11am Morning Worship
- Tuesday dates 17th and 24th April 10am 2pm for Morning Coffee and Hot/Cold Lunches
- Wednesdays dates 4th, 18th and 25th April time
 2.30pm Women's Fellowship
- Wednesday evening each week Art Class 7.30pm -9.30pm
- Thursday Bible Study 9.30am

A warm welcome to you all.

Naphill Methodist Church in Crisis?

NO, the church premises is not going to close after refurbishment to the Chapel Hall and Kitchen.

We are very much alive, reaching out into the community. The crisis point is gaining access to the



PLEASE NOTE: April's opening of Chatterbox is on THURSDAY 5th APRIL and not the Friday which is Good Friday - we would love to see you at Chatterbox if you could make it.

Bob Semple

open premises (if some of us were 21 years of age we could jump the fence?) owing to several of us being disabled and the Church spending many thousands of pounds to bring our premises up to the 21st Century i.e. disabled toilet and access for the purposes of worship events etc, to serve the community of the village.

We as members of the Church would be grateful to those who park DAY and NIGHT outside the premises could be a little more considerate, obstructing access to any property is an offence, we have erected NO PARKING signs and obtained parking cones from Thames Valley Police to stand outside the premises, also putting notices on vehicle windscreens with no avail, it is very disappointing for DISABLED folk having to return home UNABLE TO PARK AND OBTAIN ACCESS.

So to those whom it may concern, PLEASE, PLEASE spare a little thought and understanding for those less fortunate than yourselves.

The Community beat Officer is aware of the problem.

Thank you

From the members of Naphill Methodist Church

Naphill Horticultural Society

Our recent dinner was a huge success with a delicious meal during which, everyone enjoyed (I hope!) a gardening quiz. The whole event was most entertaining.

Our annual **Plant Sale** takes place on **Saturday May** 19th, and this is where we need your help. Several of our regular growers have now retired, so we are looking for more people to sell plants.

If you are a keen seed sower, like myself, or are busy dividing perennials, or have too many self-seeded plants, why not consider nurturing a few extra plants and bringing them along to the Plant Sale?

We charge just £5 for a table, the rest of the money you keep for yourself- a bargain!

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

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Pests On The Allotment

My general attitude towards pests is "live and let live". The quantities of vegetables and fruit which I grow in the garden and on the allotment are great enough so as to be able to afford losses to pests. Also, a key part of my strategy is to grow as wide a variety of crops as possible, so that if there is a severe pest attack against a particular fruit or vegetable there will be plenty of other crops to eat instead.

Another reason for my "live and let live" strategy is that I want to be as truly organic as possible. The very long term effects of pesticides are not known – and I would rather not find out the hard way.

There is the monetary aspect also – pesticides are expensive, especially where continuous spraying throughout the season is called-for. Supermarket fruit and vegetables have been subjected to multiple doses of pesticides during their cultivation. On average, crops are sprayed 5 times per year – up to 11 times for

potatoes. Even "organic" farmers are allowed to spray 7 types of herbicides onto crops. We can avoid the side effects of those chemicals, and avoid the cost, by growing our own crops and avoiding pesticides if at all possible.

I must add here that one has to bear in mind that most insect pests have natural predators. If there is a pest attack on my crops then the abundance of "food" will attract their predators who will devour them with gusto. I give as an example the annual attacks my asparagus plants suffer from asparagus beetles which eat the green foliage and stop growth (this is after one has taken the crop). I used to lightly dust the foliage with derris dust, a natural insecticide, which worked. Then I had the idea of leaving an infected plant and waiting to see what happened. After a few days the asparagus beetles had disappeared. Evidently a predator (I know not which) had made the most of a golden opportunity. Another example of a natural predator is that of wasps attacking flea beetles. I had a bad attack of flea beetles on my brassicas and along came a wasp. You should have seen the wasp operate! It moved quickly along the leaf and all the flea beetles in its path miraculously disappeared – the speed of the wasp's mopping up operation was faster than the human eye could detect.

Nevertheless, there are times when, if one does nothing about a pest, one loses one's entire crop, so what do we do? Here are some of my solutions:

- 1. Badgers. About 12 years ago the badgers developed a taste for the sweetcorn on my allotment. They also ate my entire crop of grapes. The Badger Trust said that the only remedy was to put a bare wire round my plot, about a foot off the ground, with 12,000 volts on it. I did not particularly want my neighbours on the allotments to have a shocking experience so that idea was no good. So I grew my sweetcorn in our (enclosed) garden and raised my grapes from wires 18 inches off the ground to 4 feet. Both techniques worked.
- **2. Muntjac Deer.** In our area there are many Muntjac deer and one seems to have our allotments as its territory. For years a deer has grazed my sorrel right down to the ground in the middle of winter (the hoof prints identified the culprit). I did not mind sorrel is perennial and puts forth new shoots every spring so there was no real harm done. However, two winters ago the deer went for my carrots, to the extent of digging down with its hooves to graze the carrot lower and lower. I grow delicious organic carrots! Nevertheless I took no action. It is almost impossible to keep deer out. One tip I did hear was to put lion dung round one's plot but waiting behind a lion with a bucket seems somewhat hazardous to me.

- **3. Pigeons.** For 30 years I planted out my brassicas and down came the pigeons and ate a few leaves. I did not mind. When planting out, I surmised, one should perhaps reduce the amount of foliage so that the roots can cope better with being transplanted, so the pigeons were probably doing me a favour. They hardly ever ate the growing point and never came back later in the season. Then, about two years ago, there was an abrupt change in their behaviour. They did come back later in the season and stripped my brassicas down to bare stalks and the plants hardly recovered. That happened again the following year so now I net my brassicas from the time they are planted out to harvest time. I simply drape a loose large net over the brassica plot and weigh the sides down with bricks. The net is large enough to allow the plants to grow properly – there is no need for a wooden frame. It works.
- 4. Cabbage-White Butterflies. Following on from the above the other pest affecting my brassicas has been the familiar cabbage-white butterfly which lays its eggs on the leaves and, if unchecked, the resulting caterpillars strip the plants of all their foliage. I used to leave them to it in the old days, when the damage was slight, but in the past couple of years our allotments have been hit by a veritable plague of the monsters. The same net as mentioned above was the solution. I chose an extremely small mesh size, about a quarter-inch, which kept them out completely. The bricks all round did not leave any gaps for the butterflies to pass under the net. When they did alight on a leaf covered by the mesh (and that happened almost every minute of every day throughout the summer) they still did not lay their eggs. The mesh must have put them off. Perhaps they lay their eggs only under the brassica leaves. One can also use derris dust, which is effective, but I prefer the net.
- **5. Flea Beetles.** Now to a real problem, or a real problem for me. The flea beetles seem to come suddenly. One day there are none and the next day any members of the brassica family (including radishes, swedes, etc) are covered in flea beetles. The only reasonably organic remedy seems to be derris dust, which does work. However, it is the speed of the attack which causes the problem for me. As an example, I sowed some swedes, spring cabbages and late spring broccoli at the end of July, and watered the patch daily because of the extremely hot and dry conditions. Up came the seedlings and all was well until they were about two inches high. Then in one night they were grazed to the ground by flea beetles – completely wiped out. The only solution I can think of to avoid that in future years is to puff derris dust along the row at the time of seed sowing and repeat as necessary during the period of early growth. Flea beetles do not seem to be around during the usual sowing period of March/April but sowings done in the middle of the summer are at high risk.
- 6. Slugs and Snails. Despite being on top of the chalky Chilterns, my allotment is fortunate in having a layer of clay under one foot of topsoil – ideal for moisture retention and ideal for slugs and snails. On average there are supposed to be 60 slugs per square foot in the UK but I'm sure that I have many times that figure. (Most slugs never come to the surface so I can't count them.) I also mulch heavily with wellrotted farmyard manure and my slugs and snails think they are in heaven. So how do we give them an accelerated passage to heaven? I'm afraid to confess that I use slug pellets. Because of the problem of song thrushes eating poisoned snails, I nearly always cover the particular plot with horticultural fleece thus keeping out birds. In March I sow most varieties of seed, apply slug pellets and cover the plot. In March I also cover my extensive strawberry beds with fleece and keep the fleece on until the plants have fruited. When the first strawberries are green I apply slug pellets to the plot and re-cover with fleece (which serves also to keep out the strawberry-devouring birds). My asparagus bed and celery/celeriac plot receive similar treatment. There are of course many plants which are not on the slug's and snail's menu, such as sweetcorn, the marrow family, beetroot and other fruit so there is no need to use slug pellets for them. Potatoes are a special case. What I do there is to plant the tubers early, in March, and cover the plot with fleece to give protection against frost – and to make them crop early. The fleece comes off at the end of May, having been pushed up by the growing plants. I crop the potatoes in the middle of August before the slugs have ascended from deep down in the moist clay, where they hide when the soil above them becomes too dry in the middle of summer. Cropped early, my potatoes are not too damaged by slugs. Another tip is to go for red-skinned varieties of potato such as desirée – the slugs prefer white-skinned potatoes.
- **7. Mice.** Although there are many mice on the allotments the only damage I have suffered has been to broad bean seed just as they germinate the mice move along the row, digging up every bean. The solution is to soak the seed in paraffin just before sowing. The mice are literally put off the scent. The same solution can be used for peas.
- **8. Two-legged Pests.** My crops are out in the open for anyone to take, and there is a public footpath running right through the allotments. In 33 years I have suffered hardly any losses through vandalism or theft. I rely on the fact that modern youth would not recognise a vegetable unless it is in a plastic pack with a sell-by date!

So there you have my approach to pests. My main approach is to "live and let live", but I do have to take action in some cases. Happy gardening!

Mike Mason

The Naphill and Walter's Ash Sky in April 2007

The Moon is full on 2 April and new on 17. The total eclipse on March 3 was a sight to behold in Naphill and Walters Ash. At about 23.00 the Moon was russet or coppery red and very beautiful. This red was because the sunlight is bent through the Earth's atmosphere, becoming scattered by the dust and haze in the air which casts a reddish hue on the eclipsed Moon There is a similar phenomenam to the red colour at sunrise and sunset. In April, Venus is too close to the Sun to be seen, Mars is a morning star that sets just before the Sun rises, Jupiter is a bright morning star setting just afte the Sun rises and Saturn is a evening star. The Moon is 0.5 of a degree north of Mars on 14 April, 4 degrees north of Mercury on 16, and 3 degrees north of Venus on 20 and 1 degree north of Saturn on 25. Apologies for missing the March 2007 issue; I was in hospital and feel a lot better now.

	Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Sat-
urn Apr 1						
Rises Sets	06.45 19.45	18.42 06.20	07.44 23.20	05.43 15.14	01,59 09.39	14.18 05.38
	19.45	06.20	23.20	15.14	09.39	05.36
Apr 8						
Rises	06.26	02.08	07.32	05.25	01.32	13.50
Sets	19.57	08.11	23.44	15.18	09.11	05.10
Apr 15						
Rises	06.11	05.24	07.23	05.07	01.04	13.22
Sets	20.10	17.39	24.06	1522	08.43	04.42
Apr 22						
Rises	05.56	08.45	07.14	04.48	24.31	12.54
Sets	20.23	02.35	24.43	15.26	08.15	04.14
Apr 29						
Rises	05.41	17.43	07.14	04.30	24.01	12.27
Sets	20.35	04.37	24.43	02.42	07.46	03.47

Gravity Assist Trajectory

This subject was last discussed in the Gazette in 2000 February. The idea behind gravity assist is to use a planet's motion to accelerate a probe. For example, a probe heading towards Jupiter and beyond will accelerate because it is falling towards the planet. Then it starts to move away from the planet and slow down in the process because of Jupiter's gravity. No gain in speed you say and the net effect is zero. What makes gravity assist work is the fact that the planet itself is in motion in its orbit round the Sun and as long as the probe is moving in the same direction as Jupiter it can acquire some of Jupiter's motion round the Sun. So relative to the Sun, the probe will acquire acceleration with the help of the planet and at no cost. The key is to ensure the probe is moving from the right direction when it approaches Jupiter. This process was adopted with the launch of the New

Horizons rocket on 2006 January 19 to Pluto (see article on Pluto last month).

Star of Bethlehem

According to St Matthew's gospel the three wise men followed a star which led them to Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus. Solving the problem of which star, could lead theologians to calculate the actual birth date with more accuracy. The trouble is that during the seven years before year 0, there have been a number of occasions which could have been candidates. The earliest was a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in 7 BC, another conjunction of Jupiter, Saturn and Mars in 6 BC, or of Jupiter and Venus in 3 BC; then there was a nova in 5 BC and the appearances of comets in 5 BC and 4 BC. Incidentally, the historian convention of jumping from 1 BC to 1 AD is not used by astronomers; they use the year 0.

Time

The last time there was an article on time (2003 Sep) I wrote about the definition of twilight and related topics. This time I will concentrate on other aspects of time. For example, after one year the Earth takes 365.25 days to return to its original position relative to the Sun. At night the Earth can be seen to be rotating relative to the stars and in a year it will make one more rotation relative to the stars. A day of Sidereal Time is defined as the time on average it takes for the Earth to rotate just once relative to the stars and is easily calculated to be 365.25/(365.25 + 1)= 23 hours 56 min of solar time. Another problem is that solar time is irregular throughout the year due to the tilt of the Earth's axis and the eccentricity of the Earth's orbit round the Sun. Solar time corrected for these changes from uniformity is called mean solar time. The difference between local mean solar time and local solar time is called the equation of time and this can amount to up to 16 minutes and -14 minutes at different times of the year. Apparent solar time can also be read from sundials and corrected by using the equation of time to give mean solar time.

When railways appeared on the scene in the 19th century it was necessary for time to be more accurate and standard. For example, Bristol solar time is about 4 minutes later than London solar time; not very good for the timing of a train. It became necessary to introduce standard time throughout the country. In much larger countries time zones were introduced. For scientists the term Greenwich Mean Time has been replaced by Universal Time (UT) and the tides on our planet are measured in UT. The result of dissipation of tidal energy is a slowing down of the Earth's rotation and the receding of the Moon. Some 400 million years ago, the day was 22 hours long and the Moon was 15,200 km nearer than now (receding at the rate of 3.8 cm every year).

Grant Woodruff

Mike Dwyer

Mike Dwyer is a volunteer caseworker for the national



charity SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen and Families Association.) Now in his early seventies he reflects on 46 years of service with the R.A.F., including a period of post-retirement work, and what brought him into voluntary work.

It was full retirement and the need to face up to how he would use the time he had on his hands. He lives in Naphill, having settled there when a post-retirement work role brought him to Strike Command He wanted to keep meeting people, to accept responsibility, to make a contribution in the community.

His service life was very full and varied. He served in Germany and Singapore, as well as the U.K. He specialised in the field of radar, working for a number of years on Phantom and Buccaneer jets. He eventually rose to the rank of Squadron Leader and assumed command of teams of men responsible for servicing radar, reconnaissance and missile control equipment, in effect the nose cone of the aircraft.

Mike was aware that voluntary work would demand very different skills but was undeterred. He was not concerned about rank and status; he simply wanted to be useful He quickly secured work as one of Wycombe Hospital's many volunteers and also in the very different environment of Hughenden Manor in support of the National Trust. He then thought of the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund but in the course of his enquiries about service charities met Mary Mitchell, the local SSAFA secretary for the High Wycombe area. He was quickly appointed as a caseworker and after attending a short training course in Central London began work in

SSAFA's core activity of helping ex-servicemen and women who have fallen on hard times.

Help is available for any ex-service people or their dependants. The clients include world war veterans but also those who have fought in the many campaigns that the armed services, including national servicemen, have been engaged in since those times. They may need financial support or help with bureaucratic procedures relating to pension rights and social benefits. Or they may need counselling, for example in cases of bereavement or with the all too common marital problems prompted by service life. The work, which begins with an interview at the home of the client, is sensitive and highly confidential. The caseworker has to assess the merits of the case and make a recommendation for the appropriate support. It is convenient for the volunteers because they can work as much as they want and when they want. Travel expenses are paid. There is very good training, initially in London, and in Buckinghamshire on a regular basis thereafter. Mike himself has recently gained extra responsibility since being appointed as County Training Organizer.

There is very good support in the local area and a healthy camaraderie amongst the volunteers. It is not necessary to have done military service in order to work for SSAFA. Mike describes the work as a "godsend". He meets a great variety of people, not least his clients. One of them, a 92 year old ex-Royal Navy Man, served on HMS Achilles in the Battle of the Plate. Another, an ex-R.A.F. man in his 80s, sought monetary support to buy an electrically powered wheelchair so that he could "regain his freedom" Responding positively to people like these, as well as the younger generations, is a source of great satisfaction

If any readers are interested in taking up this kind of work, in casework or other roles, they are warmly invited to contact SSAFA's local secretary, Mary Mitchell, on 01494 535890. Likewise, if readers are aware of ex-service people or their dependants who are in need of the kind of help SSAFA can provide they should use the same number.

Mike Dwyer was interviewed by John Lambert, Publicity Officer, SSAFA Bucks

Hughenden Manor Needs You!

Special Garden Volunteers required for New Visitor Season at Hughenden

As Hughenden Manor begins to waken from its winter slumber, tulips are not the only things emerging in the gardens. Two exciting **volunteering opportunities**

have been identified for the new season and the team at Hughenden urgently need to find shoes to fill them, could they be yours?

An enthusiastic <u>Garden Interpretation Guide</u> is required to assist with the interpretation of the main garden area, in particular giving Garden Taster Tours and answering visitor questions. You will need to be available one or more days a week (Weds – Sun) between 10.50am and 1.00 pm. Anyone with sufficient horticultural knowledge and a knack for engaging and interesting people will be considered. Further training will be given.

A <u>Walled Garden Assistant</u> is required to help run a high-profile and innovative project with a clear focus on engaging and inspiring people. As assistant to the project leader, you will be able to develop your coordinating and project management skills, and increase your knowledge of vegetable gardening as part of a fun and active team. You will need to be available two days a week for six months. You will need to have experience of working with children and families and knowledge and ability in vegetable gardening. You will need to be self-motivated, reliable, out-going and friendly and have a tolerant and inclusive approach to people from all backgrounds.

For full details on these fantastic volunteering opportunities, please contact the Estate Office on 01494 755 573.

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

Here at school this term we are about to embark on two residential journeys with children as young as eight years old. Many children in Year 4 and Year 6 are now getting prepared for their visits later this term. Next week 43 children from Year 4 are going to New Barn Field Centre in Dorset to undertake coastal study and history assignments with Miss Gwynn, Mrs Trickett and Mrs Ross. They will be leaving on Monday morning to return on Friday afternoon.

The annual Year 6 outward bound type excursion to North Wales starts on Sunday 25th March with the children returning on Saturday 31st March. For the first half of the week the children will be accompanied by Mrs Saunders, Mr Stallwood, Miss Gwynn and Mrs Hawes. I will be travelling up to the site for the second half of the week and will return to Walters Ash with the children on the Saturday.

All this preparation is against the background of a recent tragic event where a young girl lost her life whilst taking part in a river crossing exercise as part of a secondary school experience. With news such as this often hitting the headlines is it any wonder that parents are often very anxious about such activities and worry

PAST TIMES EXHIBITION

Naphill Village Hall
June 30th 2007

12 - 5pm

Teas available

Admission £1.50 Children under 12 free

Proceeds to Village Hall Funds

about the safety of their children when they are taken away from home. This is also a concern for all teachers and governors in schools, and indeed many are now taking the decision that the overall risks are too great and threat of litigation too off-putting. We are one of only a few schools which offer two residential journeys to children so young and have even changed our destinations to make the two experiences more rewarding for our pupils. We are delighted that so many parents and children still take up our offer for these adventures and realise how much they contribute to children's education.

Another education issue often in the media spotlight is that of homework, I have had some interesting feedback from a number of our parents on this issue. Interestingly a number of divergent views appear to be being expressed. The school is currently reviewing the homework policy and a copy will be sent home to parents when this task is completed. Stewart Edmondson, one of our parent governors, will be conducting some school visits and some action research into this area of school life and the policy will take into account some of his findings. What is apparent is that whatever homework is set it is more often the attitude and shared commitment between home and school which makes the most difference.

Last week our netball teams played two matches at Great Kingshill CE School. The A Team won by 11 goals to 0 and the B Team were narrowly beaten 2 goals to 1. The games were very well supported and well done to all those involved. Congratulations to the Year 5 children who took part in the Princes Risborough School Year 5 Cross Country Run at Hughenden Park also last week. In very soggy conditions we had many courageous runners who secured some excellent positions in the event. Thank you also to all the parents who ferried lifts to and from

these events.

Children in Mrs Moore's and Mrs Fairey's class (Years 1 and 2) have produced an excellent fabric collage which is now on display in the café at John Lewis in High Wycombe. This is part of a competition and apparently the more nominations a school receives the more likelihood of winning, so if you are in the vicinity of the store why not pop in and have a look!

Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher

We meet every Thursday during term-time at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm.

Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling).

For further information please come along during session times or call Zoe on 01494 444502 or Una on 01494 566164.

Zoe Hart

Naphill Brownies

We would like to say a very big thank you to Parents, Grand Parents and Brownies who helped and supported our jumble sale and thank you to Ian Bond for the use of his trailer to take some of the left over jumble down to the Saunderton Hostel. We raised £300 for Brownie funds which is fantastic.

We would also like to thank Naomi (Snowy Owl) for all her help and support during the past few months at Brownies. Without her help we couldn't have run Brownies as she was the only one who held the official guiding warrant! Naomi and her family are moving back to Yorkshire at Easter; we wish them well and she will be hugely missed by all of us.

We have lots of activities happening during the summer term, starting the term off we will be spending two evenings completing the Fire Safety Badge following on from our visit to the Fire Station.

We plan to do some exploring in the woods by way of a treasure hunt and also spend an evening with the Walters Ash Brownies doing a sponsored silence!

Brownies has been full since January this year, spaces will become available as Brownies move up to Guides or move away. Brownies who have been on the waiting list the longest do have priority and we will contact you as and when a space arises.

If you would like to add your daughter's name to the waiting list, even if she is a long way off her seventh birthday, please contact Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) on 565571 or me on 01494 564576.

Judy Pope

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents / carers with Toddlers and Babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over Tea & Biscuits, while the children play with numerous toys and make new friends.

Naphill Pre-School

This term we have been exploring insects, wild animals and pet animals. The children have enjoyed meeting some pets who came in for a visit and hunting for insects in the village hall garden. It has been lovely to enjoy the spring weather and take advantage of the sunshine

Thank you to everyone who came to the disco on 23rd March we hope you enjoyed it.

Please make a note of our upcoming Barn Dance which will be on Saturday 12th May where there will dancing to live band 'Pigzear' who played for us last year.

The Pre-School contact number is 01494 564037 (am) or 07907 102149. Debi Conn, Supervisor can be contacted on 01494 521612. Places are available for September so please call if you would like any information or to come for a visit.

Debbie Marchant: 565046



Naphill Pre-School

BARN DANCE with live band pigzear

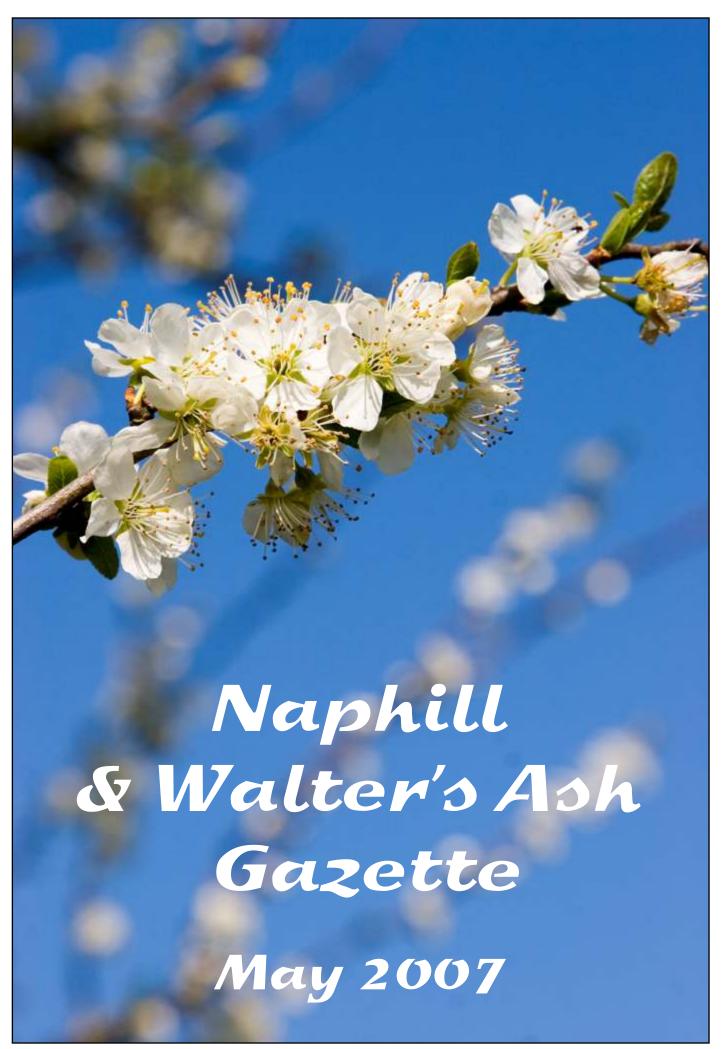
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£10 to include nibbles and one free drink

For tickets please call Debbie on 565046 or Claire on 566120

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Editorial

Thank you to those who responded to my suggestions last month regarding the advertising dilemma. Over the next few months I shall experiment with various options to see which are most effective.

One of the ideas which came forward was to have a For Sale and Wanted section in our Gazette where local people could advertise on a one off basis. I am going to introduce this as a trial from next month, initially as a free service although people would of course be welcome to make a donation if they wished. If however the content becomes large I shall have to start charging to cover the extra printing costs. Lets see what happens.

A sad time for those who live and work in the villages, my heart goes out to the families involved.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30–8.30 & 8.30–9.30pm	
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8.00pm	
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30–7.30pm	
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00–8.15pm	
Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm	
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm	
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2.00–3.30pm	
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00–9pm	
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00–9pm	
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15–2pm	
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm	
Mobile library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30–11.15am	
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Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2.00-4.00pm	
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6.00–7.30pm	
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30–8.00pm	
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30–9.00pm	
Naphill Neighbours	U6s–U12s every Saturday	9.30–11.00am	
Over Sixties' Club	Second Monday in month	8.00-10.00pm	
Pre-school	Alternate Fridays	2.00-4.00pm	
Residents' Association	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am–12.30pm	
Village Hall Council	Second Thursday in month	8.00pm	
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	First Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm	
Tennis Club Sessions	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm	
	Every Sunday	10.00am onwards	
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards	
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards	

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Community Beat Officer	Lee Turnham	715352	
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	Toni MacDonald	565926	
Horticultural Society	Cathryn Carter	563233	
Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday 1pm
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888	
	Hazel Vickery	563977	
Over 60s Club	Mary Davies	563305	
Parish Council	Parish Clerk	715296	hughendenpc@btconnect.com
	Peggy Ewart	529259	pegwat1066@aol.com
Prescription Collection	Doreen Burge	565430	
	Betty Williams	563366	
	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650	
Pre-School	Debbie Conn	521612	Alt: 01494 564037 (am) or 07907 102149.
Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634	1.1 1 1 1
School	T Ni111-	562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group	Trevor Nicholls	565322	Beavers & Cubs on Tuesdays, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Surgery Pharmacy	Enquiries	565458	8am to 12.30pm 1.30pm until 6.15pm
Tennis Club	Nick Fenn	564693	nick.fenn@gmail.com
	David Fletcher	532195	david@tvemf.org
	Sue Crooks	562539	Smcr2000@aol.com
Village Hall	Bookings	565604	mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk
Website	Andrew Wilmot		http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/
WI	Nancy Hussey	563767	

County & District Councillor's Report

Plans for the new library in the Eden shopping centre are now well under way in preparation for its opening in Spring 2008. Already its prominent shape can be seen as the Eden construction nears completion.

The new facility will not just offer library services. After consultation with local users, Friends of High Wycombe Library, community groups, local councillors and staff, proposals will include Hi-tech equipment, which will allow people to check their own books in and out and the possibility of installing an automated book chute which could be used all day for 7 days per week. It will also allow inventory counts without physically counting books.

The book, CD and DVD collections will include children's books, and a toy library. These will be on the first floor, but there will also be a quick choice of popular stock on the ground floor. There will also be a Teenage Book Bar for which lottery funding has been secured. Young people will be able to access favourite books and magazines.

A one-stop-shop facility will be provided, where people can get information about council services. There will also be a room with catering facilities which may be used for meetings or counselling sessions. There will be a community space that can be used for exhibitions and events. The upper floor will have dedicated study space, enhanced local and family history facilities, as well as classrooms for adult learners and school visits. The new facility will be more than double the size of the existing one, which was built in 1932 for a population of 28,000 people.

The new scheduled 300 bus service between Aylesbury and High Wycombe via Naphill appears to be popular especially with the 20 minute intervals. Unfortunately, the residents in Great Kimble are not so fortunate as the route does not include that part of the A4010 which passes through their village. The Bus Company took the view that there were more passengers on the Ellesborough section than the Kimble route and the new twenty minute service precluded the old half hourly alternative routing. However, because of mounting public pressure some modification to the route will be considered.

Richard Pushman

Hughenden Parish Council - Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting for Hughenden Parish is due to take place on Thursday 24th May 2007 at 8pm

at Hughenden Valley Village Hall. All electors of the Parish are welcome to come along and make their feelings and wishes known to the Parish Council. The meeting is intended to be short and then refreshments available for informal discussions. The Parish will be specifically inviting representatives of the village halls and residents associations as well as allotment holders and, as mentioned, all electors for the Parish are welcome.

Whilst writing, I would like to inform you that there is only one Councillor for the Naphill & Walters Ash ward of the Parish from May onwards. There will not be an election in the Parish as not enough people have put themselves forward. The Parish Council will now have to co-opt for the remaining seats, **three** of which are in the Naphill & Walters Ash ward. So, if you are thinking you might be interested, please give me a call, so I can help with any queries. I have been in post as Clerk for nearly thirteen years and this is the first time we have had a problem of this sort in this ward, so come on and step forward all you budding Councillors.

Lynne Turner - Clerk of the Council HW 715296 - <u>hughendenpc@btconnect.com</u>

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club - Rusty Racquets Anyone?

The Naphill Tennis Club is looking forward to another successful season and now that spring has truly arrived we can shed the track suits that we have been wearing for the winter months. By the time you read this we will have run one Rusty Racquets session and also had our Summer Starter Doubles afternoon on Sunday 15th April. This was open to all members and visitors, with tea provided.

We are always looking for new members, especially those who might be thinking of taking up the game again after a long absence. To encourage such people we are running another Rusty Racquets session which includes some coaching, is open to anyone and is FREE on 10th May at 6.30 pm - just come along to the courts at the Recreation Ground in Naphill and you will be made very welcome.

The club meets on Sunday mornings from 10 am till around noon (12-2 pm in the Winter) and on Thursday evenings at 6.30 pm. For the youngsters we run coaching sessions on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. The under 7 beginners club is on Saturdays from 10 to 11. The junior coaching is on Friday evening in three sessions, divided according to age and ability.

If you are looking to improve your fitness then tennis is the perfect solution - you can run about as much (or as little) as you like and it's fun! Forget that expensive gym or those boring exercise machines that will just languish in the spare room or a cupboard after the first couple of sessions, and come and play tennis. The Naphill club is very sociable and not at all daunting so what have you got to lose? If you find you like it then there are substantial reductions on the membership for those joining for the first time. For more information call the Secretary, David Fletcher, on 01494-532195 or email david@tvemf.org

David Fletcher

News from 'Christians in the Community'

When KRASH meets on the 4th May we will be practising our face painting skills on the children (with their parent's permission of course!) in readiness for our stall at the Naphill Fete. And then continuing afterwards with a 'Christians in the Community' meeting at 8 pm.

KRASH will also meet on the 18th May.

If anyone would like a lift to any of the three churches, particularly Hughenden Church just give me a ring on 563116. If you have difficulty walking we can drive you right up to the church door at Hughenden. And the Naphill Methodist church and The Father's House are both easily accessible.

Norma Clarke

Naphill Evening WI

Another month has gone by so quickly! A good start to May – on the 1st we have a privileged outing to Bletchley Park for all WI members who wish to go. Carrying on into May, we have Jenny's Ploughman's Lunch on the 10th, tickets £3.00, which will have been on sale at the April meeting (or if you missed that you can contact Jenny directly). We will be having coffee at 11.30 whilst we discuss the one resolution, followed by lunch. Wine and soft drinks will be available.

Going back to our March 15th meeting about Famous Bucks Families and their Houses by Brian Edwards, we had a detailed insight into the people and their homes making it an interesting evening about local 'gentry'. It was an 'open' meeting, and we were pleased to welcome several visitors. And again, we had another enjoyable evening at Sands Village Hall for the group meeting on March 23rd listening to Martin Sirot giving us the story of Sulgrave Manor, as its owner, buying the house and land many years ago for not much more than £300. Dressed the part, he

made it feel very real and we were transported back into the past.

Our April 19th meeting was attended after going to press when Mr Singh was invited to talk about life as a Sikh in Britain, and will be reported on in the next Gazette.

Moving on to our May 17th meeting Mark Davies will be talking about the Story of Grasse – Centre of the Perfume Industry. The competition will be a perfume bottle – please note that this is a change from that shown in your programme. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

On a summer-like evening in April, Brian Edwards came to Naphill to entertain us with an illustrated talk on ARTISTS OF THE THAMES VALLEY. His presentation started with Constable and ended with William Morris. We travelled the Thames from London to the Cotswolds including, of course, Cookham and Spencer. It was a fascinating and educating journey.

Our next meeting on Monday 14th May is entitled STRAW HATS IN TRANSYLVANIA by Veronica Main and is sure to be an interesting evening. The tea hostesses will be Dorothy Butler, Muriel Adams and Betty Leaver.

On Tuesday 20th June we will be visiting BRIGHTON. It will be a "do your own thing" outing so you can laze on the beach, bargain hunt in The Lanes or visit the Royal Pavilion. If you would like to join us please contact Sheila Rolfe on 562888 for further details.

Hazel Vickery: 563977

Naphill & Walter's Ash Over 60's Club

At our meeting on 23rd March, Mr. Richard Pushman spoke about the statutory duties of the three levels of councils responsible for services to Naphill - the Parish Council, Wycombe District Council and the County Council - and how these services are funded (by local taxation, Government funding, etc.). Mr. Pushman also outlined the procedures of the Planning Committee and ended by answering members' questions, which chiefly concerned speed limits on the village roads.

Mr. David Nobbs, Community Talks Officer for the RSPB opened his talk on 13th March by giving us details of the work of the RSPB, an organisation which not only cares for birds but also British wildlife in

general. The RSPB has 200 nature reserves and also works in partnership with Birdlife International for the conservation of birds and their habitat worldwide. There are 40 endangered species of British birds and the Society, fortunately, is able to look after 34 of these endangered species in its reserves. Mr. Nobbs then showed a series of delightful pictures of the top ten birds identified in the recent Birdwatch, together with a short snatch of the song of each bird.

Our programme for May will be:

11th May: Foot care by podiatrist Grace Crennell. This will also be 'Bring and Buy' day.

25th May: Club Birthday Party with entertainment by Banjovi Revival.

Doris Lording: 569424

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes

The April meeting is always a bit of a rush. We have to get through our business in an hour as it precedes the AGM. It keeps us focused, but stops us discussing things in depth.

The major item for the evening was the theft of the lead off the roof. Our grateful thanks must go to John Harris and Clive Lawrence who noticed what had happened when they were up a ladder repairing the swinging sign. The lead along the "valley" between the two roofs had been stripped away. We were able to get a repair effected within a couple of days but then had a return visit from the thieves a week later who then tried to remove the lead from the tower — unsuccessfully. Our thanks go to the local resident who phoned me and made us aware of this renewed attack. Full repairs have been carried out.

The fridge in the kitchen has finally given up the ghost. We have sanctioned the purchase of a replacement which should be in place by the time you read this.

We continued our discussion about the heating. Various experts have been in and given their advice and quotes. We now need to draw up a specification of the work that needs doing and get comparable quotes. It is underway.

At the AGM. the accounts were approved and John Harris was appointed as the Independent Examiner of the accounts for next year. He is no longer a member of the village hall committee but has a deep understanding of the work of the Village Hall. We thank him for agreeing to do this for us.

Lacey Green Windmill

Beautiful photographic print of the windmill 16 x 12 inches. £10 print only or £20 framed including free local delivery. Marlow and Wendover prints also available. Call Pete on 0780 358 0700 or see www.elvidge.org.uk

Every village organisation that uses the Hall has a representative on the committee and these are elected by their organisation. We also have six village reps who represent the population as a whole. These are elected by the members of the committee. They currently are:

Ian Bond Sarah Bacon Marion Lawrence Daisy Leek Valerie Pushman Graham Wagner

The officers of Treasurer, Secretary, and Lettings Secretary were voted in. All the current officers agreed to stand for another year and for that we thank them. They are therefore, Ken Wright as Treasurer, Hazel Vickery as Secretary and Barbara Clarke as Lettings Secretary. The chairman and vice chairman are voted in at our next meeting.

Our next fundraising event is the Fete on the 9th June. Do put it in your diary. The weather is organised and it should be another great day, so be there!

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



History of Naphill

There are still some copies of Rex Leaver's excellent book 'Naphill and Walters Ash - Looking Back at Village Life' available despite a good response last month. If you would like a copy, price a very reasonable £4.95, then please contact me.

The Village Fete - Saturday 9th June

The Red Arrows are coming to our fête!

Unbelievable, fantastic but true! And we are still having a fly past by a Spitfire and a Hurricane from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight! Things simply can't get better than that! This will be an absolutely fantastic day: do make a note of it in your diary now.

We who live in Naphill and Walters Ash are truly privileged, and most of us know it. We are surrounded by beautiful countryside and have a wide selection of places to visit and things to do. But our most valuable asset is the people who live here. What a talented and generous lot you are. Organising a fête is a pleasure as almost everyone who is approached for help says 'Yes, I'd be delighted'. You are wonderful people to work with. The aircraft will draw in the crowds and we need to make a lot of money to carry out major work on the Village Hall roof and its heating system. Now we all need to roll up our sleeves and get to work!

If you would like to help with the fête, please look out surplus books and let Pauline Pool (564226) and Sally

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Woodbridge know about them (do not bring them to the fete as they have to be sorted into categories before then). Ian Bond (564824) would like to hear of anything you want to donate to the ever-popular Brica-Brac stall and Sheila (562888) would be delighted to hear from anyone who will donate something to the ever-popular Cake Stall.

Taskmaster Ted (563034) is looking for volunteers to help with the many jobs that need doing before, during and after the fête. We need help with the Grand Draw, operating the Roller Coaster (a job for strong men to build bigger muscles), the Stocks, the Balloon Release, marshalling cars (we expect a lot of visitors this year) and many other things.

It would be nice to have an Evening Dance to celebrate this wonderful time but everyone involved in the fête is too tired at the end of the day to run it (or even to attend it). It would probably be a good idea to have this on the following (Sunday) evening. Would anyone like to take on the responsibility for this? There are plenty of us prepared to advise and help you.

This is also a chance to show your appreciation to someone in the villages who you think should be nominated as 'Best Neighbour'. Drop me a line explaining why you think this person is special. Your identity will be kept confidential. Everyone who is nominated will receive a certificate and the 'Best Neighbour' gets to hold the cup for a year with the names of all their worthy predecessors inscribed on it.

Elsewhere in the Gazette you will find an invitation for everyone who cannot get to the fête this year to sponsor it with a small donation. Last year many of you responded to this request and helped us to raise a goodly sum. Please send a small donation <u>now</u>; your good intentions will fade if you leave it a while. Cheques (payable to 'Naphill Village Fete') can be sent to me at 22 Ash Close, Walters Ash, High Wycombe HP14 4TR.

This is going to be a great fête for the whole family. Do come along, enjoy yourselves and meet all of the friendly people that you haven't seen for a while. Good weather is guaranteed (!), all we need is you. Come and bring as many friends and children as you can collect. Join us in all the fun of the fête!

Ted Chapman - Fete Organiser 563034

Naphill Fete - Tombola

Having submitted two previous appeals for items for our tombola stall and only had responses from three people in the village (to whom I am most grateful) I thought it might be worth one last try on a third time lucky basis!! I would be pleased to receive a tin, packet or bottle of foodstuff or indeed any other item that would be considered appropriate as a prize for the stall. The more donations we receive will result in less prizes having to be bought and therefore more profit made for the fete. No item is to small so do please help. I will gladly collect or items may be left at Michaelmas Cottage, 2 Lacey Drive which is off Chapel Lane. Telephone 01494 562240. Many thanks in anticipation of an overwhelming response this time!!

Ron Collins

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning:

Unfortunately due to a technical problem it has been impossible to provide the Editor with a copy of the current planning applications in time for Gazette publication, but we hope to be able to pin a list of applications on the Village Hall notice board by 1st May.

Potholes. The Highways Dept. have made a start on filling the largest potholes in some of the roads to which we have drawn their attention. If your road still needs patching up, do contact them again or let me know, and I can contact the department on your behalf.

Next Meeting including **AGM**. 8pm Thursday 10th May 2007, Naphill Village Hall. If you want to take an active interest in local affairs, and think you might like to join the Residents Association committee, why not come along to one or more of our meetings which take place at 8pm on the second Thursday of each month except August. You will be very welcome.

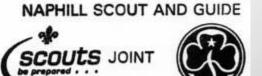
Gloria Leflaive 563634

Your Letters

Wynyard-Wright & Ellis

As some of you may well have noticed we now have the benefit of a local Estate Agent Wynyard-Wright & Ellis located in Naphill. Mark West the partner at the local office is keen for local people living around Naphill, Walters Ash and surrounding villages, to feel free to call in for an informal chat and coffee about any property issues either selling, renting or possible building plots/development opportunities, as well as forthcoming Home Information Packs (effective from 1st June).

Wynyard-Wright & Ellis was established in 1996 in the village of Prestwood and has now expanded to Great Missenden and, of course, Naphill. The three partners



HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE

ADULT QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 11th May 2007

7.30pm for a prompt 8.00pm start
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feel it is essential to provide a personal service and, together with advertising in the Bucks Free Press, promote all properties on their website www.wwe.co.uk, as well as the two biggest national property websites www.primelocation.com and www.rightmove.co.uk, which enables your property to be promoted worldwide.

Mark appreciates that moving can be very stressful and is more than happy to alleviate this as much as possible.

Spelthorne Young Voices

This enthusiastic youth choir from Staines will be entertaining us with a varied programme of musical items on 30th June at 7pm at St. Michael & All Angels, Hughenden.

Tickets: Adults £8

Each child (7+) accompanying one adult is free (not suitable for under 7s)

Some of the proceeds to Ebenezer Children's Centre Uganda.

Please telephone:

Helen: 563624 Frank 565050

So why not take advantage of the opportunity to pop in for confidential, no strings attached, friendly advice.

Mark West

Two Interesting Websites

It seems to me that all around the village, people are updating their homes and throwing some really good things out on to skips. Did you know that there are many people who would appreciate most of these items particularly working kitchen white goods, and even come to collect them from you!

The website is <u>www.freecycle.org.high</u> wycombe.

ALSO whilst you're on line consider looking at the 'stopthetraffik' website giving details about the global campaign to stop the buying and selling of people,

mainly women and children – and you thought William Wilberforce had stopped slavery?

Norma Clarke

My Experience With No-Dig Gardening

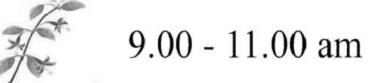
NB This article has been edited due to space constraints, if you would like the full version please contact the Editor.

In a previous article I described no-dig gardening. Briefly, one simply spreads compost or well-rotted farmyard manure on the land and grows crops in it. The worms do the digging and a vital fungus called mycorrhiza links the roots of the plants to the sources of trace elements and nutrients which are essential for plant growth – and for our well being. Mycorrhiza are killed by digging (and by herbicides) so no-dig gardening is essential for plants to obtain all they need

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from the soil. The article which follows relates my experience with no-dig gardening for the past 7 years.

I have had my 100' x 40' allotment for 33 years. When I took it over it had lain fallow for at least 10 years. I have not used artificial fertilisers, weed killers or insecticides. So my soil has been truly organic for at least 43 years. It took me 3 years to progressively bring the plot under cultivation, hand-weeding couch grass, nettles and brambles. For the next 23 years I dug the whole plot annually, excepting areas of permanent crops such as fruit trees, fruit bushes and rhubarb. I manured initially with pig manure then horse (spent mushroom compost) then for the past 24 years with large quantities of farmyard manure – well rotted, 2–3 years old. I dug-in the manure principally where the potatoes were to grow and limed the other areas.

I then joined the Good Gardeners' Association and obtained Mr Guest's book "Gardening Without Digging". For the past 7 years I have not dug my allotment at all and have followed, more or less, Mr Guest's methods

The first problem was the sheer impossibility of producing enough compost to cover the whole allotment. I therefore decided to mulch my allotment with farmyard (ie cow) manure, rather than compost. For the past 7 years I have applied one or two loads per winter, each one being a trailer load weighing about 3 tons. It took 3 years to cover the whole plot, with some areas such as the asparagus bed, the runner bean area and the potato patch receiving a covering most years. I spread the manure about 3 inches deep.

Now for the crunch question – what are the crops like? I can honestly say they are better.

My no-dig method, substituting a mulch of farmyard manure for digging, has meant a net reduction of effort, since I save the huge task of digging nearly the whole plot, but still have the task of transporting and carefully spreading mountains of manure – and more of it these days.

One major advantage is the ease of weeding, since the weeds come out of the friable compost soil very easily.

I saw that potatoes would be a problem, since one has to dig to gather the crop. I decided to abandon crop rotation of potatoes and to use the same plot year after year to avoid disturbance of the soil in the rest of the allotment. I rotate most crops but have permanent beds for strawberries, rhubarb, runner and French beans, potatoes, Good King Henry, seakale, fruit trees and fruit bushes. All the latter receive a good mulching of manure each winter. None of them seem to suffer from lack of crop rotation.



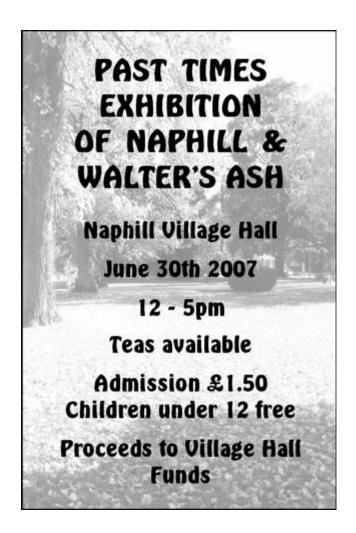
I generally avoid disturbing the soil, cutting off brassicas and beans at ground level and leaving their roots in the ground.

As for pests, I have lots of slugs – but I did before I converted to no-dig gardening and my plot does not seem to have more slugs than do neighbouring plots. On the good side, I have noticed far more worms.

One big advantage of leaving the manure on the surface, rather than digging it in, is moisture-conservation. Our summers seem to be becoming drier in southern England (especially 2007) and moisture conservation is ever more important.

My experience with no-dig gardening may not be typical in that I started with soil which was free from perennial weeds and stones, soil which had been very well manured and dug for 26 years. I may have destroyed much of the mycorrhiza by digging, but the soil was otherwise in excellent condition.

One cannot sow small seeds in manure of course, so for carrots, parsnips, radishes, turnips, swede, beetroot, etc I choose a strip of land which was manured in previous years and the manure therefore broken down into a friable compost. However, I do sow many vegetables directly into the fresh manure layer – onions, shallots and garlic for example. For others I



start them off in a seed bed and plant them out in the fresh manure - brassicas and leeks for example. For runner beans, climbing French beans, sweet corn and the marrow family I start them off in pots then transplant them directly into the manure.

Has it been a successful experiment with no-dig gardening? It has. I shall continue. I hope that after 7 years of not being disturbed, the mycorrhiza have reestablished themselves in the soil of my allotment. Thank you Mr Guest and the Good Gardeners' Association (01453 520 322) for introducing me to this better way of gardening.

Mike Mason

Small Pleasures

It had not been a good day. When I strolled into the garden after breakfast, I discovered to my chagrin that Muntjac deer had found their way into the garden by disrupting the metal fencing buried deep within the hedges in three places. Repair is not easy and really it is difficult to make the defences structurally effective. Muntjac are strong and persistent.

Then, later on after missing morning coffee, I prepared the lawn mower for the new season by changing the oil and giving it a good clean. However when I attempted the first start, the pull cord snapped within the machine and I ended up sprawling on the grass fortunately without damaging the old body (mine not the lawn mower's). I brought some cord and being one of the world's DIY masters (but not in my wife's opinion!) I undertook the repair myself. Alas, when resetting the powerful spring which provides the thrust for starting, it 'sprung' and my ancient fingers were not able to recoil it and I had to call up reinforcements and pay.

Life was not good but as I brooded on the day's misfortunes, I looked up and saw four Red Kites circling overhead. Presently one which had spotted something in an adjacent garden, dived smartly down and reappeared clutching a small animal. Marvellous to watch and definitely good for morale.

I then remembered a leader in the Wall Street Journal from several years ago. The paper is, of course, a bedrock of American capitalism and you might expect the leader to reflect on money matters. However this one was different and delightful to read:

"Most of us miss out on life's big prizes. The Pulitzer; the The Nobel; Oscars; Tonys; Grammys. But we're all eligible for life's small pleasures. A pat on the back. A kiss behind the ear. A four pound bass. A full moon. An empty parking space. A crackling fire. A great meal. A glorious sunset. Hot soup. Cold beer. Don't fret about copping life's great rewards. Enjoy its tiny delights...."

I would have added a musical musical sentence. A splendid concert. Doubtless you could add your special delight. But those Recd Kites did buck me up and the grass was cut and hopefully the deer are on the outside looking in.

David Leith

Editor's comment: Anyone who walks in our woods must surely add the smell of bluebells in Spring to their list of delights.

Special Chiltern Tees Inspire Amazing Artwork

Volunteers for the Special Trees and Woods Project are holding an art exhibition to celebrate the special trees of the Chilterns. *Perspectives: Special Trees of the Chilterns* will be touring venues across the Chilterns for the coming months. Local artists June Kingsbury and Joan Skelton Smith have volunteered their time to help manage the exhibition which is funded mainly by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

This touring exhibition is an exciting and original way to celebrate the second year of the Special Trees and Woods Project which so far has recorded more than 100 special trees with the help of more than 40 volunteers.

Liz Manley, project coordinator said "Since summer 2006, plans have been underway, and in addition to producing some spectacular artwork, the artists have been busy booking venues and promoting the exhibition."

This free exhibition promises to be an inspiring event for all visitors, professional artists, amateurs and enthusiasts alike. *Perspectives* will visit four venues across the Chilterns, including High Wycombe, Chalfont St Giles, Tring and Maidenhead. Which one might you got to? Look out for posters near you for more information or go to www.chilternsaonb.org/special.

Joan Skelton Smith lives in Haddenham, Buckinghamshire and first studied art in the United States. Currently at Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College, Joan works with cut paper, steel, polystyrene and video. Joan said "As a child, I used to climb up into the trees; the woods became a refuge. Now I try to portray the sense of awe and comfort that I continue to feel in the woodland environment."

June Kingsbury graduated from Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College in 2006 with an MA in Ceramics and Glass, has exhibited at the Royal Academy of Arts and won a number of awards. June works mainly with glass and ceramics in her studio near Henley-on-Thames. She said "I have been visiting special trees throughout the Chilterns for inspiration. I find the beech trees with carvings on particularly thought provoking and have featured a number of them in my work."

Visitors to 'Perspectives' have a chance to meet Joan and June at a 'Meet the artist' event at High Wycombe, Tring and Maidenhead. Check the website for details - www.chilternsaonb.org/special

We look forward to seeing you there!

Liz Manley - Special Trees and Woods Project www.chilternsaonb.org/special Tel: 01844 355 525 Mob: 07979 497 688

Naphill Brownies

We would like to say a very big thank you to Parents, Grand Parents and Brownies who supported and helped at the Spring Fayre; we raised £600 for the upkeep of the Guide Headquarters which was fantastic.

Our visit to the RAF Fire Station was a huge success. The brownies watched a slide show about all the dangers of fire, they got to look over a fire engine, use the water hose and also watch and help to put out a waste paper bin fire, television and a burning chip pan.

The firemen then came along to our Brownie meeting the following week to test the girls on what they had learnt. The brownies all received their Fire Safety badge; they seemed to learn such a lot from this experience. We would like to express our thanks to the RAF Fire Crew for spending their time with us.

Next term we plan to spend some evenings outside to make the most of the summer weather. We will be playing games, treasure hunts and cooking. We also plan to spend an evening at Longridge Boating Centre, near Marlow on the bell bottom boats following on from the successful evening we had doing this last year.

We have four new Brownies joining us after Easter as four existing Brownies have moved on and we look forward to welcoming them to our unit.



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If you would like to add your daughter's name to the waiting list, even if she is a long way off her seventh birthday, please contact Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) on 565571 or me on 01494 564576.

Judy Pope

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents / carers with Toddlers and Babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea & biscuits, while the children play with numerous toys and make new friends.

We meet every Thursday during term-time at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm.

Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling).

For further information please come along during session times or call Zoe on 01494 444502 or Una on

Dear Village Resident,

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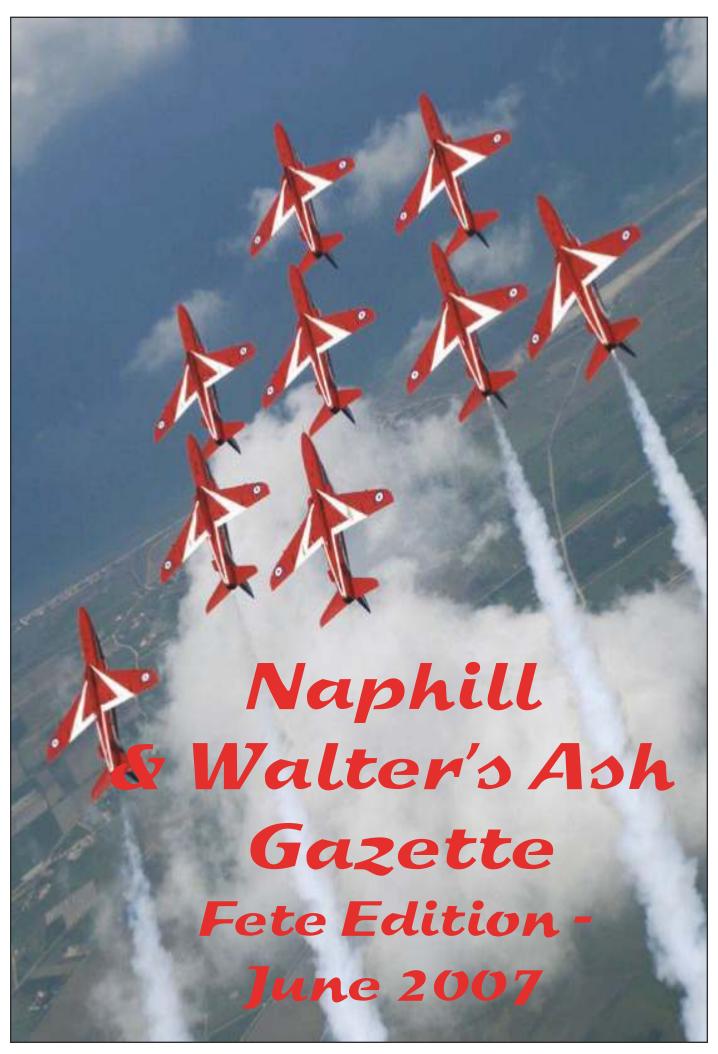
As you may know, our popular and traditional Village Fête will be held on Saturday 9th June this year. It will be a special one with a fly past by a Spitfire and a Hurricane. Great! As usual we plan to have a wide range of attractions to delight you and it will be a chance to mix again with the friendly folk who make our villages such grand places to live. We look forward to a truly wonderful day.

Some people can't be present on Fête Day of course and in the past many have been unable to give their support. We are therefore repeating last year's successful sponsorship scheme that is open to all of our residents and will enable everyone to support the Fête.

We are asking for your help because the Fête is the major source of finance for the maintenance of, and improvements to, our heavily-utilised and much-loved Village Hall. We really do need you to be generous this year; the roof needs extensive and expensive repairs and the heating system badly needs major surgery. Please send us a donation using the slip below (or with a note if you don't want to cut your Gazette). Anything that you can give will be greatly appreciated. Cheques can be safely posted but please do not post cash. A short 'phone call to 563034 is all that is needed to bring someone to your house to collect your donation.

We do hope to see you at the Fête, but if you can't make it we would love to have your money! Every little helps.

Ted Chapman - Fête Organiser		
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To: Mr E Chapman, 22 Ash Close, I am very pleased to support our F	Fête and the Village Hall. I enclo	
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Editorial

Grant Woodruff is taking a well earned rest and will not be submitting his usual article for a while. After 10 years a break is deserved so enjoy your free time Grant and thank you for all your work over the past 10 years.

After reading Norma's article last month about "Freecycle" www.freecycle.org.high_wycombe I decided to give it a try and was very impressed with the speed of response and effectiveness of reaching a

wide audience. I hope our new For Sale and Wanted section works as well.

Our cover photograph this month is obviously topical and is provided courtesy of the Royal Air Force Red Arrows Team. The copyright owner is Crown Copyright/MOD. Meanwhile Mark is working on something a little different for the cover of the July/August edition.

See you all at the fete! Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary **Pilates** Each Wednesday 7.30-8.30 & 8.30-9.30pm Fraser Morgan Dance Classes Each Monday 4.45-8.00pm Fraser Morgan Dance Classes Each Tuesday 3.30-7.30pm Fraser Morgan Dance Classes Each Wednesday (Small Hall) 4.00-8.15pm Ballet (Pam Sheen) 6.15-7.15pm Each Wednesday Evening W.I. Third Thursday in month 7.45pm EXTEND gentle exercise class 2.00-3.30pm Each Monday Horticultural Society Committee Occasional Mondays (Small Hall) 8.00–9pm Line dancing 8.00–9pm Each Tuesday Luncheon Club Second Wednesday in month 1 for 1.15-2pm Men's Club Monday to Friday 7.30pm Mobile library Each Wednesday -Village Hall 10.30-11.15am 12.15-12.50 Forge Road Mother and Toddler Each Thursday (Term-time) 2.00-4.00pm Naphill Boys FC training sessions U14s every Wednesday* 6.00-7.30pm U16s every Wednesday* 6.30-8.00pm U18s every Wednesday* 7.30-9.00pm U6s–U12s every Saturday 9.30-11.00am Naphill Neighbours Second Monday in month 8.00-10.00pm Over Sixties' Club Alternate Fridays 2.00-4.00pm Pre-school 9.15am-12.30pm Each weekday (Term-time) Residents' Association Second Thursday in month 8.00pm Village Hall Council First Monday in month 8.00-10.00pm Yoga: stretch, tone and relax Each Tuesday 1.30-2.45pm Tennis Club Sessions Every Sunday 10.00am onwards **Every Tuesday** 10.15am onwards Thursday (summer only) 6.30pm onwards * At RAF Astroturf

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	Hazel Vickery	563977	
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	David Fletcher	532195	david@tvemf.org
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WI	Nancy Hussey	563767	

County & District Councillor's Report

Well, the 2007 Wycombe District Elections have taken place and the Greater Hughenden electorate has returned David Carroll, John Gibbs and Richard Pushman as their elected representatives. We are pledged to serve all our residents to the very best of our abilities and I know that both David and John join with me in thanking readers for their continued support.

I am aware that many readers might be forgiven for questioning as to why I am writing this month's report having announced some months ago that I would not be seeking re-election to the District Council. By way of an explanation, just before nominations closed, a candidate withdrew and I was asked if I would consent to standing again as there was little time to consider another suitable nomination. To those readers who might have become confused by my conflicting statements please accept my apologises.

From the July edition onwards John Gibbs will be responsible for the District Council's report and I will stay with County Council matters. The District Council has an exiting year ahead with the prospect of the Eden Centre opening in Spring 2008 and the adoption of the new Development Framework. This will replace the old Wycombe District Local Plan and is the document on which all future planning decisions will be taken.

There is little doubt that present generations are becoming removed from their environmental roots and their awareness of what rural life is about. Evidence of this can be seen from the increase in fly tipping, the abuse of rural paths and woodland by the use of motorcycles and a lack of respect for farm livestock in general. Demands for urban facilities such as street lighting and paved footpaths erode the very nature of rural life. A walk in true countryside on a summers day is one of life's few remaining free pleasures. The County Council is committed to its accessible footpath policy and has replaced many stiles with gates to facilitate the use of wheelchairs. We have the Local Access Forum for the County, on which I serve. It aims to allow the public to walk in areas previously inaccessible. The Chilterns AONB and the Chiltern Society publish numerous informal and organised walks; some involving conducted farm tours. I do urge readers to avail themselves of these opportunities. We do live in an incredibly beautiful and accessible area.

Richard Pushman

Hughenden Parish Council

I am delighted to have been returned to the Parish Council for a second four year term, albeit unopposed. At last week's AGM John Rogers was elected Chairman for the coming year and I was re-elected Vice Chairman. I look forward to serving you all.

It is pleasing that, following a co-option process, Judy Whitehouse and Phil Crawshaw have also become members of the Council for the Naphill Ward. Judy is well known to you all as editor of the Gazette. Phil lives in Walters Ash and is also known to many of you.

In the next Gazette it will be possible to provide information on the committees we serve upon, and also contact details.

Naphill has been a very neighbourly place for me since I moved from Tavern Cottage. Largely as a result of a village contact, I have been able to buy Bramble Cottage in Downley Road and am thrilled to be living among you all once again. I even have my old telephone number back – 565969! Everyone has been very kind and welcoming on my return, and extremely helpful during my 5 month absence. What a marvellous place to live!!!!!

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on May 24th in Hughenden Village Hall at 8pm. All are very welcome.

Peggy Ewart - 565969

Annual Barbecue - Advance Notice

This year's barbecue at Richard and Valerie Pushman's home, Umtata, will be on Sunday July 1st, 12 for 12.30. The Naphill Conservatives organise this but it has become an annual village event to which all are welcome. Please ring Valerie (564152) or Peggy (565969) for further information or tickets.



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Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

The unexpected warm sunny weather in April was much appreciated by members who prefer to play in clement conditions and numbers turning up for club sessions actually rose to filling all three courts on occasions – an unusual event these days as most of our members usually appear to be too preoccupied or shy to turn up on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings. In addition, although not a particularly warm sunny evening, our first free 'Rusty Racquet' initiative attracted several new faces and the session appeared to be going very well under the tuition of our new coach, Mel Ebbles. The second 'Rusty Racquet' event was badly hit by even worse weather with only two hardy souls and one member taking advantage of the free tuition. Unfortunately, the change in the weather also caused the cancellation of our first

Aylesbury Ladies match against Haddenham, which was a shame as the ladies had attended a coaching session the previous week in preparation for their new season.

Turning our attention to June events, the first one does not appear in 'Year 2007 Dates for your Diary' list, and is the imminent departure of our much appreciated Chairman, Nick Fenn, and his family for a new life in Australia. They will all be sorely missed and, on behalf of all club members, I would like to wish them well and thank Nick and Lesley for all they have contributed, not only to the Club, but also to Naphill generally. Hopefully, they will keep in touch so that we can let members and friends know how they are coping with life on the other side of the world. Needless to say – there is a vacancy for 'Chairman' on the Committee for which there have been no takers to date.

Turning to our diary-listed events, the Club, as usual, will be assisting at the Naphill Fete on Saturday 9th June in conjunction with which we hold our Open Day, inviting anyone interested to come along and have a chat with us, with a view to joining. So far, due to the need for extra car parking spaces, we are usually somewhat obscured from the main events taking place near the Village Hall and visitors who do wander over are mostly very surprised to discover that there is actually a Tennis Club in Naphill!

Apart from just playing tennis, some members, (for reasons unfathomable to the writer!) also play golf and organize an annual Golf Day which, this year, will take place on Friday 15th June at the Harleyford course. Anyone interested should contact Ian Leek (01844 344148) or Judy Redrup (01494 488434).

Although not a June event, can I remind members that our main **FUNDRAISING** event is due to take place on Friday 13th July in the form of a Quiz Night in the Village Hall, with our redoubtable Ted Chapman as Quiz-Master. Please inform your friends and neighbours and make sure that you book a table early – the more successful we can make this event – the less likely will be the need to raise subs next year and the better maintained will be the courts and club facilities. Put your name up on the list on the noticeboard in the clubhouse or contact Maddy Morris (tel: 01494 523495; e-mail: maddymorris99@aol.com).

For any further information on the club and membership details – contact our Sue Crooks, our Membership Secretary, on telephone no. 01494 562539 –

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Naphill Evening WI

Glorious June! Let us pray for a sunny day on the 9th June, our annual 'Fete' day. So many people have been busy behind the scenes to bring you all a fun packed day and we believe there is to be a spectacular 'fly past' too this year, so make sure you have the date in your diaries. In our WI, Juliet is busy organising the float and Jenny and co are hoping for lots of gifts for the WI Tombola stall. If you haven't given them to her yet, please take them to the field by 9.30 -10.00am on the morning. The WI will be providing the usual refreshments in the village hall and Marion and helpers will be working hard in the kitchen most of the day.

Now to report back on our meeting held April 19th where Mr & Mrs Singh talked about life as a Sikh in Britain. We were kept entertained by their different culture, about arranged marriage, the Golden temple and all aspects of their life which they maintain living in Britain. It was an open meeting and we were pleased to welcome visitors. After the usual business, the draw took place for the annual bursary award for a short course at Denman college. This was won by Sonja and we hope she will enjoy choosing one of the many courses on offer. We also heard from Marion who had just returned from Denman, as she was the lucky winner of last year's draw.

On the 1st May members and guests went to Bletchley Park for an educational visit and everyone agreed it was a thoroughly enjoyable day. When we arrived we had coffee and biscuits in the NAAFI, then were introduced to our guide. We started in the library where he gave us a potted history of Bletchley Park and the very important code breaking work done there during the war, combined with many amusing anecdotes. We then had a short walking tour outside, followed by a splendid sandwich lunch, after which we continued the tour. Our guide had a wonderful dry sense of humour and we were all sorry when it was time to return to the NAAFI for tea and biscuits prior

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to our departure for home. There were still things we hadn't had time to see and many of us agreed we would like to make a return trip at some time in the future.

We held our Resolutions meeting combined with Jenny's Ploughman's lunch on the 10th May. It was as usual, both enjoyable and successful, with various coffees served on arrival courtesy of Kenco. They gave us the chance to take part in our very own Kenco Pure coffee tasting and supplied tasting notes to help distinguish the subtle difference in aroma, body and flavour that makes each one so special. They say good coffee, like fine wine, evokes its origin with every sip! Then the resolution discussion, which was passed unanimously, followed by a delicious lunch with wine and soft drinks. The weather could have been kinder, but that did not hinder the coming together of the 20+ friends which is partly what these events are all about. Our meeting on May 17th will have passed when you read this, and we will report next time on what we learnt about 'The Story of Grasse - Centre of the Perfume Industry', and who took along the winning perfume bottle for the competition.

The 21st June will be our 24th Birthday Party, so members come along and enjoy yourselves, not forgetting a sweet or savoury dish for the buffet table. We have arranged a special entertainment for you, 'Life of a Dwarf' by Rusty Goffe - something different we are sure you will all enjoy. Diaries out again, as the 28th June will be our Games and Supper evening at Valerie's home. If you were there last year you will know it is an event not to be missed. Tickets available from Valerie, £3 per person. Once again we look forward to seeing you there.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

On a rather damp evening in May, Veronica Main, who has recently been named as Curator of Textiles at Luton Museum, made a welcome return visit to our club to give an illustrated talk about her visit to Transylvania to research straw hat-making. She told of her train journey from Budapest to a small village in Transylvania where the livelihood of the inhabitants is

based on straw - growing it, preparing and plaiting it, before finally making it into hats. She had brought along a selection of hats for us to see the fine craftsmanship. She had been shocked to find these people living and working in conditions which had existed in England in the 1800s - they really do need to sell their wares in order to eat.

We will again be running our CAKE STALL at the Village Fete on Saturday 9th June and members were reminded that cakes, biscuits and home-made preserves are needed to sell. They should be delivered to the stall on the Crick after 10a.m on the day, or if you are unable to do so, please deliver them anytime to Sheila (562888) or Hazel (563977) to put in their freezers. The Committee hopes every single member will support our effort - so "thank you" in advance.

Our next club meeting is on Monday 11th June at 8pm when a representative of THE BLETCHLEY PARK TRUST will be talking to us. It is an open meeting, so anyone and everyone is most welcome to come along to hear about the code-breaking secrets of World War II. Tea hostesses are Sheila Vesey, Betty Jones and Anne Thomas.

There are still a few seats available on the coach for our outing to BRIGHTON on Wednesday 20th June. Tickets cost £10 for members and £11 for guests. If you would like to join us on this "unorganised" outing please phone Sheila Rolfe on 562888.

Hazel Vickery: 563977

Naphill & Walter's Ash Over 60's Club

For our 27th April meeting we undertook a quiz devised by Frank Smith which we had previously escaped when an earlier meeting was cancelled due to snow. None of us was able to name the author of Anne of Green Gables (Maud Montgomery) and, to our shame, only one member of one team positively identified the fourth book of the Bible (Numbers). Apart from that we didn't do too badly.

In her talk on 11th May Mrs. Grace Crennell, a podiatrist, explained that podiatry deals with the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of feet and the lower limbs including nail surgery and sports injuries. Mrs. Crennell went on to give some very useful advice on maintaining feet in good condition, demonstrated a couple of simple exercises for improving circulation and finished by answering members' questions on specific problems. Apparently during an average lifetime we walk the equivalent of four times round the world so it is small wonder that feet sometimes ache!

Very special congratulations and good wishes to club member Doris Lord who celebrated her 100th birthday in May. The programme for June will be:

- 8th June: Bingo and 'Bring & Buy'
- **22nd June**: To be announced
- **29th June**: Garden Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pushman.

Doris Lording: 569424

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes

We started our evening with a special meeting to reinstate our co-opted members, Andrew Wilmot, Dennis Lynch and Dave Evans. These were voted back onto the council unanimously. The first item for the ordinary meeting was to vote in the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Both Don (Vice Chairman) and I (Chairman) had agreed to re-stand, and we were duly voted in.

We have arranged for the car park to be locked up again at night. Any cars left in the car park overnight will therefore be locked in. You have been warned.

We had a long discussion about the flat roof and how we can reduce its accessibility. It is an area that unwelcome visitors have been known to frequent,

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especially in the summer. Various ideas were mooted and we will see if we can increase the amount of razor wire and re paint the drain pipes with non drying paint to discourage these "visitors".

We did seem to have made progress with several small odd jobs around the hall, including the purchase of a new fridge as the old one had come to the end of its useful life. We do have need of a new freezer to hold the ice creams for the fete. If you have a chest freezer that you no longer need but is still in working order then please do let me or one of the council know. Thank you.

The plans for the fete are going well. More volunteers are needed on the day to run the various stalls – please phone Ted if you can possibly spare some time. The fly past by the Red Arrows, the Hurricane and the Spitfire are causing great excitement. It's a real honour for our village to have such prestigious planes taking part and another tribute to Ted's persuasiveness. Do make sure you buy your grand draw tickets, fill them in and return the stubs. A phone number will do, you don't need to write out your whole address. It should be a fantastic day for everyone, young and old. Be there!

We precede our next meeting with our yearly litter blitz. If you would like to join us you would be most welcome. Bring your rubber gloves and be on the Crick at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 4th June.

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

The Village Fete - Saturday 9th June

Take another look at the cover of this Gazette and then make sure that you come to see the real thing at the

Fête on Saturday 9th June! **The Red Arrows are not our only aerial attraction - we are also having a triple flypast by a Spitfire and a Hurricane of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.** What a wonderful input from the RAF. Cancel your holidays to exotic locations – dad, mum and the children will not want to miss the excitement in Naphill this year. Naphill will be the best place to be!

If you have not already received your copy of the free Fête Programme it will be with you shortly. Take a look at the masses of things that will be happening on Fête Day. The fancy dress competition in the theme of 'pantomimes' is being judged at Forge Road at 12 noon. There will be the traditional music-led procession that starts from Forge Road at noon, followed by everything from displays in the arena to Welly Throwing and dozens of side stalls. If you would like to add to the festive atmosphere dress up as a Pantomime Character - the theme of the Fête this year.

There are several ways in which you can feel the satisfaction of helping with the Fête: books will be welcomed by Pauline and Sally (564226) as long as they arrive before Fête day, your unwanted things will be welcome on the Bric-a-Brac stall (Ian on 564824), I need your old wellies for the Welly Throwing Competition and we can still do with more help with car parking and other easy jobs (Ted 563034). Pay is low but satisfaction is high!

The appeal for donations from those who cannot get to the Fête has clearly been welcomed. So far (14 May) we have received £120 and more is still arriving. Please support our heavily used and much appreciated Village Hall by sending me a cheque (£5 or whatever you can afford) payable to 'Naphill Village Fête '.

Don't forget to put pen to paper and write to me and tell me about your 'Best Neighbour'. Your name will remain confidential but everyone who is nominated will receive a certificate and the winner's name is added to the list of much appreciated people on the 'Best Neighbours' cup. Judging is by a panel of our village elders (!).

Do come along. We look forward to seeing everyone at what will be a really super day!

Ted Chapman Fête Organiser, 22 Ash Close, Walters Ash, HW, HP14 4TR. (Tel 563034)

Naphill Fete - Tombola

I would like to convey my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those good people who responded so favourable to my last article requesting items for the tombola.

If anyone else should wish to contribute its not too late! I will gladly collect or items may be left at Michaelmas Cottage, 2 Lacey Drive which is off

Spelthorne Young Voices

This enthusiastic youth choir from Staines will be entertaining us with a varied programme of musical items on 30th June at 7pm at St. Michael & All Angels, Hughenden.

Tickets: Adults £8

Each child (7+) accompanying one adult is free (not suitable for under 7s)

Some of the proceeds to Ebenezer Children's Centre Uganda.

Please telephone:

Helen: 563624 Frank 565050

Chapel Lane. Telephone 01494 562240. Here's to a great fete!

Ron Collins

Second Hand Emporium

We appreciate you are very busy at the moment searching cupboards lofts and sheds for items we can sell at the emporium (you raised well over eleven hundred pounds last year) but I hope you will find time to enter our little competition. viz. The first customer to arrive at the emporium with the answer to the following question will have his or her choice of any one item free of charge.

OUESTION:

Which Charles wrote the novel 'Oliver Twist'? Was it? **A.** Prince **B**. The first **C**. Dickens

Panorama will not be involved with regard to the conduct of the competition any disputes will be settled by our own excellent customer services team, Cinderella, Price Charming and the Fairy Queen. Sorry! to have disturbed you, please carry on looking and when you have found something ring Ian 564824 or John 565563

Bob Davis

News from 'Christians in the Community'

We have recently embarked on a course to enable a team to be equipped in the ministry of prayer for healing – twelve people including the three Ministers are on the course, held in Church House.

Preparations for Naphill Fete on the 9th June are going well and we are hoping to offer a choice of one of six designs for the face painting at speed! We have been asked to be prepared for lots of people drawn to the fete by the prospect of the RAF flypast and so could still do with more helpers — brushes, sponges and paint provided.

Can I also remind you of the Chatterbox Café at The Father's House, Naphill on the 1st Friday of the month between 11 am and 2 pm. Delicious home-made soup and sandwiches are served with the profits going to the Rope charity.

Also the Naphill Methodist Church serve hot and cold lunches in their newly refurbished hall on Tuesdays.

In June KRASH meets on the 8^{th} and $22^{nd} - 6.30$ pm at The Father's House.

Norma Clarke

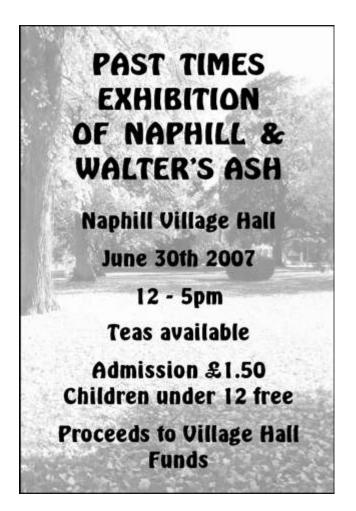
The Wheel



Well after the glorious weather in April and the huge support from the village and surrounding areas over Easter Weekend and the Beer Festival what can we do to improve on that? The beer festival was an amazing three days, with 15 ales and 4 ciders from local breweries which were enjoyed by all. We would like to thank all those that joined us, but more importantly all our locals who stepped in to help when we needed it the most! We also launched a fresh new menu in April that has a great variety of salads, jacket potatoes, pastas and much more.

With what was a rather wet May behind us, let's look forward to a sunnier and eventful summer? It's amazing to think that Mark and I will have been at The Wheel for one year on 19th June and we will definitely be having some 1st Birthday drinks to celebrate. The summer will be packed with events and great occasions so do keep a close eye on our chalk boards outside and the website (www.thewheelnaphill.com) for what's going on.

First and most importantly we have the Village Fete on 9th June which I'm sure will be getting the great support from all the villagers as it normally does, especially with the fantastic organisation in getting the Spitfire, Hurricane and Red Arrows to fly-by. The Wheel will be taking part with a float for the procession and helping to organise the tug-of-war competition. At the pub there will be an outdoor bar,



hog roast and after the fete closes down for another year people can carry on the fun by joining us for a BBQ, Live Music and Fire Eaters.

Other events that are coming to the Wheel are the Smoking Ban Party on 30th June. We are also holding a Cider Festival on 13th and 14th July which I'm sure will be an entertaining weekend!

Here's to a hot summer and seeing you all at the pub or on fete day!

Claire and Mark

History of Naphill

Apologies to those who enquired after Rex Leaver's History of Naphill book while I was away on holiday. I am now back so please call again.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning: Applications to 6 April 2007.

07/05399/FUL.14 Beech Park, Walter's Ash. Construction of conservatory to rear. 07/05647/AFDV. Land to rear of 132-135 Templewood, Walter's Ash. Display of non-illuminated V board detailing residential development and named developer.

07/05682/FUL. Hillbrow, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Construction of outbuilding with covered way to garage. (Objection. Over development adjacent to Green Belt in a sensitive position.) 07/05684/FUL. Evergreen, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Construction of conservatory to rear.

07/05787/FUL Staddlestones, Louches Lane, Naphill. Construction of part 2-storey, part single storey rear extension.

07/05819/TPO. Ambleside, Purssells Meadow, Naphill. Crown lift and other works to 3 lime trees. (Unable to comment because no details or drawings on WDC web site.)

Applications to 9 May 2007.

07/05958/FUL. 232 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of single storey rear extension, raising of roof and insertion of one side dormer window in connection with loft conversion and construction of chimney. (Revised application to replace withdrawn 07/0522/FUL. We are awaiting answers regarding available floor space on new 1st floor, and bulk of final proposal.).

07/06016/FUL. Black Lion, Woodlands Drive, Naphill. Erection of smoking shelter.

Site of Special Scientific Interest. Residents living on Naphill Common between Chapel Lane and Downley Road are awaiting WDC investigation outcome, involving Natural England (English Nature), to find out whether they have infringed SSSI rules by tarmacing the track bordering their houses.

Appeals against WDC planning application refusals.

07/05178/FUL. Auchinyell, Downley Rd., Naphill, Erection of 3x3 bed terraced houses with associated car parking and landscaping and alterations to existing access following demolition of existing building. (NAWARA will repeat its objections on over development of and not in keeping with AONB site, unsatisfactory car parking, insufficient space for refuse bins, and it will support WDC refusal.)

06/07856/FUL. Appeal by O₂ (See February Gazette) for permission to erect 1x20m telecommunications mast thinly disguised as a Corsican Pine tree at Bristows Brick Yard, Walter's Ash. This mast is taller than, and totally out of keeping with, surrounding trees, and AONB criteria. (NAWARA strongly objected because O₂ gave no detailed argument as to why it could not site share and why it needed such a high mast. NAWARA will support WDC objections.)

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Naphill Horticultural Society

Summer Show

Naphill Village Hall

Saturday July 7th

Too busy to relax? 101 things to do? Then we're sure we can help you....

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While you're busy with the children or caring for a loved one, we'll be picking up your dry cleaning, taking your parcel to the post office and running any other errands that you never have time for.

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Yes folks, it's Show Time again!

Our Annual Summer Show takes place on Saturday July 7th and is your chance to show off what you can grow in your garden or allotment.

As some of you may know, we have allowed Don to finally hang up his hat as Show Secretary- a job he has done superbly, and always with a smile, for the last goodness how many years!. We are all extremely grateful for all your hard work Don, and hope that you will now have the time to be on the other side of the show bench as an exhibitor......

Our new Show Secretary is Peter Davis, who many of you will know as he has "shadowed" Don for the last year to learn the ropes. We all hope that you will support Peter in this role by contributing to the Shows this year, either as exhibitors or visitors.

We have had excellent growing conditions recently, (although it is more like ark-building conditions as I write) and there is still plenty of time for you to pamper your plants and talk to your veggies. between now and July 7th so why not pick up a schedule and have a go?

I know that some of you feel quite daunted by the thought of entering anything, so, to try and encourage you, we have included some useful hints and tips for the first time exhibitor in the schedule. It really is quite easy, and there are always people on hand on the day of the show that are only too happy to give advice and help.

If gardening is not really your thing then what about handcrafts, photography, cookery or flower arranging—we've got it all!

The Children's classes were very well supported again last year, so why not encourage your youngsters to have a go this time?

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

If you prefer to just come along and admire the exhibits, the doors open at 2pm and the ever-popular auction of donated exhibits will take place at 4pm. Refreshments are available throughout the afternoon and there is also a sales table, so if you have any contributions to this, please let Peter know.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Do See This Exhibition of Landscape Photography

From 4th - 19th July, the Wycombe Swan Art Gallery is showing an exhibition of outstanding landscape photography by Naphill based photographer, Richard Holroyd. The exhibition is free and is open during the Swan Theatre's afternoon & evening opening times.

At the exhibition – 'Lambent Light' – you will see photographs that capture in beautiful lighting, Chiltern Woodlands, the Heritage Coast and beyond the Channel Tunnel.

Many of Richard's photographs have been published in books, calendars and greetings cards. A new book-'Working the Light –a Landscape Photographers Masterclass' by internationally acclaimed photographers Joe Cornish, Charlie Waite & David Ward show several of Richard's pictures.

Charlie Waite said "This picture is so enjoyable to look at that it almost defies efforts to intellectualise it. It's wholly satisfying. It has a lovely painterly quality. It is not dramatic but is hugely so. The water takes us off to the horizon and the lovely wash of natural pink. I don't want to say any more than lovely – and can I have a copy?"

Joe Cornish said "An extremely elegant and sparse picture, with a precisely drawn sense of line. It's very asymmetrical and yet there is something perfect about it."

David Ward said "Perfection comes from balance, from the exclusion of unwanted or distracting elements.

There is nothing in this image that feels out of place"

With recommendations like these, this is clearly an exhibition not to be missed.

Richard's creates his landscape photographs and architectural photographs using large format film cameras which may look like those old Victorian ones but are actually state-of-the-art cameras made from Titanium and Ebony. If you ever come across someone on Naphill Common hiding under a black cloth, don't be too scared – it's probably a landscape photographer at work.

You can see some of Richard's photographs on his web site www.richardholroydphotography.com

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

In school we are in the process of reviewing the school's policy on homework and its communication to parents. In order to improve this area of school life we are introducing a homework book from Year 2 upwards which will contain all written homework set for the year. One of our parent governors is conducting some school visits to look at this area of school life and when the policy review is completed a copy of it together with a summary of the frequency and amount of homework we expect to take place will be sent home and uploaded on to the school web site.

Children in Year 6 will be sitting their SATs in the week starting Monday 14th May so by the time this article appears it will all be over. Also during this week children in Year 3, 4 and 5 will be taking optional National Curriculum assessments in their classes which will be used to inform teachers as to the progress each child has made over the year. The results of these tests will also be used to inform the end of year reports which are sent home later in the term. Children in Year 1 and Reception do not sit formal assessments as such although SATs for Year 2 now take the form of a supported Teacher Assessment which will involve some element of formal tests being taken alongside their peer groups

Under new government legislation I now have to consult with local stakeholders on how the school could improve its arrangements with regards to gender equality. The school would always wish to treat boys and girls equally in order that they realise their potential as individuals and not merely adopting stereotypical roles when they reach adulthood. There is still evidence to suggest that girls, particularly, are at risk of underachievement when not managed sensitively and do not always achieve as highly as boys at secondary school level and indeed later in employment. The government are keen to redress this imbalance and schools are expected to put in place an

action plan and measures to ensure gender equality early in this term. If, as a parent, you would like to share your views on this matter I would be very pleased to receive them, in writing, through the school office. To help conceptualise this further I have copied an extract from the web site containing the guidance to schools:

'Schools make up the biggest proportion of public bodies covered by the gender duty and have a crucial role to play in ensuring that girls and boys benefit from equality of opportunity in all areas of life. Action to challenge stereotyping needs to be a key component of the whole school curriculum and, in particular, careers, work-related learning, citizenship and personal, social and health education at both primary and secondary school. It is important that schools set a framework which tackles the many factors that affect pupil attainment, including gender, ethnicity and social class. Schools also play a key role in shaping the values and attitudes of children and young people and should take a lead in challenging gender-based harassment, bullying and violence. If schools are to be at the forefront of promoting gender equality in terms of outcomes for pupils, they also need to be at the forefront of promoting gender equality for their workforce.

Whilst many schools have taken positive steps to address gender inequality, many barriers that prevent pupils from achieving and making the most of their opportunities remain. It is vital that the differences between boys' and girls' experiences, attitudes and achievements in school are understood so that policies and practices can begin to break down these barriers. The gender equality duty can help schools work towards this goal.

Some key issues for gender and education include:

- Challenging gender stereotypes in subject choice and careers advice: Gender stereotyping not only prevents some boys engaging with schools, it also limits girls' and boys' ability to pursue their interest and talents. Although girls as a group are achieving better results than boys, they are still being steered towards choices that lead to low paid, low status jobs.
- Pupil attainment: Boys are generally not achieving the same attainment level as girls, with 52% of boys and 62% of girls in the UK gaining five high grade GCSEs or equivalent by age 16 in 2004/05. The situation is complex however, with certain groups of boys doing as well as girls, whilst other groups of boys doing very badly.
- Health, sport and obesity: Girls aged 7-11 are less than half as likely to take part in physical education and sport compared to boys. By the age of 18, 40% of girls have dropped out of sport and physical recreation.

Sexual and sexist bullying and violence: Research by the Universities of Warwick, Bristol, Durham and North London found that over 75% of 11-12 year old boys thought it was acceptable that women get hit if they make men angry, and more boys than girls of all ages believed that some women deserved to be hit.

The gender equality duty presents a fantastic opportunity for schools to make a coordinated effort to tackle inequality and ensure that all pupils are able to fully achieve their potential. The entire school population will benefit by taking well-planned action on gender equality. This should act as a catalyst towards a society where we all can make the best of our life chances.'

Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher

Naphill Brownies

This term we are basing our programme around the Science Badge. This week we held a competition as to

which six could construct the largest newspaper tower. The Brownies were given newspaper and masking tape and it was amazing the creations they made. We also made bread dough and planted sunflower seeds.

Next week we are off on an adventure into the local woods and plan to collect different things to make a collage.

We are looking forward to the village fete on June 9th and also have Bell Boating to look forward to at Longridge Boating centre in Marlow.

Later on this term we plan to join in with the Walters Ash Brownies and hold a sponsored silence which should be interesting!

Brownies has been full since January this year, spaces will become available as Brownies move up to Guides or move away. Brownies who have been on the waiting list the longest do have priority and we will contact you as and when a space arises.

If you would like to add your daughter's name to the waiting list, even if she is a long way off her seventh birthday, please contact Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) on 565571 or me on 01494 564576.

Judy Pope





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Editorial

What a great fete - Ted your ears must be burning, everyone is talking about it. Thank you so much to all who supplied me with photos, I have only been able to include a small selection. Credit for these goes to Michael Bowker, Mark Dell, Mike and Pauline Pool and Debbie Marchant.

Our front cover this month features Naphill Tennis Club and is the first of a series of covers featuring local village organisations. If you are interesting in having your group represented then Mark Dell and I would love to hear from you.

People who used the new For Sale and Wanted section reported some good responses so this will continue for the foreseeable future.

The Gazette will be back at the beginning of September. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary **Pilates** Each Wednesday 7.30-8.30 & 8.30-9.30pm Fraser Morgan Dance Classes 4.45-8.00pm Each Monday Fraser Morgan Dance Classes Each Tuesday 3.30-7.30pm Fraser Morgan Dance Classes Each Wednesday (Small Hall) 4.00-8.15pm Ballet (Pam Sheen) 6.15-7.15pm Each Wednesday Evening W.I. Third Thursday in month 7.45pm EXTEND gentle exercise class 2.00-3.30pm Each Monday Horticultural Society Committee Occasional Mondays (Small Hall) 8.00–9pm Line dancing 8.00–9pm Each Tuesday Luncheon Club 1 for 1.15-2pm Second Wednesday in month Men's Club Monday to Friday 7.30pm Mobile library Each Wednesday -Village Hall 10.30-11.15am 12.15-12.50 Forge Road Mother and Toddler Each Thursday (Term-time) 2.00-4.00pm Naphill Boys FC training sessions U14s every Wednesday* 6.00-7.30pm U16s every Wednesday* 6.30-8.00pm U18s every Wednesday* 7.30-9.00pm U6s–U12s every Saturday 9.30-11.00am Naphill Neighbours Second Monday in month 8.00-10.00pm Over Sixties' Club Alternate Fridays 2.00-4.00pm Pre-school Each weekday (Term-time) 9.15am-12.30pm Residents' Association Second Thursday in month 8.00pm Village Hall Council First Monday in month 8.00-10.00pm Yoga: stretch, tone and relax Each Tuesday 1.30-2.45pm Tennis Club Sessions Every Sunday 10.00am onwards **Every Tuesday** 10.15am onwards Thursday (summer only) 6.30pm onwards * At RAF Astroturf

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County Councillor's Report

There is no doubt that one of the most irksome issues reported to me is the state of our roads. Potholes apart, the general road surfaces of our village roads are well below the standard we would all wish to see. The highway technicians are now slowly getting on top of the pothole problem. The new form of patching offers a more durable surface than the previous system of just filling the hole and having it washed out by the next heavy storm. However, the general state of the road surfaces leaves much to be desired. I have been pressing for the quiet road surface to be completed through the villages of Naphill and Walters Ash but having seen the state of the road through Lacey Green we can see where the priority must be. The County Council is planning to spend an increased allocation to the road transport system, the first for many years, so perhaps our longed for improvements may happen at last.

Roadside footpaths are another area of concern to many residents. I have always been concerned at the sloping or camber of the paths, which has the tendency to tip wheelchair users towards the road. I understand that to correct this defect would require major engineering works and modifications to the drainage. It is unlikely that budgets for this considerable expense will be available in the immediate future. In the meantime, it might help if drivers were to park with all four wheels on the road. I have a photograph of one car parked with all its wheels on the roadside path forcing any pedestrians to walk in the road in order to pass. Parking in this way is a serious offence and should be reported to the police. The increasing tendency to park with the nearside wheels in the path leads to an indentation and break up of the surface. Paths were not designed to take the vehicle weights concerned.

The road studs in Hughenden Valley have been replaced with a later and more reliable version of the self-illuminated stud. It is hoped that the road safety record will be improved, with drivers able to read the road ahead with greater accuracy. This will precede the trial period of switching off the lights along the stretch from the town 30 mph sign to the Cryers Hill roundabout.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Firstly, a big thank you to all the people in Naphill and Walters Ash who voted for me at the District Election on May 3. I am delighted to be joining both Richard Pushman and David Carroll within the Greater Hughenden Ward as your District Councillor. The turnout was approximately 37% and I tried to get to

meet and chat to as many of you as possible, having canvassed approximately 480 properties in Naphill and Walters Ash alone.

Since the election, there has been extensive and ongoing training in the role of a Councillor and in particular, the intricacies of the new members code of conduct that all councils and councillors are required to adopt by October 2007. I am a standing Deputy to Richard within the Development Control Committee and a member of the Licensing Committee.

Thankfully, the weather held up for the Fete, the flypasts were excellent and a there seemed to be a high turnout.

I am particularly concerned about speeding within our villages. Some of you have already expressed your concerns which I appreciate need addressing. I am also fully supportive of our Post Office. Like the Village Hall, it is a focal point for us and we do need to go on foot rather than "online."

Later on in the Autumn we are planning for David Lidington, MP, to hold a surgery in Naphill. Now is the time to think about your important issues. In the meantime, do contact me on 01494 565544.

Finally, thank you to Richard who kindly stepped in at the last minute after our previous candidate stepped down. I am personally very grateful to Richard and for the support that both he and his wife, Valerie, have given to both myself and Julie both prior and post election.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting in Hughenden Valley Village Hall was well attended. It was pleasing to see so many allotment holders responding to the invitations they had received, as well as representatives from local organisations. All residents are entitled to attend this annual event, which moves to different venues in the Parish each year.

The retiring Chairman, Chris Morley, reported on aspects of the Council's activities in the last year. He highlighted the introduction of the new website – hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk – and encouraged parishioners to visit it to see the range of the Council's activities. A useful route is to use Google, keying in 'Hughenden Parish Council'. Much planning has already been done for a new play facility for children up to eight years, to be placed on the Templewood land donated to the Council (final papers have only just come through). Four Ashes now has its four trees back, planted at a ceremony in the spring. The Parish was actively involved in the discussions with the

County Council on the new speed restrictions throughout the Parish. The effectiveness of these is being monitored and evaluated but, unfortunately, stopping rogue speeding vehicles is likely to remain a problem.

The Parish Accounts were presented and questions were responded to in relation to these and other Parish matters. Following the formal part of the meeting, refreshments were served and parishioners were able to meet Councillors, ask further questions informally, and, we hope, enjoy the social part of the occasion.

Naphill representatives

The newly elected Parish Council met for the first time on June 12th. Contact details for the three Councillors are:-

Phil Crawshaw 563721 <u>philcrawshaw05@uwclub.net</u>
Peggy Ewart 565969 <u>pegwat1066@aol.com</u>
Judy Whitehouse 562742 <u>judy@judyq.demon.co.uk</u>

We all serve on the Council's various committees, in particular Finance and Administration, and Services, which meet quarterly, and Planning which meets every three weeks.

The Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) at 8pm in the Parish Office in Great Kingshill. Agendas and Minutes are on the website. These meeting are open to the public.

Do get in touch if any of us can help in any way.

Peggy Ewart - 565969

Taken For Granted

I do miss Grant Woodruff's monthly dissertation on the Heavens. In addition to providing practical information about heavenly events during the month, his articles also injected an element of the intellectual into the magazine and this is something to be admired in these days of talking down to the mass of the population.

On reflection, I realise that I have always been interested in the Heavens (please note the use of the plural, the singular does not interest me!). I can remember as a small boy finding the moon quite fascinating and posing difficult questions about it to my parents! 'If it is so beautiful why is it not visible all the time?'

Actually during my RAF days at one time I taught Astro Navigation. It always seemed extraordinary to me that thanks to the genius of mathematicians we could use the calculated positions of the stars to

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determine our aircraft's position over Mother Earth. However in addition to 'shooting' the altitude of the stars with a sextant it did involve quite a lot of mathematics undertaken under considerable pressure of time.

Nowadays of course GPS gives us the position of our cars to within a few feet and we take it for granted. Space, as a concept, is still quite frightening, what with no oxygen, no gravity and fantastically low temperatures. However it is not really remote, indeed Fred Hoyle my favourite astronomer commented 'Space isn't remote at all. Its only an hour's drive away if your car could go straight upwards!'

But we do have a real space in the Gazette without Grant Woodruff's input. However I do at least have copies of his articles for the past few years so I can still enjoy his past writings and wonder again and again at the complexity of the universe.

David Leith

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

I have to begin this month's article by apologising for listing two of our planned events which did not take place on the dates stated in the June edition. This is due to the fact that our last committee meeting took place two days after the deadline for submission of material to be published. The Golf Day was rearranged from Friday 15th June to Saturday, 16th June at same venue – Harleyford Golf Club. It was also decided to cancel our fundraising Quiz Night, scheduled for Friday, 13th July, as it was thought unlikely that this would generate enough interest at this particular time of year.

One occasion which certainly did not suffer from lack of interest was the Naphill Fete on the 9th June! In spite of what must have seemed to be major setbacks beforehand, i.e. destruction of the beer tent, Red

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Arrows' earlier than planned flyover and doubtful weather conditions, the afternoon turned out to be a resounding success! The sun shone, the parade took place (including our youngest players themed as Snow White characters), the stalls did brisk business as the crowds arrived in droves and all this was topped by the flyover of the veteran World War II fighter planes. The Tennis Club has 'manned' the smaller Bouncy Castle for a few years now and there was a constant stream of punters eager to bounce the afternoon away. I don't recall having taken so many 50ps in such a short time as I did on that day whilst my co-helper, Maddy, precisely timed each session, blowing a whistle so that the impatiently-waiting next group could have their turn!

The Tennis Club hold its 'Open Day' in conjunction with the Fete (all proceeds going to the NVC funds) and because of its location, is sometimes overlooked by the crowds at the main event. However, this year was an exception, thanks to better car parking and new initiatives by current club members. Nancy Pearmain and Jenny Tench decided to sell the traditional Wimbledon dish of strawberries and cream for a modest sum of £1 (less than half the price at the Championships). Not only did they whip the cream and hull the strawberries for the whole afternoon but they also spent several hours on the previous day picking them at the local PYO to ensure they were fresh! They had no lack of customers who were also eager to test their tennis skills against the automatic tennis ball feeder. This proved to be a great attraction and we are very grateful to our coach, Mel Ebbles, who arranged to borrow it from Princes Risborough Tennis Club for the afternoon. Our other two courts were filled with potential young players and several enquiries regarding membership were received. Thanks are due all members who helped on both the Bouncy Castle and at the Tennis Club, not forgetting Lisa Bennett who yet again organized our minis in the Parade and, of course, Ted Chapman, who is a tennis club member in addition to all his other commitments.

For any further information on the club and membership details – contact our Sue Crooks, our Membership Secretary, on telephone no. 01494 562539 – e-mail: smcr2000@aol.com.

Ingrid Tomlins - Tel: 01494 446063 - e-mail: RGTomlins@aol.com

Naphill Evening WI

What a busy month June has been. Let us start with the village fete – so much hard work and so much effort from so many people. The day started with the Red Arrows flypast and got better and better. The sun shone, the crowds turned up, the floats and stalls were colourful and impressive, everyone serving refreshment were kept busy with queues at all times. The Spitfire and the Hurricane flypast gave us an immense feeling of pride – thank you Ted, for all your hard work and organisation that made it possible. The WI won the cup for best senior float, but had strong competition from The Wheel – best of luck to them for next year. Jessie also won a prize for best adult costume (she was the pantomime dame in the pink wig!) Congratulations also to another member, Margaret Pearce, who was nominated for the 'Best Neighbour' award and won the cup. Well done to everyone and what else can we say, other than that "It was a wonderful day".

As we write we are anticipating our Birthday party on the 21st June with delicious food, the friendly faces of our 50 members, and entertainment from Rusty Goffe speaking on his 'Life as a Dwarf'. Comments in our next issue, also on Valerie's games and supper evening 28th June, held after we go to press. Last year's event was a huge success and we are sure we will have had another enjoyable evening this year.

Now to go back to our May meeting, when Mark Davis gave a very interesting talk about the Story of Grasse – Centre of the Perfume Industry. He surprised many of us with details about well-known perfumes, such as when they came on the market and at what cost. Apologies for any confusion over the title of the competition, won by Ann Bull who entered a beautiful old perfume bottle. Then on 31st May, 15 of our members attended a willow-weaving day in the village hall arranged by Pauline and Trish. This was a great success and everyone produced something unique to take home – so thanks to you both.

Our next meeting is on July 19th with Mrs B Owen educating us on 'Healthy Eating', after which we will all get fit and slim - we hope. The competition is 'A healthy eating recipe'. We will also have a sales table that evening, so come prepared with a list of cards etc that you need. Don't forget you can also bring along any home produce that you wish to sell. A final

reminder for the 26th July if you are going to see The Sound of Music, the coach departs the village hall at 5.00pm. As usual, there is no meeting in August, but we have Jessie's tea party on the 2nd August and our ramble with pub supper on the 16th August.

We really believe it pays to be in the WI. Apart from keeping abreast of current topics, on the social side we make friends and enjoy lovely outings to theatres and places of interest. If you are hesitating about coming along, don't. You will be made very welcome.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

The Village Fete was a great success and Naphill Neighbours are delighted to have raised £268.93 with the cake stall and £185 with the hamper raffle, making a grand total of £453.93. Thank you to all who helped with this excellent result.

At our June meeting Hugh Davies gave us a very interesting, professional presentation entitled "BLETCHLEY PARK - How breaking the German codes led to the world's first computer". If you haven't already been, a visit to Bletchley Park is highly recommended.

We will have been off for a day at the seaside - Brighton - by the time you read this and hope that the weather kept fine for us.

Already plans are afoot for our outing on Tuesday, 7th August when, instead of our club meeting in the Village Hall we will be spending the day in the Cotswolds. The coach leaves Naphill at 9am, drives to Cirencester, then via Bibury to Lechlade for a 2 hour river boat trip, including cream tea. If you would like to join us please phone Sheila on 562888.

Our next club meeting is on Monday, 9th July at 8pm when Mrs Young will be demonstrating IKEBANA: THE ART OF JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGING. The tea hostesses are: Brenda Pears, Pat Ayres and June Belsham.

Hazel Vickery: 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes

We preceded our meeting with our annual litterblitz around the Hall and the Crick. Many thanks to those of you who donned your rubber gloves and filled your black sack. There didn't seem to be quite as much rubbish as usual and it is good to get the area ready for

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the fete. One thing we did find was some bags of dog excrement that had been thrown under the hedge. I know that most of you are responsible dog owners and take your "little bag" home for disposal but can I remind you that the Crick is constantly used by children and of the health implications of leaving dog waste lying about.

We welcomed a new member to our midst. Peggy Ewart has become our representative of the Parish Council and she was welcomed to our meeting. Peggy has now moved back into the village and is very involved in promoting our best interests.

Some of you will have noticed that the old kissing gate opposite the Wheel has finally come off its hinges. We are going to see if it can be mended, but currently have no plans to replace it with a shiny new version.

We continued our discussions about the roof and the heating. Our plans for the roof are progressing but the heating is proving to be more complicated than we thought at first. We are still in the process of getting quotes and advice on this – it will happen!

Much of the evening was spent discussing the proposed telecommunications pole that O2 want to erect opposite the Wheel. We have subsequently sent off a response to the planning department outlining our concerns – as have many other residents. Let's hope that by the time you read this it is history.

Our next event will be Pam Smith's exhibition of all her historical artefacts depicting our village through the ages. This is in the Village Hall on 30th June with proceeds going to Village Hall funds (very necessary with the proposed work on the roof and the heating). Those of you who have been part of the village for a while can come and reminisce and those of you new to the village can see how the village has developed and enjoy a bit of social history. Her collection is just amazing so do put the date in your diary.

The Naphill & Walter's Ash Fete

That was a fete I will always remember. The Red Arrows noisy low-level pass enthralled us, the wonderful display by the Spitfire and the Hurricane delighted us and brought back memories to many, the weather was perfect and the Crick was crowded with happy people enjoying the day. I'm sorry that I don't have the journalistic skills to adequately describe the wonders of the day and the impression that they made upon me.

The enthusiasm that all of our supporters poured into the day was fantastic. The Procession was tremendous with really great costumes and floats; the three Princesses presented the cups and opened the fete like veterans. As I wandered around the site I could only marvel at the cheerfulness of the people manning all of the stalls. They all worked their socks off! They were tired but incredibly happy. It is you wonderful people who make fete-day such a pleasurable success; there is something about living in our villages that brings out the best in everyone. What a terrific day it was. Thank you all so much for once again taking part and making fete-day the really magical day of the year.

I worked out that there are at least fifty-four 'thank-you' letters that I should be writing. I could write one and get my computer to send it to everyone of course but I don't like the insincerity of that. My gratitude is very deeply felt and I don't want to be flippant about such an important thing. So I am taking the easy way out and using this opportunity to pass on my appreciation to all of the many volunteers and participants who have given so much in time and effort to make it such a wonderful day. We all know who you are - thank you! (We really need 200 Good Neighbours cups to present).

Sadly, the wonderful day was preceded by a mean act during the night. Richard and Valerie Pushman have loaned their marguee to the fete for many years. It has always been used as the beer tent and became part of the traditional look of the fete ground. The marquee had great sentimental value to Valerie and Richard. It was originally bought to celebrate Richard's parents special wedding anniversary and has since been used on many occasions for daughters birthday parties and wedding receptions as well as large events at the Pushman's home. They have generously loaned it out to the fete and whilst it was in my care it was destroyed. I was the self-appointed guardian of the site the night before the fete and went to sleep because everything was so very peaceful. At 12.45am someone set fire to the marquee and completely destroyed it. I am mortified. There is no way of compensating

Richard and Valerie for the loss of the marquee with all of its sentimental memories. I can only apologise to you Richard and I am sure that everyone in our villages is disgusted by this mindless act of vandalism. I invite whoever was concerned to make an anonymous phone call to me and explain the reason for this - but I don't really expect you to have the necessary courage.

Organising the fete over the last three years has been a real privilege. Some things go wrong of course and the organiser is the responsible person. That is why I have been paid such a large salary! But most of the time things go well; the organiser is well supported by a very talented team of about 200 people who do all of the work for him. The past three years have been terrific for my ego but I think it is time to let someone else take over the reins. What about you, dear reader? Yes, you! It's not that difficult but it is very time consuming. I'll pass on all of my experience to you. Meanwhile I must get out my lawn mower, some things have been neglected recently.

<u>Ted Chapman (HW 563034)</u> Retiring Fete Organiser

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BEST STALL – NAPHILL BROWNIES – SILVER CUP

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Emily Louise Johnson

Dear Family, Friends, People of Naphill & Beyond,



Our dear, sweet Daughter, Sister, Grand Daughter, Niece and Friend, Emily, who was killed in a car crash on Easter Monday, would have been utterly amazed at the level of kindness and concern you have shown us at this desperately sad time. As we have been. We have received well over two hundred cards, numerous letters, photographs, poems and phone messages.

Emily was a beautiful, kind, caring young lady with a gorgeous smile. She hated injustice, other people's problems became Emily's problems she just cared so much. She would we know have had a great future ahead of her. Dying at eighteen when life is just beginning is just so unfair. We all miss her terribly.

We as a family have now got to try and get on with our lives without our beautiful, bubbly eighteen year old daughter Emily. This has been made all the more easier by all of you. We will never forget your kindness and help. As we will never forget Emily.

Yours thankfully,

Kim, Rebecca, Matthew and Aby Johnson

Summer Fete 2007







BEST SENIOR COSTUME – Jessie Highams (Pantomime Dame)

Naphill Fete 2007

May I offer my personal congratulations to Ted Chapman for a superb fete this year. As the previous Fete Committee Chairman to Ted I really do know just how much work and dedication it takes to organise such an event. To get the Red Arrows to fly past and have an Ex World War Spitfire & Hurricane buzz us was inspirational. I really felt for him when the Red Arrows changed their plans. I too had RAF parachutist and fete opening celebrities let me down at the 7th hour after printing publicity. We were so upset to hear mindless vandals torched Richard's marquee, I'd spend many a fun time scratching my head trying to find the right poles and guys lines to fit on previous fete builds. Well done again both to Ted and all other other helpers, volunteers and participants who helped make it such a successful day.

Alan Jessop - 07850 676312 email@alanjessop.com

Second Hand Emporium

What a brilliant day! We took £921.00 with a little more to come. We could have taken far more but our salesmen and ladies caught the mood of the day and sold at rock bottom prices. The buyers went away happy knowing that they had purchased unbelievable bargains. It was another great performance by the team, Trish, Marion, Ronny, Ian, James, Geoff, John B, John H, Reg and Richard. Thanks to all the suppliers, you certainly excelled yourselves this year.

Finally congratulations Ted, an exceptional fete, the best yet?

Bob Davis

Book Stall

We struggled out of bed, awoke the two grandchildren who were with us for the weekend, and arrived at the Crick at 08:30 armed with mountains of food, drink, sun cream, wet weather gear, gazebo, signs, marker pen, string, flags, you name it, we had it! Oh no, have we really got to spend the day here?

Yes we have, and yes we did and WHAT A DAY!

The sun shone, the crowds came, and stayed, and we sold hundreds of books (well, it felt like hundreds). We had a wonderful day; our grandchildren loved helping, and spending their money at other stalls and we went home tired but happy.

Have you ever thought about becoming involved? Try



it. It is hard work but great fun and all for the good of the village.

Our thanks to everyone who donated books, bought books and helped us on the stall. On a final note, 'a big thank you' to Ted Chapman for organising some brilliant fetes but especially Fete 2007'!

Mike and Pauline Pool

Tombola

My wife and I would like to congratulate Ted Chapman and everyone else associated with the village fete for what was truly a wonderful occasion. All the hard work that goes on behind the scenes prior to the fete was rewarded with good weather and a turn out of people that I am sure equated to the entire village population. Lets hope that the level of money taken on the day results in a record profit. Very well done to all concerned.

I am pleased to report that the tombola stall was equally successful. Fortunately my last letter in the Gazette had the desired effect and we were inundated with donations for the stall. Whilst at the time of writing I have not received the final figure I do know that as we sold every one of our 3,000 tickets we will have made a profit in excess of £500. So a big thank

you to all of those kind people who donated to our stall.

Helen & Ron Collins

Fete Donation

Many thanks to 'The Wheel' for their donation of £100 towards the fete.

Ted Chapman

Great Fete Ted

Congratulations and thanks again to Ted Chapman who raised the bar further still with the Naphill & Walters Ash Village Fete in 2007.

The phrase "A Great Day Out For All The Family" is over used but on this occasion it is totally accurate. If a great event is judged on the number of people that don't want to leave, then the hoards of people still there at 5pm said it all.

Breakfast with the Red Arrows, followed by the aerial class of the Spitfire and Hurricane really set this fete aside from the others.

Thanks Ted, a true village event, encompassing the spirit of a great community.

Matt Piercy - 562081

St. Michael and All Angels

On a Saturday evening in June several from the Church had an evening in the Company of Adrian Plass and his wife Bridget at St. John's Church on Desborough Road. I am a great fan of Adrian Plass. For those who don't know he is a Christian writer and humourist who manages to earth the Christian faith in real life. A few years ago he came to speak at St. Michael's, but this time we were introduced to new material from one of his latest books, 'Bacon Sandwiches and Salvation, an A -Z of the Christian life'. It was a predictably funny, a little provocative and also very thoughtful evening. There was one true story though that struck a chord with me which I want to share here.

It concerned a woman curate at a church that Adrian and Bridget had visited. When she was a girl she used to sing in the choir of a Church in the North of England. It was a large and successful choir presided over by a very strict director of music. If members of the choir missed three choir practices, then they were asked to leave the choir. This girl had been ill one week, and so had missed a practice. She was then so scared the next week that she missed another practice. On the third week, having by now missed two practices she was so terrified at meeting the choir master that though by now she was perfectly well, she missed a third. She knew that her chances of being in the choir were scuppered and so she sat at home

feeling very miserable when she heard a knock at the door. When she opened the door she saw one of the older members of the choir. He neither reprimanded her for missing three practices, nor did he say ' it doesn't matter' he simply looked at her with great concern and said 'Ee lass, we have missed thee'. For this girl it was an experience of grace that eventually led to her being ordained to share this message of grace with others.

I wonder what our view of God is like? Is it like the strict choir master, three strikes and you're out? I think that is exactly the view of God that many people have, not helped it has to be said by the ways they have been treated by his church. And yet alongside this we must remember the message of Jesus who told a story, a parable about two sons, one of who cashed in his inheritance and squandered it in wild living, you will find the story in Luke chapter 15 vss 11-31. In that story when the boy comes to his senses and seeks to return home, but as a hired hand, feeling that he had lost the right to come back as a son, he was welcomed back by his Father who had obviously been longing and watching for is return who when he saw this sorry figure in the distance rushed out to meet him and smothered him with hugs.

God doesn't say to us 'there there it doesn't matter' when we act or think in ways which we know to be wrong. It does matter, we only have to look at the Cross to find out how much. But neither does God say 'three strikes and you're out'. It is easy for us to get into situations where we put God to one side, it is easy to find ourselves falling away from a commitment that we once made but which has since become somewhat lackluster. When this happens, when we consciously walk away from God, or simply drift away, when we ignore his church (which after all was never an optional extra it was always part of the deal) it is easy to get ourselves into the mindset which thinks that we've blown it with God who wouldn't want anything to do with us anyway. But he does. In the book or revelation we find the description, depicted by Holman Hunt in his famous painting 'the light of the world', of Jesus standing knocking at the door of our lives. It is up to us to open the door, but however far away from God we may have been, we neither hear condemnation nor condoning for ignoring him, rather words which might be something like that old man who said to a young frightened girl who thought that she was out of grace with the Church, and therefore with God himself, 'Ee lass, Ee lad, I've missed thee'.

Simon Cronk, (Vicar, St. Michael and All Angels)

Your Letters

Goodbye to Naphill

It is with mixed feelings that we say goodbye to Naphill. We are off to Caputh in Perthshire, a lovely little village near Dunkeld and we are looking forward to an exciting new life near our elder daughter, Victoria and her family. So much to explore in a very beautiful area full of lovely walks and cycle rides and of course mountains and rivers in plenty.

We are sad to leave so many very good friends and neighbours behind after 27 years in the village and hope some might venture north to visit us in the not too distant future.

Goodbye to you all,

David and Gill Hayes - davidhaye@waitrose.com

Tracking Sites of Scientific Interest

The complaint concerning the repair to the track alongside the Common off Chapel Lane has been resolved in the favour of the residents, who were not informed of, nor consulted about, the referral. Both the landowner, West Wycombe Estate, and Wycombe District Council had given their prior written consent to the work, based on full disclosure of the material specification (which, incidentally, is not tarmac). Nearest neighbours on Chapel Lane next to the Common had been informed beforehand about the works, as were village associations' representatives and other Village Hall Council members via an informal notice at a Council meeting. The repairs were paid for by all the resident householders.

Sheila Draper

The Wheel Musketeers!

All for One and All to the Wheel.... Mark and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers who joined us on this years fantastic fete day. Thanks to everyone who dressed up as the musketeers and wenches you all looked fabulous and we have photo evidence to prove it! (Thanks Ian). We would also like to mention Lee who loaned us the lorry and Caroline from Wrights who drove us all. The biggest thanks go to all our staff that worked so incredibly hard to ensure our customers had a great day. Here's to next year and a bigger float!

It was great to see the tug of war back up and running this year and a huge effort was put in by all the teams; The Whip, The Pink and Lilly, The Black Horse, Naphill Football Club, High Wycombe Rugby Club, and ourselves. Cheers everyone here's to the rematches next year.

Just a quick up date for the next couple of months so that you don't miss out on all the fun:

- 13-14 July Cider festival with live music from James Henton on Friday 13th!
- We are also holding our annual party for our years anniversary at The Wheel which will be on 4th August and is a Theme night of Country and Western music and possibly some line dancing!

Now for a Poem from your Landlord

Ok, so the time is here
The government brings in a new law this year
No more smoking in your pub
And statistics say we'll sell more grub
So to those of you who avoided the smoke
You can come in now and you won't choke
And the old excuse of my clothes stink
Is no longer a reason for avoiding a drink
And to those that smoke do not despair
You can smoke in the open air

Mark and Claire

Polo and Live Music for charity at, Manor Farm, Bradenham.

This coming October I am privileged to be able to take part in 'enduroafrica'. It is a 12 day motorbike ride across some of Africa's most desolate areas, and is in aid of Riders for Health.

Each bike can reach up to 20,000 individuals giving life saving medical support using the new motorbikes bought from the money raised. The motorbikes are donated to local Doctors, Nurses and Care Workers

To help raise money to buy the motorbike and pay for it's maintenance for five years, I will be holding a charity event at Manor Farm, Bradenham on the 21st July 2007 from 5.30pm, and I am inviting people to come along and join the fun. This will include a small Polo Match early in the evening and Live Music from three different bands later on. A paying bar and hog roast will also be available.

Tickets are only £15, and are available at The Wheel, Naphill and also at The Hampden Arms, Great Hampden. If you need to contact myself please do so on 07876 455 123.

Thanks in advance for your support

Andrew Stubbings

Another Day in Paradise.....

Another lovely summer day, just right for a quick stroll down to the Co-op for the morning newspaper. Naphill and Walters Ash look truly picturesque at this time of year with the trees sporting their early colour leaves and the pristine gardens. And its just amazing what you can spot if you keep your eyes open. I am sure there is a blackbirds nest in the hedge over there, just passed the crisp bags, close to the empty food wrapper and fag packet but short of the discarded drinks can. I am sure Mrs Blacky must appreciate the beauty of her surroundings.

Ops sorry mate, I didn't mean to block your path; I just didn't hear you cycling up behind me. Anyway, I could have sworn the Tour de France isn't supposed to come this far west!! Now if I can just squeeze past the cars and the delivery truck parked on the pavement, I can get the paper and be on my way home.

I see the remnants of the planning notice put up in December have finally fallen off the sign post, why is it that they don't seem to have to take them down when they are finished or out of date? Still the remaining bundles of string and plastic ties look almost artistic and would probably be worth a fortune if Tracy what's-her-name had put them up. I see youknow-who down the road has been walking the dog again, better avoid "that" as her indoors would not be best pleased if it got on the lounge carpet. Nearly home, just a quick wave to young Lewis Hamilton as he flies past on his way to the next race then in for a cup of tea and a look at the news; funny how the racers never seem to be around when Mr Plod is blocking up the bus stop with his camera. Best have a glass of milk to settle the tummy.

I see HIPs are still in the news. Why is it that I will have to pay for someone to tell me the fridge and washing machine I am about to take with me or scrap are not energy efficient; is the new owner really going to care? I know it is an EU directive, well it would be wouldn't it, but why did Blair's lot have to attach it to house selling. Would it not have been more cost effective if they had added the task onto the Council Official who is going to demand to come into the house to check the nice view out of the windows, the proximity of the bus stops, the well kept garden, the greenhouse and new replacement shed and doubtless the new washers on the bathroom taps in order to jack up my council tax. Better take an anti-acid pill as the tummy is really getting wobbly now. Hang on; the HIPs have been ditched so maybe half a pill will suffice. Blast, we have 4 bedrooms so it's only postponed, best take 2 pills instead.

I see schools are now to be responsible for "community cohesion". Well why not they are already responsible for every form of "equality" known to man, children's behaviour, car parking, searching

pupils for knives and guns and even teaching the 3 R's if time permits. Cohesion isn't that sticking things together or is that adhesion? We have a dodgy chair in the kitchen that needs a bit of glue and TLC. Perhaps I can get the kids from the local school to have a look at it; if they can't fix it at least they should be able to tell me if I should be co-ing or ad-ing.

Sad to note another soldier has been killed in Iraq or Afghanistan, assisting those who wish we were helping somewhere else, it's becoming such a regular occurrence that it's now well down the newsworthy list. Have just read that one young soldier was brave enough to run through a hail of bullets to rescue a colleague from a burning vehicle then carried him back to safety. It gives you hope until you realise that he is probably not much older than the heroes who burned down the beer tent at the village fete; says it all really. Time for another couple of pills. I'm not sure how many I can safely take; I would ask the doctor but it's probably out of hours now and they seemingly wish to charge £20 for an appointment. I had better take 3 just in case.

Pay as you dump **** another bright idea probably thought up by someone who lives outside a robust overarching box under blue sky's at somewhere called the round. The nice Mr County say's that we wont have chips in our bins in Bucks. My worry is that if we are ever given boxes for glass and foil to add to the black and green wheelies, the boxes for paper, plastic bottles and tins and the compost bin, I may have to get a bigger garden to fit them in. Now what did I do with the blood pressure tester?

Road pricing!! Now don't get me started. Mind you, I can't help wondering if now that WDC have introduced congestion with all those traffic lights near the Eden Centre they will have to introduce a charge to pay for it. Good to see that the Olympic Committee have finally unveiled their 2012 logo. Now have I got this the right way up? No I just do not get it and it looks pretty boring. Still Seb say's it's really for ages 18 to 30 and presumably not for old duffers so he wont be disappointed when I don't have it on my T-shirts.

I read the other day that the trouble with the British, and the English in particular, is that we do not complain enough. Given bad service, bad behaviour or just being ripped off or over regulated by the government we just take on the chin without protest. Apparently, unlike some of our neighbours we do not march enough. Well I'm going to get on my boots and march now; right down to the nearest chemists I seen to have run out of anti-acid pills.

What's that dear? I'm getting grumpy, no not me, what have I possibly got to make me grumpy.

GOG

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning to 2 June 2007

07/6159/FUL R14/05 E09/07 Lastburn, New Rd., Walters Ash. Demolition of existing single storey garage and utility room and construction of 2 storey side extension and part 2-storey, part single storey rear extension and new pitched roof to front.

07/6176/FUL R15/05 E10/07 (Land adjacent to) Alde Cottage 155 Main Rd. Naphill. Erection of 1x2 bed single storey dwelling formation of new access and erection of new gate and brick and flint wall on land to side and rear of 155 Main Rd.

07/6188/FUL R15/05 E10/07. Recreation Ground, Main Rd., Naphill. Installation of 12.8m street furniture telegraph style telecommunications pole with shroud. (Another attempt to put a mobile radio site on the Main Road adjacent to The Crick. Similar application to 01/7058, which was refused by WDC and dismissed on appeal. This is for a higher pole, and a few metres away from previous application site and the technical reasons need querying. Also the same reasons for objection apply as 01/7058. Strongly object.).

07/6202/FUL R11/05 E12/07. Lamorna, Christopher Close, Naphill. Demolition of existing garage and erection of detached single garage (part alteration to pp06/7943/FUL).

07/6206/FUL R17/05 E12/07. Stoney Ash, Allen Drive, Walters Ash. Construction of single storey front and side extension, erection of porch enclosure to side. 07/6268/FUL. R24/05 E19/07 141 Main Rd., Naphill. Erection of first floor side extension, front entrance porch and detached outbuilding to rear.

07/6331/FUL R01/06 E27/07 Carport canopy linking house to shed.

07/6359/FUL R04/06 E 30/07 5 Honey Way Walters Ash. Erection of 3-bed replacement bungalow with garage

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Naphill Horticultural Society

Our recent outing to the BBC Gardeners World Live show was a fabulous day, and thoroughly enjoyed by those who went.

Please remember that our Summer Show takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th July at 2pm, so if you have not yet got a schedule and decided what you can enter, contact Peter Davis right away. There will be teas, a raffle and sales table so you can make an

afternoon of it before the ever-popular auction of exhibits at 4pm.

We also have our Autumn Show, in exactly the same format and that will take place on Saturday 1st September. The schedules cover both shows, so you can plan ahead for September. Do come along and support us if you can.

Lastly, remember to take the time to enjoy your gardens this summer. They are not always best viewed from a kneeling pad with your head amongst the weeds – sit back in a chair and admire your handy work (always best done with a cool glass of something in one hand!) Happy gardening.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

How to Stop Elephants From Invading Your Allotment

An recent article on Radio 4 described how tomato growers in Zambia had been suffering from invasions of hungry elephants. The solution they adopted was to grow chilli peppers round their plots. Apparently the chillies made the elephants sneeze. With global warming, insects and birds in the UK have been moving northwards. Perhaps in a few years wildlife from Africa will move to the UK - after all, they used to live here long ago. Then we may need to protect our allotments from hungry elephants.

Those wishing to have an allotment before the elephants arrive should ring the Parish Clerk on 01494 715296. At the time of writing there were three half plots vacant at the Naphill allotments at Louches Lane and there were two people on the waiting list at the Walter's Ash allotments at Clappins Lane (but there may be some movement soon). A half plot costs £5 per annum.

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

Dawn Baldwin

Dawn Baldwin, who lives in one of the villages on the outskirts of Aylesbury, is a Falklands War widow. As the nation marks the 25th anniversary of the Falklands campaign she has every reason to reflect on the circumstances of her husband's death.

29 year old Mark served in the Navy and was a leading cook on the County-class warship, HMS Glamorgan. The ship had been bombarding Argentine positions in support of land forces engaged in the final assault on Port Stanley. As it prepared to head out to



the relative safety of the task force it was hit by an exocet missile, bizarrely fired from the back of a lorry. A small enemy group had dismantled a launcher from a frigate and mounted it on a trailer.

Mark was initially reported as injured but he died later in the day and was buried at sea. Dawn, aged 22 at the time and married just one year earlier, lived in Service quarters in Portsmouth. She heard that Mark had been injured and retained some hope for a short while until, as she put it, she saw a naval padre approaching the house.

The missile strike proved to be virtually the last offensive Argentine action of the conflict. Two days later the occupiers surrendered to Maj. General Jeremy Moore.

HMS Glamorgan, despite the serious damage, remained seaworthy, the only ship to survive an exocet attack and return to the U.K. Dawn's cruelly timed loss was shared with the families of 12 other sailors.

In due course Dawn re-married and now enjoys a happy family life with her husband, a serving R.A.F. officer, and two grown-up children in higher education. Her husband, once a navigator in Tornado aircraft, has also seen active service in a number of operational theatres, during which time Dawn has been sustained by the fervent hope that "lightning could not strike twice in the same place." She is now a qualified nurse and works in the premature baby unit at Stoke Mandeville hospital.

Having married into the services again, and indeed spent two years in the Princess Mary's Nursing Service, she developed an interest in the work done by the national charity, the Soldiers, Sailors and Airman's Families Association (SSAFA). Given her direct experience of Service life, including its tragic outcomes for so many people, she felt she had a lot to offer, not least in the field of bereavement counselling.

During her husband's subsequent postings she broadened her activities by becoming a voluntary caseworker for the charity. Her arrival in the Aylesbury area gave her the chance to work first in SSAFA's High Wycombe district and subsequently in

Aylesbury. Two years ago she received an award for 10 years' highly valued service to the charity

Caseworkers provide practical, emotional and financial support to current and ex-servicemen and women and their families who have fallen on hard times or have faced other personal difficulties. She enjoys the opportunities to alleviate suffering in a very direct way, whether, for example in the provision of an electrically powered vehicle for the disabled, in resolving debt problems, or simply in giving comfort to the bereaved and the lonely. She is acutely aware that service charity work is not just for the veterans of twentieth



century world wars but embraces the needs of generations of service people who have served, or are still serving, in the more than 20 military conflicts in which the country has been involved since 1945.

Dawn appreciates the mutual support that prevails in the caseworker teams and also the close links with the Royal British Legion, which help to ensure a rational use of service charity money and of caseworker expertise. SSAFA needs more caseworkers. The volume and frequency of work for each volunteer is very flexible. Travel expenses and a full training programme are provided If any readers are interested in giving some of their time to this work - a service background is not necessary - they are welcome to contact Tom Ridgway, who co-ordinates casework in Aylesbury and mid-Bucks.

His number is 01296 688996

Dawn Baldwin was interviewed by John Lambert, Publicity Officer, SSAFA Bucks

Reminder - Exhibition of Landscape Photography

From 4th - 19th July, the Wycombe Swan Art Gallery is showing an exhibition of outstanding landscape photography by Naphill based photographer, Richard Holroyd. The exhibition is free and is open during the

Swan Theatre's afternoon & evening opening times.

You can see some of Richard's photographs on his web site www.richardholroydphotography.com

Wycombe District Ranger Events

Editor's comment - I have more detailed information if you are interested, please contact me.

JULY

Sunday 8th 'Ridgeway to go Pt 2 – Coombe Hill & Chequers Circular'.

Meet: 10am in Coombe Hill car park (SP851062).

Thursday 12th 'Sands Bank LNR – Evening Walk'. Meet: 7pm by the entrance to WWFC, Hillbottom Rd., Sands.

Friday 13th 'Nocturnal Safari', Little Marlow. Please bring a torch, this is a booking event. Meet: 8.45pm St. John the Baptist Church, Little Marlow.

Saturday 21st 'What's about at Little Marlow?'. Meet: 10am the public car park, Coldmoorholme Lane, nr. Bourne End

Tuesday 24th & 31st 'Butterfly Week Activities', High Wycombe.

Booking is essential on 01494 511585 or email: manager@ecobuzz.co.uk

Meet: 10am Environment Centre, The Rye, High Wycombe.

Saturday 28th 'Chinnor Hill and Beyond'.

Meet: 10am at the Reserve's car park at the end of Hilltop Lane which is off the Chinnor to Bledlow Ridge Road (SP 766002).

Saturday 28th 'In Search of Kingfishers', High Wycombe.

Please note this is a booking event and that places are limited.

Meet: Kingsmead public car park, Fennels Rd, High Wycombe.

Sunday 29th 'Butterfly Walk – Gomm's Wood', High Wycombe.

Meet: 11am Cock Lane Cemetery car park, Tylers Green.

AUGUST

Wednesday 1st 'An Evening Walk by the Thames',

Marlow.

Meet: 6.30pm Court Gardens (Pay and Display) car park, Pound Lane, Marlow.

Saturday 11th 'Bat Walk', Little Marlow.

Meet: 8pm in the public car park, Coldmoorholme Lane, Well End, nr. Bourne End.

Friday 17th 'Beasts of the Night – Prestwood LNR 8pm until late'.

Meet: 8pm Prestwood LNR and Picnic Site, Hampden Lane, Prestwood (SU866991).

Saturday 18th 'Winter's Hill and Cockmarsh Circular Walk'.

Meet: 10am in the public car park, Coldmoorholm Lane, Nr. Bourne End.

Saturday 25th 'Mammal Detectives - Highfield Wood', High Wycombe.

Meet: 10:00am in Micklefield Community Centre car park.

Saturday 25^{th.} 'The Great Butterfly Hunt Part 3', Sands Bank LNR.

Meet: 1pm at the entrance to Wycombe Wanderers Football Grounds, Hillbottom Lane, Sands.

Sunday 26th 'Ridgeway to go part 3 – Bledlow and Radnage'.

Meet: 10am Chinnor Hill Nature Reserve Car Park (SP 766002).

To book your place or for further information on any of the above events, please contact WDC Ranger Service on 01494 421825 or email: Ranger_Services@wycombe.gov.uk

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

Recently we have been enjoying a run of successes on the sports field. On Saturday 9th June our Tag Rugby team, lead by Mr Stallwood (team manager) and Mrs Hawes (assistant manager) went to the Bucks Youth Games which was held at Bisham Abbey Sports College. I am delighted to say that in spite of the blistering heat and stiff competition the school won this county wide competition and earned a magnificent plaque which was handed to the team captain in the assembly.

Recently our Year 6 Rounders team also competed against six other local teams in the Princes Risborough cluster and won the competition outright. Team captain, Vanya Sark-Geisler, put the success down to 'Good team work'. Well done everyone!

A victory of a different kind was seen on the school stage when Miss Doyle's' Drama Club performed



'The Wizard of Oz' for parents and children early in June. We were all captivated by the childrens' magical performances and excellent choral work and it made for a wonderful experience for those taking part and the audience.

Many younger (and older!) members of the school community were also seen parading down Main Road as part of the village fete. Naphill had never before seen so may Snow Whites, Ugly Sisters, Red Riding Hoods and I think a Power Ranger may have snuck in near the back. Everyone looked terrific and it was super to see some very sporting parents join in with their own costumes. This was the last time I think I'll dress as a furry creature though as the heat certainly made me thirsty later on in the day. Next year I think I'll pick out a Tarzan costume.

At the end of this term we are sadly saying 'farewell' to two long standing members of the school community. Mrs Mandy Sermon who has been at the school since 1983 as a teacher and was the school's Assistant Head from 1998 until 2006 is retiring after working for us for this year taking classes of year 2 and year 3 children. In addition to this Mrs Daphne Williams, the school secretary, is also retiring. Daphne has been here since 1984 and has been a very hard-working and loyal advocate of the school and has seen many changes over the years. We will be very sad to see both these members of staff leave and obviously wish them a long and very happy retirement.

Looking ahead to the Autumn Term the school will be getting a mixed collection of two lots of thirty trees to plant around the school grounds. The trees are part of an initiative organised by the Woodland Trust who have also been supported by the local Spar shop Spar recently ran a competition to mark their 50th anniversary which was won by one of our parents, Mrs Wilton (Kennedy's mum). Mrs Wilton kindly nominated us for the trees which I am told will arrive in November.

In the meantime have a great summer.

Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher

Naphill Brownies

We had a great turn out for the fete, thank you to all those who supported us in the walking tableau and visited our stall. We are pleased to announce that we won 'Best Stall' at the fete and have a fine trophy to show off.

We are currently working on our 'Outdoor Challenge Badge' and 3 Brownies have recently received their Service badge for attending 6 community events over the last few months.

We have a 'Midsummer Madness' evening coming up where all the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from the High Wycombe Division meet up and have an evening of games and craft activities together.

We will also be uniting with the Walters Ash Brownies to do a 1 hour Sponsored Silence which should be interesting! We are raising money for 'Leukaemia in Children' & CIRCA (which is a charity very close to Naphill Brownies).

Our final Brownie meeting for the summer will be a mad games evening and a picnic; we will then be taking a well earned rest to re-charge our batteries ready for September!

We may possibly have 3 spaces available at Brownies in September and will be in touch with those girls who have been on the waiting list the longest.

If you would like to add your daughter's name to the waiting list, even if she is a long way off her seventh birthday, please contact Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) on 565571 or me on 01494 564576.

Judy Pope

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group New Chairperson Required!

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents / carers with Toddlers and Babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over Tea & Biscuits, while the children play with numerous toys and make new friends.

We require a new Chairperson to take over from July due to the school commitments of our current chair. The duties do not require vast amounts of time, but it is important for us to find somebody who cares about the local community, otherwise this valuable amenity may be forced to close.

If you believe you are able to help, please come along during session times (Thursdays 2pm – 4pm, Term time) or call Zoe on 01494 444502.

Naphill Pre-School

This term the children have been planting seeds and thinking about plants and gardens. The children who are leaving to go to school in September have been up to visit school on the bus and spent the morning visiting their teachers. We will be having our Sports Day on Friday 6th July and Pre-School finishes on Wednesday 18th July with a Teddy Bear's Picnic.

We would like to thank everyone who came along to the barn dance, the band 'Pigzear' were superb and a good night was had by all. Thank you to Wynyard Wright & Ellis who sponsored this event.

The children all enjoyed participating in the Village Fete and the float which was Snow White and the 39

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GUIDES/BROWNIES

Deirdre Hansen • Tel. 01494 562254





dwarves looked wonderful and won the 'Best Float' award. Thanks to Moira for organising the float decorations and all the parents and helpers for all their hard work before and during the day and also to Moira's mum for her brilliant artwork.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Shaun Maguire and Agile Scaffolding for once again providing, assembling and driving the lorry on fete day. We would like to say a special thank you to Shaun as next year he will taking a well earned rest!

As we are nearing the end of this current school year it comes to saying lots of thank yous. Big thanks to Claire Cotes who has been chair for the last two years and will now be moving on to school, also to all the members of the Pre-School Committee, Kate, Sarah, Ulrika, Moira, Catherine, Penny, Amanda, Judith, Dawn, Sarah, Fiona and Lorna for their hard work and fundraising over the past year as without them the Pre-School would not be able to carry on. Thanks also to all the parents who have stepped in and helped out where needed and last but not least to Debi, Annabel and the rest of the team Alison, Ruth, Teresa, Lisha, Amanda, Jean, Beverley and Danny who have made Pre-School a special place to be for our children.

Congratulations to Gemma Vinall who has taken over as Chair, a social evening is planned for Monday 9th July in the Wheel so if anyone would like to know

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Naphill Football Club (Junior Section) - 2007





The Original Naphill Boys Team - 1994

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Editorial

The Gazette is back with two additional pages of adverts, taking some of the pressure off the small ads and the waiting list, and with two additional pages of content to retain the balance.

I have received lots of letters over the summer on a variety of topics. New contributor GOG has had both support and criticism for his article, what do you think? Was it close to the mark or yards away?

Sadly some of the letters were on the topic of crime in the villages. I have asked our Community Beat Officer Lee Turnham to provide some advice on sensible precautions we can all take for inclusion in next month's edition.

Thanks to Bob Hathaway for providing the photos of Naphill Football Club (Junior Section) for this month's cover. If your village organisation would like to be represented in a future edition then please contact me.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary						
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30–8.30 &				
	P 136 1	8.30–9.30pm				
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8.00pm				
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Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm				
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm				
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2.00–3.30pm				
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00–9pm				
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00–9pm				
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15–2pm				
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm				
Mobile library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30–11.15am				
	Forge Road	12.15-12.50				
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2.00–4.00pm				
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6.00–7.30pm				
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30–8.00pm				
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30–9.00pm				
	U6s–U12s every Saturday	9.30–11.00am				
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm				
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2.00–4.00pm				
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am–12.30pm				
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8.00pm				
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm				
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm				
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10.00am onwards				
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards				
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards				
	* At RAF Astroturf					

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	Directory of Village Organisations			
Baby & Toddlers	Zoe Hart	444502		
Brownies (Naphill)	Judy Pope	564576	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.15	
	Ruth Daly	565571		
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Jan Hawkins	565080	Mondays 6pm	
Community Beat Officer	Lee Turnham	715352		
Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332		
Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421		
Gazette	Judy Whitehouse	562742	judy@judyq.demon.co.uk	
Guides (Naphill)	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.45pm	
Guides (Walter's Ash)	Sara Mann	565919	Thursdays from 7pm	
	Toni MacDonald	565926		
Horticultural Society	Cathryn Carter	563233		
Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm	
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770		
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888		
	Hazel Vickery	563977		
Over 60s Club	Mary Davies	563305		
Parish Council	Parish Clerk	715296	hughendenpc@btconnect.com	
	Peggy Ewart	529259	pegwat1066@aol.com	
Prescription Collection	Doreen Burge	565430		
	Betty Williams	563366		
	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650		
Pre-School	Debbie Conn	521612	Alt: 01494 564037 (am) or 07907 102149.	
Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634		
School	T N 1 11	562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/	
Scout Group	Trevor Nicholls	565322	Beavers & Cubs on Tuesdays, Scouts on Thursday evenings	
Surgery Pharmacy	Enquiries	565458	8am to 12.30pm 1.30pm until 6.15pm	
Tennis Club	David Fletcher	532195	<u>david@tvemf.org</u>	
	Sue Crooks	562539	Smcr2000@aol.com	
Village Hall	Bookings	565604	mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk	
Website	Andrew Wilmot		http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/	
WI	Nancy Hussey	563767		

County Councillor's Report

Writing these notes early because of holidays and the September Gazette deadline of mid-August makes for some difficulty. A major concern at this moment is the expected problem of flooding at Marlow and other communities alongside the Thames. Both the county and district councils are providing sandbags to those properties, which are likely to suffer if the river breaks its banks. This wet summer with such heavy rainfalls has caused so much distress to those living in the flood plains that we in Naphill must be thankful for living on a hill.

In 1999 the County Council undertook an enquiry as

to what had caused flooding in Marlow, Buckingham and the villages in Aylesbury Vale, and of course, more locally, Hughenden Valley. There were many reasons; in the Vale many farms have been consolidated and the original farmsteads sold to buyers with no particular interest in farming and who had no direct responsibility for clearing ditches and gullies. The effects of incremental development in our villages have placed enormous strains on an under provided sewage and drainage system. Even large car parks at supermarkets and the concreting of many gardens to make hard standing for parking purposes has changed the ability for rain to soak down into the aquifers. The necessary drainage for all these developments deposits

heavy rainfall direct into the rivers and now we see the consequences of these actions.

We were warned 8 years ago that to solve the problems of flooding would need a large amount of capital investment but to date little has been spent on the necessary infrastructure.

With the promise of even more housing being directed to the south east, much of it in flood plains, the situation can only get worse unless there is substantial government funding of the essential infrastructure.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

I do hope you had a pleasant summer break. I must say that the weather in late July/early August vastly improved making a stay at home option a good bet.

Firstly, since the last newsletter, our fellow District Councillor for Greater Hughenden, David Carroll, has been elected Deputy Leader of Wycombe District Council. Congratulations to David

The Government has finally approved the County's Pathfinder solution option for us. This means we will operate on an enhanced two-tier strategy with the objective of improved resource sharing, to deliver the essential services for all of us as efficiently and as cost effective as possible.

At last, the graffiti has been removed from the bus stops and timetable signs along the Main Road and Coombe Lane; the bus shelter by The Wheel should also now have been cleaned.

I attended the Wycombe Youth Project performance at The Swan Theatre of "Kiss me Kate" and also the Diana Princess of Wales memorial service in Aylesbury.

Finally, David Lidington, MP will be holding his surgery in Naphill on **28 September in the Village Hall from 5.30-7.00pm.** If you have an issue you would like to discuss with David, please contact his office on **01296 482102.** Time slots are 10 minutes from 5.40pm. Both Councillors' Carroll and Pushman will also be available.

Further information from: Cllr John Gibbs, 185a Main Road, Naphill, High Wycombe, HP14 4SD, Tel 01494 565544 Email john gibbs@wycombe.gov.uk

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

You may have noticed that the fencing at Templewood has been removed and the grass has been cut at last. The transfer of the land to Hughenden Parish Council has recently been completed and it is now possible for the Parish to modify the use of this open green space, and to maintain it in good order.

Plans are in place to construct an 'adventure trail' for young children on the site, and to plant shrubs around a seating area alongside. It is considered these plans will provide a much needed facility in Walters Ash, complementing the playground the Parish maintains for older children on the Crick.

The brief to potential contractors was to design a facility which would be aesthetically pleasing in its attractive open space. It should be low maintenance in order to make it sustainable in the long term. The equipment should be designed for young children (up to 8 years old), and help them to develop their ability to explore, balance, etc. A trail should be incorporated so children could 'step' all the way round. There should be provision for two toddler swings, and seating for adults.

The design the Parish has chosen will be constructed mainly from wood, with strategically placed erosion matting and enclosed by a small fence to keep out dogs. The 'trail' will incorporate balance beams, parallel ropes, a wobble walk, a suspension bridge, a burma bridge and swinging steps, all linked by stepping logs. We hope work will commence shortly. If you require further information, or would like to view the design, please contact me (565969), or visit the Parish Office at Great Kingshill.

The office is normally open between 9.30am and 1 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Tel. 01494 715296

Peggy Ewart - Vice Chairman 565969

Bradenham Parish Council

At the July meeting the Parish Council adopted the new code of conduct.

The Parish Council is reviewing the need for the bus shelter on New Road Walter's Ash, by the entrance to Air Command. The bus shelter is in need of repair, which now asks the question if the shelter is needed. It suffers from vandalism. There are few bus shelters in Naphill. The Parish Council would like to ask residents and users views on this. It may be necessary to replace the bus shelter, then we need to look at with what type

For Sale and Wanted



FOR SALE - due to cancellation of two car boot sales - quite a lot of stuff!

- Nest of three glass topped tables
- Small wine table
- 6 place bone china tea set by Minton
- Some small candle lanterns
- Very large oval "meat & vegetable" dish
- Large selection of carpenters' planes
- Box of other "classic" workshop tools"
- Large selection of domestic glassware, brass, copper and earthenware
- A number of excellent tankards including several of both antique and modern pewter
- Two or three clocks

I need to get my car back into the garage before winter - so everything must go. All will be very reasonably priced. Interested? Call round and have a look - and buy!

John Bullock - 563429 157 Main Road, Naphill

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of shelter it shall be replaced. It could be repaired, but this needs to be done every three or four years and gets very expensive. Finally, we could not replace the bus shelter. Your views would be very much appreciated. Please contact the clerk with your views.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday 18th September at the cricket club in Bradenham start 7pm.

Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council Tel: 01494-562254 bradenhampc@tiscali.co.uk

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

As I have not been able to play at the Club for several weeks, I have to apologise for not being able to update members on any news on team results or other happenings. I have only been there during the daytime with my grandchildren and, except for one occasion, we have had the courts to ourselves. I can only presume, therefore, that tennis has not been very high on summer holiday agendas.

The July weather was certainly not very inspirational as far as turnout was concerned and it seems that, even though the weather in August has been better, holidays and other activities have taken precedence.

Hopefully, attendance at club sessions will be better as life post-school holidays returns to normal.

For any further enquiries, please contact our Membership Secretary, Sue Crooks, on tel: 01494 562539, e-mail: Smcr2000@aol.com, or the undersigned.

Ingrid Tomlins - Tel: 01494 446063 - e-mail: RGTomlins@aol.com

Naphill Evening WI

September already – let us hope the weather will improve and we will have a glorious autumn. We have been very lucky for our various summer activities in as much as the rain kept off and for some, we even had sunshine. How fortunate we are not to be in one of the areas that have suffered so badly from the recent floods.

To re-cap on some of the events that have taken place since we last went to press, we start with our Birthday party on the 21st June; it was, as usual, very enjoyable with a nice mix of buffet food provided by all our members.

Rusty Goffe was not only entertaining, but very informative as well and he proved to be an excellent 'after-dinner speaker'.

The games evening and supper at Valerie's on the 28th June was another success and we made the most of the evening, despite it being quite chilly. We played croquet, clock golf, threw darts, tried our hand at fishing (for corks), chanced our luck with a bottle – would it be wine or water?, played a version of 'higher or lower' with cards, guessed the bonus ball in the next Saturday's lottery and how much was in the jar of coins. When our ploughman's supper was ready we all retreated to the marquee where most of us finished off the evening, as by then the wind had got up and only

the very hardy ventured out to finish off a game of croquet. Well done to Carol and Paul Gilliam, this year's winners, and our thanks once again to our hosts Valerie and Richard.

Back indoors on the 19th July, Mrs Owen talked to us about 'Healthy Eating', and suggested that good old-fashioned sense should prevail in 'a little of what you fancy does you good' and 'everything in moderation'. The competition for a healthy eating recipe was won by Pauline (Fran) Pool.

Those of us that went to The Sound of Music on the 26th July all agreed it was a fantastic show; the scene changes, the costumes, the singing – all were excellent. We were a little disappointed it wasn't a performance when Connie was singing, but her understudy was the girl who came second in the competition and she was brilliant.

At the beginning of August we enjoyed afternoon tea and a quiz at Jessie's. Once again the weather started unkindly, but by the middle of the afternoon the sun came out and we were able to sit in the garden and admire Bill's flowers. The television nostalgia quiz had got us all searching our memory banks, and although nobody scored full marks, Juliet won the prize with a score of 19 out of 22. Our walk and pub supper will also have taken place when you read this, but after we have gone to press. What an action-packed summer we have had.....!

We now look forward, and on the 11th September we have the trip to Denbies Wine Estate; the coach will leave the Village Hall at 9.00am and we expect to be back around 5.00pm, depending on the traffic.

Our September meeting will take place on the 20th, at 7.45pm. Helga Gerhardi will be talking about 'Helga, my Autobiography. Life in Hitler's Germany.' It is an Open Meeting, so again we welcome visitors of both sexes, entry is free. The member's competition is a War Souvenir, so do have a look and see what you can bring along. A reminder to Penny Leggett and Joan Matthews that they are down to do the teas, Pam Smith for the flowers and Daisy Leek for the VOT. If you are just interested in the talk or have been considering joining a village society and would like to know more, do come along, you will be made very welcome.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

Way back in early July we were given a most interesting demonstration of the art of IKEBANA by

Mrs Young and now know how to make a delightful arrangement using the absolute minimum of flowers – or even none at all!

In August the weather was fine and sunny for our outing to the Cotswolds, but the planned river boat trip on the Thames from Lechlade was cancelled – this was the result of high water due to the floods making it unsafe. However we were not disappointed with the alternative destinations. Instead we had a very enjoyable tour of the Cotswolds stopping in Tetbury, Painswick and the delightful Abbey Gardens in Malmesbury. We had an excellent guide who gave us an interesting insight into the area's flourishing wool industry in the past.

We are now looking forward to our next meeting on Monday, 10th September when Sally Botwright will be visiting us again, this time to talk about OLD LONDON DOCKS AND NEW DOCKLANDS. The tea hostesses will be Eileen O'Neill, Peggy Ewart, Beryl Gossage and Jo Keattch.

Hoping you all had a good summer break and that we will see you in September.

Hazel Vickery: 563977

Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

We have had several meetings since the last issue of the Gazette. On 22nd June Mr. James Cummings regaled us with his experiences as a young constable in the High Wycombe and Marlow areas when policemen patrolled on foot or bicycle with only a whistle to call for assistance. His reminiscences of some of the successes and pitfalls he encountered were recounted with humour.

The following week, 29th June, we enjoyed the warm hospitality of Richard and Valerie Pushman as their guests at a garden party. As always, they made us very welcome and the weather played its part with a lovely sunny afternoon.

Unfortunately our planned entertainer for 6th July was incapacitated and unable to come but at short notice Frank Smith devised another quiz encompassing historical, geographical, literary, sporting and general knowledge questions which put our memories to the test!

And finally, on 20th July, Mrs. Helen Slaymaker spoke of her work as a nurse in the 1950's and 60's under the stern discipline of a Matron and the eagle eyes of Ward Sisters. After her preliminary training she spent time in various wards covering medical, surgical, children's and men's wards and although se was not

very keen to work in the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic, it turned out to be one of her most interesting and enjoyable assignments. Unlike today, when surgical instruments are supplied already sterilised, nurses had to sterilise all the instruments following operations; similarly, dressings were not already packaged and during their night shifts nurses made cotton wool balls and folded gauze pads to make dressings and even repaired rubber gloves.

Following our summer break, the programme will be: September 7th: Dr. Tony Maisey - "Talking to Children" September 21st: Mr. Colin Oakes - "London between the Wars"

Doris Lording: 569424

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes

There was no meeting of the Village Hall Council in August so our last meeting was on 2nd July which seems a long time ago!

At this meeting we congratulated Ted Chapman on the superb result from the Fete, which made in excess of £10,000. We also thanked Pam Smith for all the effort she put in to the wonderful exhibition on village history which was very well attended

Plans to replace the village hall roof are now well under way and we are investigating possible sources for grants to assist with the cost. Work is also being carried out into methods of improving the efficiency of the heating system.

Our next fund raising events are the Village Fireworks on Saturday 3rd November and the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1st December. We look forward to your support.

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

Village Firework Display

Advance notice that this year's fireworks will be held on Saturday 3rd November. Once again they will be a joint event with the RAF. As last year we would remind people that if they wish to provide large items of wood for the bonfire that they deliver it to the crick on the morning of 3rd November which would help us out a lot. If they cannot do that then please do not dump it on the car park. There will be a marked out area for bonfire wood.

Hughenden Church Teas

The church teas season is here again!

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

Open every Sunday and Bank Holidays from June to October

2.15pm - 5.30pm

Andrew Wilmot

Fete Gallery

Local photographer Richard Holroyd is displaying his large gallery of photos taken from the fete on his web site. Go to:

www.richardholroydphotography.com

They will be displayed until October and you have an opportunity to order prints.

Past Times Exhibition

Thanks to everyone who came to my exhibition in July at our Naphill Village Hall resulting in £325 raised for the Village Hall Funds (charging only £1.50 entry)

Whilst writing I must thank my WI friends who supplied teas during the afternoon, some people had come quite a distance so it was very welcome for them. Another thank you goes to Richard Webb who assisted with transport for me. Judy Whitehouse for painting an advertising sheet for the hedge on the morning and her help. Barbara Clark for running a raffle and Nancy and Trevor Hussey, Bob Davis and Ken Wright who all gave up the afternoon to take money on the door on the day. Also Joan and John Sweet who helped considerably on the day.

Although hard work to set it up in a few hours for such a short time of viewing it all it was a pleasure to see friends meeting up and looking at school photos from 70 years ago and some finding out so much of their families past which made it all worth while.

Pam Smith

Your Letters

Early Morning Visitor

If any reader is offered a Motorola Bluetooth headset, with a charging lead from a Nokia phone (which won't fit), or perhaps a travel sweet from the tins you only ever buy at the airport, these were the only profits from a 4.00 am theft from my car on Monday July 16.

Steve Smith

An Open Letter to a Known Arsonist (And Her Friends!)

So you have confessed to recklessly setting fire to the marquee that has been a centrepiece of the village fete for many years. We are saddened to learn that a girl has taken the rap. Of course it was not a confession that you would have made if it had not become clear to you that we know who you are. You are part of a group of two boys and two girls and I know all of your names and have been within two yards of you when I was getting your descriptions sorted out.

Very soon after the marquee had been burnt down I knew the major suspect. It was not you but one of the three friends that we saw you with on the Friday evening before the fete. We later learnt that one of the four was quite well known for threatening to burn down the marquee. How careless to leave DNA in the ruins. I'm so glad that it traced down a likely culprit. The police have not told me everything so I must fill in the gaps in my knowledge by guesswork. I guess that the culprit had been in trouble before and that his DNA was on police files (as yours will be now of course). I guess that his punishment would have been pretty severe if the arson had been pinned on him as, unlike you, he is old enough to have been dealt with by the criminal justice system. I guess that you 'confessed' to save him.

Pack him in. You are too good for him and should not be dragged down by the exploits of a truly evil man.

I do hope that you and your friends will not continue to be a problem to the Naphill Fete and the Village Hall. We will always do our best to track vandals down and will prosecute whenever we can. Perhaps you would like to volunteer to help us at next year's fete. If you do I promise not to let anyone know that you were connected with this dreadful incident.

On a more positive note lots of people came forward to help us out of the situation that we found ourselves in. I won't give all of the names in case of repercussions. We are all grateful to the man who saw our predicament and went home to get his own marquee for us to use; the winner of the first prize in the Grand Draw donated his £150 prize towards the purchase of a replacement marquee and Richard Pushman, who owned the wrecked marquee, has taken the loss of it with great dignity.

If I were religious I would say that this has been a battle between the forces of good and evil. Good triumphed on this occasion. Hurrah!

Ted Chapman - Organiser of the 2007 Fete

PS to the other villagers

When our outstanding bills have been paid this year's fete will have made a record £10,500. That is a great result. Thank you all so much for your help in raising this magnificent sum.

GOG - Go Away Graciously

Who on earth is GOG (July/August Gazette)???!!! I hope they're not planning on being a regular contributor.

More than a page of valuable Gazette space dedicated to a comprehensive whinge...

I don't need to read the Gazette to learn about what is bad in life. How about putting the same writing effort into a page focusing on all the things that are good in life?

In answer to the dilemma posed in the article - "Not sure how may pills I can safely take" - take it from me, you can take loads, and then some.

Matt Piercy

Another Day in Paradise.....

Dear GOG

Thank you, you have said it all. Can I join the club!

A Grateful Reader

Pete's Party - Naphill Village Hall 14th July 2007

Another great night, thanks to all who helped and supported the event.

Great band, great bar, and food, what a selection of nuts.

Well we managed to raise £1295 for the Stokenchurch Dog Rescue in memory of our Jamie.

Thanks again and see you next year, same place Saturday July 12th.

Pete Wardell

Lacey Green Singers - Desperate Plea!!

Lacey Green singers are now desperate to find a pianist who could play for us at our rehearsals (on a paying basis) on Thursday evenings between 8-10pm at St.John's School Hall, Lacey Green. We perform concerts three times a year and at present have just started to rehearse Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. The singers have been together for 27 years and if no one comes forward we will have to close down, so we are trying very hard to avoid this.

We are also looking to attract new members, especially men.(There must be some lovely tenor and bass voices hiding out there !?) We sing for fun, we are extremely sociable and you don't have to read music to join. We are starting back after the summer break on Thursday September 6th so if there are any pianists or potential singers out there please do not hesitate to ring me.

Helen Collins 562240

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PLEASE NOTE: Chatterbox Charity Cafe WILL NOT be open in September due to refurbishment work being carried out in the church kitchen and building.

Sam and Gem

Another Idea for Next Year's Fete?

I wonder if some "Dads and Lads" would like to use part of the next year to design, build, test and - if necessary - modify, a very simple 1930s type -

"SOAP-BOX" "GO-KART"

A very simple vehicle:-

One good, strong wooden box. Large enough to allow, say, an 8-10 year old lad or girl to sit in:one short end to be removed to allow for legs, feet and reins.

One strong "keel-plank" to be bolted onto the bottom of the box to extend forward by a short leg length.

One larger pair of wheels, with some form of axle, to be fitted to the rear of the box.

One "pivoted" steering-bar, fitted at the front end of the keel plank.

One smaller pair of wheels fitted to the steering bar.

One "push-bar" fitted to the back of the box, at a suitable height for the convenience of "The Pusher".

One set of "reins" connected to the extremities of the steering bar, from control by "The Driver".

AND if required for exciting use downhill sometimes, simple lever operated "friction-pad" brakes for the rear wheels.

Padding, decoration etc - added as may be seen fit!

OPERATION? Boys or girls to be no older than 12 years

PARTICIPATION? To take part in the procession and to compete for a prize for "The Best Soap Box Go-Kart" AND taking part in specially arranged RACES during the afternoon.

SOURCES OF MATERIALS

Boxes and keel planks - Local stores and the local tip (and/or local skips!)

Wheels - the local tip

Any help required? Give me a call on 01494 563429

NOTE I would hope that, from within our two villages, we would produce about a dozen KARTS: will you, "Dads and Lads" (or girls) have a go? I do hope so - it will add yet more to the interest and fun of our famous fete.

John Bullock - 563429

Crumball Rally

Many residents of Walters Ash and Naphill will have seen the bright yellow car, plastered with stickers, driving around the villages this summer. Some may have wondered what it is all about, so here is the explanation.

The Crumball Rally 2007 is a cross-Europe treasure hunt, loosely following the route of the Brits in the 1969 film Italian Job. To make it a little more 'interesting', each entrant had to prove that they had paid no more than £200 for their vehicle.

I took part with Steve Hatt of Downley and Dave Vorberg (ex West Wycombe) in an H-reg Honda Accord four door saloon, bought from a genuine car dealer at Christmas for the princely sum of £100. Whilst we had lots of good intentions with regard to servicing, enhancements and modifications, all got forgotten in the Spring, but we did spend £30 on an exhaust section to satisfy the MOT test.

We gathered in Boulogne on the morning of Friday 6 July, a motley selection of old Volvos, BMWs, Fiestas and even a Daimler, all painted in strange and wonderful colours. One car even arrived dressed as a golf course, whilst another was a shark, complete with fins

and teeth. Our Honda had become yellow by this time, and we had 'sold' sticker space to local businesses, raising approximately £2100 for Macmillan Nurses. The stickers had the dual purposes of advertising and holding the bodywork together.

From Boulogne we ventured to Lausanne on the shores of Lake Geneva, over the St Bernard Pass (yes, there is a dog resident at the tourist shop on the top) into Italy, through the streets of Turin (don't try this if you are at all of a nervous disposition) on to Monte Carlo and Nice, and eventually home again via a night crossing from Calais. In all, the Honda had completed 2000 miles in five days, and ran perfectly throughout. Some of the other cars did not fare so well, and the Daimler is believed to still be in France!

The smile-factor of parking a £100 bright yellow, sticker-clad heap next to the Bentleys and Ferraris on the harbour side at Monte Carlo takes some beating!

Many thanks to our various and generous sponsors, in particular the staff and customers of The Wheel, Ted Chapman and the fete committee

Steve Smith - Stocking Lane

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning

Applications to 7 July 2007:

07/6359/FUL 4 Honey Way, Walters Ash. Erection of 3-bed replacement bungalow with garage. (Objection on size, unstable plot, and the design fails to follow Chilterns Design Guide recommendations). 07/6467/FUL Moseley Cottage, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Two storey/single side extension with1 annexe accommodation at 1st floor level. 07/6515/FUL Rossmore, Purssells Meadow, Naphill. Insertion of 1 front and 1 rear dormer windows in connection with loft conversion. 07/6519/FUL No 3 Site RAF High Wycombe, Walters Ash. Installation of new sentry post; security fencing and floodlighting and relocation of existing security barriers. (Objection to excessive floodlighting). 07/6685/FUL 10 Vincents Way, Naphill. Construction of rear gable extension to existing bungalow incorporating rooms in roof space including 1 dormer window to front and side.

Applications to 11 August 2007:

07/6713/FUL. 146 Templewood, Walters Ash.
Construction of conservatory to rear.
07/6814/FUL Beechcroft, Purssells Meadow, Naphill.
Creation of conservatory to rear. 07/6849/FUL 30

Vincents Way. Roof extension and alterations including insertion of dormer window.

07/6885/FUL. 283 Main Road, Walters Ash. Construction of single storey infill extension, single storey rear extension, conversion of existing garage to form habitable accommodation and erection of double garage.

07/6904/FUL Fernlea, Downley Road, Naphill Common. Demolition of existing garage and construction of two storey side extension with integral garage.

07/6938/FUL 14 Vincents Way, Naphill. Construction of roof extensions and alterations incorporating 7 Velux windows to provide first floor accommodation to existing bungalow and construction of single storey rear extension, creation of front porch and garage extension.

Candlelit Dinner Dance.17th November 2007, Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Naphill Horticultural Society

Autumn Show

Saturday 1st September Naphill Village Hall 2pm

It hasn't exactly been an easy summer for us gardeners-one year drought and the next we are swamped with water – quite literally!! However, we are hoping that you will come up trumps and make the Autumn Show a success. This is your big chance to show off what you have been nurturing in your gardens and allotments over the year.

We would love to see as many of you as possible at this village event, and always welcome more exhibitors – so, don't be shy, pick up a schedule and have a go. There are flower, vegetable, cookery, photography, and handcraft classes, and of course special classes for children

Schedules are available from Peter Davis, the Post Office or myself, and contain handy hints for new exhibitors.

If you prefer to just come along and admire the exhibits, the doors open at 2pm, giving you plenty of time to look around and have some refreshments before the ever popular auction of donated exhibits at 4pm.

Lastly, a reminder that our annual Cheese & Wine evening will be on Friday October 26th. We are delighted to welcome back Tim Miles who will start the evening with an illustrated talk entitled "The Delights of the Kitchen Garden". This is always a sell out evening, so put the date in your diaries and I will have more details next month.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Naphill Horticultural Shows

Ever been there? Ever exhibited? Neither had I until approximately five years ago. Then I had my arm twisted to start entering! I have never looked back; I am no good at anything much but I help to swell the numbers.

Not being a gardener, I enter domestic and photography usually. On a rare occasion I won a first in photography. Absolute fluke but 'BOY' did I feel good!

We (yes, my husband had been conned into it too) then encouraged the grandchildren. Admittedly two of them live in Long Crendon but they always enter both shows. Last year one grandchild, from the village, won a cup. What excitement, what rejoicing! Last September our 13 year old grandson entered the domestic section, beating me with both his Victoria sponge and his bread rolls! Time I gave up?

After the excitement of finding out if we have come anywhere near to having our products looked at or commented on we face the fun of the auction. If you have never been to an auction you should try these. Oh my!

Is your appetite whetted? Do you feel inclined to look at the brochure? If you haven't the nerve to enter yet why not come along at 2pm to see what has been entered and what has won. Stay for the auction. You will go home with great bargains.

The Autumn show is on Saturday 1st September. Entries need to be in by 11am and viewing is at 2pm with the auction at 4pm. Put the date in your diary now.

Believe me, you don't need to be an expert to enter, just do it for the FUN.

An exhibitor

Book Review

"ORGANIC GARDENING, THE NATURAL NO-DIG WAY" by Charles Dowding

Horticultural Society Summer Show





This is a blockbuster of a book. It should be recognised as one of the all-time-great gardening books. The author has been carrying out no-dig gardening on a commercial scale for 25 years, selling salads and vegetables locally to restaurants and shops in Somerset from his nearly one acre of land. He tells us how it is done, giving away his trade secrets, and I found it fascinating. He has gardened in France and I was extremely interested in his book since I have lived in France for several years, practised no-dig gardening for 7 years and have grown just about all of the vegetables and fruit he covered. So I delighted in obtaining his ideas.

The book will be of obvious attraction to everyone interested in true organic gardening (using absolutely no insecticides, herbicides or artificial fertilisers). Those practising no-dig gardening will find the book fascinating. Those who know little about no-dig gardening will find the general principles and methodology explained clearly. Those who are just interested in finding out how to grow particular vegetables and fruit will find a mine of information. The author has been generous in providing 224 pages of text having a smallish type size – so there is a lot to read. In addition to the 224 pages of text there are 32 pages of simply delightful colour photographs of vegetables and fruit growing in the author's plot. The sheer scale of his operation is amazing, with massive rows of vegetables of every kind. The book will also be of great interest to his competitors; Charles has given away his trade secrets, knowledge he has acquired over a lifetime of commercial growing.

When I started growing my own vegetables and fruit my first book was that great classic by Dr W E Shewell-Cooper "The Complete Gardener" (he was also the founder of The Good Gardeners' Association – 01453 520322). That book became my "bible". Over the years I acquired a great number of gardening books but none were a patch on Shewell-Cooper's masterpiece. Now, in Charles Dowding's book, we have a book in the same league as the masterpiece. In a way it is better, in that it was published in 2007, not 1950 and more knowledge has since been obtained about the way plants grow, their environment, the vital importance of the constituents of soil – and not least the new varieties of vegetables and fruit now available to the modern gardener.

The book has two sections. The first section of 41 pages is on the principles and methods of organic gardening the no-dig way. The second section of 164 pages is on individual vegetables and fruit, how to grow them, their seasons, varieties to grow, their problems, harvesting and storing. There is a foreword by Patrick Holden, the director of the Soil Association. There is a most useful list at the end of the book of organisations and suppliers, complete with addresses.

Lastly there is a good index.

Now, what is the magic this book has which others don't have? The clue lies in the following sentence from the author "I never trained in a horticultural college, and am utterly grateful not to have done so, because it kept my mind clear of preconceptions". Here is a gardener who has found out for himself how to grow things, by trial and error over a lifetime. He grows tremendous crops which find great favour in his local area and has found ways of growing vegetables and fruit completely organically – and economically such that he can compete against the big boys who practise chemical farming. Here, in this paperback volume, is distilled all that knowledge, knowledge which comes from personal experience rather than just repeating what earlier authors have said. The book is easy to read. There are virtually no spelling, punctuation or grammatical errors. The standard of proof-reading is amazingly high. Someone took great care indeed.

For those new to the ideas of no-dig gardening, one simply spreads a 2-3 inch layer of compost or wellrotted manure on the soil and grows crops in it. The worms do the digging by rising to the surface to digest the compost, so creating vertical channels in the soil for oxygen from the air to penetrate for the benefit of soil micro-organisms. The soil is therefore undisturbed and the myriad species of life in the soil can do their work of providing a fantastic growing medium for the crops. In particular, mycorrhiza can play their part in providing plant roots with the nutrients the plant – and ourselves – require. Mycorrhiza are killed by digging or ploughing and by artificial chemicals, so that is why organic no-dig gardeners avoid such destructive methods of growing crops.

The author also gives, throughout the book, recipes for cooking most of the vegetables. I detect a French flavour here! They sound delicious. It is a nice touch. After all, the whole objective is to eat what one grows and it is important to prepare the produce in the best possible way. There is, however, no coverage on freezing – but there is ample coverage on storing crops in traditional ways. He grows crops for sale all the year round and is a master at immediately following on one crop with another. He devotes much space to the number one enemy – the slug – and despite the complete non-use of chemicals manages to keep slug damage to the minimum. He has big problems with cabbage white butterflies. My solution is to keep a 3/8 inch mesh net permanently over brassicas and that serves to keep pigeons off as well. He sows most crops in small pots in the greenhouse and plants them out (after re-potting where necessary) when they are big enough to survive slug attack. Germinating seeds

are completely at the mercy of slugs and snails so his method is cost-effective in the end. There is a most useful table on how long packets of seed keep. So there you have it. A marvellous book that is a delight to read and a mine of information. Definitely a "best buy". It was published as a paperback by Green Books Ltd in 2007 and costs £10.95. ISBN 978-1-903998-91-5. A suitable Christmas present for anyone who grows their own.

Mike Mason

Special Conference

This autumn the Special Trees and Woods Project is delighted to welcome Tony Kirkham, Head of Kew Arboretum, to the project's second annual conference.

This free annual conference will be celebrating the progress made since the start of the project in January 2006. Since then, with the help of a team of volunteers and funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Special Trees and Woods Project has recorded more than 150 special trees in the Chilterns.

Tony believes that every tree has a story to tell, and will share his favourites with us at Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College at Chalfont St Peter on Saturday 24th November.

Tony is best known for his BBC series 'The Trees that made Britain'.

Last year the annual conference proved very popular and was fully booked. Make sure you book early to confirm your place by emailing Liz requesting a booking form on lmanley@chilternsaonb.org or call 01844 355 525.

Liz Manley - Special Trees and Woods Project www.chilternsaonb.org/special

Wycombe District Ranger Events

September

Saturday 8th 'WWFG Funday at Funges Meadow NR'. Join the WDC Rangers and Wycombe Wildlife Family Group in an afternoon and evening of fun which will include hay making, bug hunting, and pond dipping. Bring a picnic to eat early evening then if you can stay we will follow this with a session bat detecting and moth trapping. Come along, enjoy the day and learn a thing or two about wildlife. Bring a torch and warm clothing if staying for the evening.

Meet: 4pm in front of the Environment Centre, The Rye, High Wycombe.

Friday 14th 'Bat Walk' Little Marlow. Come and see how many different types of bat we can find at this nature reserve. This walk is suitable for all as it circles the lake and is fairly flat. Bring a torch, waterproofs and sturdy footwear in case of bad weather.

Meet: 7pm in the public car park, Coldmoorholm Lane, Well End, nr. Bourne End.

Saturday 15th 10am. 'Mammal Detective at Keephill Wood'.

Come and look for the signs of mammals that are living here. If you are lucky you may even see some. This walk is approximately 2-3 miles long and involves some steep climbs. Bring waterproofs and sturdy footwear in case of bad weather as it can get muddy.

Meet: 10am the Environment Centre, The Rye, High Wycombe.

Saturday 22nd 'Ronald Wood and Fern Circular Walk'.

This walk is approximately 4½ miles long and involves some steep climbs. Bring waterproofs and sturdy footwear in case of bad weather as it can get muddy. Meet: 10am in the public car park, Coldmoorholme Lane, Well End, nr. Bourne End.

Thursday 27th and Saturday 29th 'Footpath work – Round Wood'.

Help us improve the quality of the paths through the woodland giving local people the chance to enjoy this under-used area.

Meet: 10.30am by the 5-bar gate at the entrance to the recreation ground in Roundwood Rd., Sands.

To book your place or for further information on any of the above events, please contact WDC Ranger Service on 01494 421825 or email: Ranger_Services@wycombe.gov.uk

How Green is Our Pleasant Land?

England is not alone in becoming increasingly dependent on imported gas and oil. We are one of 27 oil producing nations who reported declining output in 2006.

In an era of vanishing cheap oil, the best gift any individual of this generation is likely to be able to make to his or her children, will not be the extended loan. It will be the proof of not having used natural resources entirely selfishly. Passing on a home and lifestyle which contributes positively to a low carbon community may be just the proof that tomorrow's children will be looking for.

So, how do we move towards low carbon living? Well, first things first. 85% of the energy we use in our homes is used on space and water heating. The most cost-effective way to reduce this consumption is to better insulate our homes.

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Editorial

October already and we are hurtling towards Christmas. When the gazette has its next break in December I shall be considering whether to make any more changes to its layout and content and would love to hear what you think, ideas and criticism both equally welcome. One suggestion of my own is that we should replace the Times New Roman font with something a little more current so if you hate that idea please let me know soon!

This month's cover photos are from the Horticultural Society Show at the beginning of September. It was the first show I have been to and I was so impressed by the enthusiasm of all who participated and the beauty of the exhibits. I hope you think Mark's pictures have captured the spirit of the show, it was the hardest task yet to select which ones were worthy of the cover page.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary					
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30–8.30 &			
		8.30–9.30pm			
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8.00pm			
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Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm			
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm			
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2.00–3.30pm			
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00–9pm			
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00–9pm			
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15–2pm			
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm			
Mobile library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30–11.15am			
	Forge Road	12.15-12.50			
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2.00–4.00pm			
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6.00–7.30pm			
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30–8.00pm			
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30–9.00pm			
	U6s–U12s every Saturday	9.30–11.00am			
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm			
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2.00–4.00pm			
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am-12.30pm			
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8.00pm			
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm			
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm			
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10.00am onwards			
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards			
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards			
	* At RAF Astroturf				

Small Ads

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Directory of Village Organisations					
Baby & Toddlers	Zoe Hart	444502			
Brownies (Naphill)	Judy Pope	564576	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.15		
	Ruth Daly	565571			
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Jan Hawkins	565080	Mondays 6pm		
Community Beat Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146		
Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332			
Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421			
Gazette	Judy Whitehouse	562742	judy@judyq.demon.co.uk		
Guides (Naphill)	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.45pm		
Guides (Walter's Ash)	Sara Mann	565919	Thursdays from 7pm		
	Toni MacDonald	565926			
Horticultural Society	Cathryn Carter	563233			
Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm		
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770			
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888			
	Hazel Vickery	563977			
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	Betty Williams	563366			
	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650			
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Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634			
School		562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/		
Scout Group	Trevor Nicholls	565322	Beavers & Cubs on Tuesdays, Scouts on Thursday evenings		
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WI	Nancy Hussey	563767			

County Councillor's Report

A large part of the Hughenden Valley was returned to darkness after the trial "switch off" took place in the summer. Road safety is now dependent on driver care assisted by the new self-illuminated road studs rather than the overhead lights. It is part of a general plan to save on energy costs and to reduce carbon emissions. Approximately 300 street lights have already been switched off at seven locations across the County. It is estimated that switching off street lights at these locations will result in annual carbon emission savings of 90 tonnes of CO2. The second phase of this trial is now underway and a number of further sites across the County have been identified where it may be possible

to switch off up to another 1500 street lights. Ultimately it is estimated that Phase 1 and 2 together will save £100,000 a year in energy costs and will represent a 10% saving in total carbon emissions of 590 tonnes of CO2.

The trial will last for three years and during this time, the County Council will be carefully monitoring conditions to determine any effect that switching off street lights has made. This will include collision analysis, any damage to street furniture, any public or other feedback and any community safety or other issues identified.

On 1st October 2007, the legal age for sale of tobacco increases from 16 to 18 years. The power to increase the age of sale is conferred on the Secretary of State by virtue of Section 13 of the Health Act 2006. The relevant Order is the Children and Young Persons (Sale of Tobacco etc) Order 2007.

On 1st October there are estimated to be around 200,000 young smokers in the age range 16-17 years who will no longer be able to legally purchase tobacco. The impact that this may have on both sectors i.e. the young consumers and the businesses that they purchase from, will be minimised by ensuring that adequate advice and information is provided in the run up to implementation date. This will be achieved through a combination of the national communications campaign, targeting both retailers and teenagers, and support from Local Authority Trading Standards services.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Since my last report, I have attended a Licensing Panel hearing on 7 September and the Hughenden Manor open day on the 8th. Did any of you manage to attend? The Manor and gardens were open for all to explore with activities such as toys and games for the little ones to talks exploring the history and importance of the secrecy surrounding the Manor in World War 2, particularly the maps for the planned European invasion.

The Development Control Committee was attended by all three Councillors in Greater Hughenden lasting until after 11pm on the 12th of September with a full agenda of 11 applications to consider including 3 from our ward. It proved yet again that planning is a very difficult if not emotive area at times.

We attended the Battle of Britain parade and memorial service on 16th in High Wycombe. On the 18th I attended a presentation from Council on the location of the new sports centre for Wycombe.

The full Council will be on 8 October and on 31 October a seminar for all members of the District Councils and County council will be held at Adams Park. The event will be an update on progress to date regarding the new Pathfinder two-tier working and progress to date from each council. This will be the first time that all five councils will have met as one group. I will of course keep you informed of progress on this work and the objectives to achieve better working between all Councils and the desired efficiencies that we all wish.

John Gibbs

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

Following on my comments regarding attendance at club sessions in the September edition, I am disappointed to report that there has only been a slight improvement in number of members turning up to play on Sunday mornings, Thursday evenings and Tuesday mornings (mid-week membership's main session). The improvement is that we have only managed a maximum of 8 or 9 players to turnout, which is not very encouraging considering that we have a total paid-up membership of 137: 23 men, 29 ladies, 8 midweek, 7 semi-seniors and 70 juniors. Out of these totals, almost 60 members are eligible to join in on the Sunday morning and Thursday evening sessions (which are coming to the end of their time as evening get darker earlier). Obviously, there are many calls on people's time at weekends, particularly those with children and it could be that Sunday morning is the most inconvenient time for holding a tennis club session.

If you are on e-mail, you will have received a note from David Fletcher, our Hon. Sec. informing you that our AGM is due to be held on Monday, 12th November, to which all members are invited. This presents an opportunity for them to come along and discuss whether changing times of club sessions might solve the problem of low attendance. Another slightly contentious item may also be proposed which is that ex-committee and long-serving members are entitled to have a clubhouse key rather than only serving committee members. Apart from giving these access to the Clubhouse, this would have an added bonus in that these members would be eligible to 'volunteer' to open up at club session times.

There may be other issues which members would like to raise and an Annual General Meeting provides the platform for these so, if anyone feels that the Club would benefit in some way by changing its present status, please contact Dave Fletcher on e-mail david@tvemf.org or Tel: 01494 532195.

Most of the summer league results are now available as follows: Aylesbury Mens team won 2 and lost 4 matches; Ladies Aylesbury team lost all their matches; Mixed 1 team won 3 matches and lost 4 but no information is currently available regarding Mixed 2 results.

Other news: we appear to have suffered slight vandalism in that the gate padlock disappeared temporarily and a smashed roof tile was discovered lying on the path. The padlock was subsequently recovered from the roof but no explanation has been put forward to explain the juxtaposition of these circumstances!

Although we are approaching the supposed 'off-season' for tennis, members are reminded that, weather permitting, we try to play throughout the year and anyone wishing to join should contact Sue Crooks, our Membership Secretary on Tel: 01494 562539, e-mail:

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WANTED

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<u>Smcr2000@aol.com</u>, or the undersigned. <u>Ingrid Tomlins - Tel: 01494 446063 - e-mail:</u> <u>RGTomlins@aol.com</u>

Remembrance Sunday 11th November 2007

A Service of Remembrance for those who gave their lives in the service of their country will be held in Naphill Village Hall on Sunday 11th November at 2.45 p.m. There will be a collection throughout the village in the preceding week, please give generously. This year in particular, we are involved with local RAF personnel risking their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan

Valerie Pushman

News from 'Christians in the Community'

Just in case this copy of the gazette gets delivered early, the next meeting is Thursday 27th September at Church House, Hughenden. And the next Fellowship Safari will be on the 4th October starting at Ann Bull's house. All are very welcome at both events.

Norma Clarke

Naphill Evening WI

Once again we have been having a good time. Our walk over the fields on a pleasant August evening was well attended, followed by a delicious pub supper at the Red Lion, Bradenham. Our visit to Denbies Wine Estate on the 11th September was most enjoyable, with perfect sunny weather and we saw the vines at their best. We were given samples of wine for our approval and some of us succumbed and bought one or two

bottles to take home. We are sure we all wish to thank Marion for the hard work she does on our behalf. She made one old man very happy on Tuesday, he had a wonderful day!

As we go to press we are thinking of Essie Kent, who unfortunately has not been very well. She is an old WI member and about to celebrate her 100th Birthday on the 25th September.

October is an important month in the WI calendar. It is our Annual Meeting on the 18th and the start of a new year. We will be voting for our President and Committee to take us through into 2008. If you think you have time to spare and quite like hard work why not consider becoming a committee member. Nominations will be taken at the meeting and voted on

It is the Group Meeting on the 17th October, hostess Windmill WI. The speaker is Mr Bob Harding-Jones (a comedian), competition an amusing limerick, time 7.45pm. We are pleased for Angie McGee that she is finally able to retire at the end of the year and we offer her our many thanks for the good work she has done over the last few years. We were concerned that our group meetings would cease with Angie's retirement, but Windmill WI have agreed to carry on for the next two years after which there will be a review as to how we proceed. Angie has refunded some money to each WI out of the funds, as there was a surplus of cash. Our September meeting 'Life in Hitler's Germany' will be commented on in the November issue, too late for this press. As mentioned above, October is our Annual Meeting, then November will be rather different as our speaker Mrs S Waterton is blind and is going to talk to us about her own 'Personal Achievement'. As usual we will welcome any new visitors, please give us a try.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

As high summer draws to a close we look forward to a busy and enjoyable autumn and winter programme. It started last month at our September meeting when Sally Botwright gave another of her polished and interesting PowerPoint presentations, this time on THE OLD LONDON DOCKS AND NEW DOCKLAND.

We will be learning about THE LANGUAGE OF FANS when we meet again on Monday, 8th October at 8pm. Our brief AGM will precede the talk. Tea hostesses will be: Daisy Leek, Jessie Higham and Sonia MacMillan.

Plans are in place for our pre-Christmas outing on Tuesday 4th December - and it is going to be something very different this year. We will be going to Birmingham to experience A BRUMMIE CHRISTMAS, which includes a guided coach tour of the city, a visit to the Frankfurt Christmas Market, the Bullring and the Barber Institute of Fine Arts followed

by mince pies and tea. The cost is £23 for members and £24 for guests. If you would like to join us please phone Sheila Rolfe on 562888.

Finally, a little bit of local history. During the early 1960s a group of young wives and mothers met together informally and later the YOUNG NEIGHBOURS club was formed. As their members got older they decided it would be more appropriate to call themselves NAPHILL NEIGHBOURS and so our club in its present form was established. We are still flourishing as a ladies' club but men are more than welcome on all our outings and even at our monthly meetings - if they are brave enough!

Hazel Vickery: 563977

Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

Our speaker for 7th September was Dr. Tony Maisey who focused on the tact needed when talking to children and of ways to reduce their apprehension when being examined or treated. As an example, Dr. Maisey cited the distress of a child who was told that although he required an operation to remove his infected appendix he would not feel any pain because he would be put to sleep before the operation; the doctor was not to know that a couple of weeks earlier the family's old dog had been "put to sleep" and had not been seen since!

The programme for October will be:

October 5th: A bingo session

October 19th: Mr. Stan Cauvain speaking on "Mills

and Milling Through the Ages"

Doris Lording: 569424

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes

The big advantage of having had such a poor summer is that the village hall did not become the target of vandalism. Our September meeting is usually taken up with sorting out the damage that has been inflicted on the building over the holidays, but with the weather keeping us all indoors, we managed to escape. I know others weren't so lucky with a spate of car vandalism and theft, and the graffiti artists seem to have been out in force. Thanks to all those who have been out with their cloths trying to remove the "decorations".

We would like to give a big thank you to John Bullock. Following the burning down of the marquee at the fete and the subsequent loss of the white plastic chairs John has managed to find us replacements. Many thanks John. Thanks also go to those who managed to prise the melted chairs that had fused themselves onto the Crick. Not an easy job.

The application for the erection of a telephone mast by O2 on the Crick has been turned down after a flurry of

objections which led to a very strong case against it. Well done all those of you who sent in your comments.

The play area has undergone its annual inspection and the equipment has been thoroughly checked and tightened up where necessary to make it totally safe.

We are in the process of applying for grants towards the cost of the new roof and need to get a promise of financial help before we can proceed with the work. We are able however to start work on sorting the heating system. Hopefully we will be able to start on this before the weather turns wintry.

Next events – put the dates in your diary:

12th October - UTTC play

3rd November- fireworks, bigger and better than ever!

1st December - Christmas Fayre - Santa is booked. Do please come along and support us.

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

Your Letters Naphill Common

The newly surfaced section of road along the common has caused much comment. The Chilterns Conservation Board was contacted by several local people expressing concern that the work was urban in character and did not have the necessary permissions. As Chief Officer of the Board as well as a local resident I investigated the matter further.

The work did not have the necessary permission and in my view is out of character- more urban than rural. Undertaking any form of work on a site as important as Naphill Common requires considerable planning and liaison which did not happen on this occasion. It is a registered common which means there is special legislation which applies; it is also a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which has another set of legislation; and it is also a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) which is an EU designation and has it own regulations. It is now obvious that those residents who instructed the work, West Wycombe Estate and Wycombe District Council were not fully aware of all the legislation that applies and the permissions needed to widen and surface what was previously an unmetalled track.

In particular the work did not have permission from Natural England which is the Government body responsible for SSSIs. It is arguable that the permission of the Secretary of State should have been sought because it is a registered common. It was not sufficient simply to get the agreement of West Wycombe Estate as the landowner. In this case planning permission was not needed from Wycombe District Council. Natural England was alerted to the work and visited the site soon after it was completed. They indicated that on this occasion they would not

take legal action but the correct procedures had not been followed and it would take a dim view if there was any repeat.

I am sure we can sympathise with those residents concerned about damaging their cars but it is possible to repair, even re-build, an unsurfaced track to provide adequate access to a small number of houses without building such a visually intrusive and excessively wide road which has changed the character of that part of the common. It would be very damaging if such a road was extended. I know that Sir Edward Dashwood is concerned about the impact this road has had and is unlikely to give his approval for any more, so called, improvements of this nature.

This affair has also helped to highlight the land grabbing by several householders who are extending their garden onto the common by stealth. They have no right to do so, but the public does have the right of access to all parts of the common, including those strips now incorporated into gardens. I hope this practice will cease immediately and those responsible understand the common is an environmental site of international importance and there for all of us to enjoy.

Steve Rodrick - Chief Officer, Chilterns Conservation

Board

Geoff and Muriel Froude



Geoff and Muriel Froude would like to let their many friends and acquaintances in Naphill and Walters Ash know that they have moved. After very nearly 40 years living in the village the difficulties of coping with increasing age and decreasing mobility have meant that, reluctantly, they have decided to move. By good fortune they are in a brand new retirement home in Salisbury close to their son and his wife. After nearly 40 years in the village it is quite a change to live somewhere else but at least their needs are attended to on a continuous basis and the cuisine is excellent!

Visitors are always welcome, Salisbury is an easy 1 1/2 hour journey by car. Their new address is: Braemar Lodge, 16-20 Stratford Road, Salisbury, SP1 3WU. There are 3 possible telephone numbers: for reception/messages 01722 439700; for direct dial Geoff 01722 439750, direct dial Muriel 01722 439751.

Colin Froude

Car Parking Outside St. John's School Lacey Green

This is a plea to anyone who drives their children to school in Lacey Green.

Despite many measures being taken by the school the car parking situation at school drop off and collection times is still very dangerous, with cars even being parked round the blind bend. Responsibility for this sits with the drivers of those cars.

Our dear daughter Emily was killed just round the corner from the school earlier this year and we would hate any other parents to have to go through what we have been through over the last few months. Please, please think of other people's safety and make sure that you leave your car in a sensible place, even if it means a short walk.

Rebecca Johnson, Main Road

The Wheel

With the summer holidays now behind us, after typical English summer. A lot has happened over the last few months which we hope has been enjoyed by all. With the smoking ban now in place its been a great relief that our loyal 'smoking' customers are still here, although in 'The Spare Wheel' and are spending more time outside than in the pub. We are also really pleased to have gained numerous non-smokers that now feel more comfortable in the smoke free environment.

The cider festival in July was well supported and an interesting weekend with 15 real ciders! Some may not remember the whole weekend while some may even prefer to forget! Our first year celebration with the country and western music was great fun and thank you to all those who came along in fancy dress, the photos are available to prove it.

It is now the build up towards Christmas.....don't panic there is still lots more to come. The Wheel and

The Whips annual Beer Festival will be held on 5th, 6th and 7th Oct and has a theme, all our ales will be Celtic while the Whips will all be English. We will also have live music and a hog roast on the Saturday as normal. We look forward to seeing you all, and joining you in trying some new and interesting ales.

November 3rd will bring the fantastic fireworks display on the Crick which is always an amazing night and brilliantly organised by the village. We will be supporting the event with a hog roast, jacket potatos, mulled wine and as usual a good range of ales.

We would like to finish with a big thank you to Jack and Sarah for looking after the pub while we went on holiday. A great job was done by them both with the added support from the other staff and locals.

See you all soon.

Claire and Mark

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning Applications to 13th September 2007

07/7073/FUL 5 Cherrycroft Drive, Naphill. Construction of single storey rear extension, insertion of 2 dormer windows to rear in connection with loft conversion and alterations to existing 1st floor front dormer window. (Objection. A rather "bitty" development, including 6 velux windows. It conflicts with WDC Policy H17 and Chilterns Design Guide. and is out of keeping with the AONB and other houses in the Drive.) 07/7192/CONCC. Walters Ash School, Walters Ash. Erection of new 26 place pre-school facility building. (No diagrams have been issued on the Web by WDC. We have asked where they are.) 07/7226/FUL Louches Cottage, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Erection of first floor rear extension and creation of front porch. 07/7087/FUL Bdg 006-14 (Oscars) Site 3 RAF High Wycombe, Walters Ash. Construction of new single storey Junior Ranks Mess kitchen and refurbishment of part of existing ground floor of building to form dining rooms. (Objection. The kitchen extension presents a blank brick wall to the Main Road and is not in keeping with the AONB. It is also visible from opposite houses. The neighbours may be subjected to extra noise levels if no conditions are placed on its use. The District Council has only made half the necessary information available for public scrutiny. We are awaiting the missing details.) 07/7219/FUL site 2 RAF High Wycombe, Walters Ash. Erection of 2x3 storey blocks for 78 senior officers with associated parking. (This is in Green Belt/Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty bordering Bradenham Hills Lane and appears contrary to Green Belt/AONB policy. Up to 15th September no case officer or drawings were available.)

MoD Development and Future Plans

The Residents Association committee is concerned about the amount and design of building that is going on in the RAF, Walters Ash sites, by the MoD, including those in Green Belt. We are putting our concerns in writing to MP David Lidington and our local District Councillors.

Candlelit Dinner Dance. Saturday 17th November at Naphill Village Hall. Once again we will be dancing to the music of Geoff Jolliff's Late Edition Band and enjoying caterer Main Event's delicious cuisine including a vegetarian choice. As usual the Bar will open at 7.30 pm and dinner will be served at 8.15pm. Tickets are excellent value at £20 from Janet 01494 564569, Carole 563508, Gloria 563634. Open to all residents and guests. Newcomers to the village very welcome.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Naphill Theatre Club

We are delighted to welcome back the Ubiquitous Touring Theatre to Naphill Village Hall on Friday 12 October to perform 'Pack of Lies' by Hugh Whitemore.

The play is a gripping thriller set in the now distant memory of the cold war, based on true events in the early 1960s. The Sunday Times called the play 'a superb thriller....unmissable' when it premiered in 1983 with Judi Dench and Michael Williams.

Tickets are £7.50 which includes a cheese supper, and the bar will be serving wine, beer and soft drinks as usual. Please telephone me on 562099 to reserve your seats but between 29 September and 6 October please telephone the Village Hall lettings line on 565604 and leave a message. Please arrive at 7.00 for a 7.30 start.



Those of you who have enjoyed past performances by the Ubiquitous Touring Theatre are all too aware of their quality and professionalism. Don't miss 'Pack of Lies'.

John Harris

Naphill Horticultural Society

Cheese & Wine Evening - Friday October 26th Naphill Village Hall -7.00 for 7.30pm Tickets £8.00 Wine & Soft Drinks Bar

Tickets are now available for our annual Cheese and Wine evening, which is always a popular event, and this year takes place on **Friday October 26th** in the Village Hall.

The evening will start with an illustrated talk by Tim Miles; Head Gardener of the Cotswold Wildlife Park entitled "The Delights of the Kitchen Garden". Some of you may remember Tim from his talk on the gardens of Cornwall a few years ago. We are delighted to be welcoming him back again.

We will then tuck into the now famous buffet of cheese, pâté, salad etc.

Numbers are limited, and tickets always sell quickly for this event; so do book early.

Secondly, a huge thank-you to those of you who took part in our recent Autumn Show. The entries were superb, as you can see from the cover of this Gazette. The whole day was enormous fun, and the excitement in the afternoon when exhibitors came back to see how their entries had fared was almost too much to bear!



Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale

Saturday 6th October

Naphill Village Hall 2.00pm

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

No furniture or electrical goods please

Our particular thanks go to those who were entering for the first time, many of who won prizes, and I hope have now realised that it is not a scary thing to do at all. One of our more recent newcomers went away as the proud winner of a Royal Horticultural Society medal., well done to all of you.

Whether you were an exhibitor, a viewer, or a buyer at the auction you helped to make it a great success.

See you all on the 26th

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Politics and Poker

I enjoyed much of GOG's diatribe about modern living but in the final analysis, it was spoiled for me because politics crept in and I feel that this is dangerous and unsettling in a village magazine. Of course perhaps apathy will triumph and no one will rise to the bait. But if some readers respond it could place the Editor in a difficult position. Where does one draw the line? On the other hand why not go the whole hog and include a straight, or even twisted political input? On reflection I quite fancy this because, many years ago - 1959 in fact, I was on detachment in the USA and had the good fortune to visit the Shubert Theatre (yes, no 'h') in New York to see a musical comedy, Fiorello, based on the life of a former Mayor of New York, Fiorello La Guardia. He was a Democrat and his opponent was 'Gentleman Jimmy' Walker, who was a Republican, Incidentally Fiorello is Italian for 'little flower' and whilst it fitted into the New York Italian scene, in Naphill Fiorello Pushman or Fiorella Ewart would scarcely be appropriate.

One of the lively songs in Fiorello was 'Politics and Poker', a swinging old fashioned waltz with scabrous lyrics concerning political shenanigans. One verse read:

'Politics and Poker, Politics and Poker, Make the average guy a heavy smoker'.

This would never do in today's anti-smoking environment but I am quite sure that the air beside the Mother of Parliament's Thames-side Terrace is heavily polluted. And Casinos must be struggling to find suitable spots for their patrons to have a puff to keep their nerves steeled for their next flutter.

As for Poker, even if you never played it you will have seen this game played in cowboy films. It is probably unique in that it is money that keeps the score. In other games you have goals or tricks to decide the result but in Poker it is money on the table, often in the form of chips, that finally determines who wins and who loses.

While visiting Las Vegas many years ago, I had the privilege of seeing someone working up to a Royal Flush, which is the top hand. He started with AQJ of spades and 2 discards and picked up first the 10 of

The Father's House

Greetings from the Father's House, again it has been some time since I last wrote anything in the Gazette and this month it is only to make an appeal.

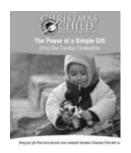
Now that summer (what summer you say) is more or less over it may seem to soon to be thinking about Christmas but that is exactly what I would like you to do for a moment. Not about your own preparations, worries and dreads but about "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD"



A number of people said to me last year that we had not given them enough warning that we where looking to get involved with this project at the Father's House and hopefully through this article we will address that issue earlier this time round. This project run and organized by Samaritans Purse aims to ensure that poor and needy children throughout the world might get a little more joy and happiness than otherwise expected during Christmas through the love and generosity of others around the world. By the time this article appears in this months Gazette there will only be a little over a month to go before we state taking collection of this years boxes.

Last year a fantastic 1.24 million boxes left the UK to go to children in hospitals, orphanages, internally displaced camps, homeless shelters and impoverished neighbourhoods. People from this area contributed over a 150 shoe boxes through the Father's House for which the children who received them would have been extremely grateful. This year we would like to more than double that number this year.

Will YOU please join us again this year and put together a shoe box for a poor child and let the power of your simple gift make a difference to that child this Christmas?



We will and have been distributing some leaflets in the community that give full instructions. However we are unlikely to get around to everyone so if you would like more than one leaflet (you need one per box) or you find you do not get one by the end of October please come and pick them up at: The Father's House, 122 Main Road, Naphill.

Also we'd like to remind you that **Chatterbox Charity Café** will again be open again on the **5**th **October** after a few simple alterations to the church kitchen. We look forward to seeing again our previous supporters and new ones as we continue to help support a feeding and education program in Macedonia to poor



children through the ROPE Charity.
As always should you have any need that we are able to help with, especially prayer please feel free to drop in or call at any time, we would be more than glad and can arrange for someone to visit you as well. Our door is usually always open and prayer request cards remain available in the entrance to the church should you like to make a request that way.

May we thank everyone for their support and help in the projects we have run in the past and thank you for your anticipated support in the future.

May you know God's presence and peace with you always.

Bob Semple (Pastor, The Father's House) Tel. 01494 563304 spades and then the King, thus holding AKQJ and 10 of spades, a Royal Flush. Incidentally the odds against this being dealt straight are 649,739 to 1! I quickly lost my own 10 dollar bet but my colleague continued with his winning streak and ended up 2,000 dollars in pocket. He was a skilful gambler but 2 years later he was cashiered for fiddling the education allowance for his children. Clearly he couldn't control the gambling urge and it ruined him.

Acquiring a feel for the three elements of the game - cards, money and position (yes, where you sit at the table is of critical importance) is not difficult and it takes only a couple of games to get the rules straight. The decisive element though is psychology. Ultimately knowing your opponent is more important than knowing the rules. And here one can see the direct link with politics, in which major players are always seeking to find a psychological flaw in their opponents manifesto and indeed, characters.

Of course politicians provide witty observers with a superb target for their thoughts. The American writer H.L. Mencken commented that 'a good politician is quite as unthinkable as an honest burglar'. George Bernard Shaw scored a hit with 'He knows nothing and thinks he knows everything. This points to a political career'. Iain McCloud, a charming Tory Minister, came up with, 'The Tory Party only panics in a crisis', while the American Will Rogers savaged the American political scene with 'the more you read about politics you got to admit that each party is worse than the other'. Liberals were squashed by 'a liberal is a man too broadminded to take his own side in a quarrel'. My own favourite is relatively recent and is by a current Labour MP. Diane Abbott, who said 'Being an MP is the sort of job all working class parents want for their children - clean, indoors and no heavy lifting'. Can you beat that?

My own thoughts are that a politician is a person who thinks that the possible is impossible and the impossible is possible. And on a financial note, a politician thinks that money grows on trees but not in his own garden.

As for my politics, well I took an interest in Communism at University but dumped it swiftly when I discovered that Karl Marx, the author of Marxism, could not even manage to support his own family and had to be assisted financially by his friend and colleague Engels. The irony of a political genius not being able to support his own family was too much for me. The extreme right wing, Fascism, had its fling in Spain, Italy and Germany and all failed miserably. Clearly there is a broad centre in politics in which one can find one's niche. To the right or to the left depending on the talents and persuasiblness of the leading politicians. Will the Camerons be coming? Will Brown be the national colour? Or will Ming Cambell be coming, unexpectedly? Who knows? But one thing is absolutely certain. For any party to win an



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Editorial

Everyone seemed to like the October cover and I hope you enjoy November's just as much. This month we are featuring some of the many activities of Naphill Neighbours and I would like to thank them for sharing the contents of their photo albums with me. Once again choosing the final selection was very difficult as they are a very active organisation.

The suggestion that I might change the font that the

gazette is produced in (currently Times New Roman 11 point) has resulted in several comments and recommendations, the most sensible of which is for me to provide some examples to make sure that when I finally select one everyone can still read it easily. I ran out of space this month but will include this in next month's edition

Whilst the gardener in me is sad to see the end of summer, the child in me is thoroughly looking forward to the fireworks!

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary					
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30–8.30 &			
		8.30–9.30pm			
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8.00pm			
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30–7.30pm			
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00–8.15pm			
Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm			
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm			
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2.00–3.30pm			
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00–9pm			
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00–9pm			
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15–2pm			
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm			
Mobile library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30–11.15am			
	Forge Road	12.15-12.50			
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2.00–4.00pm			
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6.00–7.30pm			
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30–8.00pm			
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30–9.00pm			
	U6s–U12s every Saturday	9.30–11.00am			
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm			
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2.00–4.00pm			
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am–12.30pm			
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8.00pm			
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm			
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm			
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10.00am onwards			
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards			
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards			
	* At RAF Astroturf				

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WEIGHT WATCHERS. Thursday evenings, 6.30pm -7.30pm. Small hall at back of Hughenden Village Hall. Very friendly group! Tel 01494 562281.

	Directory of Village Organisations			
Baby & Toddlers	Louise Lucas	488 255		
Brownies (Naphill)	Judy Pope	564576	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.15	
	Ruth Daly	565571		
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Jan Hawkins	565080	Mondays 6pm	
Community Beat Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146	
Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332		
Football Club (Men's)	Tom Marianczak	472421		
Gazette	Judy Whitehouse	562742	judy@judyq.demon.co.uk	
Guides (Naphill)	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.45pm	
Guides (Walter's Ash)	Sara Mann	565919	Thursdays from 7pm	
	Toni MacDonald	565926	, ,	
Horticultural Society	Cathryn Carter	563233		
Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm	
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770		
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888		
	Hazel Vickery	563977		
Over 60s Club	Mary Davies	563305		
Parish Council	Parish Clerk	715296	hughendenpc@btconnect.com	
	Peggy Ewart	565969	pegwat1066@aol.com	
	Phil Crawshaw	563721	philcrawshaw05@uwclub.net	
	Judy Whitehouse	562742	Judy@judyq.demon.co.uk	
Prescription Collection	Doreen Burge	565430		
	Betty Williams	563366		
	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650		
Pre-School	Pat Hutton	564693	Alt: 01494 564037 (am) or 07907 102149.	
Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634		
School		562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/	
Scout Group	Trevor Nicholls	565322	Beavers & Cubs on Tuesdays, Scouts on Thursday evenings	
Surgery Pharmacy	Enquiries	565458	8am to 12.30pm 1.30pm until 6.15pm	
Tennis Club	David Fletcher	532195	david@tvemf.org	
	Sue Crooks	562539	Smcr2000@aol.com	
Village Hall	Bookings	565604	mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk	
Website	Andrew Wilmot		http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/	
WI	Nancy Hussey	563767		

October Gazette

We would like to apologise to all gazette readers for the late delivery of the October issue. Our printer was having some alterations done at his works and experienced a few "hiccups" which delayed production. We hope that he has now got all his problems sorted out and there will be no reason for any delays with future issues. We sincerely hope that the late arrival of the last copy did not inconvenience you in any way and you did not miss any important meetings or events.

A word of advice for those who wish to notify readers of forthcoming meetings or events; please make sure that your announcements are submitted to our editor in good time just in case there are any more "hiccups" or delays in the future. Happy reading.

Mike and Pauline Pool

County Councillor's Report

This morning when travelling to Aylesbury through Walters Ash I saw a parent pushing a small buggy containing a very young child. She had to manoeuvre the buggy with considerable difficulty, past a car parked full square on the footway. In doing so she put herself and the child in some danger being adjacent to a busy road during the period around 9.00 a.m. I have asked that the police prosecute drivers who park in this illegal manner but I fear that the claimed shortages of officers on active beat duty often preclude this action being taken. Readers who share my concerns on this issue should report the numbers of offending cars to the police and perhaps action can be taken to persuade the owners to stop this dangerous practice.

October was tyre safety month and the Bucks County Council Road Safety Team helped to promote this national campaign to the residents of Buckinghamshire. Many garages offer this service already but people are not always aware of this, so the Safety Team would like to encourage people to have their tyres checked. This is part of the council's ongoing commitment to reduce casualties on the roads of Buckinghamshire and to raise awareness of the dangers of driving on defective or badly worn tyres. Illegal or worn tyres are a contributory factor in more than a third of all road crashes resulting in injury. According to TyreSafe, almost 25% of cars and vans on the roads in the UK have at least one badly worn or illegal tyre. Tyre safety checks are an excellent way for motorists to have the peace of mind that their car is safe especially with the onset of the winter months.

Several readers have asked me what is happening on the path at two bus stops in Walters Ash. I understand that these raised platforms are to permit safer access onto the bus platforms. They are being paid for by the bus company. There has not been any consultation to my knowledge and I share pedestrians concerns that these could be a hazard when walking at night in the dark. I am raising this matter with the individuals concerned and will insist on consultations taking place should there be any further proposals at other bus stop sites in the village.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Since my last report, I attended a presentation to the Council given by the Chief Constable, Thames Valley Police, Sara Thornton, together with our local Area Commander, Supt. Rob Angel. I am pleased to report, overall crime has reduced in High Wycombe by approximately 3%. On this note, I am pleased to see that the bus shelter by The Wheel has been finally spray-painted.

The Development Control Committee on the 10th was another marathon encounter, finishing just after 10pm. This is singly the most important issue on your minds. On some applications, the lobbying on all sides is quite extensive and it must be appreciated that the decision must take its natural course. It is worth remembering that all applications must adhere to the local plan and objections must be kept to this. You may also be aware, all planning correspondence is in the public domain, and therefore we are all minded to ensure our



Left to right - John Gibbs, David Carroll, David Liddington and Richard Pushman

comments are factual and not in any way prejudicial. Thank you to everyone who attended the David Lidington surgery recently despite the torrential downpour. We hope to repeat this again in the future.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

I am delighted to report that, after a long 'run in' period, it has been possible to start work on the adventure trail for small children on the Parish Council's land at Templewood. The completion date is dependent on weather conditions but we look forward to celebrating with an opening ceremony in due course. The position of this new playground has been modified following discussion with local residents.

The remainder of the Parish Council's land at Templewood will be tidied, probably once the semi detached houses currently under construction are finished.

The existing children's playground on the Crick, owned by the Village Hall Council and maintained by the Parish Council, has recently been thoroughly inspected both by ROSPA and an independent contractor. All necessary maintenance work should be complete by now, including filling the gaps between the tiles again. We cannot upgrade the surface without

removing the small bridge and slide, a very expensive option. Some of the equipment is rather tired looking after long use, but it is as safe as it is possible for such an area to be. I recently attended a Play England seminar organised by Wycombe District Council and, as a result, we are looking at the possibility of obtaining grant funding to upgrade some of the equipment on the Crick. Finance for maintenance will again be included in the Precept, to be decided at the end of November. It currently costs the Parish some £10,000 per year for the five playgrounds in the parish.

Another aspect of children's play which was given some attention at the WDC seminar was the question of risk. There has been some publicity recently, in the national press, about the ways in which children's play is too restricted in some respects these days. Children want and need to take appropriate risks; play provision is about assessing the risk and balancing possible harm with gain. A young mother was heard to remark that she didn't mind if her young children got very grubby, it meant they were doing something! "Hurrah!" say I.

The Parish Office will be open to the public from 9.30am until 1pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Outside these opening times the door is likely to be locked. This is in the interests of efficiency as the Clerk needs some time to herself in order to deal effectively with all the queries that come in to a busy office. Telephone calls will continue to be taken at all times, or a message can be left. Tel: 715296

Peggy Ewart (565969) – Vice Chairman, Hughenden Parish Council

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

The mellow autumn weather has been mostly very kind and conducive for Sunday morning club sessions and turnout has been quite constant with around 8 or sometimes even more players turning up. In addition, on Saturday 6 October, Terry Crooks organized his autumn ramble and reports as follows:

"The ramble (of approx 6 miles) on Saturday went well: I think you received Carol and Jenny's pictures taken above West Wycombe. There were nine of us on the walk, with three more (David, Norman and Pauline) joining for lunch at the George and Dragon, which was very convivial. The walk afforded pleasant views and good autumn colours, and we saw a pheasant shoot in action above Bradenham, and the afternoon one being set up near Cookshall Farm."

Terry also reported that the missing result for our summer Mixed 2 team was as follows: played 8, won 3, lost 5, gaining 6 points and finishing 6th (out of 9) in Division 3. Our winter fixture programme started on

20 October with a Ladies Vets match "at home" and the first Aylesbury Mens match will be "away" on Sun 28 October. Obviously, winter matches have to be played during daylight hours which will result in two courts being taken up at weekends mostly on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons, although the third court should still be available. Members intending to use the courts are advised to consult the fixture list, a copy of which can be seen in the clubhouse or obtained from Terry.

Our most important date this month is our AGM due to be held on Monday, 12 November, to which all members are urged to attend. This is an opportunity for the membership to express their opinions on how they feel the Club should be run in order that everyone can benefit and promote its main objective of enjoyment from playing tennis!

Any suggestions of how this can be achieved should be sent to our Hon. Sec. David Fletcher on e-mail david@tvemf.org or Tel: 01494 532195 as soon as possible so that they can be included on the agenda for discussion.

Members are again reminded that, weather permitting, we try to play throughout the year and anyone wishing to join should contact Sue Crooks, our Membership Secretary on Tel: 01494 562539, e-mail: Smcr2000@aol.com.

Ingrid Tomlins – Tel: 01494 446063 – e-mail: RGTomlins@aol.com

Remembrance Sunday at the Village Hall, Sunday 11th November at 2.45pm

Just a reminder that a service will be held in the Village Hall followed by wreath laying at the Memorial Stone. Everybody is invited to attend and to remember those members of the Services who gave their lives in past wars and who are doing so in the present conflicts of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Valerie Pushman

News from "Christians in the Community"

The last meeting heard about the positive steps in the community with prayers of healing being started in Hughenden Church at the 10.30 am service, sick visiting and the prayer chain being utilised and the four separate Christmas activities being planned.



The Christmas activities start with the giving of over 100 boxes of mince pies to deserving recipients. Then the delivery of 2,000 Christmas cards giving details of all the services from the three churches. Next is the Christmas Carol Concert in the Naphill Village Hall on the 16 December and finally the carol singing in the three pubs on Wednesday 19 December. More details to be available in the December gazette.

The Fellowship safari on the 4 October went well with two stops on route to Howard Atkinson's house where a glass of wine and a delicious pasta dish was enjoyed.

KRASH is for children roughly 5 years to 11 years and during the one and a half hours they are there they are offered a game, a story, singing, an art activity and refreshments – all within a Christian theme – and all for a price of £1 (50p for our Guatemala friend). 9th and 23rd are the dates for November and the 14th and 21st are the dates for December.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th November 8pm at the Father's House, Naphill.

Norma Clarke

Naphill Evening WI

It is on a sad note we start our November report. Essie Kent, a long standing member of the W.I. died on her birthday, the 25 September. She always said she would reach 100 and receive congratulations from the Queen and that is just what she did. Several members of the W.I. joined in the celebration of her life at Hughenden Church, which was full with family and friends.

Our meeting on the 20th September, "Helga, my Autobiography – Life in Hitler's Germany" was very interesting and quite moving. It was difficult to believe all the hardship she and many others endured and survived.

Our Group meeting at the Windmill on 17 October is after we go to press, so there will be comments made in the December issue. It is usually a very pleasant evening finishing with refreshments. As we said in the last Gazette, 18 October is our Annual Meeting; new start, new committee, voting for president, once again all happening after we go to press. For 2 months coins have been collected for Associated Countrywomen of the World, so thank you to members for their generosity. Pauline and Pat will have given their talk, all to hear about in the December Gazette.

On 11 November there will be a memorial service for Remembrance Day in Naphill Village Hall and the placing of the poppy wreaths on the memorial stone.

Quite a stirring moment, with all village groups and the RAF taking part, including children. Then on the 15th we have our monthly meeting when Mrs S Waterton will be talking about 'Personal Achievement'. There will be no competition. Teas – Hazel Vickery and Marlene Mason, VOT Judy Blofeld. A reminder also that our members Christmas party is on the 13th December, so hope to see you all soon.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

Our October meeting opened with the AGM – reports and elections despatched in a businesslike way, followed by THE LANGUAGE OF FANS, the intriguing subject of Amanda Rayner's talk. She was dressed appropriately in the fashion of the Edwardian period and showed us, with the help of her fan and slides, the history, design and language of these dainty objects of art. Used with discretion it was possible for the Victorian and Edwardian ladies to hold conversations and flirt with a flick of the fan!

Plans were finalised for our outing to Birmingham for A BRUMMIE CHRISTMAS, which has proved very popular and is now fully booked up. We leave the Village Hall on Tuesday 4 December at 9am sharp.

Names were taken for the traditional Christmas dinner at our club meeting on 10 December.

We were delighted to learn that our Social Secretary, Valerie, had been able to get tickets for us to see the very popular TERRACOTTA ARMY AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM next year on Friday 14 March 2008. Tickets can be booked with a phone call to Sheila on 562888 as we have to limit the numbers.

Our November meeting will take place on Monday 12th when Mrs. Barbara Taylor will talk to us about A GRANDMOTHER GOES TO MOUNT EVEREST. Tea hostesses are: Jessie Higham, Daisy Leek and Sonja MacMillan.

Hazel Vickery: 563977

Naphill & Walter's Ash Over 60's Club

Colin Oakes gave another of his interesting talks at our 21 September meeting when his subject was 'London Between the Wars'. Although other parts of the UK were suffering depression after the first World War, it was a boom time for London. The period between 1919 and 1939 saw a great expansion in public transport with the extension of the underground system to more outlying districts and the replacement of trams by trolley buses, a more flexible system as lines were

Books Needed for Christmas Fair In Village Hall

Mostly newish novels and children's books please (we have to dispose of all the OLD stuff!)

Phone Sally 562281 or Pauline 564226

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Thank you

not required. It was also the heyday of the cinema with a large number of cinemas being opened across London. London also benefited from the re-use of munitions and "war work" factories by other industries bringing a degree of prosperity.

Our programme for November will be:

- November 2nd: Jamie Carter will give a talk entitled "Four Kings".
- November 16th: Jean Hall will speak on "Stained Glass and Church Artefacts"
- November 30th: To be confirmed.

Doris Lording: 569424

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes

We started the meeting by welcoming two new members. Both the Mother and Toddler group and the Pre School had changed their representatives. Louise Lucas will now be representing Toddlers and Amanda Williams and Gemma Vinall will share the responsibility of representing Pre School.

The Pre School have informed us of their proposed move up to purpose built premises at Naphill and Walter's Ash school. We will be sorry to see them go but understand their reasons for the move, and wish them well.

Ted Chapman has found the folly of his ways in doing such a wonderful job of running the Fete. No-one is coming forward to step into his shoes. They are such mighty shoes to fill. He has therefore agreed to organise the Fete again next year. It will be on 7 June 2008 and he deserves all our support. Do please join him on the committee if you can and thus spread the load. It is a highlight of the Village year, and its fame is spreading locally.

We have had some complaints about the state of the tables. They are getting very mucky with remnants of

sellotape and goodness knows what on them. We are therefore arriving early next meeting with our rubber gloves and hot soapy water to give them a birthday. If you are using them do please leave them as you would like to find them. Thank you.

The kissing gate opposite the Wheel which has done great service for goodness knows how many years (and I'm sure one of you out there can tell me) has come to the end of its natural life. You will probably have noticed that it has been missing for a few months and we have no plans to replace it at present.

We have booked the contractors to work on sorting out the heating. The work will be done over two weekends at the end of November and the beginning of December and should not disturb any of our regular lets. The work should make our system more effective and economic. Lets hope so.

Those of you with sharp eyes will have noticed that I have reinstated the sign on the notice board outside the Village Hall reminding people that it only for the display of notices relating to happenings in our village. We seem to have been inundated of late with posters for events far and wide leaving no space for our own events which are:

Fireworks 3rd November
Christmas Fayre 1st December
Quiz night 29th February
Fete 7th June

Do come and support us.

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

Fireworks

This year's bonfire and fireworks party will be held on Saturday 3 November and we have spent even more on the fireworks this year. With safety ever present in our minds on such a display, our three master firework lighters have all gone on a course with Paines Fireworks (our suppliers) and are fully aware of the regulations which are very much stricter this year.

This is not to spoil your enjoyment, but to make it more enjoyable and a safer event.

We have the usual BBQ provided by the Sports Club under Bob Hathaway's direction as well as the mulled wine and soup stalls. The bar will be staffed by Men's Club hand picked volunteers and there will be cans of drinks for the younger ones. The RAF are helping us out again with a financial contribution and in terms of manpower.

One thing I must stress is that we cannot allow spectators to bring fireworks to the event. The gate marshals have been told to refuse entry to anyone with fireworks with them. There will be safe children's luminous rings on sale as last year, but more of them.

As usual we are hoping to persuade the local shops and pubs to sell tickets on our behalf, however you have difficulty or live outside the village you can reserve tickets by phoning me.

We have kept the ticket prices the same as last year, which was:

- Bought prior to the event are £4.00 for adults and £1.50 for children, under 5s free.
- Bought on the day will be £5.00 for adults and £2.00 for children, under 5s free.

I hope you all enjoy the event as much as last year, which was a fantastic success.

Andrew Wilmot. Chairman – 2007 Naphill Fireworks Committee

Christmas Fayre Stalls

There are still a few stalls available for the Christmas Fayre. The price is £5 for a small square table or £15



for a long table. If you are interested please contact **Norma Clarke** on **563116**.

A Flash in the Pan

I did wonder whether this little episode was suitable for a village magazine so I consulted the Editor who gave her approval. Now I have your interest let me begin!

On Friday 24 August at about 10.15 I was in Marks and Spencer in High Wycombe reviewing the selection of shirts in the somewhat spluttering sale which was under way. I had spotted a good looking linen shirt which was expensive but which I hoped would be reduced in the sale. Alas this was not the case and my wife having berated me for having umpteen shirts which I had never even worn, I hesitated to pay full price. At this stage I decided to visit the Gentlemen's lavatory on the same floor. When I entered, the main area was empty but the solitary WC cubicle was occupied. My hair was untidy so I produced my comb and was in the act of improving my appearance when the WC was flushed and out stepped a lady of a certain age!

I was almost nonplussed but quickly reacted to this unexpected situation by greeting her with "Good morning Madam, do you come here often?". She half smiled, checked her movement and said "Well actually "yes" because the facilities for Ladies are so limited. When there is a queue I sneak into the Gents Loo and if the coast is clear I pop into the WC." She moved towards the door as I commented "but you might see more than you bargained for" to which she responded with "I have seen everything". As she opened the door I clicked my heels together and said ""till we meet again!". End of episode.

On reflection this was an amusing and yet perfectly understandable little scene. Yet id did raise some

Recycle Your Old Mobile Phone



Naphill and Walters Ash School are collecting old mobile phones for re-cycling, to raise money for school funds. If you have an old mobile phone lying around we will gladly accept it.

Just drop it in at the school office, or alternatively leave it with Suzanne Sinclair, Highlands Clappins Lane, Naphill.

further questions in my mind. First, supposing acting in a gentlemanly way, I had opened the door to let her out, what would the queue of ladies have thought? Secondly, supposing the situation had been reversed and I had found the Gents facilities out of commission and sneaked into the Ladies in desperation only to find when ready to leave that it was busy. How would the females have reacted to a male in their den?

Finally, with the passing of the years my memory for faces and places is gradually collapsing, so what if in the future I met the lady in question but could not remember where I had met her and said "I am sure we have met" and then she outs with "Oh yes, in the gents in M & S." What a killer that would be! Of course she could even be a reader of the Gazette. In which case perhaps she will give me a call. I will let you know!!

David Leith

Request for Photograph of the First Naphill School

I urgently need photographs of the first Naphill school near the playing fields on the Crick that is now called The Glebe for my archives. If you can help with this I would be most grateful. My address is: Silvertiles, 1 Burdett Drive.

Pam Smith - 563364

SWOP

Have you heard of High Wycombe SWOP? SWOP stands for Sharing Wycombe's Old Photographs and thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund many old photos of the High Wycombe area have been made available on the Bucks County Council web site. In addition they have been preserved and stored to ensure their long term survival. The system was opened recently by Colin Baker of Dr Who fame.

To view SWOP go to:

www.buckscc.gov.uk\swop

Since my last exhibition, which I hope you enjoyed, SWOP have asked to take my old records to also put on the web site so sometime in the future my Naphill & Walter's Ash photos will be available to all.

Pam Smith - 563364

Christmas Tree Lights

Advance notice that Pam will soon be putting the Christmas tree lights collection tins in various shops around the villages.

It costs around £500 in electricity and insurance to light our lovely tree each year so please look out for the tins and show your appreciation by dropping a few

Naphill Christmas



Fayre



Saturday 1st December in the Village Hall Doors open 1.00 p.m.

Santa to arrive at 1.15 p.m.!

Put this date in your diary now to ensure you don't miss out on a fun and festive afternoon.

We will have all the usual stalls, and hopefully some new ones, where you can chance your luck or buy some attractive and individual Christmas goodies.

Should you be interested in running a stall on the day, please contact Norma Clarke on 563116

If you are able to donate any prizes to the raffle or tombola, or even some of your time on or before the day then please, please contact Cathryn Carter on 563233.

Make sure you come along and have a great time.

Santa's Grotto Raffle Refreshments Games Tombold Mulled Wine Craft Stalls coins in the tins. Thank you.

Pam Smith - 563364

Floreat

I have been meaning to write for some time now to say how much I appreciate and enjoy the themed window displays arranged by Katie at FLOREAT. The one for last Summer's Village Fete was brilliant and I particularly enjoyed the Elvis one but all of them are well thought out and are often very amusing as well! I know that I speak for others as well so a big "Thank You" to Katie for her efforts – long may they continue!

Sue Nash, Main Road

Support Your Local Cancer Ward

My name is Matt Collins and I am doing a sponsored 1 mile swim on the 25 of November 2007 to try and raise £1000 for the Sunrise Cancer Ward at High Wycombe hospital.

The ward currently has small and large sized "cold caps" which are used to try and reduce hair loss in patients undergoing chemotherapy. I hope to buy a medium sized cap so that more people can benefit from this process. I am also hoping to buy a portable DVD player, DVDs and a laptop computer. If these could be made available they would be a great distraction to patients whose chemotherapy treatment can last over six hours.

I have currently collected just over £700 so any sponsorship amount that could add to this would be incredibly welcome. If you would like to sponsor me my address is:

Michaelmas Cottage, 2 Lacey Drive, Naphill, Bucks, HP14 4RR

If I am able to get any sponsorship from within the village I will of course let you know the total that I have collected and what I have been able to buy. If you would like to know more information please feel free to call me on 01494 562240. Thanks in advance for your support.

Matt Collin

Lacey Green Singers – Help Still Needed

Following my letter in the last edition of the gazette we were very successful in recruiting a pianist for our choir based in Lacey Green. However that person can only assist until December, so we are looking for a pianist to help with our Spring Concert – from January to May/June 2008. We meet on a Thursday evening at

St. John's School Hall from 8 pm - 10 pm. The concert we are doing is Joseph and the Amazing Coloured Dreamcoat

We are a mixed sex choir who sing for pleasure all very light hearted and you do not have to be able to read music!!

The ladies in the choir are also desperate for some more men, so don't be bashful fellas do come and join us. Of course we always welcome more ladies, the more the merrier! Please ring at any time for any further information.

Helen Collins Tel: 562240

Parish Map

Live or work in the parish of Lacey Green? Copies are still available of the limited edition print created by a local artist and historian that portrays the parish of Lacey Green including Speen, Loosley Row and Walter's Ash. The hand coloured map captures both the historic parish and ancient boundaries such as the unique Black Hedge, plus today's settlements and roads. The map itself is surrounded by drawings featuring local wildlife including butterflies and wild orchids and the important heritage buildings. Mounted or framed, the map itself is 20" x 16" and makes an ideal present. Contact Francis Gomme at francisgomme@aol.com or ring 01844 274865 for further details.

Francis Gomme

The Wheel

With British Summer Time officially over, the clocks have gone back, the nights have drawn in but everything is still warm and inviting at The Wheel. The open log fire is lit and the new winter menu is now available offering home made soup (by my mum) and some new casseroles to help keep the cold out. The Curry nights will still be going every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

The October Beer Festival is now behind us and what a fantastic weekend it was, both we and The Whip had a very successful few days with very little ale left over. Our thanks go out to all that joined us and who tried a large amount of ale. The weekend was made extra special with the England Rugby squad beating the Australians in the quarter finals and seemed to put everyone on a high (the quantity of ale consumed may also have had something to do with it)! Talking of Rugby and Beer Festivals I pleased to inform everyone that High Wycombe Rugby Club are holding their first Beer Festival on the 24 November which is a date worth while putting in the diaries. It will be a one day event that will also have wine, cheese tasting, live

music and much more. For further information please contact us at The Wheel or the Rugby club directly.

In September which seems a long time ago now The Wheel had some very exciting news. We are very proud to announce that we are in the 2008 Good Beer Guide which is a fantastic achievement and a compliment to the quality of our beer and the knowledge of the staff, also not forgetting the support from our ale drinking customers who keep the lines flowing.

By the time that most of us get round to reading this edition Bonfire night will also be over, which does now mean that the build up to Christmas and New Year is well and truly under way!! Christmas Eve and New Years Eve will again this year be celebrated with parties so watch this space and the pubs black boards for more information. Don't forget we are available for bookings for your Christmas parties and buffets just pop in or give us a call.

We look forward to seeing you all in the pub soon, enjoying a good pint or a glass of wine over the winter months surrounded by friends and locals.....

Claire and Mark

EXTEND Exercise Class

The EXTEND gentle exercise class for the over 60s which takes place in Naphill Village Hall each Monday in term time from 2-3.30pm is looking for new members to join the group. If you are over 60 and would like to increase your fitness please contact Carolyn on 01494712801 for more information.

Carolyn Briggs

Leigh Lewis Optometrist

The skip is about to go and we are looking forward to opening mid November. I hope that the practice will provide a valuable service to the villages. This is my 15th year in Wycombe. I qualified in 1987 and I have previously owned a practice, which I sold after my second child. My eldest will soon be off to Uni and my youngest of four is at a local village primary school.

We are completely independent and have made every effort to provide extra facilities like disabled access, toilet, large kiddie waiting area and loads of parking! The practice will also provide home visits to those who are house bound in the local community. We have a retinal camera, this will enable you to view the back of your eye. The photographs can be used for monitoring & referrals.

I am off to Silmo (Paris international spectacle frame fair) to ensure a extensive selection of winter sport, ski and designer specs for all ages.

We will also provide NHS free sight tests (kiddies, over 60s, diabetics and those with glaucoma amongst others) as well as vouchers for specs to all eligible. Discounts for RAF & local schools (please provide proof of eligibility). Contact lenses will be available for all ages, from occasional wear for kiddies who play competitive sport to teens and those requiring multi focal lenses.

Please feel free to pop in if you have any questions or phone Leigh 07769652960 for appointments. Our practice line will be open from 6 November phone 564600.

Leigh Lewis

Oh What a Lovely War

Lacey Green Productions and The Command Performers are putting on Oh What A Lovely War at Lacey Green Village Hall from Thursday 22 November to Saturday 24 November and our chosen charity for this show is the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund. There are still some seats available for the Thursday night which is a free preview performance. Entry is by pre booked ticket only. A donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund would be appreciated.

There will be a licensed bar with a few nibbles. If you would like tickets please contact Janet Leigh-Dugmore on 01494 564062 or Helen Titchen on 01844 347518.

Janet Leigh-Dugmore

Valley Road Lighting

How good to hear from our District Councillor that switching off the lights in Valley Road will help save 90 tons of CO₂ but how much was generated by erecting five gaudy yellow signs on their own posts when two, sharing other posts, would have done? Why wait three years to discover the lighting is unnecessary? Let's get a few more brownie points by removing and recycling the lamp standards now. It's not only lighting that generates unnecessary carbon emissions – what about the time spent waiting with engine idling whilst traffic lights take an age to turn? Roundabouts or mini roundabouts, maybe with peak hour traffic lights, at Morrisons, the bus station, the High School and the sports centre to name but a few would both speed traffic and reduce CO2. Oh, and the last thing we need is lights on the roundabout at the A40/A4128 junction. The traffic flows perfectly well without.

David Frost

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning Applications to 9 October 2007

07/7274/FUL 2 Braeside, Naphill. Construction of single storey rear extension. 07/7279/FUL Corner Stones Battingswood Gardens Naphill. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 x 3 bed and 1 x 4 bed dwellings with new double garage. (Objection. Over development in the AONB) 07/7299/FUL 232 Main Road, Naphill. Raise roof and insertion of 2 front, 2 rear &1 side dormer windows to provide 1st floor accommodation. (Objection. Over development in AONB, New driveway too close to habitable accommodation) 07/7303/FUL 9 Vincents Way Naphill. Erection of detached garage to rear 07/7318/FUL 12 Bayley Gardens Naphill Demolition of existing lean to and erection of side conservatory 07/7356/FUL 4 Westmorland Villas Naphill Common. Construction of single storey rear extension. 07/07383FUL 21 Moseley Road Naphill. Erection of car port style canopy linking house to shed (Amended 07/6331/FUL) 07/7403/FUL & 07/ 7404/LBC Conversion and alterations to listed barns to create 2 x 3 bed residential dwellings. (Objection. Access to plot 1 could be a traffic hazard) 07/7425FUL Sports Hall & Gymnasium (Bdgs.19A &42A) Site 3 RAF High Wycombe Walters Ash. Removal of portakabin changing facilities and construction of permanent changing facilities to Gymnasium & Sports Hall

MoD Planning Applications

In the past planning applications for MoD property have had Crown Immunity. This was surrendered in June 2006 so new applications now have to be considered in the same way as other applications. Bearing in mind the likely increase in applications for RAF Air Command, High Wycombe, the NAWARA committee are seeking details of how these MoD applications should be dealt with in future.

ROCK ON! Naphill Village Hall will be rocking to the sounds of Elvis, Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis and other greats from the 60s when the Residents' Association stage their annual dinner dance on Saturday November 17. "Despite the success of Strictly Come Dancing on TV, this event isn't about the foxtrot or the rumba as some people think," says John D Taylor, one of the organisers. "It's a fun night with the hugely popular Late Edition Band returning yet again by popular request. And it's a great opportunity for new residents to meet up in a friendly environment." There's a full bar open from 7.15 pm and a two-course meal with a choice of menus. Vegetarians are well catered for. Tickets priced at £20 are available from Janet (564569) or Carole (563508).

Don Baker 01494 562211 & John Taylor 01494 563508

Naphill Horticultural Society

After a year of mixed fortunes for us gardeners, it is time to start planning for next year. After all, whatever the weather throws at us, we all persevere and keep trying to improve! One of the best ways of getting inspiration is to look through a seed catalogue (it also cheers up a dull winter afternoon).

So, once again, we are running a scheme this winter to enable you to order seeds, plants, fruit canes, organic fertilizer etc. at a greatly reduced price. We will be using Dobies again this year, a long established firm with lots of experience in the seed and plant world. The scheme is open to members and non-members, so if you would be interested in placing an order, let me know and I can get a catalogue and order form to you. All orders are delivered direct to your door. If you placed an order last year, you will automatically receive a catalogue this year. Happy browsing!!

Cathryn Carter – 563233

Allotment News

The results of the 2007 Allotment Competition have been remarkable for the Naphill allotments at Louches Lane. Three people tied for first place: Mrs S Stilwell, Mr K Bartholomew and Mr M Ball. This is probably the first time that three people have tied for first place for any of the eight allotment gardens in the parish. Well done to all three. With the competition neck and neck, no doubt that around allotment judging time in 2008 each will be striving to gain an edge by growing just one more type of vegetable, cutting the grass just an extra millimetre lower or by hoeing the weeds every single day!

At the Walter's Ash allotments at Clappins Lane it was more clear-cut, with Eddie Wilson coming first, Geoff Smalley second and myself third. Eddie also won the trophy for the best kept allotment in the parish for the fourth consecutive year, a brilliant achievement. His plots are numbers 24 and 25 and it would be worth having a look next time you pass by the allotments.

At the time of writing the waiting list for the Naphill allotments was three, and five for Walter's Ash. Rents were due at the end of September and some people give up their plots at this time of year so there may be some reduction in the waiting lists soon. Happy gardening!

Mike Mason

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

This morning as I was driving down Main Road a car driver flashed his lights, then overtook me angrily sounding his horn. The cause of this driver's irritation was the fact that I was driving at the legal limit along Main Road in Naphill. This comes with the tragic death of a five year-old pupil at a nearby school very much



Walters Ash Naphill School Assoc.

would like to invite you to their

Christmas Market

Saturday 8th December 2007 at Naphill & Walters Ash School

Time: 11.00am to 2.00pm

Admission: Adults £1, children FREE

Come along and view all the fabulous stalls we have this year, we have something for everyone:

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Naphill & Walters Ash School, Kilnwood, Walters Ash, High Wycombe, Bucks HP14 4UL 01494 562813

Organiser —Marielle can be contacted via school office or on 01494 488855 or email rubens@gotadsl.co.uk



evident local papers and on our minds. Whether speed was a factor in this tragedy remains to be seen but the fact remains that cars travel too quickly through Naphill and Walter's Ash. With safety and children very much on our minds one of our parent governors has relaunched our own School Travel Plan Committee. There are a small but enthusiastic group of volunteers steering the plan and have some great ideas to improve the "school run" for children at our school and will be publishing their action plan later this term. We hope in the near future to have a new "Walking Bus" or "Crocodile" marching through the village to encourage more children to take a healthy option when coming to school and leave the car at home.

Traffic of a different sort will hopefully be flowing through our new school web site which has been recreated off line and a new replacement site will be uploaded to our domain in the coming days or weeks. Once the site is fully operational I will let you know and tell the children in assembly. The new site will enable parents, and anybody else who is interested, to receive e-mail notifications and newsletters via this medium if you would like. Please have a look at the site at www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk.

A couple of weeks ago we held a rather squashed Harvest assembly in the school hall which was very well supported by lots of parents of children in different age groups. Each year we ask children and parents to donate food items which we then re-sell at the end of the school day for a charitable cause. This year our charity was CAFOD, and we raised a total of £160 at our impromptu Harvest Stall.

Tim McLoughlin

Naphill Brownies

The summer holidays seem a long time ago now and we are in full swing back at Brownies. We had 5 new Brownies start with us in September and they seem to be settling in well and are looking forward to their enrolments after half term.

We have been finishing off the Science badge by way of making music with empty glass milk bottles and have been out on the crick finding clues to a treasure trail. We have now started the Artist badge which has involved making book marks and designed a letter to hang on a door out of salt dough and finished them off with a coat of paint.

A big thank you to all of you who supported our recent jumble sale; another successful fundraising day. A grand total of £500 was raised which will be split between the Brownies and Guides.

During the next few weeks we will be doing Halloween and Fireworks crafts and planning our entertainment for the forthcoming carol service at Speen Church. If you would like to add your daughter's name to the waiting list, even if she is a long way off being seven, please contact myself on 564576 or Ruth Daly on 565571.

Judy Pope

Naphill Pre-School

Another school term has started, and we have lots of new happy little faces at Pre-school. Some of the activities this term include 'Houses and Homes, different foods and Christmas'. The Children have been busy for designing their own Christmas cards. We are pleased to announce that our volunteer helper at Pre-School, Danny Cooke, was nominated and won the 'Best Teacher' category in the local radio station (MIX 107's) Local Hero Awards. Congratulations to Danny on a well deserved award. Danny has been a volunteer helper at the Pre-School for 14 years and does a wonderful job.

We finished last term by thanking the previous committee members, and they all leave knowing they did a wonderful job. Gemma Vinall is the new Chair of the Pre-School, I say new she has been running it for the last 4 months (doing a great job!). Gemma brings with her great experience of working with children as she is a paediatric nurse. And her own daughter attends pre school. Gemma can be contacted via e-mail gemmavinall@hotmail.co.uk or Tel: 01494 562353.

The Pre-School AGM was held on the 24 September the main item on the agenda was selecting the new committee members, who I am sure will do a great job. Although I hear we could still do with some volunteer's for some fund raising, we need all the support you can give for the fundraising events, and if you have any ideas please contact Angela Banford Vice Chairperson Tel 01494 562966.

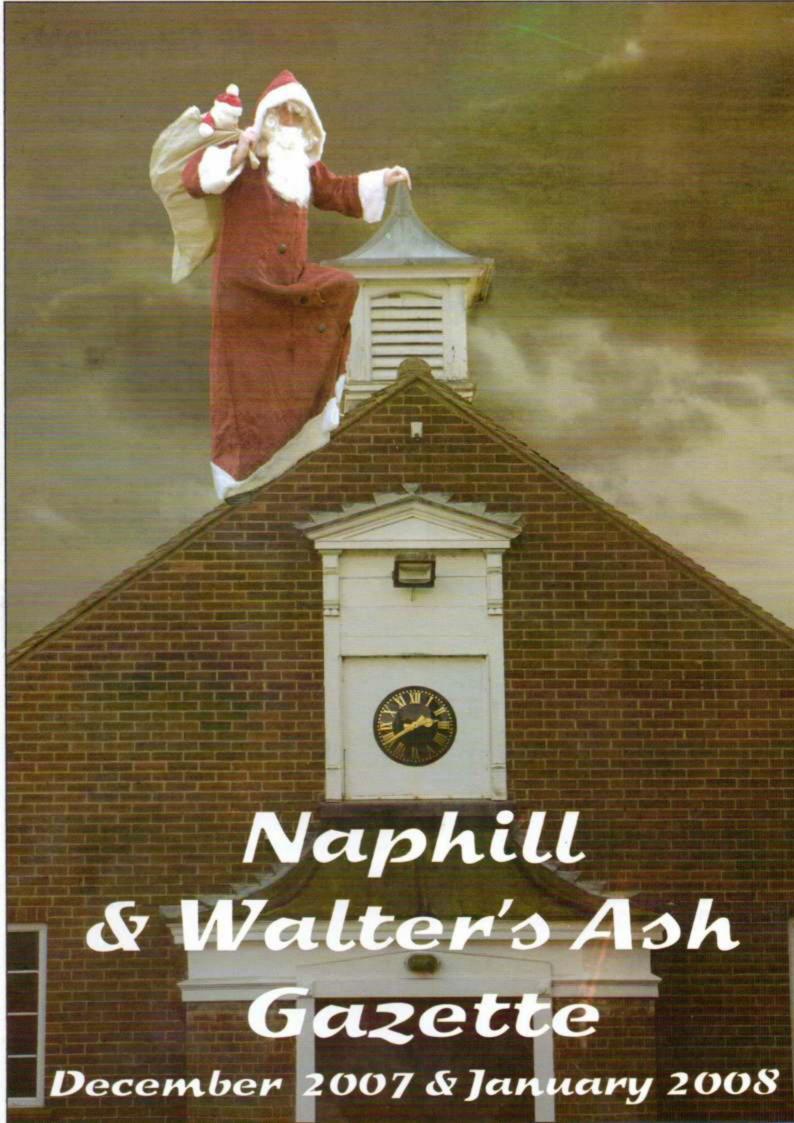
There is currently a vacancy for a Pre-School Assistant working 2/3 mornings per week, if anybody is interested please contact Hilary Spearing on Tel: 562622. Pre-School contact number is 01494 564037 (am) or 07907 102149. Debi Conn, Supervisor can be contacted on 01494 521612.

Pat Hutton

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. We meet every Thursday (term-time) at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm. Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling). For further information please come along during session times or call Louise 01494 488255.

Louise Lucas



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Editorial

Many thanks to our very athletic Santa for his early appearance on our cover. David has let me spend some more money this month so once again we have a full and colourful festive issue for you to enjoy.

As another year ends I would like to thank everyone who makes the monthly publication of the Gazette possible. David Leith for looking after the money. Mike and Pauline Pool for organising the distribution.

Mark Dell for some wonderful cover photos (see more of his work inside). The team of ladies and gentlemen who deliver the gazette to your door. All the regular contributors for their time and effort. Gary our printer at Gem Offset and finally everyone who supports us by taking advertising space.

I hope you all have a very happy Christmas and send my best wishes for 2008. The Gazette will be back again at the beginning of February.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30–8.30 & 8.30–9.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8.00pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30–7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday (Small Hall)	4.00–8.15pm
Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2.00–3.30pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00–9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00–9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15–2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall	10.30–11.15am
	Forge Road	12.15-12.50
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2.00–4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U6,7,8,9,10,11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30–11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2.00–4.00pm
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am–12.30pm
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8.00pm
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards

* At RAF Sports Field

Small Ads

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	Directory of Village Organisations			
Baby & Toddlers	Louise Lucas	488 255		
Brownies (Naphill)	Judy Pope	564576	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.15	
	Ruth Daly	565571		
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Jan Hawkins	565080	Mondays 6pm	
Community Beat Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146	
Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332		
Football Club (Mens)	Tom Marianczak	472421		
Football Club (Secretary)	Clive Rowland	562845		
Gazette	Judy Whitehouse	562742	judy@judyq.demon.co.uk	
Guides (Naphill)	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.45pm	
Guides (Walter's Ash)	Sara Mann	565919	Thursdays from 7pm	
	Toni MacDonald	565926		
Horticultural Society	Cathryn Carter	563233		
Luncheon Club	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm	
Men's Club	Andrew Wilmot	562770		
N. Neighbours	Sheila Rolfe	562888		
	Hazel Vickery	563977		
Over 60s Club	Mary Davies	563305		
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	Peggy Ewart	565969	pegwat1066@aol.com	
	Phil Crawshaw	563721	philcrawshaw05@uwclub.net	
	Judy Whitehouse	562742	Judy@judyq.demon.co.uk	
Prescription Collection	Doreen Burge	565430		
	Betty Williams	563366		
	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650		
Pre-School	Debbie Conn	521612	Alt: 01494 564037 (am) or 07907 102149.	
Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634		
School		562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/	
Scout Group	Trevor Nicholls	565322	Beavers & Cubs on Tuesdays, Scouts on Thursday evenings	
Surgery Pharmacy	Enquiries	565458	8am to 12.30pm 1.30pm until 6.15pm	
Tennis Club	David Fletcher	532195	david@tvemf.org	
	Sue Crooks	562539	Smcr2000@aol.com	
Village Hall	Bookings	565604	mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk	
Website	Andrew Wilmot		http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/	
WI	Nancy Hussey	563767		

Happy Christmas to all Gazette Deliverers

We would like to thank all of the Gazette deliverers for their diligent service in getting the magazine to nearly 1000 households promptly each month. Our very best wishes to them, and all you readers, for a wonderful Christmas season and a happy and healthy new year.

Mike and Pauline Pool



Naphill Methodist Church

Sun. 23rd December

11 am - Barbara or David Sparks

Christmas Eve

1 pm -Carols & Communion by Candlelight

Christmas Day

10.30 am - Family service, Rev. Janice Pettipher & Michael Webb

Sun. 30th December

11 am - Michael Webb

St. Michael and All Angels, Hughenden

Sunday 23rd December

6.00pm - Candle lit service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

3.00pm - Crib Service

11.15pm - Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8.00am - Holy Communion



Carol Service at Bradenham

A traditional service of Lessons and Carols will be held in St. Botolph's Church, Bradenham on the 23rd December starting at 5pm.

9.00am - Choral Matins and distribution of Holy Communion

10.30am - Family Communion

5.00pm - Carols by Candlelight

The Father's House, Naphill

Sunday 23rd December

No service at Naphill. Afternoon service at Studley Green Christian Fellowship

Christmas Day

10.00am - Joint service with Studley Green Christian Fellowship

Christmas
Carols by
Candlelight
Sunday 16th
December
Naphill Village Hall
4.00 - 5.00pm

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Mulled wine, coffee and mince pies afterwards

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News from 'Christians in the Community'

We are going carol singing around the three local pubs on Wednesday 19 December. At 7pm we'll be at the White Lion, Cryers Hill Road, and at 8pm we'll be at the Wheel, Naphill. At 9pm we'll be at the Harrow, Hughenden. If you would like a lift just call me on 563116.

KRASH will be at The Father's House on the 14 December, and on January 11 and 25. We will also be carol singing around the village on the 21 December.

Please see separate box in this issue for details of the Carols by Candlelight service in the Naphill Village Hall on the 16 December.

Norma Clarke

The Father's House

The warmest of Season's and Christian greetings from all at the Father's House.

By the time you read this article, this years "Shoe box appeal" through Operation Christmas Child will be over and the boxes well on their way to Belarus. At the time of writing we have had over 50 boxes brought to us as a drop-off point. Many children from 2 – 14 years old will have their Christmas brightened because of the love, generosity and time given by you who have taken part and put boxes together. THANK YOU

I'd like to also thank everyone for their continued support of Chatterbox. In just the last two months we have raised over £150 towards helping the ROPE charity. Our last opening of this year will be on Friday 7 December from 11am – 2pm.

For many of us Christmas continues to be a time when we like to remember God's precious gift to the whole world, Jesus Christ God's One and only Son. Our giving gifts to one another has often been an expression that symbolises and reminds us of this.

Most of us would probably agree that things have got out of hand and it can be just an excuse to have another binge. We maybe forget in all the mistletoe and tinsel that the first Christmas was somewhat different for Jesus.

Though the King of kings and worthy of glory, honour and praise which He only received from a few, Jesus was born in the squalor of a borrowed stable. His early life was spent in exile as a refugee because the ruling monarch Herod feared that he would lose his throne so he wanted Him dead. Much of Jesus' life was spent in

lowly poor circumstances and it is little wonder that the poor can often relate to Him more easily than most of us. He only had a short three year ministry but He changed the world through what He came to do.

Christmas and Easter are unavoidably linked; Jesus came to bring us the most precious gift we could ever have, '**life**.' He willingly gave up His life on the cross for the life of the world and everyone who believes in Him so that we might be reconciled to God.

For many of us we can't think of Christmas without remembering Easter. It is not a morbid thing because we are eternally thankful and have reason to celebrate. Though we still have to face the issues of every day life we have peace with God and the hope of a secure future.

My hope is that you all have a splendid and enjoyable Christmas full of joy, laughter, blessing and thanksgiving.

But I hope you also take time to remember that Emmanuel (God with us) has come that we might have life in all its fullness but we have to come to Him if we want to receive it.

I pray that you will take time out from the busy Christmas schedule you might have and remember Christ and all He came to do for you and give Him thanks.

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.

You are very welcome to ours or any of the services in the local churches at any time and our doors are normally open if you have any need we might be able to help with.

May you know God's love, blessing joy and peace this Christmas and also have a happy New Year.

Bob

From the Vicarage - December 2007

I have little understanding of astronomy but have started to navigate myself around the sky with some basic knowledge. A Summer holiday in Anglesey (where the skies are wonderfully unaffected by light pollution) gave a ring side view of the Perseids meteor shower and also gave a rare glimpse with the naked eye of our nearest galactic neighbour, the Andromeda galaxy, three times the size of our own milky way and a mere 2.5 million light years distant! I love looking at Andromeda through binoculars, or better a telescope, as the lights of a mind numbingly unimaginable trillion stars combine together as an elliptical hazy smudge in

the night sky. Alas Andromeda cannot be seen unassisted from South Bucks, but I was delighted to pick it out with binoculars during a few particularly clear nights in late October. Find Cassiopeia, (directly overhead at the moment) follow a line south west towards the square of Pegasus, scan around a bit between the two and there it is. Another feature that I love during the autumn and winter nights is the rise of Orion, the great hunter. To the south east his belt of three stars can clearly be seen, and his 'shoulders', Betelgeuse and Bellatrix. Move down from the belt and Sirius, the brightest star in the sky (actually it is a binary star system) is clearly visible, rising above the light haze of Wycombe.

For several nights at the end of October, I went to bed ridiculously late, the reason; I was simply standing in the garden ogling at the night sky, scanning with binoculars and rushing indoors to pick up on the internet just what I was looking at. I happened to be doing this when I noticed a very strange sight, another hazy glow, like a perfectly formed disc in Perseus (next to Cassiopeia in the direction of Orion). Surely I was not looking at another galaxy?

No, none of that magnitude is visible. A few more internet searches and I had my answer. What I was seeing was something that had first been spotted the week before which had been dubbed an 'exploding comet'. It's name was comet Holmes, which shouldn't be visible at all, one theory is that it might have collided with a meteor and the resultant collision has increased it's magnitude by half a million times, or there has been a breakup of the comet nucleus. It could in fact be seen with the naked eye, as a sort of fuzzy star, but again through binoculars it was an enthralling sight, it is not every day (or night) that one can witness an exploding Comet!

Most of us are buried in the here and now and are concerned with the immediacy of our lives. It is a humbling and awesome experience to simply go outside on a starry night and look up. We are literally seeing the past. The distances of space and time become unimaginable as we contemplate even the most local part of our own galaxy. I also find it a very spiritual experience. As a Christian I do not believe that what I see in the universe is a matter of chance. I believe that it is there because it is meant to be there and that behind all things is the intelligent activity and purposes of God. The first five words of the Bible are simply "In the beginning God made." I am not being fundamentalist about this. I have no problem with understanding the age of the universe as being billions of years, but behind it all, behind all the cosmological theories of how it all got going, behind the big bang and all that, is God.

The Psalmist attempted to articulate this wonder when he wrote "the heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge." It might be that when we stand under a night sky and feel so small and insignificant that God himself seems to be as remote and inaccessible as the stars in the sky. But this is not so. The mystery and wonder of Christmas is that the God who caused the universe to be has made himself personally known to us. The letter to the Hebrews begins 'In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his son, whom he appointed heir of all things and through whom he made the universe'. At St Michael's our Christmas midnight communion begins with the words "Welcome all wonders in one sight! Eternity shut in a span. Summer in winter, Day in night, Heaven in earth, and God in man."

I hope that all readers of the Gazette are able to experience this wonder for themselves as we celebrate Christmas, the birth of God in man. And on Christmas night, if by any chance we are blessed with one of those clear crisp winter nights just go outside, look up and wonder.

Simon Cronk, Vicar of St Michael and All Angels

County Councillor's Report

The congestion caused by parked cars and delivery lorries at Walter's Ash is the cause of much justified concern. It has not been made any better by the works being carried out on the RAF building adjacent to Woodcock Avenue and the parked vans along Main Road. There is no solution in debating whether or not planning permission should, or should not have been given to a shop without adequate parking provision. The basic facts are that a shop existed on the site and the change of ownership did not require planning permission.

There may be a solution in the fact that the County Council has agreed that the parking restrictions applied to the town of High Wycombe can now be implemented throughout the District. This takes parking enforcement out of direct police responsibility and passes it to local authorities who can employ traffic wardens to give penalty tickets for parking infringements within designated areas. I have long resisted yellow lines in our rural areas but it may be, that certain 'hot spots' within the villages should have parking restrictions applied and enforced to prevent some of the chaos that occurs outside our shops. It could also help in preventing the ever-increasing footway parking. I would welcome any resident's views on this subject.

There is a popular conception that building more affordable houses will reduce price increases.

A press statement made by the South East England Regional Assembly on 23 October claims that even a 60% increase in South East house building will not stop prices rising. They state that figures from the National Housing and Planning Advice Unit risk confusing people by suggesting that the answer to rising house prices is simply to build more. Chairman, Keith Mitchell CBE said "A close look at the figures shows that a 64% increase in building to 46,000 homes a year would still see South East prices rise from 8x average salary to 11x by 2026." Food for thought!

Both County and District Councillors are given a sum of money each year, to be used at discretion under their community leadership role. This can be applied to community projects or schemes, which are considered beneficial in the community. In past years I have supported the scouts and guides for camping equipment, the pre-school playgroup, the over 60's and the village hall's new chairs fund. I am in the process of considering this years allocation and would welcome any applications from village organisations who could usefully use some 'pump priming' money to improve their operation. Requests should be with me before Christmas so that they can be processed early in the New Year. My County Division includes five villages and I try to be even handed with them all.

Christmas will soon be with us again. I take this opportunity of wishing all readers a happy festive break, together with health and happiness in the New Year.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Since my last report, all Bucks District Councils together met with the County Council to determine progress to date with Pathfinder. I am pleased to say our colleagues in Westminster are impressed with the progress to date compared with other Councils.

It was very pleasing to see so many of you at the Remembrance Day service on November 11 at the Village Hall. It was completely full with standing room only.

I hope some of you had a chance to see the annual switching on of the Christmas lights in Wycombe on the 15; always such a lively and fun evening. Unfortunately this clashed with the Licensing Committee!

The next public meetings will be the Development Control Committee on the 5 December with full council on the 10.

Looking ahead, I have no doubt that next year will be another busy and challenging year locally, and with this in mind, both my family and I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year in 2008.

John Gibbs

Asparagus

A singular word heading. Intriguing or dull? Let us see.

Actually the genesis of this short article was the Hortico supper on 18 October. The guest speaker spoke at length about virtually every aspect of gardening with emphasis upon the vegetable plot. Alas the only vegetable he did not mention was asparagus. There was no time for questions as tummies were rumbling or I would have posed my question.

Many years ago when I was an active vegetable gardener, I did raise an asparagus bed and remember giving it a sprinkling of salt when setting the crowns. Any great golfers who have played at Rye in Sussex may well recall that the course, which is right beside the sea, has extensive and quite splendid wild asparagus growing on the course, benefiting from the salt spray which occasionally blows over it. I wonder if salt is applied to any other vegetables?

As the active gardening season draws to a close, let me finish with a few of my favourite garden quotes. From Japan, "All gardeners know better than other gardeners". The authors of '1066 And All That' proclaimed "A garden is a thing of beauty and a job forever". How true! Ogden Nash confessed "My garden will never make me famous, I'm a horticultural ignoramus"

Finally this gem by Lady Maconochie of Inverewe,

A Gardeners Curse

Awake my Muse, bring bell and book
To curse the hand that cuttings took.
May every sort of garden pest
His little plot of ground infest
Who stole the plants from Inverewe,
From Falklands Palace, Crathes too.
Let caterpillars, capsid bugs,
Leaf-hoppers, thrips, all sorts of slugs,
Play havoc with his garden plot,
And a late frost destroy the lot!

Have an enjoyable garden free Christmas and start worrying about next year's likely gardening problems. There must be something preparing to catch us out.

David Leith

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

A full report of tennis club activities will be included in the next edition.

On behalf of Naphill Tennis Club can I wish you all a merry Christmas and happy new year.

David Fletcher

Naphill Evening WI

December here already, the season of goodwill. Have you been out in the countryside enjoying all the beautiful autumn tints and sunshine?

This report is being written immediately after Pat and Pauline's coffee morning for the ACWW. Those who attended must agree it was heart warming to see all the support and generosity given by our wonderful members and friends, so warm and welcoming, a truly lovely feeling knowing we were helping women less fortunate than ourselves. Let us hope we have gone a little way, be it ever so tiny, to make their lives more bearable.

To track back, our Annual meeting was well attended and Nancy was voted in again as President. We were sad to lose Judy from the committee but welcomed Beryl as a new committee member. Pauline and Pat gave an enlightening talk about ACWW and the meeting ended with the usual tea, coffee and raffle. The Group meeting at the Windmill 17 October was Angie's last one as group convener. She was thanked for all her hard work during the six years and was presented with a gift. As we mentioned before, Pat of Windmill WI is carrying on as convener with Disraeli group with the help of other members. Good news for us all. We were disappointed with the speaker, 'a comedian' Bob Harding Jones, but the buffet was excellent with tea and coffee, so in all, another pleasant evening. 5 of us attended the Council meeting at Aylesbury which will be the last one at that venue. Next year the meeting will be held at Princes Risborough School with a limit of 300 people. Christmas came early in October for 4 of our ladies, who attended a Christmas crafts and flower arranging demonstration at Wendover, organised by BFWI. Jenny won one of the floral arrangements which she will adapt for the buffet table at our Christmas Party.

On which note, ladies, it is party time! December 13 is our Christmas party, so put on your best bib and tucker and join the fun. Home made entertainment with 'Cordon Bleu' food, all provided by yourselves. Do not forget to bring your present for the bran tub and if you feel you could do a turn – a poem, a joke or even sing a song, contact one of the committee. Naphill WI always encourages new talent.

As the programmes will not be given out until our January meeting on the 17, please note our speaker will be Neil Rees talking about the 'Court of King Zog in Exile'.

Finally, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and good health in the New Year, and more peace in the world for everyone.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

With the advent of the clocks changing and winter setting in, it was very pleasant that for our November meeting Members were treated to an excellent illustrated presentation on 'A Grandmother goes to Mount Everest' by our speaker Mrs B M Taylor. Mount Everest had always been a lifetime ambition





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and in 1982 this had become reality after a cancellation on one of the trips. One month later, and with some hard training, Mrs Taylor started a trip that would take 24 days of walking, and setting up at 17 different camp sites. Her account of the trip and the slides taken were outstanding and Members were able to appreciate the magnificent scenery as well as the effort that was put in to make the journey

The popular trip to Birmingham for A BRUMMIE CHRISTMAS is now fully booked for Tuesday 4 December and Members are reminded that the coach will depart from the Village Hall at 9a.m sharp. Please be at your pick-up point by 8.50a.m.

The next club meeting is of course our Annual CHRISTMAS DINNER on Monday 10 December which has proved to be as popular as ever and the evening is now full. Arrangements are well in hand and the doors will open at 7.30 for 7.45 p.m. when we shall look forward to seeing all our Members and their Guests for a splendid festive evening.

Names were taken for the forthcoming trip to see the TERRACOTTA ARMY at the British Museum which will take place on Friday 14 March and this is now fully booked.

The January meeting will be held on Monday 14 when our speaker will be Mr A Hughes on the subject of Working as a Newsreader and Reporter on Radio.

Tea hostesses for January 2008 are as follows: Trish Bowen, Sonja MacMillan and Judy Blofeld. It just remains for the Committee to wish all our Members and their families a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Isobel Lane

Naphill & Walter's Ash Over 60's Club

Mr. Stan Cauvain's talk on 19 October entitled "Mills and Milling Through the Ages" included a number of interesting slides showing the development of wheat over the centuries from its earliest tall thin form, through a short stubby stalk in Roman times to the wheat of the present day. As well as pictures of some of the more interesting remaining windmills, the illustrations included images of the earliest form of grinding stones recovered from archaeological digs, the more advanced Roman stones, and the pristine pipes and vessels of a modern automated flour mill.

The "Four Kings" in the title of Mr. Jamie Carter's talk on 2 November were the first four Georges: George I who was the first of the Hanoverian kings; George II who was the last British monarch born outside of Great Britain and also the last monarch to lead troops into battle; George III who was said to be mad but is now considered to have suffered from a blood disorder, and George IV who, as Prince Regent, was responsible for the building of the Brighton Pavilion. Mr Carter's talk outlined the family connections of these monarchs and included some less than flattering comments the members of the family had written about each other.

There will be only one meeting during December, on the 14, when the Twyford Bell Ringers will provide the entertainment

Have an enjoyable Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Doris Lording: 569424

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes

We had another work party before our meeting this month. This time we met early to clean the hall tables which were really needing some loving attention. It took a depressingly small amount of time to get them

Naphill Christmas



Fayre



Saturday 1st December in the Village Hall Doors open 1.00 p.m

Santa to arrive at 1.15 p.m.!

Put this date in your diary now to ensure you don't miss out on a fun and festive afternoon.

We will have all the usual stalls, and hopefully some new ones, where you can chance your luck or buy some attractive and individual Christmas goodies.

Should you be interested in running a stall on the day, please contact Norma Clarke on 563116

If you are able to donate any prizes to the raffle or tombola, or even some of your time on or before the day then please, please contact Cathryn Carter on 563233.

Make sure you come along and have a great time.

Santa's Grotto Paffle Refreshments Games Tombold Mulled Wine Eraft Stalls pristine again, so why aren't the tables cleaned after each use! The most time consuming job was to remove the sellotape. Can I ask you all to leave the tables as you would wish to find them. It only takes a couple of minutes to wipe them over, as we proved. Thanks in advance.

Weren't the fireworks brilliant. Our thanks go to all those who helped. Not only did we have a wonderful display and bonfire to enjoy, we also got rid of our hedge clippings, and the Village Hall benefited financially. It was, in all respects, the best ever. Our thanks also go the the RAF for their contribution, both with finance towards the fireworks, and with manpower. Our thanks also go to the team for clearing the site so quickly and efficiently.

Hughenden Parish Council is able to apply for a grant to help us to refurbish some of the equipment in the play area. We need to come up with some 'innovative ideas' to replace the big slide and the log cabin and the representatives from the pre school and mother and toddler group will be researching possibilities. Fingers crossed.

Even though – as I write this – the Village Hall has been trouble free there have been a spate of break ins to cars around the village. Our condolences go to those affected. The people responsible are able to open up cars without any sign of a force entry and then to remove any valuables they can find e.g. radios etc. You have been warned so do keep your car garaged if possible.

The work on the heating in the hall is due to be carried out over the weekends of 24-25 November and 8-9 December. All those who may be affected have been informed.

Our next fund raising event will be the **Christmas Fayre on the 1 of December.** All the usual attractions will be there including Santa in his Grotto. Grand Draw tickets are now available via the village organisations. Do come along and support us and work on your Christmas Shopping.

Other fund raising event planned are:

Quiz Night on 29 February

The Fete on 7 June with the theme of 'Down on the Farm'.

By the time you get to read this Christmas will be well and truly upon us so can I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and all the very best for you and yours in the New Year.

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

Christmas Fayre Cake Stall

Christmas, as the children's song reminds us, is coming, and so is the Naphill Christmas Fayre which will be held on Saturday 1 December, I hope that this reminder gets to you before the event!

One of the very popular attractions is the Cake Stall and this year we hope to gather together even more scrumptious cakes than before. That is where the ladies of Naphill and Walter's Ash can make a really good contribution. Put on your pinnies ladies and start baking, your cakes are needed! You can leave the cakes with us or take them to the Village Hall on 1st December. Give us a call if you would like us to collect from you house. We look forward to hearing from you! Ted (563034) and Dave (563839).

Ted Chapman

The Village Hall Quiz

Did you know that people who have a birthday on 29 February can be known as 'leaplings?'

Did you know that 29 February can be a very successful day for women as once every four years on 29 February they have the 'right' to propose to a man?

Did you know that the annual Village Hall Quiz will be held on Friday 29 February 2008, that the doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start, that the entrance fee of £8 includes a Ploughman's, that Clive's bar will be available, that each team will have four players but we can fit lesser numbers together so that everyone has a good time? You do? Well 'phone Ted on 563034 to book your place while there is still room.

This is a great fun evening. The questions are not too hard and the Question Master has to be very courageous to tell the jokes that he does. Make a note of it in your diary now.

Ted Chapman

Your Letters Geoff and Muriel Froude

Please would you note a correction to Geoff and Muriel's postcode as published in the October edition.

Their correct address is:

Braemar Lodge 18-20 Stratford Road SALISBURY Wiltshire SP1 3JH

Apologies for this error.

Colin Froude

The Ones That Got Away!









Mark Dell and I had great fun planning and selecting cover photos this year but there were many other wonderful photos that didn't make it to the front page. Here are a selection.

With many thanks to Mark for all the time he spent, to his family for their patience and to my long suffering neighbours and friends who kept getting dragged in to help me select which one to use!

Firework Night

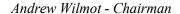
This year's fireworks display was the best yet. We spent £3,000 on the fireworks and they were fantastic, well worth every penny. The crowd was even bigger than last year, the BBQ sold out providing 1,200 hot-dogs and hamburgers along with mulled wine, soup and cold drinks. The bar was sold out will 3 barrels of beer and countless cans of lager. Estimates put the crowd at 2,500.

My thanks go to all those who helped on the night including the RAF contingent. I do not want to mention any particular names as I will no doubt miss one or two out. I think that most of the helpers are well known in the Village.

The profit was a staggering £9,500, up by £1,500 on last year. It will go to Village Hall funds, however I have suggested that we donate some money to the RAF Benevolent Fund by way of thanks to our colleagues who provided us with much needed manpower and financial assistance.

Although we had many helpers, it does tend to be the same people every year, so I would like to welcome anybody new who would like to help in future years. Every little bit counts, so please get in contact with me if you think that you help next year.

I am not sure if we can improve on this year, although we will try, and make next year an equally resounding success.













Theft

This letter is for the scumbag who stole from my car, off our drive in Downley Road, my 4 year old daughter's green leapster hand held game. I hope the pathetic £20 you get from ebay for it is well spent!!! My daughter saved and bought that with her birthday money. A decent thing we encouraged her to do.

I know its my fault for not locking the car, but then it doesn't give you any right to steal it.

I know you wont read this letter but maybe a parent will, and realise they have seen this item at home.

Sarah Christopher

Make a Song and Dance for Cancer Research

With amateur theatre attracting an annual audience of over 8 million, most of us probably have family or friends somewhere in the country involved either on stage or behind the scenes in this fascinating world. Few hobbies, if any, embrace such a range of activities, from costume-making and make-up to scenery construction and painting, from lighting and sound to press and publicity. And, of course, not forgetting auditioning, rehearsing and finally the production itself.

Although there is a vast repertoire of musicals from which to choose, 99% of all amateur productions are of well-known shows. Regular favourites include *Me and My Girl, My Fair Lady, Oliver!, Kiss Me, Kate, Fiddler on the Roof, Oklahoma!, Annie* and many others. The reason is simple: with production costs running into thousands or tens of thousands of pounds, the treasurer needs to be happy that ticket sales will at least match expenses. Not surprising, therefore, that this bums-on-seats principle determines most of the amateur musical entertainment on offer.

In reality, there are hundreds of other shows clamouring to be staged, many of which will never see the light of day (or should that be the limelight?). I know this only too well. *Below Stairs* – a musical I co-wrote to help keep my mind off a series of major cancer operations – was premiered in Chesham in 2002 and five years on has just had its sixth production, this time in Eltham, south London. Achieving such relative success has been a hard slog but one I consider very worthwhile. For the writer and I do not charge royalties, instead asking only that the society raise money for Cancer Research UK. My longer-term aim is that the musical will continue to

trickle round the circuit helping this vital work when I am no longer around.

May I therefore ask any *Gazette* reader with suitable contacts to help the cause by mentioning the show's existence to amateur thespian friends and acquaintances whenever possible. A Google search for 'Below Stairs' usually puts the website top of the list but, if you want to access direct, the address is www.BelowStairsShow.com.

Alan Lewis

Driving and Parking on Pavements

The item in November's issue of the gazette by Richard Pushman reminds me of correspondence over many years with various Ministers' of Transport regarding the dangerous and damaging practice of vehicles driving and parking on pavements.

The problem stems from the 43 Chief Constables whose Association advised the Ministers that they will oppose any specific legislation to stop vehicles from parking on pavements simply because they do not have the resources to police the offence and in consequence were able to persuade a Minister of Transport many years ago to remove such provisions from an Act of Parliament that only needed a S.I. To implement the necessary legislation.

It follows therefore that the police tend to ignore vehicles parking on pavements, in the absence of a specific offence. As the present legislation prohibiting obstruction is too difficult and time consuming to implement. I have asked numerous Ministers to amend the current offence of driving on pavements by specifically requiring the driver to prove that he or she did not drive on the pavement (this is not the case at present) but the invariable response is that it is a matter for the police who are impotent unless they actually see the offence occur.

We shall see no improvement on the ground until we have a Minister who is prepared to overrule the Chief Constables and legislate the necessary change in the law but I do not see this happening until overwhelming public opinion demands it.

James D Chamberlen, Stonefield Road

Prescription Collection Service - Hughenden Valley Surgery

This is a reminder that we offer a free collection and delivery service to any resident who needs it. Just give

us a ring and we will be happy to help. You will find our phone numbers in the Gazette Directory of Village Organisations.

Doreen Burge

Christmas Tree Lights

A reminder that Christmas tree lights collection tins are to be found in various shops around the villages.

Please give generously to help us cover the £500 it costs to light the tree each year.

Thank you.

Pam Smith

'Charity' Clothes Collections

We have recently had two incidents of plastic bags left on doorsteps purporting to be for charity clothes collections. Would all readers please be aware that the companies involved are not actually registered charities but commercial companies so do not make any assumptions that your donations will actually go to charity.

Alan Lewis

Remembrance Day

The Naphill Remembrance Service was again extremely well supported and especially by the youth organisations proudly carrying their colours. However the procedure for the wreath laying ceremony must have given others apart from myself some concern. The design of the memorial is such that a minor assault course must be negotiated whilst carrying a wreath. Even the younger more agile participants had some difficulty negotiating the wall around the monument.

Perhaps before next year some consideration could be given to providing a more dignified access to this unique memorial either by installing steps or by modifying the wall to include a level entrance.

Phil Crawshaw

The Wheel

event such a success that was enjoyed by thousands. We would also like to thank everyone that attended The Crick and The Wheel for their much appreciated support and also the patience that it required to get served!

We would also like to say a quick thanks for the garden furniture that we acquired, it didn't end up on the bonfire! It has gone to a good home and got well used on the night. A huge thanks goes to all of our instant bar staff (that's all the locals who helped out when it was very much needed)!

It is now officially the big build up to Christmas and New Year and The Wheel is here to help make it all as painless and festive as possible. Our Christmas Buffet menu is now available to book at the pub; all the opening times and details of Christmas Eve and New Years Eve are also available on the blackboards.

We are also very pleased to announce that Santa Claus has promised to come back and spend the month of December with us although we can not guarantee in what state he will be this year!

The last thing Mark and I would like to say is a massive thank you to all of our staff who have helped us throughout 2007, you have all been brilliant and here's to 2008!

Wishing everyone in Naphill and Walter's Ash a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Claire and Mark

New Font for The Gazette

In my Editorial last month I mentioned that I was thinking of using a different font. Hazel Vickery very kindly suggested that this month I should demonstrate some different fonts to see if anyone had difficulty reading them (or indeed which was the easiest to read) so here goes. Some of these fonts have been suggested by readers.

Times New Roman 11 point - this is the font that the Gazette is currently produced in. It is a 'serif' font which means the letters have tails.

Arial 10.5 point - this font is much favoured by businesses these days. It is 'sans serif'. Arial is the favoured font for people with Dyslexia. It is also the font we currently use for section headings.



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If you have trouble reading any of these paragraphs or if you have a favoured font please could you let me know? I shall be taking a majority view.

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Naphill Gazette Online

One of the suggestions I received last time I asked for feedback on the Gazette was that we should go online with a Naphill 'forum'. This sounds a great idea but there are of course some considerations such as web publication of names and telephone numbers and the whole area around subscriptions. It is however something we should consider again (I think Matt Piercy looked in to this a while ago). If you have a few spare moments could you let me have your views on this idea please? Thank you.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning Applications to 6 November 2007.

07/7499/FUL Rear of 232 Main Road, Naphill. Provision of a basement and fire escape as amendment to application 06/8021/FUL (retrospective).

07/7510/FUL 141 & 142 Templewood, Walter's Ash. Construction of new pitched roof over existing covered ways to both properties (retrospective).

07/7528/FUL 5 Honey Way, Walter's Ash. Erection of chalet bungalow and integral garage with first floor accommodation (alternative to 07/6359/FUL). (Objection. This is now a 2-storey house, out of keeping with the rest of the houses in Honey Way and the dormer windows overlook adjacent properties.)

07/7617/FUL Sports Pitch. No. 3 Site RAF High Wycombe, Walter's Ash. Construction of 5m extension to length of artificial sports pitch and full replacement of existing surface. Additional lighting to

pitch using existing 10m poles together with 6 x 10m poles. New 5m perimeter fencing around extended pitch and formation of 2 x enclosed storage areas adjacent to pitch to house equipment. (Objection on grounds of greatly increased light pollution which will further impact on immediate neighbouring civilian areas in Walter's Ash and be even more evident throughout Walter's Ash and Naphill. A request is to be made for time conditions to be applied.)

MoD Planning Applications. It seems that many people, including some councillors who can influence planning decisions, may be unaware that since June 2006 Crown Immunity no longer applies to MoD applications. Not only are they now subject to standard Wycombe District Council Planning policies, including those affecting the Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, as they apply to the rest of us, but their plans should also reflect the advice contained in the Chiltern Buildings Design Guide and make full allowance for the limitations of local infrastructure.

07/7566/FUL Compair Site, Hughenden Avenue, High Wycombe. Erection of 936 student rooms in 7 blocks (2 phases) plus ancillary services and 495 sq.m of business start-up units. (Concern over visual impact of 7 to 8 storey buildings bordering the AONB and inadequate space being allocated for car parking on site.)

Beware Trespass and Damage Recently a resident of Walter's Ash was served with a County Court judgement and ordered to pay costs and extensive damages for felling a tree in his neighbour's garden.

Watch your Car. Recently there has been a spate of forced entry and thefts from cars in Naphill and Walter's Ash, with some people reporting that their car alarms had been disabled in the process.

Next Meeting. This will be a week earlier than normal on Thursday 6 December 2007.

We hope you all enjoy a very happy Christmas.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Naphill Horticultural Society

Our recent Cheese & Wine evening was a great success. With 95 people present on the night it was almost a record! I hope that Tim Miles inspired some of you to have a go at growing more vegetables and fruit in your gardens or allotments.

Should any of our members be interested in visiting Wisley Gardens, the Society has a Garden Entry card, which allows entry at a reduced rate for two people

and is valid any day except Sunday. If you wish to borrow the card, please let me know.

Our next event is the Annual Dinner on Friday 7 March 2008. Details later, but make a note in your diaries.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, thank you for all your support over the past year, and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a fruitful New Year.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

A Cosy Christmas at Hughenden Manor

There's always so much to do at Hughenden Manor and this winter is no exception. On weekends from 1 till 16 December Hughenden's Cosy Christmas takes place. With select rooms decorated in traditional Victorian simplicity, and a large cedar tree on the North lawn lit with lights you really feel the festive spirit. Children will be able to let off steam by completing a reindeer trail around the garden or joining in the Christmas craft activities. Be inspired by perfect Christmas gifts from our shop or try a treat from the delicious winter menu at the Stables restaurant

We'd like to highlight that visitors can have a 'green' Christmas by using public transport or car sharing. Hughenden has good public transport links, and a reduced admission rate can be enjoyed when arriving by cycle or public transport.

Things to see and do on special days in the formal gardens and stable yard

Saturday 1st

- High Wycombe Choral Society
- 1.30pm 2pm Cookham handbell ringers
- Volunteer musicians playing flute and saxophone throughout the day
- Chilterns Conservation board will have a stand

Sunday 2nd

- Storyteller throughout the day
- A Musician will be performing throughout the day
- Chilterns Conservation board will have a stand

Saturday 8th

- 2.30pm-3pm Cookham handbell ringers
- Students from the faculty of performing arts and recreation of the Misbourne school will be performing from 11am till 1pm
- Storyteller throughout the day

Sunday 9th

- Amersham brass band will be performing throughout the day
- A musician will be performing throughout the day
- 11.15am Garden tour by Frank Parge our Gardener in charge. Limited availability.

Saturday 15th

- High Wycombe Choral Society performing throughout the day
- 2.30pm-3pm Cookham handbell ringers

Sunday 16th

- Amersham brass band will be performing throughout the day
- A musician will be performing throughout the day

Call 01494 755573 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk for further details

A Cosy Christmas opening times:-

Sat 1 Dec, Sun 2 Dec, Sat 8, Sun 9, Sat 15, Sun 16 11am -3.30pm (Manor open 12 noon – 3pm)

Although booking is not necessary, entrance to the manor is by timed ticket, available from the ticket office on the day only.

How much does it all cost?

House and Garden plus all activities: Adult £5 and child £3

Garden only plus all activities: Adult £2.60 and child £1.90

NT members: No charge

Wycombe District Ranger Events December 2007

Thursday 6 & Saturday 8

'Scrub bashing and Footpath Widening – Castlefield Wood'. Meet: 10am in Rutland Avenue car park, High Wycombe (SU845935).

Saturday 8 - 'Mammal Detective'

Keephill Wood, High Wycombe. Meet: 10am The Environment Centre, The Rye, High

Wycombe.

Saturday 8 - 'The Holly and the Ivy - Wycombe Wildlife Family Group'.

Make your own Christmas wreaths and decorations from natural materials.

Meet: 2pm The Environment Centre, The Rye, High Wycombe.

Sunday 9 'Prestwood LNR work party'.

Meet: 10am Prestwood LNR & Picnic Site, Hampden Lane, Prestwood (SU 866991).

Thursday 13 'Castlefield Wood Christmas Cleanup'

Meet: 10am Rutland Avenue Car Park, High Wycombe (SU 845935).

Saturday 15 'Wildfowl Walk at Little Marlow Gravel Pit'.

Meet: 10am Spade Oak Public Car Park, Coldmoorholme Lane, off A4155, Bourne End.

To book your place or for further information on any of the above events, please contact WDC Ranger Service on 01494 421825 or email:

Ranger_Services@wycombe.gov.uk

Calculate Your Carbon Footprint

Web based Carbon Calculators can help us move from agreement on climate change to action. To use one, simply enter details of your annual energy use and travel, then watch the calculator translate this into estimated carbon dioxide emissions.

Once you have your estimate, you can use the calculator to test the impact of doing things differently. Newer calculators allow you to compare your emissions against the national average and UK targets. These are great for getting some perspective* on the size of the challenge ahead. Examples include: http://actonco2.direct.gov.uk/index.html www.nef.org.uk/actonCO2/carboncalculator.htm

The UK government is currently committed to a 60% reduction in CO_2 emissions from 1990 levels by 2050. That means that the 1990 per capita UK emissions of 10 tonnes will need to fall below 4 tonnes per annum by 2050.**

Carbon Calculators usually come with advice. You might opt to insulate your home, switch to a green electricity tariff, or buy only energy efficient appliances. Generating solar hot water or electricity may also be an option for some households.

For more information, contact the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on 0800 512 012.

- * For example, a return flight to Sidney clocks up 6 tonnes of CO₂ emissions per traveller on NEF's previous calculator.
- ** This compares to 1990 per capita emissions (including industry) of 2.1 tonnes in China and 1.4 tonnes in Brazil. Source: UN Stats from CDIAC.

Gordon Glass - Milton Keynes Energy Agency Email: gordon@mkea.org.uk

Two World Wars and 20 Military Campaigns Since

News of tragic events in current military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan hits the headlines all too often. Rarely covered is the fate of those returning home physically injured or mentally scarred, the long-term disabled, the bereaved, families left without their main breadwinner, relationships fractured by separation and anxiety.

The Royal British Legion and SSAFA Forces Help (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association) are long established charities that exist to support families confronted by these problems, but the sad reality is that this message is not always getting through to the people who matter - those in need. Although the charities are, by tradition, associated with the twentieth century world wars their work now deals additionally with the consequences of more than 20 military campaigns since the end of WWII, thus widening and continually extending the catchment of Service personnel who might have fallen upon hard times.

A programme to heighten the awareness of serving and ex-service personnel of the wide range of help and advice that is available is currently being launched throughout Buckinghamshire. National estimates suggest that currently the charities reach a disappointingly small proportion of the ex-service people and their dependants who could be eligible for support.

There could be many reasons for this, not least the threat to the privacy of the individuals, who would be asked to divulge financial and other personal details, albeit to a well trained caseworker. The casework is always handled with extreme sensitivity and in the utmost confidence. We hope that this assurance will encourage more potential clients to come forward and give us the opportunity to help. The help could be financial, emotional or practical: it could provide

respite for those who suffer great strain in their present circumstances.

If any readers, through either their professional or social contacts, are aware of people with a Service background who might be in need of help they are asked to bring this article to their attention and consider with them whether they would like to get in touch with one of the two numbers below. Just one day's service is enough to qualify for support and our clients certainly include national servicemen. Furthermore, if anyone belongs to a local organisation which would welcome a brief talk from one of our staff on the issues raised in this article they are welcome to contact Mr Clyde Perkins, the caseworker coordinator for High Wycombe and the surrounding area, on 01494 535890.

John Lambert - Publicity Officer, SSAFA Bucks

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

A meeting designed for parents of children in Year 1 and reception classes was held last month in the school hall. This was the second such meeting we had run in school and addressed the recently published national guidance on the teaching of reading and spelling in the light of revisions to the National Curriculum. looked at what practical resources to support early reading through phonics are used in schools and how parents can help their children. At Naphill and Walter's Ash School we teach phonic skills to children in small groups from the age of four to seven with short daily sessions in 'streamed' ability groups. Although the school has always used a phonics-based approach this is only the second year we have used this more intensive teaching method. In fact since the inception of the National Curriculum following on from Harold Wilson's 1976 speech at Ruskin's College, Oxford schools in the UK have been 'reactive' to demands from governments of different colours as to how, why and even when to teach reading. The National Literacy Framework saw the age of the 'Literacy Hour' dawn in primary schools with a dedicated hour's lesson repeated daily with a programme of progressive skills rolled out from Reception Year to Year 6. Concepts born in New Zealand were then intensively sold to UK teachers and governors through training courses and resources with schools being set challenging targets to raise standards, measured in terms of SATS, as a result.

This was in the first term of the current Labour Government and was perhaps the busiest time ever for schools up and down the country with additional teaching resources having to be sourced, purchased, catalogued and used alongside the new methodologies of 'shared reading', 'guided writing', 'supported writing', 'Additional Literacy Support', 'word level work' to name the tip of a literate ice-berg. The result

of all this hard work is that children in primary school now have a rich and diverse experience of different genres and text types and are able to read and write in more imaginative ways than ever before. This was, to some greater or lesser degree, revealed in SATs scores which showed a dramatic increase in many schools.

It is then ever so slightly disappointing that the headline news last week was that standards of reading in primary schools have shown no improvement since 1948! When one looks deeper into the story we see perhaps one of the biggest cans of educational worms being approached by a can opener in the guise of Sir Robin Alexander and his team of gurus currently reviewing the National Curriculum on behalf of Her Majesties Chief Inspector of Schools, Christine Gilbert. The finding of his committee are in fact so surprising that they are choosing to drip feed the main findings in a piecemeal fashion so we all don't die of shock!

As a result of good and enthusiastic teaching children's lives are enriched. It is this belief that draws many of us into the profession of teaching, the positive effects we can have on young lives, and so say all of us...

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone.

Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher

Naphill Brownies

The new Brownies made their promise last week with several Brownies gaining their entertainment badge by way of a mock X-Factor show. The remaining few completed their hostess badge making cakes and serving them to our visitors.

We have now started our Artist badge and plan to make collages out of rice, pasta, fabric and anything else interesting we can find and will also be holding a couple of evenings making some Christmas Crafts.

We will be performing at the Brownie and Guide Carol Service at Speen Church in a few weeks time and plan to end the Christmas term by going on an outing to 'Fired Up' in Princes Risborough to paint some pottery.

Brown Owl, Barn Owl, Snowy Owl & Tawny Owl would like to wish all our Brownies and Parents a very Merry Christmas and look forward to your continued support in 2008!

If you would like to add your daughter's name to the waiting list, even if she is a long way off being seven, please contact myself on 564576 or Ruth Daly on 565571.

Judy Pope



Hughenden Parish Council

As I write, the new play area at Templewood is almost finished. It will probably be complete by the time you read this. This facility is intended for children aged 8 and under. A 'near completion' photo is included to the left.

We are planning an official opening ceremony to take place on the morning of Saturday December 1, at about 10.30am. Invitations are being sent to local residents but everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the provision of this facility for the children of our village. Refreshments will be provided before young children are given the opportunity to try out the new equipment.

Once the Beeks house building programme is complete, the rest of the area will be tidied, grassed and improved. We hope this green space will be a source of enjoyment for years to come.

Peggy Ewart (565969) - Vice Chairman, Hughenden Parish Council

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2007

My thanks for the generosity of everyone in Naphill & Walter's Ash who contributed to the above appeal this year. All records were broken with a total sum to the RBL of £1,922.15p made up by Collection boxes £1,485.56p, Village Hall service collection £237.09p and payment and donation for wreaths £199.50p.

When I took over this appeal for the village in 1984 the corresponding amounts were Boxes £233.23p, Village Hall Service £51.85p and wreaths £28.50p giving a total of £313.58p. This has gradually increased year by



year to to-day's total, breaking the £1,000 barrier in 1996. Perhaps to-day people are seeing the present day conflicts shown to us by TV and newspaper coverage and realise that war did not stop with the two world wars. Since then, we have known conflicts in Korea, Suez, The Falklands, Iraq and now Afghanistan.

As we think of all personnel killed or maimed in battle, we say each year "We will remember them."

Valerie Pushman

Naphill Pre-School

During the October half-term holiday, the children did a 'Sponsored Find' to raise funds for pre-school. They went into the woods or countryside and collected leaves, berries and lots of other wonderful things, which they then used to make fantastic pictures. All the children had lots of fun doing this and it was also a good way of raising money for new toys etc, for preschool. Thank you to all those who sponsored children.

The themes for this half term are "food", and of course "Christmas". Planned activities include the children taking a trip to the local allotments to see what vegetables are grown there.

Christmas is a very exciting time at pre-school, with the staff and committee working very hard to arrange the Christmas grotto, which I am sure will be a great success. Christmas activities for pre-school would not be complete without the nativity play! The staff are working hard having dress rehearsals with the children as we speak. And we are delighted to report that the media department from Strike Command - RAF High Wycombe - have agreed to come along and film the whole production! We look forward to seeing the end result and by selling these DVDs we'll be able to invest in more supplies for the children.

We still need more prizes for the Christmas raffle, if anybody would like to donate a prize it will be greatly appreciated by pre-school. Without these fundraising ventures, the pre-school is unable to invest in new toys and craft supplies for the children.

The last day of term is the 14 December, this will also be the children's Christmas party, and Father Christmas will be visiting pre-school on that day, which will be a fantastic way to finish the term. We are always looking for people to give an hour or two a week, to come in and spend time with the younger children so the play assistants can do more structured activities with the older children, in preparation for starting big school. For any further information, please contact Gemma Vinall on 562353 (Chair).

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the children and their families to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the Staff at pre-School and to the Committee members who put in so much effort not only over Christmas but all year round. From all of us at pre-school have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Naphill Baby & Toddlers

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play.

We will be having a Christmas party on 13th December with a professional children's entertainer and special early visit by Father Christmas himself. Price £5.00 for first child. £3.00 per subsequent child to include tea. Time 2pm - 4pm. Please phone Louise to book your place.

We meet every Thursday (term-time) at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm. Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling).

For further information please come along during session times or call Louise 01494 488255.

Louise Lucas

A Christmas Quiz

A festive bottle awaits the first person to send the Editor the correct answers to the following questions.

- 1. How many years did the Hundred Years war last?
- 2. Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3. From which animal do we get catgut?
- 4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October revolutions?
- 5. What is a camel hair brush made of?
- 6. The Canary Islands are named after which creature?
- 7. What was King George VI's first name?
- 8. What colour is a purple finch?
- 9. Where are Chineese gooseberries grown?
- 10. What is the colour of a black box in a commercial airplane?

Answers in the February edition. Good luck!

Pat Hutton

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