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Editorial

A very happy new year to you all. It is good to be back and to know that Spring is just around the corner.

So many people contacted me to say how much they enjoyed our Christmas cover. The month we are featuring the Naphill Brownie pack who must surely get the prize for the cutest cover so far (sorry Santa!). Mark and I now have a schedule of cover photos planned for the year so if you would like your

organisation to feature please contact me to book a slot.

Sadly this month we have lost one of our regular contributors. The Over 60s Club which was started in 1957 and has been running for 50 years has had to close its doors due to rising costs and smaller membership. I will really miss reading their monthly report and would like to wish the members all the best. Doris, I will miss your emails, keep in touch.

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
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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 Forge Road	10.30–11.15am 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
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

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	Ruth Daly	565571	
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Community Beat Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146
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Football Club (Mens)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
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	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	
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 - Naphill	Trevor Nicholls	565322	Beavers & Cubs on Tuesdays, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
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	

County Councillor's Report

Although the New Year is one month old already I hope it's not too late to wish you a happy and healthy one. Let us all hope that the economic portents are not as bad as the pundits' forecast. 2008 is an exciting year locally, with the opening of Eden and the early completion of the new junction arrangements at Woodway and the A4010 at Culverton crossroads.

My comments on the parking at Walter's Ash in the last Gazette generated a great deal of response and I thank all those who took the time to write and to email me. On a general note, opinion was equally divided between those readers who wanted action taken for all parking infringements, along the lines of Special Parking Area legislation. Whilst others felt that the level of parking did not justify the imposition of wardens and fines.

Naphill Residents Association correctly pointed out to me that planning permission had been sought for the change to the size of the premises and the provision of living accommodation above the shop. They opposed these changes, as the parking problems had been foreseen.

I was incorrect in stating that planning permission was not an issue for just the change in ownership. The planners' recommendation was that the new application be approved. Like so many other similar applications, the parking provision was not applied to what was thought to be another local village store where the majority of customers would walk to it! The same arguments were used in the past for the Post Office, the butchers shop, and the wine cellar - now the Chinese takeaway. The Planners also pointed out that the other food store, near to the top of Coombe Hill Lane, has never had parking spaces provided.

Road congestion in the county is currently a topic being considered by the Scrutiny Committee of which I am chairman. It is a result of increased car use, an incremental increase in housing pressures and the lack of proper infrastructure provision. I wish I could be optimistic about a solution to this problem but in the absence of any government financial help towards a better road and transport system, the outlook is not encouraging.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Firstly Happy New Year! By the time you read this report, the Christmas holiday will have seemed such a long time ago. The Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall was one again well attended, as was the Carol Service on 16

December. Both Julie and I attended the Hughenden Parish Council reception on 23 December in North Dean; a good chance to network with my Parish colleagues.

By the time of publication, the new playground at Templewood should have been opened on 26 January; a very welcome and pleasant additional facility for the smaller children.

The next full Council will be on **21 February**. This is where we decide on the Council Tax for 2008/2009! As a reminder, it is of course open to members of the public.

Finally, I would welcome any community funding requirements for this year. I do have a little amount of ward budget left; I would like to forward these applications to the Council fairly soon. Can you please call or email me by the **end of February** please. It is on a first come first serve basis and although I cannot promise anything, I will do the best I can.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The new playground at Templewood should have had its opening ceremony by the time you read this. We are planning to open it on January 26th.

The Parish Precept for 2008/09 has been set at £155,000, compared with £151,500 in the current year. This represents a below inflation increase of 2.3%. The money is collected by Wycombe District Council within your Council Tax and this amount is then paid to the Parish half yearly. The following gives an indication of the headings under which the money is spent.

Salaries and general administration	£54,625
Four Ashes Burial Ground (ex wages)	£4,500
Grants to villages for newsletters, halls, playing fields and special requests	£14,000
Maintenance of allotments, woods, other open spaces	£35,000
Street lighting	£8,000
Playground maintenance and equipment	£30,000

Income from rents and fees is about £15,000 per year.

Last year's figure for playgrounds was also about £30,000, of which £10,000 was for repairs and maintenance and almost £20,000 for the construction of the Templewood play area. You may recall that the Parish has taken over the costs of maintaining playgrounds from village hall councils. This was done to ensure these play areas continued to be available to our children in a safe condition. We are applying for grant funding to assist with upgrading the equipment in some of the village playgrounds; grant funding may not be forthcoming! Hence the decision to keep expenditure on playgrounds at last year's level so the Parish can fund some new equipment if necessary. The play areas are greatly valued by local residents and we are serving the community well by managing these responsibly.

The Council always seeks to provide good value for money; it functions under 'best value' principles. To this end, much of the maintenance and conservation work on the Parish land assets is now done by small contractors, resulting in savings and greater efficiency.

The contact details for your Parish Councillors appear in the Directory of Village Organisations. Please contact any one of us for information, or to express concerns.

Peggy Ewart - Vice Chairman

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

Although I'm writing this when rain has stopped play and severe flood warnings have been issued for parts of the country, I remain optimistic for the prospects of winter tennis. Our courts are remarkably efficient at collecting fallen leaves, but these have now been bagged up (leaf mould anyone?) and the courts are now clear. We Brits love to moan about the weather but in fact it's not that frequently that we have to cancel our tennis on account of rain, though frost has been an issue, which is why we play at 1pm on Sundays in the winter.

Our annual light-hearted Tinsel Tournament was its usual success, and people brought food to share a delicious festive lunch in the clubhouse. One of the best things about the Naphill Tennis Club is its friendly atmosphere. Yes, we have some good players who take part in competitions such as the Bucks Shield, the Aylesbury League and the Bucks Veterans League but anyone who has played tennis and would like to take it up again is assured of a warm welcome.

I am now the Chairman rather than the Secretary, which I think means I have somewhat less work to do! I'm happy to talk to anybody who may be

interested in the club - email me at david@tvemf.org or phone on 01494-532195.

David Fletcher

Naphill Evening WI

A happy 2008 to all our readers and a prayer for better health for those who have not been too well lately.

Now to go back to November 15th; Mrs S Waterman talked to us about her personal achievement. After becoming blind more or less overnight she spoke about her struggle back to independence. We marvelled at what she was able to do including performing on the stage. A truly enlightening evening.

Our Christmas party was a huge success on the 13th December. Not only was the food better than ever, if that is possible, and so plentiful, but the entertainment excelled with Beryl's daughter and friends giving us a surprise performance. Their singing gave us a night to remember, so another big 'thank you' goes out to them.

January 17th our first meeting of the year, subs to be paid and programmes received. Again this report goes to press before then so we will comment on the 'Court of King Zog in Exile', a talk by Neil Rees, in our next issue.

We have many events to look forward to in 2008.

February 21st will be an open meeting (non-members welcome), topic 'The World of Cacti', speaker Douglas Donaldson, with the competition being a cactus. On March 27th it is our turn to host the Group meeting, with speaker Hugh Davies talking about Women in Wartime, one or two of us will have memories of our own about that. There will be new Resolutions in May, two members went to the briefing meeting in January, the selection meeting will again be in March. In June, a Naphill delegate will go to the conference in Liverpool. There will also be the usual social occasions and rambles, as well as interesting talks at the monthly meetings, thus another busy year for the committee and members.

Feel free to join us if you are looking for friendship and commitment.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

By the time this article goes to print, December and Christmas will seem a long time ago. However, December was a very busy time in the calendar of Naphill Neighbours.

Firstly, there was the Tombola Stall at the Christmas Fayre which raised £114 towards Village Hall Funds. On the 4th December, a full coach went on a most enjoyable trip to Birmingham for a Brummie Christmas which included a tour of Birmingham, a trip through the German Xmas Market and then a visit to the Barber Institute of Fine Arts concluding with a welcome cup of tea and mince pie.

There will be happy memories from our December Group meeting on the 10 December when we held our annual Christmas dinner. As ever, the food was delicious and Members enjoyed singing carols and some in-house entertainment by the Committee which provided a good start to the festive season.

Our speaker for the first meeting of the New Year was Mr Andy Hughes who gave us a most interesting and amusing talk on Working as a Newsreader and Reporter on Radio. With many years experience in both national and commercial radio presenting, Mr Hughes told of how the newsreader has always to be sharp, clear and concise as they create a picture for the listener. There was a practical demonstration of reading a news bulletin with hilarious results and it was clear that you need to be a multi-tasker to do the job efficiently.

For the meeting on 11 February our speaker will be Mr Runnalls Davis on "Idle Women" which should prove an interesting topic!

Our visit to the TERRACOTTA ARMY on 14th March is now fully booked and money for this trip will be due at the February meeting.

Tea hostesses for February 2008 are as follows:
Beryl Gossage, Eileen O'Neil and Judy Blofeld..

Isobel Lane

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes

Before I get on to the business of the Village Hall Council meeting I would like to take this opportunity to express our sadness at the demise of the Over 60's club. This club has served the senior members of our community well and it is sad that they feel that their numbers no longer make running such a club viable. We would like to thank them for their support and contribution to our community over the years and wish them well individually for the future.

Our Treasurer had a very encouraging report. Thanks to a record result from the fete, the fireworks and the Christmas Fayre the books are very healthy

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and so we are finally able to go ahead with the repairs to the roof. We have been in contact with the contractor and are hoping for this work to start over the Easter holidays. The Hall will be surrounded with scaffolding for the duration of the work – about two weeks – but this is a necessary evil if we are to make the roof and the tower secure and watertight. It will be great to finally get it done.

We also decided to go ahead with the installation of a bin on the Crick for the disposal of dog faeces. We plan to place it inside the hedge by the Main Road close to the old kissing gate. When it is in place do please make good use of it and do not dump your "dog waste" in the ordinary bins.

I have a very big thank you for all of you who put money in the tins for the Christmas Tree lights. The total collection was £440 which just about covers our expenses for lighting the tree. Thank you. The tree was, as ever, greatly admired and it is now an integral part of the village Christmas. However, when I tell you that the insurance premium to cover the climbers going up the tree to install the lights is now £300, you can see just how dependant we are on your support, so when you see the tins appearing next year around the village do please dig in your pocket.

Even though we have had a good financial year we have a long list of jobs that need doing around the Hall. It is never ending. So we continue to need your help in supporting the events we put on to raise funds. The events we have planned are:

- The quiz night on 29th February - book your table now.
- The fete on 7th June. Ted is awaiting your phone call to offer your services.

Put these dates in your diary. See you there.

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

Your Letters

Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

The great sum of £440 was collected in the tins around the village.

Thanks to everyone who donated and also to all who displayed the collecting tins to help in the lighting of our tree. Everyone has expressed to me what a wonderful sight it has been.

Of course we must say 'Thank you' to the men who climbed the tree which made this possible.

What a great spirit we have in our village.

Thanks to all.

Pam Smith

Leigh Lewis - Settling in to the Village

2008 is in full swing. Our team (from local villages) having settled in well. They include two Janets!, Lesley & Millie. Both Janets & Lesley cover reception duties. They have proved invaluable ensuring that our patients receive personalised care. Scheduling appointments to fit into working days & school runs. Millie is an AS grammar school student. She helps on our busy Saturday mornings. We are all enjoying a short drive/walk to work along with the lack of daily parking charges.

Our spectacle range has been dynamic. We have all enjoyed helping each person choose something special. We have an extensive choice of spectacle lenses. Each person requires individual choices, from the most exclusive individual fit varifocal, to thin light hi index lenses. This helps avoid old fashioned thick heavy specs making them light & comfortable.

The shop felt empty after the Christmas decorations came down. However Rudy Project has filled the gaps. The new Italian sports specs are stylish while providing the latest high tech materials & prescription solutions for even the most competitive sports enthusiast. The New Year sale has provided genuine discounts on our current stock including designer specs.

We are looking forward to longer, lighter days & the arrival of designer sunglasses to lift the winter blues.

Leigh Lewis - Optometrist

**Thanks from Doreen and Tony
Burge & Family**

Doreen and Tony would like to say a big and heartfelt thank you to everyone who has offered their support, good wishes and prayers during this difficult time. What a wonderful and supportive community we live in.

Tony & Doreen Burge

The Wheel

With 2007 behind and our first whole year completed, we now look towards a busy, fun packed 2008 with lots of events, beer festivals, live music and much more. Mark and I wish everyone a very Happy New Year and would also like to take the opportunity to thank all our customers for their support during 2007.

Over the Christmas period Jim and Ruby (2 of our customers) organised a charity dinner and dance at the village hall in aid of MacMillan Cancer. It was a fantastic evening that was supported extremely well by a jam packed village hall. There were some generous donations from people who could not attend the evening, as well as some great raffle prizes that were donated by various businesses within the local area. The music was brilliant and we discovered that some of our customers are real movers and some, well, tried!!!! The evening was a great success so much so that the figure raised was



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£2700, which is a huge credit to themselves and everyone that was present.

So what's coming up in 2008? Well first and foremost it will be the Six Nations rugby and as usual we will be showing every game. During the same period as the rugby, we have Valentine's Day, Mothers Day and St. Patricks Day (St. Patrick Day party on Saturday 15th March). The month of March will be topped off with Easter Weekend closely followed by our first beer festival of the year over the weekend of 4th 5th 6th April. So a busy start to the year, and the summer has not even started (That's if we are lucky enough to get one this year)

So looking ahead for the rest of the year it will be Garden Parties, Beer Festivals, Live Music and the usual mayhem that we seem to create for ourselves.... Here's to it!

Mark and Claire

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Whilst our summer fete may seem a long time hence, preparation does start early!! Helen and I are already folding some of the 3000 raffle tickets as we prefer to do it during the winter whilst watching TV. I suspect there will be those among you who will have received Xmas presents that do not suit you for one reason or another and if this is the case perhaps you could consider donating them to our tombola stall. Last year we hardly had to buy a prize because of the generosity of our donors and as a result we raised in excess of £500. So if you would like to donate do please give us a ring or you can deliver direct to our door at the address below. If you do not have any unwanted Xmas presents then food tins or packets, bottles and any other unwanted new item will be gratefully received.

Thank you once again for your support.

*Helen and Ron Collins, Michaelmas Cottage, 2
Lacey Drive, Naphill. Tel 01494 562240*

Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

The team hope everyone enjoyed the lights this year. The lead climber was Mike Leggett, ably assisted up the tree by Kelly Fountain of Hughenden Valley and Stephen Fountain of Widmer End. The team on the ground consisted of Gary Putnam of Holmer Green, John Harris, Ron Collins, Terry Aldridge, Richard Walmsley, Peter Brown, Glenn Gavin, Peter Davis, Ben Putnam, myself, Mark Christian and Robin Stubbs of Amersham. The last two mentioned were new to the team this time, Mark being landlord of "The Wheel" public house and both Mark and Robin being reserve climbers for the future. Ben Putnam, aged 12, was assisting for the

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Barbara Fleming - 562519

second time – we believe in bringing them on young!

Global warming is becoming more of a problem for the Christmas tree lights in that the winds are getting stronger. In the distant past we had only one cable break – when a large branch came down. Then in 2006/7 we had a cable break at the top of the tree some distance from the trunk, after the lights had been up for a week, and Mike Leggett had to go out literally on a limb to retrieve the broken end. This time, 2007/8, things were a lot worse. Within 24 hours of putting up the lights an enormous wind tore off the protective board at the top of the tree and took out two of the three bright lights which form the star. The weather was bad for a week so we could not effect repairs. During that week another enormous wind knocked out about 20% of the lights (cable damage caused a break in the circuit), and then another enormous wind knocked out another 30% through more cable damage so we then had half the lights out. Mike Leggett was then up the tree for longer than it normally takes to put the lights up, seeking the places on the cable where it was damaged and effecting repairs. We also replaced about 50 bulbs which failed in that first week of violent winds. We have not had damage anywhere near as bad as that in the past.

I must take this opportunity to thank Pam Smith who organised the tins for the collection in village shops, and you, the members of the public, who donated generously. The total cost of the lights, including insurance for the operation, the replacement of bulbs and other equipment and the high cost of electricity, comes to about £600 each year. Owing to the gales of 2006/7 we had to replace 155 bulbs (out of a total of 280 up the tree) so you can see the extent of the damage caused by the wind. I must also take this opportunity to thank Brenda and Jack Bates who permit us to use their long drive for the testing and repair of the cable – and Marlène

Mason for assisting with the testing and repair and for the provision of the essential mince pies and coffee for the team.

All the best for 2008!

Mike Mason

Thank You

... Geoff Brown who left me a message before Christmas about the tree lights. I did pass it on to the lights team but you didn't leave a number for me to get back to you and let you know.

Judy Whitehouse

Charity Dance 29th December 2007 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

We would like to thank all friends, villagers and businesses in and around Naphill who supported this Charity Dance at the Village Hall.

It was a great evening enjoyed by everybody from the feedback we have received and your generosity raised the grand sum of £2,701 which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you all from Jim, Ruby and Tom.

A Huge Thank You!

Hi all,

I hope you are well and had a fantastic Christmas and New Year.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to SO many of you who were kind enough to offer to sponsor me in aid of High Wycombe Sunrise Cancer ward. You have all been incredibly generous and I have now exceeded my original goal of £1,000. I am still trying to collect sponsorship (and people are still deciding how much to sponsor me) but from what I have been promised I am expecting the total to be over £1,500.

I did the sponsored swim on Sunday afternoon at High Wycombe Sports Centre accompanied by my loyal father! Those of you who know me won't be surprised to hear that I lost count of the number of laps I did! 64 lengths of the 25 metre pool is one mile but when I was on what I thought was number 63 Dad told me he had already done 64 and had got out of the pool to go to the toilet - during which time I knew I had done four! Still just in case I did what I thought were the remaining two, so you can

NAPHILL Village Hall Quiz

Who?

Where?



When?

Why?

**Friday 29th February
(Doors open 7pm, Quiz Starts
7.30pm)**

**Teams of Four
Tickets £8 pp (includes
Ploughman's)**

Full Bar Available

In Aid of Hall Funds

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

be sure I did the mile! It took me just over 50 minutes, so not a massively quick pace but hey it's done!

I have confirmed with the Sunrise ward that I will be purchasing a medium sized cold cap with the sponsorship money. This helps to prevent hair loss in patients undergoing chemotherapy. With the rest of the money the ward and I have decided that laptop computers would be a fantastic distraction for the chemotherapy patients. They will allow people on the ward to watch DVDs, browse the internet or catch up with work whilst they are receiving their treatment.

I have been up to John Lewis and decided that Sony VAIOS would be the most suitable based on their weight and ease of use. I have submitted a letter to John Lewis' charity department asking whether they would be kind enough to subsidise the cost of four of these laptops with headphones. I am now awaiting a response, but no matter what the outcome your kind generosity has enabled me to purchase the cold cap and at least one laptop for the ward. Thank you SO much for your support. I know it will have a huge impact for future cancer patients in the High Wycombe area and will make a tough time that little bit easier.

If you have any questions or have not sponsored me but would like to donate to this cause please telephone me on: 01494 881097

Take care,

Matt Collins

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning to 7th January 2008.

07/7957/FUL 101 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of car port.

07/7988/FUL 137 Templewood, Walter's Ash. Construction of single storey conservatory to rear.

07/8117/FUL Minuet, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Demolition of existing garage and conservatory and construction of single storey side and rear extension, new front porch and replacement chimney to existing bungalow

08/5002/FUL 8 Battingswood Gardens, Naphill. Construction of single storey front extension and part two storey/part single storey side extension.

Parking at the Co-op, Walter's Ash. Have you had safety issues parking at the Co-op, accessing or exiting the forecourt during busy times of the day, or when deliveries are being made by large articulated lorries? Many people have. Now we hear reports of individuals being knocked over in that area.

Referring to the application by the Co-op in 2004, Bucks County Council Highways pointed out that, with regard to Parking Standards, there was a shortfall of 8 parking spaces. The site required 14 but only 6 were available, 2 for the first floor flat and 4 for customers and shop assistants. Our Residents Association objected strongly to that application, but the Co-op owners said most people would walk or cycle to the shop so there would be no problem!

The plan was eventually passed by Wycombe District Council with no conditions to address the parking difficulties expected by local people. In 2005 application was made to divide the first floor flat into two flats for private use, requiring 3 rather than 2 (private) parking spaces in the Co-op forecourt. Local Plan Parking Standards were to be further eroded, with a shortfall of 9 parking spaces (15 required but only 6 available). Nevertheless the plans were passed with the District Council commenting that the parking situation would not deteriorate further because residents of the flats would be using their cars to travel to work, leaving their 3 parking spaces free during the day.

But as predicted the situation got worse. The District Council Planning office says responsibility for safety lies with the Co-op and County Council Highways. County Council says District Council is responsible for parking standards on the shop forecourt. We would welcome your information about any difficulties you may have had with parking at the Co-op to help us follow up the matter.

Dumping in Bradenham Woods. We have had reports of rubbish being dumped in Bradenham Woods. Once started the situation can get worse. If you come across such dumps could you please phone Hughenden Estate Office, 01494 755573 to let them know where to locate the rubbish, and a warden will inspect the area.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Naphill Horticultural Society

Happy New Year to you all

Dinner & Entertainment- Friday 7th March

- Doors open 7.15pm
- Wine & Soft Drinks Bar

Tickets are now available, and cost just £14, including Society Membership for 2008. 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 Chicken, Leek & Ham Pie or Boeuf Bourguignon or a Vegetarian alternative of Leek & Cheshire Cheese Tart, all served with New Potatoes, Carrots & Roasted Vegetables. For dessert there will be either Coffee Pecan Cheesecake or Chocolate Bread & Butter Pudding. Tea and Coffee will follow.

After Dinner we will be entertained by Voice Versa, a singing quartet, who have promised a very light-hearted programme.

Members and non-members are all very welcome, but I **must** have final numbers and menu choices by February 29th. Tickets always sell fast – so don't wait to be invited, just pick up the phone!

On Monday March 17th 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.

Looking forward to seeing you all on March 7th.

Cathryn Carter - 563233



**Guides &
Brownies
Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 1st
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.

WDC Ranger Service Events February 2008

Saturday 2nd 'Castlefield Wood: Path & Scrub Work'

Join in with important conservation work on your local breathing place. Your efforts are vital for wild-life such as orchids, butterflies and birds.

Meet: 10am Rutland Avenue Car Park, High Wycombe. Grid ref: SU845935.

Sunday 3rd 'Of Wildfowl, Waders and Migrants', Little Marlow.

This flat, circular walk for all the family of approx 2½ miles (2½ hours), searching for a variety of wildfowl and winter visitors. Please bring binoculars if you have them. A spotting scope will be available for your use.

Booking Event.

Meet: 10am Spade Oak Public Car Park, Coldmoorholme Lane, Nr Bourne End. Grid ref: SU883876.

Thursday 14th and Saturday 16th 'Sands Bank Scrub Clearance'.

Conservation Work Party to help remove scrub from a species rich area of chalk grassland.

Meet: Thursday 10.30am, Saturday 10am by the entrance to WWFC, Hillbottom Rd., Sands. Grid ref: SU835934.

Sunday 24th 'Brush Hill LNR Work party' Princes Risborough.

Join the WDC Rangers and Risborough Countryside Group for a morning of conservation on this beautiful Local Nature Reserve.

Meet: 10am by the 5-bar gate at the top of Kop Hill, Princes Risborough.

Saturday 28th 'Highfield Wood: Path & Scrub Work', Micklefield.

Join in with this important conservation work to create a mosaic of habitats suitable for a wide variety of wildlife..

Meet: 10am Micklefield Community Centre, Micklefield Road, High Wycombe. Grid ref: SU893933.

For further information or to book your place, please contact WDC Ranger Service on 01494 421825 or e-mail Ranger_Services@wycombe.gov.uk

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Stout footwear and appropriate clothing are essential. Gloves, tools & hot drinks are provided.

Of Mice and Men and Muntjacs and Money

No, this is not an abridged version of that fine novel by John Steinbeck. Alas, they don't write them like that these days. The mouse element stems from our cat, Fraser, who caught a mouse a few days ago and brought it home to show us how clever he was. June and I were enjoying breakfast in our dressing gowns when Fraser appeared mouse in mouth. I swiftly seized the mouse glove which is readily available to cope with such situations, and, somewhat smugly, managed to divert the cat and seize the mouse. I then opened the French windows and carried the mouse across the lawn to a hedge where I proposed to release it as it was obviously alive. However when I opened the glove the mouse had vanished and I presumed that it had fallen out of my glove and escaped into the garden. I then resumed breakfast.

Later, after washing up, I went upstairs to our bedroom to dress. Before taking off my dressing gown I checked to see that the pockets were empty, as keys have a habit of disappearing only to be found in the odd pocket, my hand contacted a wriggling, furry object – the mouse – which had obviously fallen from my glove straight into the pocket. I swiftly rushed downstairs into the garden where I took off the dressing gown revealing my pyjama clad body to the world in temperature of +2 degrees centigrade – brrrrh! I shook the dressing gown upside down whereupon the mouse fell out of the pocket onto the lawn and scoot doff under a hedge. Flaps off!

The 'men' stems from an incident in Morrison's car park in High Wycombe. For once parking spaces were available en masse: I noticed two attached spaces and swiftly and accurately parked my car. As I did so, a large 4 x 4 swept into the parking slot on my right and stopped with the car a full foot into my parking slot making it difficult for me to get out of my car. I opened the window and called to the driver to reposition his car to give me dismounting space. As he got out of his car he shouted 'I am in a hurry' and clearly had no intention of completing my perfectly reasonable request. As I wondered what to do the driver (Caucasian, age mind forties and well spoken) started to walk towards the store. Then to my suppose and delight a young man appeared whom I vaguely recognised as an occasional checker at the car park checkout point and shouted to the driver 'please move your vehicle sir, it is incorrectly parked'. The driver began to remonstrate but thought better of it and positively rushed into his car, reversed, and was parked, plum central in 10 seconds! He then leapt out and rushed off (car unlocked!) to Morrison's without saying a

word. I followed on hoping to see him in the store and have words. However I never saw him again. I felt particularly frustrated by the episode. He was obviously well off and well spoken but totally lacking in consideration. A sad sign of the times?

Thirdly, Muntjacs. One appeared in my garden recently and was initially spotted by our cat which rushed out to chase it away. However it soon appreciated the size of the deer and lost interest. Meantime I went out desperate to find out how it has managed to break into our well fenced and hedged garden. When the deer saw me it panicked and streaked round the garden striving to find an exit. This was an exceptional experience because the deer was running at vast speed, swerving, accelerating and decelerating and much of this occurred very close to me. My cat, Fraser, was petrified! Eventually, the deer departed by jumping over an 8 foot fence and crashing into a branch of a cherry tree in the adjoining garden. During its visit to my garden it had eaten some buds of a camellia, the rose are not ready yet!

Lastly money. The Gazette financial year ends on 31 January and the accounts will appear in the next edition accompanied by the red collection boxes. The cost of the Gazette will remain unchanged at £2 for 10 issues and there will be minor changes to some advertising rates. Colour is now a basic element of the Gazette and I hope that we can continue to increase its use without unpleasant financial consequences for anyone.

David Leith

FunShops for School/University Leavers

When nearing completion, or after completing, school or university, it is time to decide what to do next. Whilst some have a clear idea of what they want to do in life, many find it difficult because there are too many options and they do not know what they want or what they would be good at.

Schools/universities try to help, through career advice services and computer assessments that highlight talents and abilities. More information and advice comes from parents, peers, the education system, the media...

However for many, too much, and at times conflicting, information, too many leaflets, add to the sense of confusion and helplessness.

What if there was another way to find out what you want to do and that way was fun and stress free?

We aim to help you take control of your future by:

- Increasing your self-awareness
- Making the decision-making process easier

- Providing you with the tools to seek the information you need, and filter the information you get.

How do we do that?

We provide a safe environment where you have the time to think, away from outside pressures. The creative techniques we use come from the business world. They help you discover/rediscover who you are, what is important to you and how you can use that information to find out the future you want. In addition most participants experience an increase in confidence both in themselves and their future, and put together a realistic plan of action to go forward.

How does it work?

We run 3 separate FunShops in succession with time in between to allow for reflection:

FunShop 1 - A journey of self discovery (where are you starting from)

Discover here who you are, what motivates you, and use that information to build a vision of your future

FunShop 2 - Sharpening the focus (where are you going to)

Now you know more about yourself, and have a vision of your future, look at the abilities you enjoy using, at past achievements and successes (we all have some even if we are not aware of them). Test different options in the room to see which ones feel right.

FunShop 3 - Mapping the journey (how you get there)

Here we look at options in more detail and think about how you deal with challenges you may encounter. You can now create a simple and effective action plan to get you the future you want

We will be running a series of FunShops in the Naphill area, for more information please contact Hilary George via email on hilsgorge@btinternet.com or 07909 833566.

National Blood Service

Each day hospitals in England and north Wales require 7,000 units of blood to supply their patients with the care that they need and require. For the past 15 years the residents of Naphill and Walter's Ash have been helping the National Blood Service meet these demands by rolling up their sleeves and donating pints of the "red stuff"!

Naphill Village Hall has hosted 62 blood donor sessions since they first began in 1993 with the help of volunteer organiser, Bob Davis. Initially there was only one blood donor session per year but now there are four. In the last two years alone, residents have donated over 6000 units of blood, and with one donation potentially saving more than one life that means that over 6000 lives could have been saved.

Trudi Righton, the NBS spokesperson for the South, says: "The NBS would like to say a big thank to the donors and the volunteers in Naphill and Walter's Ash for their continuing support! Giving blood can make a huge difference to someone's life and we appreciate your generosity."

The next blood donor session takes place on **04/04/08** at Naphill Village Hall, Main Road, Naphill, High Wycombe, Bucks. Times are: 14:00-15:55 & 16:45-18:45.

The whole blood donation procedure takes about one hour approximately from the reception to the tea table. If you are a regular blood donor it is frequently much quicker.

If you would like to become a blood donor you should be aged between 17 – 60 (70 for regular donors), weigh over 7st 12lbs (50 kg) and be in general good health to be potentially eligible. For more information or to book an appointment please call the Donor Helpline on 0845 7 711 711 or log on to www.blood.co.uk.

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. Before we broke up for the holidays a number of seasonal events happened at the school. One such event was so successful last year that it was repeated; our 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.

Parents of children in Key Stage One and the Foundation Stage were treated to our school Nativity performances last week. Mrs Pascoe and Mrs Trickett led the staff and their efforts were well rewarded with a magical and memorable afternoon. The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy it too and our cake sale made a total of £386.43 for the charity

Plan International. Thank you to everyone who came along and also gave so generously to this charity. A special thank you to all our parents who made cakes and helped to sell them and also to Tesco's in Princes Risborough and our local Co-Op for generously helping out with the ingredient for the cakes made by children in school.

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 once again, organising it.

I'm pleased to see people making use of our new school web site. The site is rapidly being populated with new information, photo galleries as well as information and letters that will be of interest to parents and hopefully people living in the community. Please sign up to receive updates via e-mail. You will not be overwhelmed with spam but once a week will receive notification of any new items that have been added to the site.

Planning permission has now been granted for the construction of a Pre-School building on the school site. The construction phase will commence in January or February next term and promises to be a very exciting project. Another exciting innovation is that Bucks County Council in association with our internet service provider, Atomwide, have installed a computerised weather station on the school site. The device has been installed above the Key Stage 2 cloakrooms and submits all sorts of technical weather information to a web site, <http://weather.atomwide.com/>. A link to this site is on the links section of our school web site under the 'High Wycombe' section of a scroll down menu. This will prove to be a fantastic resource for data logging and weather monitoring at school. Though at the moment only have to look out onto the school playground to forecast the weather...more rain!

Kind Regards

Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher

Naphill Brownies

We have started the new term off by welcoming 2 new Brownies to the unit; we hope they enjoy their time with us.

The first week back we had a few energetic games and a sing song. We also had a pow-wow with the Brownies to find out what they would like to do this term; they came up with some very enthusiastic

ideas. Using some of their ideas we have put together a very action packed programme.

We have planned to do some badges such as the Book Lover, Cooks, Circus & Stargazer over the next few months. Our first outing is a visit to the High Wycombe Library, where we will have a tour round and take part in a quiz set by the Library this will go towards the Book Lover's badge.

For our Circus badge we have someone coming to visit us to show us some circus skills and plan to make some soft bean bags to do some juggling.

We plan to have an American evening we have a lady coming to teach us how to Line Dance, and we will be cooking hot dogs and donuts. We thought it would be nice to look at a few different countries and have themed evenings. It will also get us thinking about 'Thinking Day' in February.

Please put a note in your diaries that the Brownie and Guides Jumble Sale on Saturday 1st March 2008.

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 Pre-School

Happy New Year from all at Pre-School, and once again I must say thank you to all the people who put in a great effort to make the Christmas grotto and the Christmas party a great success. And a thank you to all those who donated wonderful prizes for the raffle, without which we would not be able to fund new toys for the children.

The Christmas nativity play DVD produced by the RAF Strike Command, is now on sale, price £10, and available from Gemma at pre-school.

The children are now back into the new term, full of excitement and joy following the Christmas break. The staff are doing a wonderful job settling the children back into their routines and focusing on the New Year's themes.

During January the themes were 'Cars and Wheels, Puppets and Trains', in February they will be looking at 'Dolls, Teddy Bears and Boats'. The children are encouraged to bring into Pre-school things that relate to the themes for show and tell.

Pre-school are also offering this year's leavers a chance to join the lunch club, this is held twice a

week. It will be a great help in preparing them for big school, (Reception), in September.

Pat Hutton

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 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.

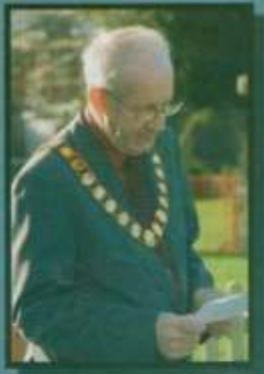
Louise Lucas

Quiz Answers

Congratulations to Cathryn Carter who was the first person to respond with the right answers.

1. How many years did the Hundred Years war last? **116**
2. Which country makes Panama hats? **Ecuador**
3. From which animal do we get catgut? **Sheep and horses**
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October revolutions? **November**
5. What is a camel hair brush made of? **Squirrel fur**
6. The Canary Islands are named after which creatures? **Dogs**
7. What was King George VI's first name? **Albert**
8. What colour is a purple finch? **Crimson**
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries grown? **New Zealand**
10. What is the colour of a black box in a commercial airplane? **Yellow/orange**

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*Hughenden Parish Council
The official opening of the new Templewood Play Area, Walters Ash*

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Editorial

This month is advert renewal month. As you will see from our Treasurer's report we are quite dependent on our advertising revenue to ensure the continued development of the Gazette and we thank all our advertisers for their custom. There are some new ones this month so make sure you have a look.

Our local Post Office is under threat. It needs volume of business to ensure its future so it is up to

us all to show our support over the coming months.

Everyone loved the Brownies on the cover last month and this month we are featuring more village children, this time at play in Hughenden Parish Council's new Templewood Play Area at Walter's Ash.

Next time I write it will be glorious Spring. If you pass by my front garden and see me at work do stop and say "hello".
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 Forge Road	10.30–11.15am 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
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

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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	
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	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 - Naphill	Trevor Nicholls	565322	Beavers & Cubs on Tuesdays, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
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	

Easter Church Services

St. Michael and All Angels

Tues 18th March 7 pm Communion
Wed 19th March 7 pm Communion
Thurs 20th March 8 pm – 12 midnight Holy Communion of the Last Supper and stripping of the altars. There will be a list at back of church for you to choose your 15 mins vigil until midnight. You will not be alone! The verger or a member of the Ministry team will be there.

Good Friday 21st March

9am Simple Liturgy with coffee and hot cross buns afterwards.
9.30am Procession of the Cross from the Harrow car park.
10.30am Family service
2 pm The Last Hour at the Cross

Easter Saturday 22nd March

7.30 pm Easter Eve. Service
Blessing of the New Fire, the lighting of the Paschal Candle and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

Easter Sunday 23rd March

8am Said Communion
9am Choral matins with Holy Communion.
10.30am Family Communion.
6pm Evensong

The Father's House

Palm Sun. 16th March 10.30 am.
Maundy Thurs. 20th March 8pm Candlelight Communion
Good Fri. 21st March 10.30 am
Easter Sun. 23rd March 10.30 am

Naphill Methodist Church

Passion Sun. 9th March 11am Michael Brittin
Palm Sun. 16th March 11 am Holy Communion
Rev. Janice Pettipher
Good Fri. 21st March 10.30am Rev. Janice Pettipher
Easter Sun. 23rd March 11 am Peter Stevens

County Councillor's Report

Walking up Clappins Lane during a recent sunny afternoon the enjoyment was somewhat marred by the unsightly litter that had accumulated in the hedgerows. This rubbish comprised plastic "takeaway" cartons, plastic drink bottles, and many plastic bags. No doubt thrown out of the car window by some passing motorist or their passenger, who regards the countryside as some large and convenient litter bin. What can be done to change such attitudes?

A recent survey of Buckinghamshire residents reported that the bad state of the roads and the fear of crime were two top concerns of the public. To address these issues, the next year's budget has approved a significant increase to Highways. The county also adds significantly to the police budget in funding Community Police Support Officers, CPSOs. These uniformed officers will start to be seen patrolling our villages and hopefully they will provide assurance to residents that we do have a secure environment. They will provide valuable feedback to the police of local issues and concerns within the neighbourhood and they will deal with minor traffic infringements such as parking on footpaths and in dangerous places, anti social behaviour and litter dropping.

The trial "switching off " of street lighting along rural roads is still causing some local concern amongst the residents of Hughenden. I had occasion to visit Leicestershire County Council recently and learned that they are adopting a similar exercise to save on energy costs and reducing the carbon footprint to meet government targets. Another factor is the high capital cost of maintenance and renewal. Many of the lighting columns that were installed in the 1970s, are now coming to the end of their safe life, and will need to be replaced. The cost of this exercise will be enormous and would be hard to justify in these times of strict budgetary control.

The County's Local Area Forums are now well underway in the county. Hughenden Parish is within the Princes Risborough Forum and is made up of County, District and Parish councillors. These meet in public and so far have met in Longwick, Princes Risborough, Lacey Green and Walter's Ash. The local forum will be responsible for delivering local services and will have a devolved budget to serve local need.

Finally, my own community leader budget has had few local takers! I have allocated money to Wycombe Rugby Club, to provide coaching and help to young players who cannot afford the usual fees. A local resident helps to run this worthwhile scheme. I shall give some money to the charity Home Start and some to two local organisations that provide enjoyment to many of us.

in July; excellent news for Wycombe.

Richard Pushman

John Gibbs

District Councillor's Report

Firstly, I have some good news regarding concessionary travel. If you have a bus pass and you're 60 or over or disabled, your bus pass is changing for the better. From **1 April 2008**, you'll be able to enjoy free off-peak travel on local buses **anywhere in England**. A bus pass currently allows you to travel on most local bus services from 9am Monday to Friday and at any time during weekends and bank holidays for free, providing you show your pass to the driver. From April 2008, you'll be able to use your pass for free travel on all local buses across England. Wycombe District Council will be issuing new bus passes to all current pass-holders this month, together with a more detailed information sheet, so if you currently have a bus pass you won't need to re-apply - just wait until your new pass arrives in the post.

If you don't want to take advantage of a free bus pass, Wycombe District Council offers an alternative in the form of transport tokens which can be used on most forms of travel. You can choose to purchase the national senior citizen's railcard if you travel by rail frequently, or you can spend your tokens in local taxis or buses. From 1 April, £30 of tokens can be purchased annually for a £15 fee, or for registered Dial a Ride users, £80 of tokens can be purchased annually for a fee of £10. Once you've spent your annual allowance however, no more can be issued. This will be a reduction to the concession currently offered for travel tokens.

A good majority of Councils including Wycombe, are improving on the high quality of services we provide to local people, according to the Audit Commission. Councils are ranked in "Stars" which has shown that for the second year running there were no zero rated councils. For further information, please take a look at the Audit Commission website, www.audit-commission.gov.uk.

Finally, Eden will open on time at **10am on 13 March 2008**. This is a tremendous time for Wycombe and will provide a much improved and revitalised shopping and entertainment experience, not forgetting the additional 1,200 new job opportunities this will create. I was at the opening of the Octagon in 1972 when the Queen and the Royal Family opened it. At that time together with the opening of the old Bus Station in 1970, was hailed at that time as a modern shopping centre. How times have changed and this developed into a tired High Wycombe Town.

We now await confirmation that a senior member of the Royal will again formally open Eden some time

Hughenden Parish Council

Saturday 26th January saw the opening of the new Templewood Play Area, Walter's Ash, an initiative brought about by the generosity of I.L. Beeks Ltd, who gifted the land for the use of the community, and the determination and commitment of the Parish Council, past and present members.

Councillor John Rogers, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone to the opening and outlined the policy of Hughenden Parish Council to try and meet the needs of the younger generation.

Councillor Rogers went on to explain that the Parish already own a playground at Great Kingshill, and maintain four others on behalf of the Village Halls within the Parish. There is a programme in place to refurbish, and in some cases, extend, all the existing playgrounds. The playground on the Crick is in the planning stage, applications have been made for grant aid to assist with the funding.

Finally he said that over the last decade or so, health and safety regulations have made it difficult to provide much more than very basic pieces of equipment, but now it has been realised that if children are to benefit from their play there has to be an element of risk. With this in mind the Parish Council were able to have this new facility designed to introduce adventure into the equipment provided, and they hope to continue this theme in all the existing playgrounds.

Councillor Rogers then said how pleased he was to welcome Ivor Beeks and his family to the opening and invited him to cut the ribbon to formally open the playground. The children rushed in eagerly; the photographs on the front cover of this month's Gazette demonstrate just how much fun they were having!

As she delegated the task of writing this month's report to me, I can ensure that Peggy Ewart, the driving force behind this initiative, is properly thanked for her vision and hard work in bringing the project to fruition.

I would also like to express our appreciation for the work of Emma Marsden, who assists our Parish Clerk Lynne Turner. Emma takes special responsibility for the children's play areas and we are lucky to have someone so committed to the job to help us develop the facilities for the children of the Parish.

Judy Whitehouse

<i>Income</i>	<i>31.01.08</i>	<i>31.01.07</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>31.01.08</i>	<i>31.01.07</i>
Adverts	£3,681.00	£3,940.00	Printing	£8,061.35	£6,124.12
Collections	£1,595.00	£1,284.00	Computer	£29.97	£22.00
Donations	£440.00	£375.00	Postage	£34.14	£41.62
Interest	£79.34	£59.61	Petrol	£30.00	£28.00
Small ads	£477.00	£210.00	Phone	£3.00	£21.00
			Colour		£618.00
			Preservation		£653.82
TOTALS	£6,272.34	£6,869.61		£8,158.46	£7,508.56
			Deficit	£1886.12	£1,638.95

A Summation of Finances

I have produced the annual financial statement for the Gazette (as shown above) a month earlier than usual, because Easter is unusually early and our gallant collectors may wish to begin operations during the holiday season.

2007 has been the year of colour for the Gazette because every issue has included coloured elements and, in particular, the front page has revelled in a series of highly relevant coloured topics. The cost has been considerable but within the scope of the reserve fund. For 2008 the aim will be to stabilise the cost of printing the gazette so that the strain on the reserve fund is reduced whilst we continue to make the best possible use of colour which in its own rights, tends to raise the tone of a publication. In the money game, the Gazette subscribers to the Polish Proverb which states "he is rich who owes nothing". We start the year with (2008) with about £3,800 in reserve which should enable us to meet our colour and financial targets.

Telephone and postage costs have reduced because of the intensive use of email. Modern technology is actually paying off!

David Leith

PS A bee in my greenhouse on the 6th February - is this a record?

Naphill Gazette Deliveries

For 10 months of the year we have 30 stalwarts (plus helpers) who kindly deliver a total of almost 1,000 copies per month of the Gazette to your door. They arrange their lives around delivery date and,

should they be away, try their hardest to have someone else cover for them. Quite a commitment!

In the past we have had a couple of reserve volunteers who have been willing to help out when all else fails. However, two of our stalwart deliverers are at present unable to continue and the reserve volunteers have stepped in on a more permanent basis.

In view of this we are asking if anyone would like to offer to be a reserve volunteer. You are rarely asked to do anything, if you are called upon the copies are delivered to your doorstep and we will give you a list of the houses you will deliver to.

Interested? Then please give us a call and we will be delighted to keep your name for future occasions.

Many thanks.

Mike & Pauline Pool - 564226

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

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For the next few Gazette contributions, we have decided to give a brief list of the upcoming events planned for our members. If you are not a member, and you want to be, please give our membership secretary, Sue Crooks a call on 01494 562539. It's great value and we like to think we are a friendly bunch.

From 1st March onwards, our weekly winter Club Sessions (open to all adult and semi-senior members) will revert from afternoons to Sunday mornings, starting at 10:00hrs. The committee run a rota to ensure that there is always a member there to open up, ready to play with whoever turns up; so don't hesitate to come unless it's bucketing down.

In addition we have planned:

Sunday 16th March – Spring Working Party (you're allowed to play tennis afterwards!)

Thursday 10th April – First of the regular Summer Evening Club Sessions

Friday 18th April – Annual Dinner, provisionally booked for the Rose and Crown, Saunderton

If you want any more information on these events, please contact me, Helen Leek, on 01844 346 802.

Helen Leek

Naphill Evening WI

Naphill village has looked wonderful with the lovely spring-like weather – snow drops and crocus in flower and the most gorgeous sunsets with the trees silhouetted against the sky. We hope you have made the most of the good weather.

On 17th January Neil Rees, all 6ft 7ins of him, kept his audience amused and intrigued with the exploits of the "Court of King Zog in Exile". It has been quite a talking point amongst us and the fact that he at one time lived in Frieth made it all the more interesting. Doug Donaldson is scheduled to speak about "The World of Cacti" at our February 21st meeting, family and friends welcome, and surprise surprise, the competition "a cactus" – you will hear all about it in our next bulletin.

March has rapidly approached, not only do we have the monthly meeting, but we are also hosting the Group meeting. March 20th should be enlightening with a talk by Barry Cole on "Training of Paramedics"; the competition an old remedy. 27th March the Group meeting with speaker Hugh Davies "Women in Wartime". This will be a reminder

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to some of us, to the rest of you, you may be amazed how we coped!

Long service membership certificates are being prepared to be presented to two of our WI ladies. What a wonderful achievement. Two committee members are attending the resolution debate where the chosen resolutions will be discussed. This will be at St John Hall in Aylesbury. Our secretary has been asked to choose some WI photographs for the cover of the Gazette, so watch out for them in the April issue.

Already we have started thinking about the fete on the 7th June and preparations for the WI float, tombola and refreshments are in hand. This is a wonderful opportunity for all the village people to get together and enjoy themselves in the sunshine (hopefully). All help is welcome at these events so never feel too shy to come forward.

On a sad note, Ann Bull has now gone into a residential home in Chesham Bois after spending three weeks in hospital. She will be missed in Naphill and we hope and pray she will be happy there. On a lighter note we will look forward to

seeing you on March 20th – do not forget to bring your old-fashioned remedies.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

For our February meeting Mr Runnalls Davis gave an excellent illustrated and professional talk on "Idle Women". It was both fascinating and interesting to hear how the Grand Union Canal was regularly used to ferry Cargo around the country and to see pictures of the families who lived and worked on the many boats. Due to a shortage of men who were enlisted during the Second World War, women volunteers became involved to help run the boats. There were several stories and photographs of this period which showed how hard the work must have been, especially as the boats were 70ft long, carried cargo of 25 tons and living conditions were cramped. The volunteers had little experience of how to deal with the boats and there was only limited training as they carried out their work. We were also able to see how the boats were decorated inside and out which is still a tradition today. Several books on the subject have been written by some of the volunteers which can be found at the library.

We are now looking forward to our trip to see the **TERRACOTA ARMY** on Friday 14th March. This is now fully booked and money was taken at the meeting. Members are reminded to be at their pick-up point by **8.45 a.m.** sharp and also to be mindful when parking, of those who are using the Village Hall.

The March meeting will be held on Monday 10th when our speaker will be Annette Fox and the subject is "Easter Surprise". Please remember to bring a pair of scissors with you.

There has been an alteration of date for the visit to Windsor Castle. This will now take place on Wednesday 30th April 2008 and includes an exhibition of five Royal Weddings plus Queen Mary's Doll's House, and possibly a visit to St Georges Chapel and some of the State Apartments.

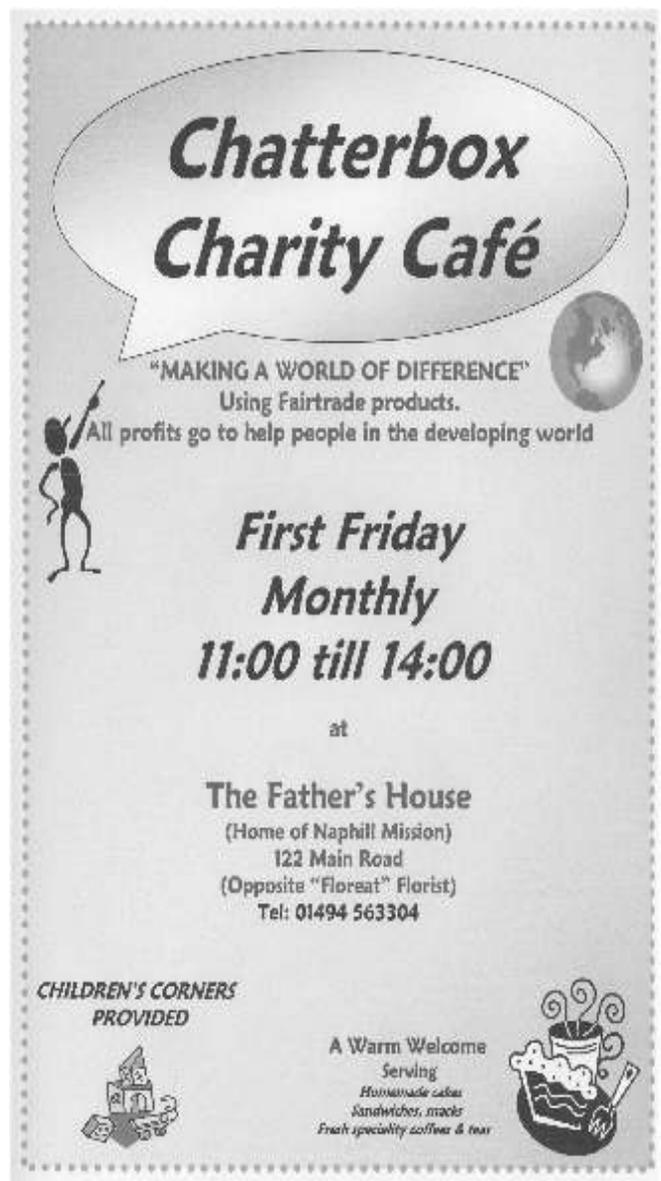
Tea Hostesses for March are as follows :- Alma Hussey, Molly Butler and Betty Jones.

Isobel Lane

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes

Our treasurer reported on a very healthy bank balance this month having had record amounts raised from the Fete the Fireworks, and the Christmas Fayre. This was as well, as having sanctioned the work to go ahead on the roof during the Easter holidays, we have then found significant problems with the heating. As soon as we have had the roof work done then we need to get in quotes for sorting out the boiler and the heating before next winter. I apologise for those of you who have been in the Hall whilst the heating has not been up to scratch, or have had to raise your voices over the ticking radiators. It will not be a cheap job so please continue to support us and join in our fund raising activities.

The new play area at Templewood has now been officially opened as you may have seen in the press. It is a great addition to our village facilities and we thank both Hughenden Parish Council and Ivor Beeks for providing the land and the equipment. Do go along and have a look if you have not yet seen it. The equipment is all in natural wood and thus blends into the woodland background



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beautifully. Hughenden Parish Council have filled in the grant application for new equipment in the Crick play area. This will not be sorted in time for this summer, but hopefully "is on the way".

We have a receptacle on the outside of the Hall for cigarette stubs in line with the no smoking legislation. We can't quite run to the open sided shed type of thing that you now find outside pubs, but hope that this is used by those who indulge, and stops the car park being covered with cigarette ends.

The next fund raising event will be the **QUIZ on 29th February**. Do book a table as this is always a really good evening enjoyed by all, regardless of their level of general knowledge and the calibre of Ted's jokes.

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

The Village Fete - Saturday 7th June

The village fete will be in full swing in just over three months time and already people are starting to think about or big day. Remarkably, some people have offered to help – so miracles really do happen! Are there other potential heroes who would like to be a part of what is sure to be another wonderful day?

QUIZ

Friday May 2nd

Naphill Village Hall

To raise sponsorship for Sally (W.W. And B + B and Gary's wife) to do a 3 day trek in Croatia in September to raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

More details next month but keep the date free!

Phone:

**Sally 562281
Eleanor 562954**

to book a table

There is a wide range of jobs to done and we can find something that is exactly right for you!

We expect something new again this year. John Bullock suggested that we try for an appearance by "The Golden Oldies" pipe band. This excellent band consists only of ex RAF Halton apprentices. They have very generously agreed to waive their normal fee, to travel here at their own expense and to lead the procession along Main Road and perform in the area free of charge. All this because they have heard that the Naphill Fete is a fun thing and would like to be part of it.

That is the sort of thing that restores your faith in the human race doesn't it? I love pipe bands; thank you for the idea John.

All of us would like a repeat of the spectacular fly past by The Red Arrows and the Spitfire and Hurricane of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. These things take some time to arrange. Last September we wrote to the RAF authority responsible for the display programmes for these aircraft and if things go according to plan we expect to hear from them in early March. Please keep your fingers crossed until then!

The theme this year will be "Down on the Farm". This should be popular with the school and all of the many people who dress up and decorate their floats and stalls for the fete.

Just in case you missed the date above, the fete will be on Saturday 7th June. Hope to see you there.

Ted Chapman (Fete Organiser) 563034

Your Letters

Calling all Beekeepers

I have been contacted by a resident who has some honey jars looking for a good home. If you know anyone who could use them please could you let me know.

Judy Whitehouse - 562742

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David Wilkins – Postmaster, Naphill

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning to 12 February 2008:

08/05045/FUL Knockhundred House, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Addition of electrically operated roller door to front of existing carport.

08/05113/FUL 201 Main Rd., Naphill. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of single storey rear extension.

08/05122/FUL 252 Main Rd., Naphill Construction of 2-storey rear extension.

08/05208/FUL Ashmead, Chapel Lane, Naphill. Installation of solar panel in side/rear roof slope.

08/05213/FUL 3 Oakshott Avenue, Naphill. Construction of conservatory to rear.

08/05222/FUL The Hideaway 10A Ash Close, Walter's Ash. Amendment to PP05/7145 to make alterations to the approved design of the dwelling (retrospective). (Objection. It ignores the restrictions put in place by the Appeal Inspectors and causes overlooking to the neighbours in Burdett Drive).

08/05223/FUL The Hideaway, 10A Ash Close, Walter's Ash. Amendment to PPO75/7145 to make alterations to the approved design of the dwelling (retrospective).

08/05318/ADV. Walter's Ash Service Station. 243 Main Rd., Walter's Ash. Display of internally illuminated pole mounted sign (retrospective) (Concern about light pollution in the area. We will request that the sign is illuminated only during petrol station opening hours).

Appeals. 232 Main Rd., Naphill. Change of use of strip of land from agricultural use to residential garden incorporating a driveway. **Dismissed.** Alde Cottage, 155 Main Rd., Naphill. Erection of 1 x 2 bed single storey dwelling, formation of new access and erection of new gates. **Dismissed.** Auchinyell, Downley Rd., Naphill. Erection of 3 x 3-bed terraced houses with associated car parking and landscaping and alteration to existing access following demolition of existing dwelling. **Allowed**

Hughenden Church Teas

The church teas season starts on 23rd March.

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Midweek group teas by prior arrangement

Parking at the Co-op, Walter's Ash.

The response to last month's article highlighted serious problems between the conflicting parking needs and safety interests of shoppers, pedestrians (including schoolchildren), neighbours, occupants of the flats above the store, road users, and delivery lorries.

When Wycombe District Council and its Planning Department passed the planning application by the Co-op, they decided to ignore warnings from Bucks County Council Highways Authority and ourselves of a serious shortfall in parking spaces relative to their own and national standards as laid down in Wycombe Council's own Local Plan. They refused to take into account strong local objections from people who live and work in the area and did not put in place essential conditions to safeguard the public and protect property.

At peak periods the inadequate forecourt parking results in cars, vans and lorries parking along both sides of Main Road, on the pavements, on the corners of Ash Close opposite, and down Ash Close, some parking there all day. This results in drivers who access Main Road from Ash Close or private driveways being forced to drive well into Main Road before they get a clear view of oncoming traffic.

We are told local residents find their driveways obstructed by parked vehicles. Several of those who have remonstrated with both commercial and private vehicle drivers have received mouthfuls of abuse. Adults and children have been forced to walk in the road because the pavements are blocked by vehicles. A Council waste disposal lorry was forced to back because of parking congestion near the Co-op, and smashed the front of a parked van. The huge lorries that deliver to the Co-op every day often back into the forecourt and block half the

width of Main Rd as they unload. Others mount the footpath two or three hundred metres from the store and drive along it, some of them with all their wheels on the footpath, and have come close to knocking down residents coming out of their drives. How long before a child meets with an accident? Delivery lorries have driven into and cracked a garden wall and brick pillar three times in recent weeks, and knocked over a speed limit sign.

People who have written to "Highways on Call" to complain have not had a reply. We suggest all complaints now be addressed to Mr Jim Stevens, Head of Transportation, Bucks County Council, Wycombe Area Office, Eastern Street, Bucks HP11 1NH. It would be helpful if you could drop a copy into Poland House, corner of Ash Close, for the Residents Association. Also the more photographs the better.

These traffic problems have been dragging on for a long time. A solution must be found before there are even more serious consequences. (People have already recently been knocked down.) To this end we are asking the responsible official agencies for a joint site visit and meeting in Naphill Village Hall. If a public meeting can be arranged at a convenient date and time, it would be helpful to know how many local residents would wish to attend. Please phone me to let me know if you would be interested (or leave a message on my answerphone) or fill in and cut out the coupon below and hand it in at Poland House, corner of Ash Close.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

To Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Traffic Problems in Walter's Ash

I would wish to attend a public meeting on this issue with Police, Highways and District Council representatives at Naphill Village Hall, if it can be arranged.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO _____

Naphill Horticultural Society

If you have not yet booked to come along to our annual dinner on March 7th, pick up the phone immediately- I might just be able to squeeze you in!! After dinner we will be entertained by Voice Versa -a local quartet, who have promised a light-hearted repertoire to round off the evening.

Finally, a reminder that our AGM will be held on Monday 17th 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. 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

Note from the Editor - because of the 40 word limit to the small adverts and the pressure on large advert space, from time to time I allow an existing supporter of the Gazette to introduce themselves and their services by letter. Below is one such contribution.

Fantasy Ceilings

Fantasy ceilings and walls are made up of fantastic colourful cosmic scenes: shooting stars, galaxies, milkyways, planets, rockets, flying saucers, space-men and even the tardiz, whatever you would like. But the secret of these wonderful sights is that they are invisible during the day and can only be seen at night. When your child goes to bed and you turn the light off, the ceilings or walls will light up and glow in the dark with these fantastic images that will open up the heavens as never seen before. Your child will love going to bed and also showing their friends how wonderful their bedroom is at night. Fantasy ceilings can be adapted to all age groups and tastes. If you do not want your whole ceiling or wall covered I can make up posters no one the same. Mrs Jarrold from Amersham was sceptical until she took her child to bed and now she wants one in her bedroom. I promise your child will not be disappointed. All my water based paints are child friendly, odourless, not toxic. For further information see my small ad in Naphill Gazette or telephone (01494) 452077 and ask for Ken.

Ken Nash

Free Insulation for Over 70s

100% grant funded loft and cavity wall insulation is now available to all residents aged 70 years and above. This offer, which became available earlier this year, is made irrespective of your income and

Naphill SPRING FAYRE

Saturday 15th March 2008

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 15th March** you will be able to:

- Buy excellent value Easter gifts and bric-a-brac
- 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

savings and whether or not you are in receipt of benefits. In fact, the only requirement is proof of age and name and address.

For most households, insulating has never made better financial sense. Following autumn's record oil prices and surging wholesale gas and electricity prices, insulation could be our last best defence against rising energy bills in 2008.

All homeowners and private tenants qualify for discounted loft and cavity wall insulation. Fully insulating your home could easily reduce your fuel bills by £100 a year. The payback time is typically short and the long term financial and environmental benefits are high.

For more information, contact the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on **0800 512 012**.

Gordon Glass - Marketing Co-ordinator , Energy Efficiency Advice Centres

New Book - High Wycombe's Contribution to Aviation

A new book has been published about "High Wycombe's Contribution to Aviation". Included are details of aircraft manufacture in the town's furniture

factories, Geoffrey de Havilland, Cody, Louis Bleriot, Amy Johnson and Alan Cobham, all with strong local connections. There is a section in the book about RAF Bomber (Strike) Command and also the airfield at Lacey Green (at Stocken Farm) that existed late WW2 until just after the war. (Also RAF Hillside, now better known as Hughenden Manor).

All the authors profits from book sales will be donated to The Thames Valley and Chilterns Air Ambulance.

Copies are available from Dave at 21, Ellsworth Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP11 2TU priced @ £12.50 incl p&p UK.

Dave Scott

Editor's Comment: I have a copy of this book if anyone wants to have a look before they buy. There are some wonderful photos in it!

WDC Ranger Service Events March 2008

Thursday 13th and Saturday 15th "Round Wood Rejuvenation"

Conservation Work Party aiming to improve the footpaths, cut back some of the scrub on the chalk grassland and remove some the litter.

Meet: 10.15am at the 5 bar gate, Roundwood Recreation Ground, Roundwood Road, Sands, High Wycombe. Grid ref: SU842938.

Saturday 22nd "Mad March Hare Brained Walk", Hambleden

Mad as a Hatter, Mad March Hare, Hare brained are all terms coined from the antics of Hares in their breeding season. They become less conscious of their safety which means it's a great time to observe them. Hopefully we will see them, perhaps boxing too, as the walk takes you up on one of the highest points of landscape in the area. This walk is approximately 4 miles long, taking around 2½ hours.

Meet: 10am The Stag and Huntsman PH, Hambleden. Grid ref: SU785865. **Booking Event.**

Sunday 23rd "Brush Hill LNR Work party", Princes Risborough

Join the WDC Rangers and Risborough Countryside Group for a morning of conservation on this beautiful Local Nature Reserve.

Meet: 10am by the 5-bar gate at the top of Kop Hill, Princes Risborough.

Thursday 27th and Saturday 29th "Gomm's Wood: Dead Hedging, Path & Scrub Work"

Help with this important conservation work to create a mosaic of habitats suitable for a wide variety of wildlife.

Meet: 10am Cock Lane Cemetery Car Park, Tylers Green, High Wycombe. Grid ref: SU895936

For further information or to book your place, please contact WDC Ranger Service on 01494 421825 or e-mail

Ranger_Services@wycombe.gov.uk

Stout footwear and appropriate clothing are essential. Gloves, tools & hot drinks are provided.

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

This week we have been undertaking a whole school cross-curricular theme week called "See the World through Many Eyes". This is a humanities-based project week with children working on the theme each afternoon in vertically grouped classes each studying a different continent and country within it. The week will culminate in a sharing assembly on the Friday and children's parents are invited in to tour the classes to see the children's work at the end of the day. We hope as many of you will be able to come into school to look at the children's work on that day. The children have been studying the different continents of the World each afternoon with a variety

of activities taking place including dance, cooking, design technology and art. One of the many benefits of this kind of project is that it has enabled children of different year groups to work alongside each other. This means that the very oldest have been able to support the very young, who in turn are thrilled to be able to work at bigger tables and see their work being displayed ready for our exhibition on Friday.

On the performing arts front Naphill and Walter's Ash School is once more delighted to be taking part in the Wycombe Swan's "Energise!" performances taking place in March. This year the title of the main production is "The Blue Bird" and these performances attract large numbers of local school children and this year some of our Year 5 and 6 children have been selected to take lead roles in the show. Miss Doyle is working with the school's Drama Club to ensure that all the performers will be ready on time. Tickets for the show normally sell out well in advance and are available from the Wycombe Swan box office.

Last week saw the annual school census return sent to the local authority. For the first time ever the school has had to report on the number of children from Service families. Only 39% of our school roll falls into this category, which is a steep decline compared to the 65% which was previously always believed to be representative of the school's catchment. In some ways this both reflects the changing nature of RAF High Wycombe and the way this impacts upon the school population as a whole. To this end I am consulting with other local schools and our own parents about reducing the school's intake number from 60 children joining our reception classes to only 45. From the school's point of view this would mean we would be able to plan more strategically and create a more stable roll and create a school that would be able to put quality into its core whilst catering for the needs of local children in the villages of Naphill and Walter's Ash. That said, we have some wonderful "out of catchment" children who add real value to our work but these do not make up the vast bulk of our population. Moving to a smaller intake would mean that places would naturally be limited though we would be able to cater for most people in need of a school place in the catchment area.

This term we also have a number of new clubs starting both after school and during lunchtimes. Most of these clubs are targeted at specific groups of pupils and are run by outside providers and are cost free, others are run by members of the school staff. The new clubs are Seido Karate for Year 6, basketball club, maypole dancing for Year 3 and 4 and an IT Club for Year 6 Girls will begin once the new computer equipment has arrived. Later in the term we hope to create a new Skipping Club for children in Key Stage 1 so please, watch this space!

Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher

Naphill Spring Dance



Sat 10th May 2008 @ Naphill Village Hall
7.30pm 11.30pm

Bar, hot main meal & raffle
Live band playing your favourite covers

Tickets £20 (incl. admission & hot main meal)
available at the Wheel, Black Lion
and Coop or call/text Jane on 07919026328

All proceeds go to the Naphill preschool (reg charity 1031070)



Naphill Brownies

Our visit to the High Wycombe library has taken place; the girls had a very enjoyable time. We were given a tour of the library by two of the library assistants and the girls were given a quiz to complete.

We are busy working on all our badges - cooks, stargazer, book lover and collectors. Last week the Brownies went outside to look at the stars and then drew what they had seen on black paper. The cooks were busy designing posters on hygiene and safety in the kitchen. They were also sent home with the task of making breakfast at home for their families.

We celebrated Shrove Tuesday this week the girls all had a go at cooking individual pancakes on a gas stove and had great pleasure in eating them covered in lots of sugar, lemon and chocolate sauce afterwards!

We have our line dance evening coming up as well as the "big sleepover" at the Brownie Hut which should be interesting!

Please put a note in your diaries that the Brownie and Guides Jumble Sale on Saturday 1st March 2008.

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 Pre-School

Has spring sprung? What a lovely sight to see all the spring flowers emerging from their sleep.

It seems spring is not only a busy time for all the new flowers but a very busy time for pre-school.

We have exciting news.... After years of discussion Buckinghamshire County Council are finally digging the foundations to provide the pre-school with a purpose built building, which is to be situated within the grounds of Naphill and Walter's Ash school. We are hoping to make to move in September 2008.

This is fantastic news for pre-school but also a little sad; After 30 years at the "village hall" we will be saying goodbye, but leaving the building with lots of happy memories.

The new building will be child friendly, with our own garden area, maybe even a vegetable patch, for the children to look after. It will also allow the staff to leave out essential play equipment and allow them

to display the children's work on the walls without having to take it down every night.

This is however a massive project for pre- school and we are looking for lots of local support not only from staff, parents and local families who will be using the pre-school in the future, but also support from the local businesses. If you can help to raise funds or help fit out the new building with necessary equipment, by donating money, toys and services all will be welcome. For further information, please contact pre-school (tel. 521612) within opening hours, and Gemma Vinall, our chair will get back to you.

To assist the pre-school in deciding what sessions will be required we need to complete a comprehensive study of need within the area. Therefore a questionnaire is on its way via the older children's school bags, and for pre "pre-school" children we will be visiting local groups health centres etc, and asking if you could complete our questionnaire. Your help in completing and returning this will give us a clearer idea of what child care facilities you would like to see in your area, for example afternoon sessions as well as the morning sessions, maybe holiday club's etc. We will then endeavour to gain support and funding from Bucks Early Years to meet this need. So if you want to contribute and shape the future of the pre-school you must have your say now. It is important to note that if we are not shown interest in afternoon sessions etc, we will not be given financial support, so please do complete the questionnaire.

To kick start the fund raising necessary for the move pre-school will be holding a Spring Dance on Saturday 10th May 2008. This will give everyone the opportunity to support the pre-school it promises to be a great evening so please buy a ticket and have a fantastic evening. The evening will comprises of a live (covers) band, great food and drink, the dancing is down to you! Please see our advert in this months gazette for where to buy your tickets, remember all funds will go to the pre-school.

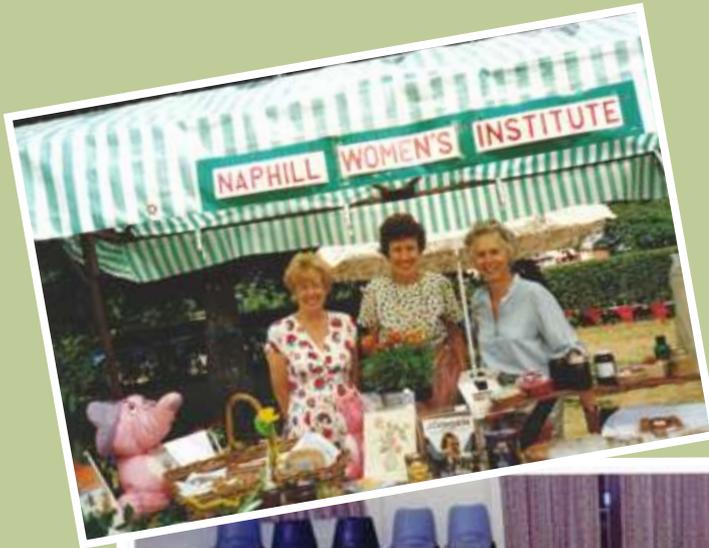
Pat Hutton

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 meet every Thursday (term-time) at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm. Admission price per session: £2.00 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling).

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Editorial

This month's cover features Naphill WI and I would like to thank them for the use of their wonderful photographs.

The Muntjac (this is the correct spelling according to my spell-checker although I have found it spelled with a 'k' in dictionaries on the internet?) are causing havoc in people's gardens and feature in two articles this month. I have been told that a mother and baby have even been seen last week

wandering down a road in the centre of Wycombe. Perhaps they were hoping to be first in the queue for the Eden opening! Anyway if anyone has developed any clever ways of keeping them off the garden do let me know and I will pass on the tips.

I am pleased that last month's letter about the future of the Post Office has resulted in so much support. Good to see the community in action and thank you to all those who have been 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
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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 Forge Road	10.30–11.15am 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
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		1.30–2.45pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Every Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Every Tuesday	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching (Summer only)	Every Thursday (summer only)	Group 1, 5:00 - 5:45pm
	Every Friday	Group 2, 5:45 - 6:30pm
	Every Saturday	Group 3, 6:30 - 7:70pm Under 7s, 09:30 - 10:30am

* Boys FC training sessions held at RAF Sports Field

Small Ads

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Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
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
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County Councillor's Report

The dumping of rubbish in the countryside is one of the most objectionable practices in which offenders can indulge. Included in this category are those who wheel their barrows onto Naphill Common and dump all manner of garden refuse, sometimes quite close to the gates which serve their properties. Whilst some will claim that such deposits are bio-degradable the fact remains that it is a criminal offence to dump any substance on land not in their ownership. The County Council has succeeded in several recent prosecutions, which hopefully might deter those current offenders.

Well, at long last Eden has come to High Wycombe and what a wonderful addition it is to the local shopping experience. Having been associated with its planned development since the land was purchased from the chocolate factory some twenty years ago, I have to say that it is so much better than I thought possible. As the plans developed on the drawing board, it looked to me as if the shopping Malls would be too close but on walking them, they appear much more spacious and attractive than the drawings had indicated.

In my last report I mentioned the lack of take up of the local councillors leadership fund. Although I have added to the fund of the Support Our Shop campaign undertaken by the residents of Hughenden Valley there have been no requests from organisations in Naphill or Walter's Ash. My colleagues appear to have had similar experiences. It has not been for the lack of trying as readers will be aware from the frequent references in member's reports, perhaps local organisations are so well funded as not to require any financial help. This financial year has now finished and we will have to see what 2008/9 brings forth.

The Local Area Forum, which has met in March, has on its Agenda the problems of traffic control and parking at Walter's Ash, in the vicinity of the shops. I am anxious to deter motorists from parking on the bend, which reduces the vision of approaching drivers and makes for a dangerous situation.

Finally the Culverton cross road junction at Loosely Row is now fully operational and I hope readers will agree that it is a long awaited improvement. Certainly the vision splay is much improved and will help to improve safety at this point.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

As usual, I always like to provide good news or at least news in a positive way. Eden finally opened at 10am on 13 March. As you will see from the picture I managed to meet up with our Deputy Leader and Chief Executive who were rather shell shocked at the crowds, as was I. The number of people visiting on the opening day was approximately 150,000 and I understand that House of Fraser hit its sales targets by 4pm. I have already expressed the enormity and excellence of the work put in by many people and am very privileged to live in a town that is a top 50 UK shopping venue at last.

On a serious note, by the time you read this column the "Save Our Post Office" campaign should be in full swing with the expected visit to Naphill Post Office of both the Leader of Wycombe District Council, Lesley Clarke, and David Lidington, MP on Friday 28 March 2008 to meet our Post Master, David Wilkins and the Team. Since speaking in early March with David whom has expressed grave concerns regarding the future of the Post Office, I have worked with my ward colleagues, Richard Pushman and David Carroll, to raise the profile of this vital service. I have been pleased with the response and a big Thank You to Kate at Floreat for her usual robust enthusiasm. You know how vital this is to our community and hopefully with your support we can do all we can to make sure this does not close. Believe me, the Wycombe District Council Leadership whilst extremely proud of Eden, does not forget the social importance of our local businesses and the Post Offices. This



L to R David Carroll, Deputy Leader, Karen Satterford, Chief Executive Wycombe District Council, John Gibbs

month all Greater Hughenden Councillors provided some funding to the "Save our Shop" campaign in Hughenden Valley.

In summary, I hope that we can do all we can to make sure that the further erosion of our Social network is not diminished further.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The Parish Council owns over 60 acres of land which it manages on behalf of residents. This includes Vincents Meadow, Templewood, and the allotments in Naphill. There are allotments and playgrounds to be managed in other villages, as well as Cockshott Wood.

Until I became a councillor I was unaware that the Parish also owns and maintains the Four Ashes Burial Ground (4 acres). This is a beautiful place of peace and tranquillity, located at Cryers Hill and overlooking the picturesque Hughenden Valley and the hills of our own village. Great care is taken to ensure that the grounds are attractive and well cared for. This work is carried out, in part, by contractors cutting the hedges and the extensive area of grass. The care of the flower beds, and the intricate grass cutting around the graves and ashes' stones, has been carried out by a gardener who can no longer give it the time it needs. The Parish Council is wondering whether there is someone in the area who would be interested in taking on the gardening work. If anyone is interested, and would like to know more, please contact me (565969) or the Clerk (715296). We would be pleased to hear from you.

Peggy Ewart - Vice Chairman

News from "Christians in the Community"

There is only one KRASH this month and that is on the 25th April. This meeting will hopefully be led by the new leader Richard, ably assisted by me!

The next meeting of "Christians in the Community" will be on Wednesday 23rd April at Church House, Hughenden – everyone is welcome.

Norma Clarke

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

April marks the start of our new Tennis Season; by now all last year's fully subscribed members will have received their Annual Newsletter and will hopefully have paid their subs for this season, April

2008 through to March 2009. If you got in before 1st April, you will also have benefited from discount scheme for early payment. However, to all aspiring new members who have not yet taken up the membership challenge, we have some tempting offers:

- New adult members are entitled to a massive discount for the first year
- Free "Rusty Racquets" sessions run by our coach, Mel Ebbles, for those of you who are a bit nervous about picking up that racquet after a few year's break

One of our initiatives this year is to encourage more members to turn up for our Club Sessions, (see details of these at the front of the magazine under "Organisation"s Diary"). These pre-agreed session times are scheduled so that members can turn up and play with whoever else turns up. In the dim and distant past, we had to deploy an elaborate "peg board" system at every Club Session to ensure everyone got a fair share of court time, but sadly the days of having too many players to play on our three courts at once are now too few and far between. We would love to be in that situation again, so if you are of a mind to have a go, please don't be shy and come along.

Upcoming Dates Reminder: -

Thursday 10th April – First of the regular Summer Evening Club Sessions

Friday 18th April – Annual Dinner, 7.30 for 7.45pm Rose and Crown, Saunderton

Friday 25th April – Junior Coaching begins, Groups 1 to 3

Saturday 26th April – Under 7s Coaching begins

Saturday 4th May – Summer Starter Tea and Tennis, all adults members and visitors welcome, £4 per head including tea.

If you want any further information on these events, please contact me on 01844 346 802 or 07703 234895.

Helen Leek

Naphill Evening WI

April and spring has finally arrived. What a wonderful display of colour in the hedges and gardens – daffodils, crocus and snowdrops, not to mention the blossom on the trees and the bright green of new buds. What a surprising, interesting talk Douglas Donaldson gave us on "The World of Cacti" February 21st. Not only did he tell us about the different species, he took us by slide to their habitat, all around South America, places perhaps

we will never go to, but were transported to on that evening in Naphill Village Hall, well worth a "thank you". It is a pity the attendance was so low. March has been a busy month. On the 20th we heard Barry Cole tell us about "The training of Paramedics", competition was an old remedy. The committee were kept busy organising an attractive supper for our visitors as we were hostesses at the Group meeting March 27th, speaker Hugh Davies talking about "Women in Wartime". It is hard to visualise now how we coped with food rationing, bombing and lack of sleep. These events will be reported in our May issue.

At this point, on behalf of WI members, we would like to thank Naphill Horticultural Society for a splendid evening on March 7th. Good food and wonderful entertainment. The singers created a hush in that large room of people never known before. Well done, give us more. Not forgetting Ted's quiz on 29th February, which raised lots of money for the much needy village hall. Who would want to live anywhere else!

Our new committee member, Beryl, has come up with ideas for more social activities in the WI. She suggested a book club, or appreciation of music group. What do you think ladies? We are always open to suggestions, so put your thinking caps on.

At our next meeting on April 17th, speaker Dr Brenda Harold will be talking about "Flower Power: How Plants Control Animals". We can enjoy an evening out whilst increasing our knowledge, keeping the old grey matter working. The competition will be a Souvenir from the 60's – we must all have one of those! June will soon be upon us, so we are already in discussion about the fete on June 7th. Juliet has kindly agreed to organise the float once again, Jenny and Co. the tombola, not forgetting refreshments in the kitchen, so the committee is working hard behind the scenes for all our benefit. We can't, however, do it without the help of members, so all volunteers will be welcome.

So what more is there to say, but come and join us at the next meeting April 17th. We hope to see you there.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

One of the worst storms of the winter was in full force on the night of our March meeting but we were all encouraged to look forward to Easter with our guest Annette Fox who made a welcome return to show us how to make an "Easter Surprise". This involved all members participating in making their own floral arrangement which included an Easter Egg! It

proved to be an enjoyable evening and there were some lovely creations which we were able to take home.

The trip to the British Museum to see the Terracotta Army on Friday 14th March was a huge success. A full coach of members and guests were able to enjoy both the artefacts of the British Museum as well as seeing the magnificent exhibition of the Chinese Terracotta Army one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of the twentieth century. A long day but very much enjoyed by all.

Names were taken at the meeting for the trip to Windsor Castle on Wednesday 30th April 2008 and there are still places available. Money for the trip will be due at the April meeting and the price is £18.00 for Members and £20 for guests.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 14th April when our speaker will be Kay Healey of Cotswold Tea Company on the different favours of tea.

Tea Hostesses for April are as follows :-
Peggy Ewart, Betty Jones and Jenny Price.

Isobel Lane

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes

Our meeting occurred shortly after the Annual Quiz Night. This was another very successful evening. Everyone seemed to have a good time and a record amount of money was raised to help with the maintenance and improvements of the Hall. Our thanks go yet again to Ted who organised the event so well. I was unable to be there on the evening, but I gather that despite rigorous checks in the afternoon the sound system failed during the evening. This is being blamed on a loose connection and is being repaired so it doesn't spoil any future events.

Some of you may be aware that we have had problems with mice in the pre school storage cupboard. One of the downsides to living in a village! We have had various firms in to look into the problem and to give us their advice and have taken out an annual contract with a pest control firm to ensure that the problem is controlled and eradicated.

Naphill and Walter's Ash School are organising a "walking bus" to the school from the Village Hall. This not only gives us healthier children, but eases the parking around the school first thing in the morning. Parents will be dropping off their children in the Hall car park at around 8.15 a.m. to walk up the Main Road in a supervised crocodile to the

school. The car park will therefore be fuller than usual on school days for 10 minutes or so around 8.15 a.m. Parents are being encouraged to enter and leave the car park but the correct gates. The leaving times at the end of the day are staggered at present so this system will not be working in reverse at the end of the day. Lets hope that it is well supported to ease the traffic of the "school run". (There is no exact start date yet as this depends on security checks being completed and on "footsteps" training being provided to the people who supervise the walking bus.)

Our April meeting is followed by the AGM. All are welcome to come to the meeting and to join us for a drink afterwards. Our monthly meeting starts at 7.30 p.m. (30 minutes earlier than usual) and is followed by the AGM at 8.30 p.m. If you are free, do come and join us in the Village Hall and see what goes on. It is the hub of our village community after all.

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

The Village Fete - Saturday 7th June

Lightening does strike twice! Last year we were privileged to have fly pasts by The Red Arrows and a Spitfire and Hurricane of the Royal Air Force Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, we didn't expect to be allowed such a treat again this year but have just received a letter telling us that the Spitfire and Hurricane will be with us on 7th June! Wonderful! No news of The Red Arrows' plans yet but miracles do happen if you wish hard enough!

Do check your diaries now. Are you free to come to the Naphill and Walter's Ash Fete on Saturday 7th June? All other arrangements are completely insignificant in comparison with this one! I do hope that you will all come and enjoy the sound and spectacle of these very special aircraft.

The Fete will be held on the Crick as usual and our festivities open in the traditional manner with a super procession that starts in Forge Road at 12 o'clock and will be lead along Main Road by a Scottish Pipe Band. This year's theme will be "Down On The Farm" which we hope will provide inspiration for the children, those involved with the Classic Cars, the tableau, the stall holders and everyone else.

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 Janet (563186) 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 of 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

Your Letters

Jackie Wilmot

I would like to thank all of Jackie's relations and friends who came to her funeral on 18 February; there were about 200 at the crematorium and 150 back at the church in the village most of whom came over to the Village Hall afterwards. I have received over 130 cards and letters from relations and friends as well as phone calls from the USA, Australia, Brunei, Poland, Spain, and Scotland. It was quite overwhelming. I would particularly like to thank all of her friends who have helped her and me in many ways over the past few years.

I have checked with the funeral director and they said that up to 11 March they had received donations to the Royal Marsden Hospital in memory of Jackie that amount to £1,525. This will be sent off soon to Dr Stephen Johnston's breast cancer research fund at the Royal Marsden Hospital and lets hope that it can help breast cancer sufferers in the future.

Jackie's ashes will be laid to rest at the Garden of Rest in Four Ashes Road sometime in the near future when all the children are able to be there.

Andrew Wilmot

Used Postage Stamps

Following on from my successful plea for a home for the honey jars, this month I am trying to find out if anyone in the village collects postage stamps for charity? If you do, could you please let me know. Many thanks.

Judy Whitehouse - 562742.

Parking Problems

I fully endorse the concern highlighted by Gloria Leflaive in her letter regarding the parking problems that occur adjacent to the Co-op store. Unfortunately, whilst the store exists it needs to be re-supplied and this must be done by a selection of large and small lorries which require to park close to the store to unload. There is no excuse however for the dangerous practice of placing half the vehicle on the pavement.

A similar dangerous situation exists twice a day at the junction of Kilnwood and Main Road, Walter's Ash, where a small minority of drivers insist on parking right on the corner, often with two wheels on the pavement. In the case of a 4 X 4 this blocks the pavement and the view of cars exiting the road. Double yellow lines on the corner would eliminate the problem but I understand this requires a County Council Highways decision. Whilst the Co-op lorries have to park close to the store to allow the driver to unload, drivers of cars do not have to park on the corner to unload since their loads are generally fully capable of moving themselves even if parked slightly further along the road. Please park prettily.

Phil Crawshaw - Walter's Ash

Naphill Fete

Following my appeal in the February issue, I received donations for the tombola stall from two kind souls. However, I still need approximately 590 prizes for our stall!!! Prizes don't have to be big and expensive - although they are of course welcome - so do please consider making a donation no matter how small. We will accept packets of sweets, food tins, packets, and bottles or any unwanted new gift. Remember the more we have donated the less we have to spend on prizes. Last year the stall raised in excess of £500 because the vast majority of our prizes were donated. If you would like to donate do please give me a ring and I will gladly arrange to

collect or alternatively you can deliver direct to our door at the address below.

If there is anyone who works for a confectionary company such as Mars who could either obtain at cost or have donated a quantity of chocolate bars etc do please contact me. I would of course be keen to hear from anyone else who works for a company that can offer help in any way.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

*Helen and Ron Collins, Michaelmas Cottage 2
Lacey Drive, Naphill (off Chapel Lane). Tel. 562240*

Deer Me

No, this is not a typographical error. To my amazement I have been involved in another unusual incident with a Muntjac. It happened about 2.30pm on 20th February, I was in the kitchen making a cup of coffee when I spotted a Muntjac in the rear garden. When one invades my property I do two things. First I drive the deer out of the garden before it eats my camellias and roses etc. and then I try to find how it has penetrated my defences.

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On this occasion, the deer panicked (as is usual) but without making much of a reconnaissance, decided to exit over a high fence. However, sadly it failed to clear the fence, struck the top and fell back into my garden. For a moment silence reigned and then the Muntjac made a peculiar noise, a sort of whimper. Now I am no lover of the Muntjac which have almost ruined my garden but, I have to say my heart strings are quite definitely not immune to animal suffering! I was quite upset. Should I call the RSPCA? I did a quick Poirot (activating the few remaining little grey cells) and decided to give the animal a chance of an easy exit if it could walk. I opened the side door into the front garden and on to the Common. I then walked down the garden well clear of the deer, turned and walked slowly up the garden towards the deer. When I was about ten yards from it, I heard a rustling noise and the deer stood up and miraculously walked slowly on three and half legs (one was obviously badly hurt) straight towards the open door.

Now it so happens that I have a nasty metatarsal problem with my left foot and am limping badly. We therefore had the ludicrous situation in which the deer was limping towards the door and I was limping after the deer. The mercurial Muntjac had become a damaged deer and Dauntless David had become a Limping Leith. If only someone had been available with a camera to record this novel situation.

Thankfully the Muntjac departed slowly (and doubtless painfully) through the door into the front garden and turned right onto the Common and vanished into the trees. Shortly afterwards one of our neighbours walked her dogs in the area and

saw a deer which did not rush off as the usually do so it seems likely that it was the same animal.

I am wondering what possible involvement I could have in the future with these pestilential animals. Perhaps one could gain access to my garden shed and give birth among the lawn mowers. Now that would be worthy of an entry in the National Press!

David Leith

The Wheel

We have to apologise to everyone who noticed and complained about the lack of article in the March edition of the gazette. I have no excuses (apart from being busy) I simply missed the deadline, so sorry to you all. With 2008 flying by and Easter already behind us, we are now all hopefully looking forward to a beautiful spring and dare I tempt fate a fabulous summer, well fingers crossed!!

For the ale drinkers sorry for the short notice but we are holding our 1st Beer Festival of the year over the weekend of the 4th, 5th, & 6th April. The ales this time round are a selection of winners and runners up from the Great British Beer Festivals. We will also have a couple of ciders and a perry as well. The weekend will be packed with lots of ales in the outside Marquee and also some of the usual favourites inside the pub. The Hog Roast will be on the Friday night this time, cooked as usual by Mr Porky. And we have a new edition of a Cheese Tasting session on the Saturday afternoon which is from Les Roots Delicatessen, High Wycombe. We look forward to seeing you all at some point over the 3 days, and for some the whole period of the festival.

We are also pleased to let you all know that our New Summer menu will be starting in April, of which some of our customers have already had a sneak preview during our tasting sessions. There will be a great selection of fresh summer salads and jacket potatoes and some new exciting main courses that include a fabulous Steak and Merlot Pie, Paella, Salmon and Cod Fish Cakes and much more.

There are a couple of fundraising events that are coming up that I feel should be mentioned so that the village can support the various events. Our Pre School are holding The Naphill Spring Dance on 10th May which will be great evening at the Village Hall, tickets are available from us, The Black Lion and the Co-op.

On a slightly different note your local landlord (Mark) and his good friend Robin are raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support and the Parkinson's Disease Society and are off to climb Mont Blanc in the French Alps, which is Western Europe's highest mountain. Yes you read that correctly they are

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going to be climbing the 4810 metres (15780 feet or 2.98 miles) of Mont Blanc via the East Face in late June and are aiming to raise £4000 between the two very worthy charities. If you wish to show your support please come into the pub and make a donation.

The last thing Mark and I would like to say is a very big thank you to Jack and Sarah, both of whom worked for us for the last year or so and have now left us to move on to their future careers. Thank you both very much, you have both been a huge part of the success of the pub and will be seriously missed. However we would like to welcome Sue to our team, who as our new manager has the non-enviable task of having to work with us! And also getting to know our customers old and new, we are sure everyone will make Sue feel very welcome.

Thank you all for your support and see you soon.

Claire and Mark

Kickboxing Classes

An exciting new kickboxing class is starting on Monday 14th April 2008 from 7.30pm – 9pm, at Naphill Village Hall Scout Hut. The instructor is a certified teacher with the national martial arts association the Professional Unification of Martial Arts and has a black belt in Kickboxing and Tae Kwon-do. He has also gained a Judo black belt in Japan, and has won national Tae Kwon-do competitions.

The classes will be for anyone above the age of 16 who wants to start Kickboxing or build on their previous experience. Don't worry, the regular class will not involve heavy contact, but if you want to spar our association has several world champions so you are in safe hands!

Classes cost £8 for an hour and a half or £28 in advance for a month. If you want to get fit, tone your body and learn to protect yourself in a friendly and enjoyable class then come along and give it a go!

If you have any queries before the class please contact: Matt Collins on 01494 881097.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning to 11 March 2008:

08/05329/FUL. 5 Cherrycroft Drive. Construction of rear conservatory, insertion of new first floor, front dormer window and construction of front porch (alternative to PP 07/07073/FUL). (Objection: Not in

Hughenden Church Teas

The church teas season starts on 23rd March.

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keeping with adjoining properties, likely overlooking, over development in AONB, loss of one garage space so impact on parking adjacent to turning area). **08/05369/FUL** 14 Vincents Way, Naphill. Erection of single storey side/rear extension, roof extension, incorporating extension to existing flat roofed rear dormer and alterations to provide 1st floor accommodation, erection of front porch and garage extension (alt. to 07/06938/FUL).

08/05401/FUL Lastburn, New Road, Walter's 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 (alt to pp07/06059/FUL). **08/05476/FUL** 246A Main Rd., Naphill. Conversion of existing garage to living accommodation and external alterations to front.

08/05542/FUL Timber Edge, Forge Road, Naphill.

Construction of new roof incorporating front and rear dormers. **08/05572/FUL.** Land at 40 Main Rd., Naphill. Erection of 2 detached 4 bed dwellings with integral garages. Construction of vehicular access. (Objection. Over development, particularly with reference to AONB and surrounding Green Belt policy). **08/05600/FUL** 279 Main Rd., Walter's Ash.

Demolition of existing chalet bungalow and construction of 1 x 4 bed and 1 x 3 bed detached dwellings, creation of new accesses to each dwelling and blocking up of existing access. (Objection. Over development and overlooking).

Parking at the Co-op, Walter's Ash. Many thanks to those who responded to last month's invitation to a possible public meeting to discuss the traffic/parking problems in the vicinity of the Co-op. If you have not had time to respond yet and would wish to attend, please ring me, so we have some idea of numbers. If you have any photos illustrating the problem, do please let me know. This open meeting is proposed for 8pm Thursday 8th May, 2008 at Naphill Village Hall. Invitations are being sent to Head of Transportation Bucks County Council, Head of Planning & Sustainability

Wycombe District Council, Head of Traffic Police High Wycombe, Station Commander RAF High Wycombe, and the Co-op Regional Manager, with copies to our local County, District, and Parish Councillors.

Date of next meeting: 8pm Thursday 10th April 2008, Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Naphill Horticultural Society

If you missed our recent dinner, you should kick yourselves as it was one of the best we have had for a while. A delicious meal was followed by wonderful entertainment by Voice Versa, who put together a programme with something for everyone. The whole event was most enjoyable.

The gardening year is now well under way, so it is time to remind you of our annual **Plant Sale** which takes place on **Saturday May 24th**, where we hope to have a good selection of flowering plants, vegetable plants and herbs.

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!

Finally, we have booked a coach to go to the RHS Gardens at Wisley on Sunday June 1st, leaving the Village Hall at 9am. The cost will depend on the number of people who book, but will certainly be less than £10 per person.

If you are at all interested in either of the above events, please give me a call.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Sabre-Toothed Man-Eating Muntjac?

Well, not exactly, but the Muntjac deer on the Walter's Ash allotments have suddenly become a real menace. For 15 – 20 years they visited my allotment but all they did was crop my sorrel down to the ground. I did not mind since the sorrel was perennial and came up again each spring – and once spring came the Muntjac found food elsewhere and left my sorrel alone.

During the winter of 2005/2006 there was a change. The Muntjac went for my carrots as well, grazing them down to the ground and even digging some up.

However, in the winter of 2007/2008 they have developed a taste for other things on my allotment. They have ravaged my sorrel and carrots as before. They have grazed my Swiss chard down to the ground; eaten most of the leaves of my globe artichokes; “pruned” my strawberry plants and even cropped a hyacinth which should not have been on my allotment in the first place. On neighbouring plots I see that they have ravaged young broad bean plants.

This change in their habits is most worrying. They have experimented this winter with a great variety of crops, which are evidently to their liking. What can be done? They can leap any fence. However, in the winter of 2006/2007 they did **not** go for my carrots. I had covered the carrot patch with fleece. That must have put them off and I have noticed that they have not gone for my brassicas which are covered with netting. So I think that is the answer – cover the crops with fleece or netting. Personally, I would prefer to be the man eating Muntjac!

For those interested in having an allotment and braving the Muntjac, at the time of writing there are 4 people on the waiting list for the Walter's Ash allotments at Clappins Lane and zero for the Naphill allotments at Louches Lane. Contact the Parish Clerk on 01494 715296. The current charge for a whole plot is £10 pa and £5 for a half plot – but there is a 50% increase in price from 29th September 2008.....

Global food prices have risen since their lows of 2000 by more than 75% - jumping by more than 20% in 2007 – so it is even more worthwhile to grow your own!

Happy gardening!

Mike Mason

Walter's Ash Allotments

Mike Mason and I have been thinking of starting an email group (or if we get even more adventurous, a web site) for Walter's Ash allotment holders. We can then share tips, problems, seeds, plants and produce and also identify any issues with untended plots, mowing etc and suggest solutions/offer help.

If you would like to be included in the email group as a first stage please could you let me know.

Judy Whitehouse - judy@judyq.demon.co.uk

South Buckinghamshire Branch of the Alzheimer's Society

When someone in your family is diagnosed with one of the dementias (of which Alzheimer's is the most common, but there are many other forms) the effect can seem overwhelming. Not only do you and your loved one have to face up to the changes that will take place, but you often need assistance. If you are working, how can you arrange for someone else to care for a short time? Day care or home sitting? Who pays, and how much? What about drug therapy? Respite or residential care – which are the trustworthy homes? Financial planning for the future? What sort of holiday can we take?

A charity such as ours can't give you specific answers, but nor will we turn you away with a sheaf of leaflets and hope you can sort it all out for yourself. In our support groups, you can hear how other carers have coped and share your concerns if you wish. Our professional staff have extensive experience of working with social services, and the community mental health team. Our role is not to "take over", but to support you, and the friendships that often form between carers in a similar situation have a special quality.

We run both morning and evening monthly support groups in central High Wycombe, and you are welcome to phone our helpline with any dementia-related concerns you may have.

Telephone (please leave a message if office is unmanned) 01494 670909 Email southbucks@alzheimers.plus.com

A Little Village History

Whilst looking at back copies of the Gazette, with a view to researching the history of the Naphill and Walter's Ash School, I have come across a whole range of interesting articles on how life used to be in our villages and the problems or pleasures experienced. Here are a few examples and I hope any of the original authors who are still residents will not mind seeing their work in print again.

Car Parking at Naphill County Primary School September 1970

"The school managers are very concerned about the dangerous situation outside the school which has arisen because many children are brought to school and collected afterwards by car. Pursell's Meadow is inadequate for this volume of traffic and I have therefore been asked to request that parents do not turn into this road but stop their cars on the main road when bringing and fetching children. We are lucky to have had only one accident outside school in recent years and this request is made in the interest of the safety of the children". *Change the name just the same?*

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June 1971 Parish Council whilst discussing a new RAF Supply building at the end of Woodcock

"This particular building serves to remind us of the importance of keeping a watchful eye on what is going on within our environment. Bureaucracy has little thought for aesthetics or the like and in some cases achieves its aims by cloaking in silence its ultimate intentions. Such was the case of the lighting in Hughenden Valley. A reasonable request for lighting at the bottom of Cryers Hill has resulted in the urbanization of the entire Valley Road. Planners need watching – we must all keep a wary eye open". *Apposite given the recent articles on turning the lights out and the need to protect our village status?*

Naphill Residents Association October Meeting 1971

"Secondly, the growth of equestrian traffic. We now have a dozen or so complaints related to this. The Association feels that horse riding is very much part of country life. But, pavements along main Road and elsewhere are for pedestrians, not horses. Safety aspects apart, fouled pavements are not especially desirable. So please horse riders play the game". *And we thought dog fouling was a problem.*

A gem of a article by an 8 year old in the February 1971 Edition - What is a Grandmother?

"A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own so she likes other people's little girls and boys. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with the boys and they talk about fishing and tractors. Grandmothers don't have anything to do but to be there. They are old so they shouldn't play hard or run. They should never say "Hurry Up". Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie children's shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear and they can take their teeth and gums off. They don't have to be smart, only answer questions like why do dogs hate cats and why God isn't married. They don't talk baby talk like visitors. When they read to us, they don't skip bits or mind if it is the same story over again. Everybody should have one, especially if you don't have television, because grandmothers are the only grown-ups who have the time". *What would be today's 8 year olds definition I wonder?*

Bob Foggo

Editor's comment - Would any 8 year olds (or grandmothers!) like to write in and reply to the question Bob posed? It seems to me that grandmothers these days have to be very smart and are busier than anyone else!

Naphill Brownies and Guides Jumble Sale

Naphill Brownies and Guides have held another very successful Jumble Sale on Saturday 1st March. We made over £700 and would very much like to thank all those people, Brownies, Guides, parents AND all those people who have nothing to do with Girlguiding for all their help. Without all of you it would not be possible.

We, of course, thank all of you who so kindly donate their jumble. And thank you for attending and spending your money! This time we counted at least 8 people, who have no Guiding connection at all, who gave up their whole Saturday to help make it a success. Their contribution is invaluable. Many thanks. It helps the units to pay their rent, do activities, which may otherwise be too expensive, helps towards new camping equipment and also means that we are able to topup any fundraising the girls do. Last year we supported i.e. an orphanage in India, the RSPB. And there are many more.

You might be interested to know that the jumble that is not sold moves on. Some goes to homeless charities, a hospice take some and this time left over shoes went to Afghanistan. Anything that really has no home unfortunately has to go to the tip, but

each time we manage to find homes for more and more.

Again many thanks for all your support.

THE NEXT JUMBLE SALE WILL BE ON SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER.

Deirdre Hansen - Guide Guider

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

In February we held a parents meeting at the school and extended the invitation to some Pre-School parents to look at the situation of re-structuring the school in the light of fluctuating numbers and also to discuss the schools aspiration to start working on the International Baccalaureate Early Years Programme. Thank you to everyone who turned up and to those of you who took the trouble to respond to the consultation in writing. From reading these responses it seems clear that a number of divergent views exist in the community, particularly on the issue of vertically grouped classes of mixed ages. In regards to this issue, in the short term we are very much taking a "wait and see" approach to resolving this issue though it is possible that vertical groupings will be phased in over a number of years. Similarly it is very likely that the admission number to the reception year will be reduced to 45 from the 2009/10 academic year onwards. In order to best manage this scenario other entry to other year groups will also be capped at 45 from then on. It is clear that many parents would value a further opportunity to discuss this and have a further opportunity to look at more detail at the issue. We will endeavour for this to happen later in the summer term as the situation becomes clearer. I would urge all parents to come to this meeting if they can as it would be a shame not to hear everyone's opinions on issues that will affect the school for many years to come.

Many parents were interested in the school's plans to trial aspects of the International Baccalaureate at the school. To find out more about the scheme I have posted a link to the IBO site on our own school's site. Presently only Years 6 and 4 are working on the scheme though Year 2 are beginning it in the summer and we will be extending the trial to other year groups from the autumn term.

The builders have been very busy at the back of the school constructing the new premises for the Naphill Village Pre-School. To mark the relocation of the Naphill Village Pre-School onto the school site the Pre-School are running a competition for local children to help "re-brand" their facility. They would like children to think of a new trendy name for the pre-school and also design a new logo/badge for their sign and stationery. The competition is open to all local children and should be on A4 paper, on a white background using as many colours as they want.

Entries can be for the name **or** the logo **or both** and the deadline for submission is Friday 9th May. The winner will be announced at the village summer fete and there will be two prizes (one for the name and one for the logo). Photographs of the exterior of the building during construction are on our school web site , www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk and are also featured in the Year 1 class pages. Last week myself, some staff and committee members were allowed a peek inside the building. Personally, I thought it was fantastic and the children will indeed be fortunate to be able to make use of such a facility when they move in later in the year.

Our fundraising and entertainments group (WANSA) have very kindly funded the purchasing of brand new PE equipment for the school and some of it has already been installed in the school hall. We've got two sets of wall bars, ropes and climbing apparatus along with new gym mats and a mat trolley. Not only does the new equipment look great it also means that the children themselves will be able to help get out and create set-ups for their own lessons. Our next WANSA event planned is our very popular Quiz Night which is happening in a couple of week's time on Friday 28th March.

Once more we are delighted to have taken part in the Wycombe Swan's "Energise!" performances this month. The performances attracted large numbers of local school children and this year some of our Year 5 and 6 children have been selected to take lead roles in the show. Miss Doyle did some wonderful work with the school's Drama Club to ensure that all the performers would be ready on time. The performances were truly spellbinding and thoroughly enjoyable to watch and I am reliably informed to take part in. Well done to everyone involved in this project including our Teacher assistant Claire Binhammer who did a great deal of costume preparation in her own time and enabled our school to really stand out from the crowd.

Some sharp-eyed readers may also have spotted an inclusion on the Bucks Free Press web site about our tag-Rugby's trip to play at the Millennium Stadium. I've re-printed the article below just in case you missed it. Recently we've had lots of sporting successes at the school and include a number of different activities, netball, football, cross-country running and not forgetting our Year 2 skippers (!) who took part in a fantastic afternoon of high-energy skipping last week with a specialist coach.

Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher

Naphill and Walter's Ash School Pupils Compete at Millennium Stadium

In an opportunity of a lifetime, pupils from year 6 (10 and 11 year olds) at Naphill and Walter's Ash School were chosen to represent London Wasps during a half time tag rugby match in front of tens of thousands of fans at the EDF Energy Cup semi-finals at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff on March 22nd. The children formed a guard of honour to welcome players on to the pitch before the game, and joined pupils from three other schools who represented the other semi-finalists Leicester Tigers, Saracens and Ospreys.

The children also watched the opening ceremony, saw the game, received EDF Energy goody bags and had a team photograph taken at the "Dragon's Mouth" entrance, where players run on to the pitch.

It all started as the school is involved in the EDF National Schools Rugby Programme which is coached in this area by London Wasps. Tag rugby is a non contact starter version of the rugby union sport that teaches the children the basic skills. The school is very keen to encourage the children to participate in all sorts of sports and such is the children's enthusiasm and skill that they won the London Wasps/EDF Energy Tag Rugby Tournament Cup on October 18th last year.

"We have loved every minute of our rugby with London Wasps during the past few years and, with their help, have improved enormously during that time. We feel honoured and thrilled to be playing on the hallowed turf at the Millennium Stadium. It was a fantastic day" commented Mark Stallwood, Year 6 Teacher.

A trio of girls from Naphill and Walter's Ash School Tag Rugby Club stated: "We very excited about playing and anxious to do our best. Wasps gave us a great opportunity to represent both them and our school."

Naphill Brownies

We have been busy making Mothers Day presents; we painted and decorated some wooden hangers and then tied on a lavender bag which Mums could then hang in their wardrobes.

The American evening we held was lots of fun we made neckerchiefs from scraps of material collected at the recent Jumble Sale. We also spent the evening line dancing; we had a professional line dance lady come to visit to show us the steps. The evening then finished with one of the new Brownies making her promise and we ate hotdogs like true Americans!

We are busy preparing for the "Big Sleepover" at the Brownie Guide Hut. Brown Owl has attended a training day at Ellesborough to obtain a licence to enable us to do this event. We have 16 Brownies



Naphill Spring Dance

Sat 10th May 2008 @ Naphill Village Hall
7.30pm - 11.30pm

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joining in and plan to do lots of craft activities and games during the evening and then hopefully lots of sleep!

Brown Owl and I were presented with our badges by Deirdre Hansen which confirms that we now have completed all the modules required to become fully fledged warranted guiders.

A very big thank you to all those who either helped out with our Jumble Sale or came along to buy. We raised a staggering £770 which has been split between us and the Naphill Guides.

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 the children have been looking at SENSES. They are all having a wonderful time discovering lots of new things. "Smell" has been interesting, the children have been smelling different

things, some not so pleasant at others! "Touch" has been fun the children have had a chance to play with gluppy/gunge and feeling different textures. "Taste" included the children making smoothies with different varieties of fruit. "Seeing" has had children looking through magnifying glasses. "Hearing" was loud as you can imagine, they made the most of musical instruments, as those of you who live by the school will have heard.

The children have also been busy making Easter cards and are taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt on the crick.

Update on the new premises, the building is now up and it looks great, but we now have to fit it out. We need to put out further requests to you all in the community, as we still need to raise funds for new equipment, and require donations of office equipment. Please contact pre-school on 564037 within opening hours and Gemma Vinall our chairperson will get back to you.

To mark the relocation of the Pre-School we are holding a competition for local residents to help rename the Pre-School. If you can think of a new name or logo/badge for the Pre-School sign, uniform and stationery, then enter into our competition. Entries should be on A4 paper with a white background, the deadline for submission is Friday 9th May. The winner will be announced at the village summer fete. There will be two prizes (one for the name and one for the logo). Entries should be submitted through either Naphill and Walter's Ash school, or the Pre-School, clearly marked "Pre-School Naming Competition". Good Luck to all of you who take part!

I mentioned last month about our Spring Dance, however the price of the tickets are £15 not £20 as advertised. But they are selling fast. Please see the advert for where to buy your tickets. It promises to be a great night.

On Wednesday 16th April (during the Easter holidays) the Pre-School committee are organising a craft/messy afternoon, in the village Hall from 2pm till 4pm. This is open to all young children. The cost will be £3.00 for one child or £5.00 for two. Parent/carers must stay with their children, but we will be serving refreshments for parents and children. So come along and do some sticking and glittering, and chat with the other Parent/carers over coffee. (someone else will be clearing up)!

Pat Hutton

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Editorial

An excellent turn out at the Post Office last month, thank you everyone who made the effort to show their support for this essential village service that we really don't want to lose. For those of you who couldn't be there the cover of this month's gazette says it all and there is good news as we go to press.

I had several people respond to the request for contacts who collect used postage stamps for charity and this made me think that we are probably

not doing as much as we can to recycle and raise money for worthy causes at the same time. So I am planning on publishing a "recycle for charity" list. If you are a collector and would like your details published in the gazette each month then please let me know.

Finally I had so much fun putting together the Pre-School centrepiece, they do a wonderful job and really need your support as they start the move to their new building.

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 Forge Road	10.30–11.15am 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
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		1.30–2.45pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Every Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Every Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching (Summer only)	Every Friday	Group 1, 5:00 - 5:45pm Group 2, 5:45 - 6:30pm Group 3, 6:30 - 7:70pm
	Every Saturday	Under 7s, 09:30 - 10:30am

* Boys FC training sessions held at RAF Sports Field

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	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
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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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	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	564037	Alt: 01494 521612 (am) or 07907 102149
Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634	
School		562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill	Trevor Nicholls	565322	Beavers & Cubs on Tuesdays, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
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	

County Councillor's Report

The proliferation of signs now appearing in our area is causing much adverse public comment and I have asked for a review of the situation. The "temporary" signs in Hughenden Valley related to the lighting switch off trial should be taken down by the summer.

The review of the speed limits is now taking place in area 5 which includes Naphill and other parts of Hughenden Parish. There are no significant proposed changes to the existing limits in Naphill or Walter's Ash but there is to be an increase in enforcement by the use of the police speed check vehicle. This "white van" has been effective in increasing speed awareness in Widmer End, where the majority of speeding motorists were found to be

local residents. The tragic death of a five year old in Great Kingshill and the subsequent prosecution of the driver for dangerously exceeding the 30 mph limit, should remind us all of the dangers of ignoring the speed signs. We all need to remember that signs indicate maximum speed and not necessarily what is appropriate for the situation. Driving at 30 mph can be too fast for pedestrians on the roadside path, especially at school time.

We are to have a visiting Highways Team coming soon to this area to undertake a general tidy up of the environment such as cleaning directional signs, some of which are now almost illegible, clearing blocked drains and ditches and renewing white lines and replacing "cats eyes" in the road. Another team will undertake more lasting repairs to road surfaces including potholes, which have been neglected in recent years because of budget restraints. The re-investment of some £3m into county highways maintenance should see improvements in the coming months.

The county council is holding a second welcome home reception at County Hall, for returning servicemen and women from overseas detachments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Many readers will have noticed that in a recent survey of English Counties Buckinghamshire came top as the best county in which to live. Anyone taking a walk in our lovely local countryside in springtime can only but agree.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

As you will see and no doubt read in the Bucks Free Press, approximately 30 people braved the rain and wind to support and rally the Post Office cause on 28 March. This was a tremendous turnout and both David Lidington, MP, and my colleagues were very grateful. A meeting was set up with Royal Mail and Wycombe District Council and as the gazette goes to press we have heard from David Wilkins the village Postmaster that our Post Office is safe for now, an excellent result and testimony to the commitment shown by the people in the village. However we must not get complacent, please continue to give our Post Office your custom and support.

I have received a number of complaints regarding the parking at the Co-Op and will discuss with colleagues. I also understand the residents association is also unhappy about this.

On April 1, I attended a reception hosted by the Station Commander at RAF Air Command to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Royal Air Force and on 3 April I attended the Wycombe District

Council annual reception in Marlow. Full Council was on the 14 April with a good presentation by the Wycombe Area Youth Council.

The annual Council will be on 12 May. You are of course welcome to attend.

John Gibbs

Fete Book Stall

We need GOOD condition paperback books, (for both adults and children), for our bookstall at the summer fete in June.

Please contact
Sally (562281) or Pauline (564226)

Hughenden Parish Council

Recent activities/decisions in the Parish have included the following:-

Gardener for Burial Ground at Four Ashes

The Parish continues to seek expressions of interest from local people in connection with an opportunity to do paid gardening work. This was mentioned in the April Gazette. Hours would be by negotiation, and the job involves weeding flower beds and light mowing. Please contact the Clerk (715296) or me (565969) for more information.

Conservation Work

The Parish Council continues to do conservation work on the land (60+ acres) it owns. It has recently sought the advice of Tracy Adams, the Chiltern Conservation Board's Farming and Land Use Officer, in connection with the Stewardship Scheme at Vincent's Meadow. The land maintenance remains in line with the Scheme but would be enhanced by sheep grazing (sheep being sought!). Various recommendations were made regarding hedging and tree maintenance throughout the land assets; these will be acted upon.

Planning Applications

The Planning Committee meets every three weeks to consider information and recommendations from ward members; any decision is a matter for the committee as a whole. The list of applications varies in length. Last week there was an unusually high number (19) to consider, of which 7 were for Naphill and Walter's Ash. The Committee had objections to four of these, for a variety of reasons.

A proposed new roof, creating another storey at Timber Edge at the corner of Forge Road and the Common, was objected to because the new height was considered inappropriate in this sensitive location. The front elevation was thought to be out of keeping with other properties along the Common.

The proposal to build two detached houses on land adjacent to 40, Main Road was considered to be an over-development of the site. The proposed houses would be three storeys and too high.

There was also an objection to a proposed large detached double garage and workshop at Hunts Hill Cottage because it was considered inappropriate development in the Green Belt and AONB.

The Parish also objected to a retrospective application for a garden house on stilts which has already been constructed. It was considered to constitute an intrusion on the privacy of several neighbours.

A revised draft Village Design Statement is almost ready to be submitted to Wycombe District Council for further consideration. Phil Crawshaw, Judy Whitehouse and I have spent time incorporating the suggestions made to us by a WDC officer and we hope the resulting "product" will be sufficiently robust to assist with well planned future developments appropriate to our rural settlements. The Plan will go out to village residents for further comments before being adopted by WDC and taken in to account in determining planning applications.

Parish Meeting

This year's meeting will take place on May 20th at 8pm in Widmer End Combined School (venue to be confirmed). The meeting is held in all the villages in rotation and it is hoped local residents will feel interested enough to make the short journey. This is an opportunity to meet councillors, to ask questions, and to express views. We hope to see you there.

Peggy Ewart - Vice Chairman

News from "Christians in the Community"

Not a lot of news this month – KRASH is on May 9th and 23rd. And our Fellowship safari starts at my house, Santos, Stocking Lane, on Wednesday 15th May. Want to know more? Phone me on 563116.

Norma Clarke

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

By May, all the extra spring and summer tennis activities are in full swing, so now is the time to join up if you and/or your family are still contemplating; specifically evening club sessions on a Thursday, and junior coaching on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, dependent upon age and experience. Also our Rusty Racquets sessions start – these are open to all potential new members, so please see below for dates.

Our Summer 2008 tennis matches have started – more news about how we are getting on in the next edition. Wimbledon is fast approaching, and our annual allocation should be up on the Notice Board for those members who are interested in going to watch the stars in action. The option to purchase these allocated tickets is only open to LTA-affiliated members. Becoming a member of NLTC automatically qualifies you for a chance to go to this tremendous event.

On the social scene, April also marked the date of our annual dinner at the Rose and Crown. At the time of writing, this hasn't happened, so again, it will have to be a back to the future exercise for next month's contribution.

Upcoming Dates Reminder: -

SUMMER STARTER TEA and TENNIS

All adults members and visitors welcome

Sun 4 May 2.30 pm - £4.00 per head including tea

RUSTY RACQUETS

Coaching Session 1 Fri 9 May 6.30 pm

- all standards welcome NO CHARGE

RUSTY RACQUETS

Coaching Session 2 Fri 23 May 6.30 pm

- all standards welcome NO CHARGE

RUSTY RACQUETS

Coaching Session 3 Fri 6 June 6.30 pm

- all standards welcome NO CHARGE

If you want any further information on these events, please contact me on 01844 346 802 or 07703 234 895.

Helen Leek

Local Vacancy for Pre-School Assistants

Speen Pre-School are looking for 2 new Assistants to support the current staff team.

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Naphill Evening WI

As we write the snow is slowly disappearing and the sun is struggling to burst through the clouds; perhaps May will bring some better weather. Even so, we have lots to look forward to. But first, to go back to March. We enjoyed the talk by Barry Cole on the 20th about "Training of Paramedics", all the new methods and skills they need to give immediate medical care that perhaps may save a life.

On the 27th March we hosted the Group meeting. This was well attended by over one hundred members and we welcomed Pat and her team as the new Group Conveners. The talk "Women in Wartime" by Hugh Davies was interesting, but rather long winded! Still, it was nice to have a gathering of several different W.I.s and that is what Group meetings are all about. The evening was successful and the catering excellent – thank you to those who worked hard behind the scenes.

Our April 17th meeting and talk "Flower Power, How Plants Control Animals", speaker Dr Brenda Harold, will be reported on in the June Gazette. It is hard to believe by then we will be half way through 2008 - how quickly the time flies.

Now, get out those diaries.....On May 7th, our new venture "Beryl's Book Club", will be at Beryl's home for the first meeting and several members have expressed interest and will be attending. It is always good to have new ideas. The 15th May is the Resolutions meeting, which will be a social evening

with cheese and wine and a "bring and buy". Talking about June again, it will be a busy month. Nancy will be going to the AGM at Liverpool on the 3rd and 4th June. On the 7th it will be the village fete and as we have said previously, already plans are being made for the float and tombola. Please remember we want lots of prizes for the tombola stall and cakes for the refreshments. As usual, we know you will all be ready to give help where needed. Jenny's Ploughman's Lunch is later this year and will be held on the 23rd June. You never know, we might be spending it outdoors in the sunshine – the English weather being even more unpredictable than ever! Now into July, on the 3rd it is Valerie's Games Evening, which is always a fun event; all we need is good weather, remembering how bitterly cold it was last year. August 14th we have the Afternoon Tea at Jessie's and on the 27th the Ramble and pub supper. Or, if you do not do walking, there is always the option to join up for the pub supper afterwards. Why not?- it is usually a good evening!

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting. Till then, be happy.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

A "cup of tea" took on a different meaning at our April meeting when Kay Healey from the Cotswold Tea Company gave a presentation on "different flavours of tea". It was most interesting to learn about the types of loose tea that are available from the different tea estates around the world and Kay concentrated

on four varieties of Indian teas, ranging from Whole Leaf Whyte to First Flush Assam. We were able to see and smell the leaves and to have a tasting of four different flavours and I think we all had our favourites and it certainly made a change from the usual PG Tips!

The trip to Windsor Castle Marking the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, arranged for 30th April 2008 will be reported in the next months issue.

We will again be running our CAKE STALL at the Village Fete on Saturday 7th June and members were reminded that cakes, biscuits and home-made preserves are needed to sell. Also we shall need volunteers to help run the stall. More details in the next Gazette.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 12th May when our speaker will be Mr R Keating on The Rothschilds & Waddesdon Manor – "The Inspiration of the collection and restoration work".

Tea Hostesses for May are as follows :- Jean Fortesque, Anne Thomas and Joy Stroud.

Isobel Lane

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

As I write this we have welcome visitors on the Village Hall roof. After numerous reports of vandals getting onto the roof and creating damage we now have the people we want up there re-roofing the Hall. Hopefully by the time you read this the job will be done, the roof will be greatly improved the tower replaced and the leaks will be no more. It will then be worth our while replacing the stained ceiling tiles and thus greatly improving the look of the ceiling in the Hall.

Our treasurer, Ken Wright, presented his financial report for the year. It was a very positive report with expenditure down and very successful fund raising events creating a rise in income. Ken has managed to reduce our expenses by getting the best rates for all the energy providers. We thanks him for his diligence. We do have a great need for money in the kitty. With the roof and the work on improving the heating to pay for, these funds are very necessary!

It has been suggested that we should purchase a large projection screen for use in the hall. Ted has had to use his best white sheet to project the scores for the quiz and it was felt that permanent screen could be a great asset to the hall. We might even be able to have village film shows!

We are very aware that the hedge under the "Christmas tree" needs completely renewing. The old hedge needs to be dug out and then replaced. Another job for the "list".

Our meeting was followed by the AGM. This consisted of the usual reports and the appointment of officers and village representatives. Our officers stay the same with Ken Wright as the Hon. Treasurer, Hazel Vickery as the Hon. Secretary and Barbara Clarke as the Hon. Letting Secretary. The village representatives are , Sarah Bacon, Daisy Leek, Valerie Pushman, and Ian Bond.

Our next major date in the calendar is **the fete on 7th June**. Make sure you are there and start thinking of your costume. The theme is "down on the farm".

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

The Village Fete - Saturday 7th June

This year's fete must be put on your list of events that must not be missed. We will have all of the things that make our fetes so popular but this year's theme, "Down On The Farm", has resulted in quite a lot of interesting ideas that will make this a rather special day!

We are having a Hurricane and a Spitfire flypast, Dave Simmons is bringing his steam driven traction engine and trailer for children's rides, there will be a magnificent shire horse and plenty of farm machinery to look at (and some for children to climb over). This will be an absolutely fantastic day, do make a note of it in your diary now.

We who live in Naphill and Walter's 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. Setting up the fete is a simple 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 as the Village Hall roof and heating system repairs are not cheap! 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) 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 Bric-a-Brac stall and Janet (563186) would be delighted to hear

Naphill Pre-School

Pre-School Reminiscences

Thinking back over quite a few years to 1967, my friend Sally Harvey and I took our children (my daughter Elizabeth was three at the time) over to Prestwood for a playgroup as there was no such facility in Naphill. However, as our village hall was then barely used during the daytime, I wrote to Wycombe District Council to ask what I would have to do to start a playgroup. It was very easy as they came and inspected the hall and number of toilets and said that we could go ahead and operate with 30 children and 3 adults! We decided to go ahead but with a maximum of 24 children and 3 adults in charge. We then needed equipment! Luckily for us Bucks County Council were disposing of several small classroom chairs and tables and we were told we could go and help ourselves. Then a wooden climbing frame and a playhouse were purchased and we begged and borrowed various toys such as building bricks and dolls etc.

We informed Naphill via the Naphill Gazette of our intention and if my memory serves me correctly, we opened in September 1968 for four mornings per week. Mrs. Timberlake, the hall cleaner, always kept Monday free for cleaning so this was not available to us. However we did need space to clear everything away and stored as much as possible under the stage. Eventually the Village Hall Council allowed us to have a cupboard built in the small hall, which is there to this day!

We were a Playgroup and joined the Playgroup Association but were not allowed to teach, merely play. We had several outside people visit us such as The Tufty Club (a squirrel called Tufty) when the children were shown how to cross the road safely etc. Several of our helpers are still in the village to-day and our children are now grown up and have their own children. I remember pushing my pram along with my second daughter Catherine together with Jenny Price pushing her son Christopher in his pram. We had great fun and everyone was happy and we did not have all the regulations of to-day. I ran it (with Sally and other helpers) for 9 years and enjoyed every minute.

It always gives me great pleasure to be invited to the, now Pre-School, activities and as they depart from the Village Hall, I wish them every success in their new premises at the Walter's Ash and Naphill School. It will now be an easier transfer from Pre-School to "big" school.

Valerie Pushman

Back in Time - Pre-School Silver Jubilee Party 1977





More Reminiscences

To mark the event of the pre-school moving from the Village Hall where it has been for nearly 40 years to the fantastic new purpose built site at Naphill and Walter's Ash School, I've been reminiscing about the time I was involved in the early days of Naphill Playgroup at the Village Hall. Following on from Valerie Pushman's formation of the playgroup in the late 60s, I would like to take the story forward to the mid 70s when the next generation of Village youngsters came to the Village Hall. Joe Taylor led and Jennie Labdon, Sue Pond, Nessa Hopper, Francis Wright and myself were helpers.

Now our daughter Sarah takes our Granddaughter Romilly to Pre-school and is on the Committee. How times have changed, we were just a group of Mums who helped. No OFSTED - in fact the only red tape was the form we had to fill in to list how many 1/3 pints of milk had been delivered by Les from Wren Davies so we could claim back 3p per child from the Council to go towards the Village Hall costs together with Mums' subs.

Our other main fund raising was from the Rummage or Jumble Sale where donations of all clothing and crockery great and small were sorted on the Saturday morning of the sale. 2pm the Village Hall doors opened and a mass of customers rushed in to grab bargains priced between 4p and 10p. At the end of the day money was counted and probably came to the sum of £24. At about 4pm the pre-booked Rag and Bone man would arrive and give us Thirty Bob (no decimalisation for him - "it's only the wool I want dear") for a mountain of unwanted cast offs.

How different today, and yet despite present day regulations if you open the doors of the Pre-school today the children and their 21st century helpers are there still singing "If You're Happy And You Know It Clap Your Hands", finger paint on paper, clothes and faces and the wonderful sound of children's laughter. It is wonderful that Playgroup has evolved to Pre-school as with other village institutions - W.I., Over Sixties, Horticultural Society, Residents Association - it is a continuation and an integral part of our Village life.

So like all village organisations it costs so much more to keep going these days and self help is essential especially now as they have a new building to kit out. As you have possibly seen in the Gazette, local shops and pubs there is a Naphill Spring Dance on the 10th May in aid of Pre-school – not a Pre-school dance but just a chance for the Village and friends of the Village to have a good night out (perhaps now the Fete Day Dance is no more, this could be the annual "Pre-Fete Dance" in support of our local charity).

So go on, get your dancing shoes on and let the generations mix as they always have done in our lovely Village!

Babs Plumb

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

Taskmaster Ted (563034) continues the search for volunteers to help with the many jobs that need doing before, during and after the fête. We need help with operating the Roller Coaster (a job for strong men to build bigger muscles), the Stocks, the Hoop-La stall, the Swing Boats, thumping posts in (and removing them), burying electrical cables, 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.

Last year we asked those who couldn't attend the fete to make a donation towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. Your generosity raised a goodly sum so naturally we are asking you to put your hand in your pocket (or purse) again. Please send a small donation now; 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, Walter's Ash, High Wycombe HP14 4TR or give me a call if you would like it collecting.

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

Your Letters

Deer Me

Maybe I'm strange, but I felt saddened by the story of high fences and frightening tactics to deter deer from a garden. I find these creatures an absolute joy and am certainly willing to sustain the loss of a few roses to have the honour of them parading through my garden.

Maybe if the equivalent of steak and chips (in human terms) was not cultivated in the garden the deer would not be enticed in. In Penn they have the same problem but, on the whole, take care not to grow plants attractive to these beautiful creatures. Fundamentally a "suburban" garden in a rural setting is not a good idea. Let's enjoy our natural surroundings. After all we are the intruders not the wildlife.

from "A Commoner" (email address supplied)

Injured Deer

I was saddened to read David Leith's article last month on the injuries sustained by a Muntjac deer in it's desperate attempts to flee his garden.

Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital at Haddenham have a 24 hour emergency helpline number which is **01844 292 292** and they have an excellent page on their website (www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk) dedicated to injured deer, advising when to assist and when to leave alone. The general public are advised not to try to handle an injured deer themselves, but Tiggywinkles will always give advice, so do make a note of the number in case sometime in the future you are in a position to make a difference. All treatment is free to the public.

I feel very privileged to look out of my window and see the wildlife in my garden, especially the deer who come every winter to prune the leaves on two

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Juliet Shortall

Muntjac

Your spell checker is correct. Muntjac are an introduced species which has escaped into the wild. They have spread widely across the country and continue to do so. Like the woodpigeon they taste excellent on the table, especially when accompanied by any surviving vegetables from the allotment! Deer populations generally are on the increase and the law was changed last autumn to make it easier for stalkers to control their numbers.

You can help by buying venison from the butcher or supermarket – it's tasty, free range and low in fat. Deer, and pigeons too, are excellent eating and maybe Gazette readers will be tempted to try them. There are two websites that may be worth a mention:

www.gameson.org.uk/ and
www.gametoeat.co.uk/

Game, including venison, can now be sold all year round. Local butchers like Clarks in Risborough and Troutt in West Wycombe sell it.

Unfortunately it is almost impossible to shoot deer safely within the village and the best solution for allotment holders is for the Parish Council to fence the allotment fields to keep them out. This would be a better use of our precept than the ugly plot marker posts that have recently been appearing like a rash on allotments across the parish.

David Frost

Pilates Classes in Village Hall

Since January, I have been running the Pilates classes in the Village hall on a Wednesday evening. It was very daunting at first as coming from Beaconsfield; I didn't know anyone at all. However, it soon became evident that Naphill is a very friendly place. I have been made to feel very welcome by all the regulars and have found the classes great fun to teach.

Pilates is a unique form of exercise that strengthens and tones muscles, improves posture, provides flexibility and balance. It increases your sense of well being and reduces stress levels. My classes are very well structured and my "hands on" style enables me to check individuals. It is suitable for all ages.

There are two levels the 7.30 till 8.30 is Intermediate/Advanced. This class is usually fully subscribed but a couple of spaces could become available soon. The second class is 8.30 to 9.30 and is for Beginners/Intermediate. There are

spaces in this class. I also run one to one tuition either in your home or mine. This enables me to produce a programme tailored for your individual needs

If you have always wanted to take part on a Pilates class why don't you give me a call or email me and I will be only too happy to talk to you as I am so passionate about Pilates I can talk all day about the benefits.

Susan Maynard - 01494 670385 or 07949134835
Or email: susiemaynard3@googlemail.com

Used Postage Stamps

I had four people respond to the request in last month's gazette, thanks to them all. Sadly there was only one lot of stamps, which went to the first caller. You might be interested to know that the following organisations all have local agents that collect used postage stamps:

- Hearing Dogs for the Deaf
- Shaw Charity Foundation
- Iain Rennie Hospice at Home
- Save the Children Fund

The excellent response to both this letter and the one about honey jars has prompted me to start a "collection for charity" list. If you would like your details added to this please let me know.

Judy Whitehouse 562742
Judy@judyq.demon.co.uk

Prizes Wanted for Fete Tombola Stall

Following my previous two requests for donations to the tombola stall, I have now received a total of 62 prizes which leaves 538 to find!! My very sincere thanks to those kind souls who have already donated that I have not been able to thank personally. I am able to accept any new item that can be an unwanted gift or packets of sweets, food tins/packets, jars or bottles. Do please help as all of the profit from our stall will be contributed to the fete so if we don't have to buy prizes there will be more profit - last year we raised in excess of £500.

If you would like to donate do please give me a ring and I will gladly arrange to collect your contribution or you can deliver direct to our door at the address below. Very many thanks for your support. Enjoy the Fete.

*Helen and Ron Collins, Michaelmas Cottage, 2
Lacey Drive, Naphill (off Chapel Lane) Tel 562240*

The Wheel

Well what can I say about that beer festival? A sell out in a day and a half, I just wish I could remember who it was when we took over the pub nearly two years ago, and said that we will never sell ales in The Wheel. How wrong you were! Whoever you are! Hope you enjoyed yourself as much as everyone else. The success of the beer festival has made me (Mark) decide that one day beer festivals would be fun, so a date for your diary is Saturday 21st June 2008. Ten ales and four ciders in the marquee out the back, of which all the profit will go to my Mont Blanc charity climb the following week. We will also have Roots Delicatessens providing cheese tasting and buying between 12noon and 5pm, James Henton singing live 5pm to 7pm and Mr Porky providing the ever popular pig roast from 7.30pm. So come along enjoy the beer, sample the cheese, listen to the music and eat some pig.

And before all that we've got Fete Day on Saturday 7th June, it's going to be a busy month! Did I mention that I leave for Mont Blanc at the end of June? Getting back to fete day, Ted is looking for volunteers to help with all sorts of things and we have a form in the pub on which you can register your interest in assisting Ted. We ourselves will of course be looking for glass collectors throughout the day... it's a simple rule, if you see an empty glass, take it to the bar. We will have a beer tent in the front garden and live music early evening, Oh and not forgetting the Pig! We will also be organising the Tug-O-War again. And to our team, be prepared as this year second place is not an option.

So two major events in June, and I may have forgotten to mention that I will be leaving at the end of June to make a summit attempt of Mont Blanc via the east face in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and Parkinson's Disease Society.

Well what's happening in May? I know for sure that I've not mentioned it's my 40th birthday in May so I'll keep quiet about that. Excellent a quiet month, we can sit back put our feet up and relax... Somehow I think not!

Finally well done to High Wycombe RUFC's First XV on winning the Bucks Cup, must be that pub sponsorship that does it! Cheers!

Mark

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Hughenden Church Teas

The church teas season starts on 23rd March.

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 through to October

2.15pm - 5.15pm

Midweek group teas by prior arrangement

Planning Applications to 7 April 2008.

08/5723/FUL Hunts Hill Cottage, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Construction of single storey detached garage. **08/5742/FUL** Briar Cottage, Coombe Lane, Naphill.. Construction of two storey rear extension. **08/5751/FUL**. 16 Vincents Way, Naphill. Construction of single storey side and rear extension, insertion of 1 front and 3 rear dormer windows to provide 1st floor accommodation and associated roof extension. **08/5762/FUL** 165 Main Rd., Naphill. Erection of tree house in rear garden. **08/5780/FUL** Sports Hall & Gymnasium Site 3 RAF High Wycombe, Walter's Ash. Replacement of existing changing facilities at Bdg 42A modular 4 team changing block and the refurbishment of the existing covered way linking the existing female changing block at Bdg 19A to the Gymnasium (alternative to Pp07/7425/FUL). **08/5871/FUL** Seletar, 6 Purssells Meadow, Naphill. Construction of rear conservatory.

Traffic Hazard including Parking in Main Rd., Walter's Ash. Public Meeting 8th May 2008, 8pm Naphill Village Hall

In response to our letters to local authorities and the Co-op regarding traffic hazard, and invitations to attend a public meeting, the County Council and Police are separately making an assessment of the situation on site before the meeting. We are expecting the BCC Highways Network Manager to attend the meeting and hope that a representative of the Police and Co-op will also be there. We look forward to welcoming the RAF Station Commander or representative, and County, District and Parish Councillors. This is a chance for members of the public who are affected to have their say and make suggestions, so the more persons attending the greater the impact.

Date of next meeting. 8pm Thursday 8th May 2008 at Naphill Village Hall.

on **Sunday, 25th May 2008.**

Naphill Horticultural Society

Two dates for your diaries this month. Firstly our Plant Sale takes place at the Village Hall on Saturday May 24th from 9.00 – 11am. This is the perfect opportunity to buy all the plants you need to make your garden flourish this summer, whether you think you may need drought tolerant or water loving plants! There is always a good range of flowers, vegetables herbs and some shrubs, all locally grown and at very reasonable prices, so do come along and have a look.

Should you be interested in having a table to sell plants of your own, you can book one through me at a cost of £5.

Secondly on **Sunday June 1st** we have a trip to the RHS gardens at Wisley. The new Glasshouse has been recently completed, and as this is a project that we contributed to as a society, we now have our name etched in glass, so we thought it time to visit. The coach leaves the Village Hall at 9.00am and the cost will be less than £10 per person (the exact cost depends on the number of people going). Entry to Wisley is free. If you wish to join us on what should be a wonderful day out, please call me soon as seats are booking fast.

Schedules for the Summer and Autumn shows will be available at the Plant Sale, or from Peter Davis, the Post Office or myself. They have been completely re-vamped this year and very informative. Do look through a copy – there is sure to be at least one class you could enter

Membership subscriptions are now due, and remain at £1 per person. Again you can pay at the Plant Sale or via any Committee Member.

Lastly, at our recent AGM, our President Jack Judge, announced that he was standing down. Jack has kept us all in order for many years and we are sorry to lose him in this post. After a nanosecond of deliberation Don Turner was voted in as our new President and will I'm sure be a popular choice – anyway he wasn't there to argue!!

See you all at the Plant Sale.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Bowls Club Open Day

Princes Risborough Bowls Club is holding an Open Day

Are you looking for a new interest? Maybe you have you always wanted to try flat green bowling but are not sure how to get started?

From 2 o'clock in the afternoon right through to 6 pm our bowling instructors and club members will be on hand to provide a helping hand and a warm welcome.

We want to add to the growing numbers of very talented young bowlers already enjoying the sport with us, so we are particularly interested in giving an opportunity to young people of secondary school age upwards. However, everyone is invited to come and see what the Club has to offer. Suitable footwear and bowls will be provided for your use, making it easy for you to - come and have a go! Turn left into New Road at the roundabout, where immediately opposite Risborough Coachworks you will find the private driveway leading to our car park, green and clubhouse.

If you want to know more - 'phone Reg Lawrence 564184 or Ted Stratford 563872.

Special Woods Art Competition

The Special Trees and Woods Project, in partnership with the Chilterns Conservation Board, is hosting an art exhibition open to all those that are inspired by the woods of the Chilterns.

Last year the Special Trees and Woods Project, which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, hosted an art exhibition attracting 15000 visitors. Liz Manley, Special Trees and Woods Project Officer said "This year we are asking artists of all abilities to enter a piece of art that has been inspired by a particular wood in the Chilterns."

Artists are welcome to enter artwork of any medium before 17th October 2008. A panel of local art professionals will select work to be exhibited in the River and Rowing Museum in Henley and the Hat Factory in Luton and two prizes will be awarded.

Are you inspired by the woods of the Chilterns? Or are you a local artist that could try your hand at trees and woods? If so, why not enter this free competition?

Special Trees and Woods Project volunteer Joan Skelton Smith is curating the exhibition. She said "The Chilterns landscape has proved inspirational to many artists over the years including Eric Gill, John Piper and Paul Nash. We know that the woods continue to inspire and I am really looking forward to seeing the entries. I know that we will get artwork of every different medium and size, which will create a really exciting exhibition."

More information about the Special Trees and Woods Project and the art competition is available from www.chilternsaonb.org/special or call Liz on 01844 355 525

Naphill Scouts and Guides HQ

For those of you who don't venture there (bad pun), the Naphill Scouts & Guides Joint HQ is the building at the back of the Village Hall - go to the end of the car park and turn right! It is managed and maintained by the HQ Committee, which comprises of leaders, parents and other "volunteers".

More importantly the HQ is a facility *enjoyed* by over 120 children on a weekly basis. Please note that I did not choose the word "*enjoyed*" lightly; there are many readers who can testify to having happily entered through those doors (which need replacing, more about which later..), wearing the uniform of Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures, parents (frazzled expressions being the usual uniform there) and Leaders – or, in many cases, several of those uniforms, over the previous two decades.

It was in December 1988 that the HQ Committee and the Village Hall Committee jointly funded the replacement of the old Scout hut with the purpose-built extension to the Village Hall that is now the HQ building. The only drawback to this arrangement is that this separateness can sometimes be more than a physical one and, as I know only too well as Scout HQ representative on the Village Hall Committee, the words "youths" and "kids" are too often only heard in the same sentence as "problem" or "vandalism"; the good things going on "next door" can go unnoticed. Thus it was wonderful to see the Brownies featured on the *Gazette* front cover recently and I hope the units & the HQ Committee can contribute through these columns occasionally to inform the village about the activities of all the units to redress the balance and to illustrate that Naphill & neighbouring villages are nurturing good citizens of the future here.

The HQ Committee's purpose is to raise funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the HQ, but it has no role in the actual Scouts and Guiding units, which are run by the enthusiasm and commitment of their Leaders and helpers. Not everyone can commit to the longevity of service that some of our recently retired leaders so generously provided, nor need they feel as if they have to try however, as there are many different ways in which modern units can function these days. We have been most fortunate in finding new leaders and, for example, congratulations should go to Ruth Daly and Judy Pope who have received their warrants as Brownie leaders in just one year – a significant commitment with families, paid jobs and a Brownie pack to manage concurrently.

However, we still need a new leader for Beavers with Barry Reading aiming to step down in the summer -so please give some thought as to whether you can step up to keep the units viable; you will be assured of a very warm & friendly welcome from the children, lots of support from your fellow leaders and the gratitude and help of parents. It's a worthwhile "job" and to find out more please contact either Barry on tel: 447121 or email h.reading@btinternet.com

Community facilities such as the Village Hall and the Scout & Guides HQ cost money to operate and funds have to be raised via well-earned activities such as March's Joint Guide and Scout HQ Spring Fayre, held in the Village Hall. This raised £500 for HQ funds which are used to provide water, heat, light, cleaning, insurance, refuse disposal and all other necessary amenities at the site. The Committee also raises money for capital projects like refurbishment of the facilities and it will shortly be putting out to tender the replacement of the doors to the building, which are of unusual size and therefore must be custom built. We'd welcome any donations, advice on suppliers/carpenters, assistance on fitting the doors or any other guidance or recommendations from those experienced in these matters, whether from parents or other willing persons. We are actively seeking a replacement for Robert Sharpe, the kind parent volunteer who, until recently, was responsible for all HQ maintenance and if anyone could take on this job, alone or with another volunteer, we would be most grateful. Please contact me or our Chairman, Jill Wilkinson, tel 564271 or email: jillwilkinson@fsmail.net if you can assist in any way. Thank you.

Sheila Draper, Secretary of Joint Scout Guide HQ Committee, tel: 563670 or email: sheila.draper@btinternet.com

Naphill Pre-School

"All About Me" no it's not really about me, "All About Me" is the theme for the children's, next half term!

The first topic is Babies, the children have been asked to bring in a baby photograph and we are holding a "Guess the baby competition". The children will also be learning about their early development and achievements, for example crawling, first rhymes, books and lots more. The following weeks will include "Birthdays" helping them find when they were born, using calendars to help them identify dates, talking about Birthday parties, Birthday gifts. Following this we have "Names", the children can take in photos of their Naming/Christening ceremony to show the other children, "Our Families" talking about extended family such as grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles. And the last week we have "Hands and Eyes" the children will be encouraged to use describing words, for example describing what they

are feeling when they look and touch different objects.

The above is just a fraction of what the children will be covering over the next few week's, all the topics are geared round them having fun while helping them learn. Debi the Pre-School Supervisor has produced a wonderful handout with lots of different ideas to accompany the topics, so we can join in at home with what the children have been doing at Pre-School.

A big thank you to all who made and bought tea and cake at the end of the Easter term we raised £56.00 towards Pre-School equipment.

A reminder that the deadline for the re-naming and the new logo for the Pre-School is Friday 9th May. Entries should be submitted through Naphill and Walter's Ash school or the Pre-School, clearly marked "Pre-School Naming Competition". Good Luck to all who entered.

Update on the new Pre-School premises, at Naphill and Walter's Ash School. We are extremely grateful to those of you who have expressed a desire to help us both practically and financially. We've been asked to give some guidance on the particular items we'll need to source or finance:

Outside:-

The outside area of the new Pre-School is only tarmac not very pretty, so we would like to appeal to gardeners. It would be great if we could have some raised beds for the children to learn about nature, by growing their own vegetables and flowers, if somebody could make the raised beds or provide the materials to make them that would be fantastic.

And in addition we need for the garden:-

Picnic tables and Chairs
Outdoor Wendy House
Bird table
Gardening equipment (some for small hands)
Giant abacus
Bikes, trikes, and scooters.

Indoor equipment:-

Multicultural dolls
Range of jigsaw puzzles
Display boards
Books

Kitchen equipment:-

Plastic cups, bowls plates for children. (approx 30/40 of each)
Cooking equipment e.g. bowls, plates, knife, forks and spoons for cooking with the children.
Crockery for adults.

Aprons for adults and children.

If you are able to help with any of the above or wish to donate to the Pre-School please contact the Pre-School within opening hours on 564037 and our chairperson Gemma Vinall will get back to you.

And last but not least, tickets for the Spring Dance have sold very fast and there are only a few tickets remaining, so to avoid disappointment don't leave it too late.



Under construction - the new Pre-School building at Naphill & Walter's Ash School

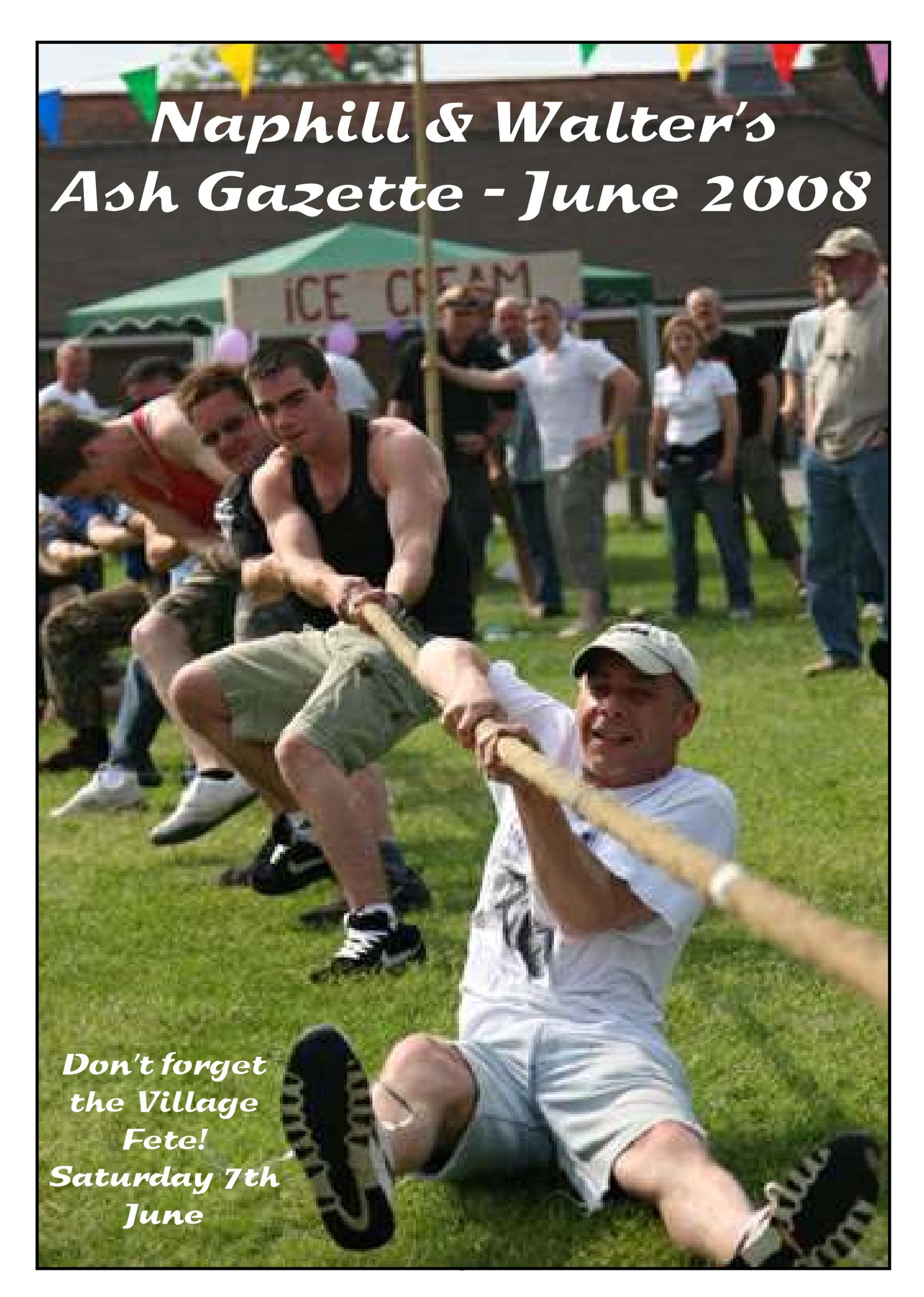
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Naphill Baby & Toddlers

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 meet every Thursday (term-time) at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm. Admission price per session: £2.00 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.



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the Village
Fete!
Saturday 7th
June***

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Editorial

Thank you to those who called and emailed to say that the times in the Village Hall Organisations Diary (below) had got out of line. Apologies to those people affected. This month I have recreated it to ensure that this doesn't happen again. Could you all check your entries for accuracy and let me know if any further changes are required?

It was great to see such a large turnout at the meeting to discuss parking/road safety problems. As residents we all have a part to play in making the village safer (and ourselves fitter!) by walking to the shops and school whenever possible, by parking sensibly and safely when it is not possible to walk, and by keeping our speed down.

Fingers crossed for good weather for what promises to be another terrific fete.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.30 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
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
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the 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
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30 - 8.30 and 8.30-9.30pm
Pre-School	Each weekday (term time)	9.15 - 12.30pm
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

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Community Beat Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146
Football Club (Junior)	Bob Hathaway	563332	
Football Club (Mens)	Tom Marianczak	472421	
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	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650	
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Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634	
School		562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill	Trevor Nicholls	565322	Beavers & Cubs on Tuesdays, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
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	

County Councillor's Report

May has been an eventful month for Greater Hughenden with two well attended public meetings arranged by the Resident Associations of Naphill & Walters Ash and Widmer End, both dealing with the problems of on street parking, speeding and congestion. No doubt fuller reports of those meetings will be made by the respective

organisations in due course. I very much appreciated the opportunity of attending these events and thank the Residents committees for inviting me. Unfortunately, they were both arranged on the same evening and my arrival at Naphill was delayed by some 40 minutes and I missed part of the discussions relating to the parking and congestion difficulties at Walters Ash.

There were several constructive suggestions made at the meeting, which have been noted by the Highways Team and if we can overcome the legal technicalities will be implemented. These include the erection of bollards at the entrance to Ash Close and the possible marking out of roadside parking bays outside the RAF store building. Examples of this can be seen along Prestwood Main Street which appears to work successfully and has the added advantage of slowing traffic. Another alternative is to wait until the District Council adopts full parking powers which will allow the creation of designated areas for the enforcement of double yellow lines. At the meeting I did not detect a clear public wish for this, unless other suggestions failed.

From both meetings came the impression that infrastructure provision had not kept pace with the incremental development in our rural communities over the past decades and that road congestion was the price we now had to pay. Unfortunately, we do not appear to have learned the lesson and the recent decision of the government minister to allow development on the Wellesbourne site for over 300 dwellings, will add to the "rush hour" nightmare of the Amersham road and all the feeder routes which run through our villages.

My community leadership fund was allocated to a wide range of interests including the photographing of Pam Smith's historical records of the area, a donation to the re-location of the pre-school group, support for the coaching of young rugby hopefuls and the provision of a neighbourhood shop in Hughenden Valley. I also supported the fund set up by Great Kingshill residents to seek pathway improvements along Cockpit Lane, near to where there was a recent tragic death of a young child. There is a similar fund now in place for the current financial year and I would welcome written applications, sent to me from any community organisation before the end of September to allow me to arrange payment before December 2008.

At the May meeting of the County Council I presented a Petition of 87 signatures from the residents along Main Road from the village hall to Coombe Lane requesting an improved road and footway surface along that stretch of Main Road. The presentation of petitions by local county council members, to full council, is an important part of the council agenda in recognising and highlighting community concerns.

Richard Pushman

As we go to print we hear that Richard Pushman has just been re-elected Vice Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council. Congratulations Richard!

District Councillor's Report

I have just completed my first year as District Councillor and it has certainly been a busy year. A warm thank you for your support.

Since my last report I attended the opening of the new Disraeli Room at Hughenden Manor on 21 April. The team have worked very hard to make the Manor an enjoyable experience for all. It is certainly well worth a visit. I also met with the RAF High Wycombe Community Support Officer, Kevin Wise, who is very keen to engage with us, which is welcomed.

Many thanks to Gloria Leflaive for arranging the meeting regarding parking/traffic issues at the Village Hall on 8 May. It was packed which indicates how important this is. I do believe all parties involved including the RAF, Co-Op and the County Council want to work together. I also believe that no one solution will fit, although we can take action ourselves by considering leaving the car at home and walking.

I will be "shadowing" the new cabinet holder for Partnerships, Cllr John Savage, which is a new initiative. I also chaired a Licensing hearing on 14 May.

Finally, as ever, I am looking forward to the Fete this year, and hope to catch you there.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

Recent activities/decisions in the Parish have included the following:-

Gardener for Burial Ground at Four Ashes

The Parish continues to seek expressions of interest from local people in connection with an opportunity to do paid gardening work. This was mentioned in the April Gazette. Hours would be by negotiation, and the job involves weeding flower beds and light mowing. Please contact the Clerk (715296) or me (565969) for more information.

Conservation Work

The Parish Council continues to do conservation work on the land (60+ acres) it owns. It has recently sought the advice of Tracy Adams, the Chiltern Conservation Board's Farming and Land Use Officer, in connection with the Stewardship Scheme at Vincent's Meadow. The land maintenance remains in line with the Scheme but would be enhanced by sheep grazing (sheep being sought!).

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Planning Applications

The Planning Committee meets every three weeks to consider information and recommendations from ward members; any decision is a matter for the committee as a whole. The list of applications varies in length. Last week there was an unusually high number (19) to consider, of which 7 were for Naphill and Walter's Ash. The Committee had objections to four of these, for a variety of reasons.

A proposed new roof, creating another storey at Timber Edge at the corner of Forge Road and the Common, was objected to because the new height was considered inappropriate in this sensitive location. The front elevation was thought to be out of keeping with other properties along the Common.

The proposal to build two detached houses on land adjacent to 40, Main Road was considered to be an over development of the site. The proposed houses would be three storeys and too high.

There was also an objection to a proposed large detached double garage and workshop at Hunts Hill Cottage because it was considered inappropriate development in the Green Belt and AONB.

The Parish also objected to a retrospective application for a garden house on stilts which has already been constructed. It was considered to constitute an intrusion on the privacy of several neighbours.

Fete Book Stall

We need GOOD condition paperback books, (for both adults and children), for our bookstall at the summer fete in June.

Please contact
Sally (562281) or Pauline (564226)

A revised draft Village Design Statement is almost ready to be submitted to Wycombe District Council for further consideration. Phil Crawshaw, Judy Whitehouse and I have spent time incorporating the suggestions made to us by a WDC officer and we hope the resulting "product" will be sufficiently robust to assist with well planned future developments appropriate to our rural settlements. The Plan will go out to village residents for further comments before being adopted by WDC and taken in to account in determining planning applications.

Peggy Ewart - Vice Chairman

Bradenham Parish Council

Ivor Herbert was elected Chairman at this year's Annual meeting and Ken Hale vice-chairman. The requested changes to the speed limits on Bradenham Wood Lane are now being consulted. All the Parish Council recommendations had been put forward.

The Parish Council is extremely concerned about the number of lorries that speed through the Parish early in the morning. They decided the request a mobile speed camera be place in the village as this might reduce speed.

The lack of bus services for people living in Bradenham village was discussed and it was decided to conduct a public transport needs survey.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th July at 7.30pm in the Cricket club. All members of the public welcome to attend. For any information please contact the clerk.

Deirdre Hansen

The Father's House

As Christians we have found that God always calls us to move on in His will and purposes and it is therefore with a great measure of regret that we need to inform you that after Friday 2nd May 2008 **Chatterbox Charity Café** opened for the last time and will no longer open for the foreseeable future so that we at **The Father's House** can move forward in God's will and purposes.

We would like to thank you and all our customers over the last two years for your support, encouragement and for helping us support the ROPE Charities work in Macedonia.

We opened it a total of twenty times during the last two years and though the figures still have to be finalized we managed to raise just over £1450 towards Rope's work in that time. Thank you

As always the door remains open to all, so if you have a need that we may be able to help in please do not hesitate to give me a call on 01494 563304 or call in at the Manse or Church.

I noticed when reading through old manuscripts of the Gazette that some of the previous ministers of the local churches used to put a thought for the month into the magazine. I'd like to leave you with two verses from the Bible I have been reflecting on and that you may like to reflect on yourself over the next month and if you would like to respond or talk about it please feel free to contact me at the above.

The Lord foils the plans of nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stands firm for ever, the purposes of His heart through all generations. Psalm 33: 10 - 11

We pray that you may you know the love, blessing, peace and purposes of God in your lives now and in the future.

Shalom

Bob

St. Michael and All Angels

Many people visit the Parish Church, "the Church in the Park", and we are very fortunate that we are able to keep the church open during daylight hours to enable people to do so. It is a beautiful church in a beautiful setting. Visitors come for different reasons, some in passing or because it is on the Disraeli trail, others because they just like visiting churches. Some however come with particular need and they leave anonymous prayers on a board at the back of the Church. These needs are prayed about by different groups over the next few weeks, for most of them we will never know the outcome, but we believe that it is important to pray nonetheless.

One of the things that we have done over the last two years is to transform the back of the Church into an open "welcome" area for regular worshippers and visitors alike. We believe that it important that when visitors come to the Church they should leave knowing that they have been welcomed into a living worshipping Christian community and so have made an area which can be used for refreshments after services or during the concerts that we hold, a place where the "tiny tots" can meet before our short services, and as a way of displaying the many activities that take place at St. Michael's. I am thrilled that this transformation has now been completed by one of our congregation, a skilled local craftsman who used and recycled the old pews that were cleared away to make new seating and storage areas and display boards around the walls. He has also made out of oak a magnificent new book case and a new prayer request board.

However I am aware that possibly many local people have never actually been inside the church building, it being a case of "we will get around to it one day". Please do come, anytime, to simply appreciate the peace of the place, or if you have a particular need to leave a prayer, or out of curiosity to see what we have done at the back of the church. But for whatever reason you come, you are most welcome.

Simon Cronk, Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels

News from "Christians in the Community"

We shall be at the Naphill Fete with the face painting stall. It was very popular last year and we shall look forward to painting many more faces and if you would like to be part of the team just phone me.

KRASH will be meeting on the 13th and the 27th June and some of the children will be taking part in the procession for the Naphill Fete.

Sadly, we will be saying "good-bye" to the Rev. Janice Pettipher at a united service at 6 pm on Sunday 22nd June. Janice is moving on to join the Royal Navy – as a Chaplain. Everyone is welcome at this service.

Norma Clarke

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

The month of June to those of us who love tennis means long, light, and hopefully dry, summer evenings, perfect for playing tennis, and, of course, the start of the eagerly-awaited Wimbledon fortnight.

We have anticipated the resurrection of feelings such as..... "It might be nice to play again" and "Why did I stop playing? What a great way to enjoy the outdoors"from those who haven't played for ages, by scheduling more of our FREE "Rusty Racquets" sessions. The cost of these sessions are covered by our club funds in an effort to encourage more membership. At the time of writing, the first session had been held, and about 8 gallant ladies and gentlemen had an hour of fun on the courts, with our Tennis Coach, Mel Ebbles. We only had one casualty, a lady who unfortunately pulled a calf muscle, but don't let that put any of you off – come along, you'll enjoy it! Where else can you get FREE COACHING with no obligation to join the club afterwards?

As an officially-affiliated Tennis Club, we are allocated a number of pairs of tickets for Wimbledon, and every tennis club member is entitled to enter our club ballot to win the chance to buy a pair of tickets for these coveted days out. The number of tickets we are allocated is dependent on our club membership. This year we have been allocated 7

pairs of tickets, split between Centre Court and No. 1 Court and spread throughout the fortnight.

It seems a long time ago, but I should report on the events that have already happened. Our Annual Dinner in April was held at the Rose and Crown, Saunderton; a lovely meal in their function room was enjoyed by those who attended.

The tennis at our "Summer Starter Tea and Tennis" event on 4th May proved very popular, with all three courts in constant use. The scrumptious tea was equally well received.

Upcoming special diary dates are listed in the table below, but also don't forget our regular club sessions as detailed in the Organisations' Diary at the front of this publication. As ever, if you want any more information about these or any other club activities or information, please call me on 01844 346 802 or 07703 234 895.

RUSTY RACQUETS

Coaching Session 3 **Fri 6 June** 7.30 pm – all standards welcome, no previous attendance necessary - **NO CHARGE**

NAPHILL FETE & CLUB OPEN DAY

Sat 7 June NLTC will be supporting this event as usual with help from members. Strawberries & Cream Stall and tennis - fun for all

RUSTY RACQUETS

Coaching Session 4 **Fri 20 June** 7.30 pm – all standards welcome, no previous attendance necessary - **NO CHARGE**

RUSTY RACQUETS

Coaching Session 5 **Fri 4 July** 7.30 pm – all standards welcome, no previous attendance necessary - **NO CHARGE**

Helen Leek

Naphill Evening WI

What a joy to have lovely weather over the Bank Holiday after the hail and winds in April. On the 17th we listened to Dr Brenda Harold talking to us about "Flower Power: How Plants Control Animals"; it was absolutely amazing how nature works its wonders to produce such splendid displays of variety and colour in the flower and plant world – and we think we are the clever ones! A group of ladies went to see the exhibition of Tutankhamen's treasures at the O2 on the 28th April and then a trip on the river with a splendid lunch included. Another good and successful outing.

On to May 15th, resolutions, cheese and wine social

evening and a bring and buy. You will have to wait to hear all about it in our next issue as it happens after we go to press.

June is a most important month, especially the 7th for the village fete. Floats, stalls and refreshments etc., all our ladies are going to be busy on that day making lots of money for the Village Hall. Do come along and support us. Ted Chapman and team have worked very hard to make this day possible, so let's hope for fine weather.

On the 9th June (please note changed date) we have Jenny's ploughman's lunch. £3.50 to include a glass of wine, tickets from Jenny. Our 25th Birthday Party on June 19th should be fun. We will have the usual delicious food thanks to you all and Mrs T McIntyre telling us about "The Roly Polys – How it all Started". Sounds good, does it not? But then, all our WI parties can be recommended. Just a reminder about 3rd July, Valerie's croquet and games evening with supper, another evening not to be missed. Tickets from Valerie as usual, make sure you have put it in your diary. Enjoy the good weather and we hope to see you at all these events soon.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

Our outing to Windsor at the end of April was a success despite the wet weather. We paddled up to the Castle to see the special exhibition for the Queen and Prince Philip's diamond jubilee - "Royal Weddings 1840 - 1947" and also Queen Mary's Dolls House and the State Rooms. We visited St. George's Chapel and then paddled in to town for lunch and some retail therapy! Satisfied, we came home - and it was still raining.

A real turn-about weather-wise by our May meeting. Summer had arrived and we were entertained by Mr. Bob Keating, a guide at Waddesdon Manor, who talked about the Rothschilds' progress from humble beginnings in the Jewish ghetto in Frankfurt to great wealth throughout the Western world.

A reminder to members who are unable to deliver their cake(s) or produce to our stall on Fete Day (Saturday, 7th June), that Norma Clarke will be pleased to accept them beforehand to go in her freezer. Her address is Santos, Stocking Lane (Tel: 563116).

We look forward to our next meeting on Monday 9th June when Mrs Barbara Owen will be talking about COSTUMES OLD AND NEW - the work of a volunteer in the Costume Department of the Museum of London. The tea hostesses are Jessie Higham, Daisy Leek and Vivien Baker.

We have planned an afternoon outing for Tuesday 12th August (instead of our monthly "indoor" meeting) to Old Thatch, Enid Blyton's garden at Well End near Marlow. Tickets will cost £6.50, including tea and cakes, for both members and guests. Further details will be published next month.

Hazel Vickery

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

As I write this we are enjoying a spell of beautiful summer weather. I dread to think what it might be doing by the time you read it, but hope that the good weather is in place for the fete. We all enjoyed the annual visit from Mason's fair. They are wonderful "lodgers" on the Crick and always leave it immaculate. This year as the weather closed in they got stuck on the Crick, so, as some of you might have noticed, they stayed with us for a few extra days until the ground became dry enough for them to be able to drive their lorries off the field without cutting it up. The field has recovered well thanks to the sunny weather and should be perfect by June 7th!

The work on the roof has been completed. The tower has not been replaced as we thought originally, but encased in some kind of plastic so

that it should be resilient to the weather. We have therefore managed to retain the character of the building that the tower affords, much to the relief of many of you.

The hedge under the "Christmas Tree" is in a very sorry state. The Hortico meeting had a good look at it and decided that it was beyond saving. The tree is now so big it will take up all the light and water stopping healthy development of any replacement hedge so we are thinking of replacing it with a low wall, similar to that currently in front of the Hall. I don't know where we will hang the banner advertising the Christmas Fayre and other events, but I did see that the banner advertising the Blood Doning session was fixed up outside The Wheel. Many thanks to the landlord.

The clock on the front of the Hall should now be telling the right time. I presumed that the work on the roof had "put it out" but apparently it was the few recent thunderstorms that we have had. Presumably if we get more storms through the summer it may well put it out again.

We are having our annual litterblitz before our next meeting on June 2nd. This makes sure that the Crick and the surroundings of the Hall are tidy for the Fete. If you would like to join us and do your bit you would be very welcome. We are starting at 7.30p.m. in the Hall car park. Bring your own marigolds!

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

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Naphill and Walter's Ash Fête - Saturday 7th 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 7th June! **We expect 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. There will be the traditional procession that starts from Forge Road at noon but this year we plan to have Bagpipes leading it! Then after the three Fête Princesses have presented some cups and declared the Fête open everyone will be able to enjoy strawberries and cream at the Tennis Club and the usual wide range of activities that our willing volunteers have planned and set up. These vary from Welly Throwing, arena races and

everything that makes us the best fete in the area! (Dads will find the marquee a good place to hide – John and his merry men challenge you to try to beat last year's record when there was very little beer in the bar at the end of the day!) If you would like to add to the festive atmosphere dress up to reflect the theme of the fete which this year is "Down On The Farm".

There are several ways in which you can feel the satisfaction of helping with the Fête: books will be welcomed by Pauline Pool (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 but we would be really pleased to receive extra! 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". Katie (the florist) has made up a super window display as usual. This year it uses the "Down On The Farm" theme. The display is a prize in a draw which will take place at 4pm.

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,
Walter's Ash, HW, HP14 4TR. (Tel 563034)*

Second Hand Emporium

This year marks the fifteenth anniversary of the emporium, from its humble beginnings, an offshoot of John Bullock's book stall, to the magnificent store we know today. Its success year after year has been due to the good citizens of Naphill, Walter's Ash and its environs, who we know at this very moment are searching cupboards, sheds etc for items to sell at the emporium in aid of village hall funds.

We are getting very close to the big day, so when you have found that item(s) Please ring IAN 564824 or BOB 563846

Naphill & Walter's Ash Conservatives

You are warmly invited to come to our ANNUAL BARBECUE, which will take place at Richard and Valerie Pushman's home, Umtata, Naphill Common on **Sunday June 29 2008 commencing at 12 for 12.30pm.**

Tickets cost £15 each for a main course, dessert/cheese, and coffee. A glass of wine or fruit juice is included in the price.

Please ring Julie on 565544 or Peggy on 565969 for tickets. All are welcome.

Julie Gibbs

Found

Near Russell Court - a pair of man's shoes, each in a separate bag. If they are yours please call 563612 to have them returned to you.

Your Letters

Deerly Beloved

I imagine that local history will record the May 2008 edition of the Gazette as the "Muntjac Edition". Three letters on one topic: it could be a record. Permit me to sustain the interest by tossing in a few further encounters with Muntjac during the last four weeks.

It is some seven years since Muntjac first massacred my roses and camellias overnight. Some of these were in my front garden fronting onto and open to the Common. Clearly the only effective way to protect such plants from the deer entailed the use of wire, ugly in itself, and potentially damaging to the deer and this automatically ruled out. Instead I purchased three expensive shrubs guaranteed Muntjac proof. And so they were for 6 years until, suddenly, they were attacked, one killed and one badly nibbled. Why, you may ask?

The answer, alas, is quite simple. Initially, the deer had enough food readily available in the woods. Then when their numbers increased, they were forced to forage elsewhere, into adjacent gardens. Roses and camellias seemed to be the first targets. Now, with the large number of deer increasing massively, the rose and camellia diet has largely vanished but the deer simply change their diet. Thus one morning last October I awoke to find that overnight our parsley bed had been destroyed and the begonias and a shrub on the patio were in tatters.

The point I am hopefully making, is that as the Muntjac population gets out of control, to survive the deer population has to change its diet and therefore we may well find that very few plants will be secure from attack. I for one will not surrender my rear garden to a species of deer which should not even be here!

As it happens I have memories of deer going back to the early 1930s. I am a Scot and when I was a small boy my paternal Grandfather occasionally took me up into the mountains (the Grampians) deer stalking. I have quite vivid memories of huge deer with massive antlers which, perhaps because we were not armed, were not particularly timid. I certainly never imagined that when we moved South to warmer climes, we would eventually have deer as neighbours, albeit a less imposing species than the Scottish variety.

David Leith

Deer ! Oh Deer! Oh Dear !

Oh dear ! I'm sure I'm in trouble with the **'Let's Kill Everything in Sight'** brigade You see, I commit the most terrible of crimes - I feed the pheasants, squirrels, rabbits, hedgehogs, birds and 'THE DEER' (they chomp on my hedges and flowers) when they visit my garden - but then I don't maim and kill and cause suffering to innocent creatures who have never done me any harm. What next will they suggest killing? - cats, dogs, people - all 'introduced' species. Ah! The Red Kite possibly - after all it does cast a large shadow over gardens and allotments. **'Unfortunately'** says your correspondent **'It is almost impossible to shoot deer safely within the village'** Just as well, as my poor old cat had a near miss not so long ago, when he was mistaken for a squirrel. Why inflict pain on wild creatures. Why encourage more cruelty than already exists.

"A Commoner" (contact details supplied)

Look Out There May Be Aliens About

Now, if you are caught with your spare bedroom full of nicked TVs, there is a fair chance you may be charged with burglary without actually having been caught in the act. Similarly, if your lounge is full of bodies and you are holding a gun the police do not have to see you pulling the trigger before taking action. However, as we learned at the recent village meeting on traffic control, parking on the footpath is not illegal but driving on it is; therefore, the fact that a vehicle is on the path is apparently not proof that it was ever driven there. That being the case how do they get there, as there have been no sightings of heavy lift helicopters hovering over Main Road,

Hughenden Church Teas

The church teas season starts on 23rd March.

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 through to October

2.15pm - 5.15pm

Midweek group teas by prior arrangement

the only plausible explanation is that some teleporting device similar to that used by Captain Kirk of the Star Ship Enterprise is beaming them there. Additionally, at the same meeting, we were told that a 24hr survey carried out over 5 days proved that there was no problem with speeding traffic in Naphill/Walter's Ash and that the average speed was recorded as 24 miles/hour. So if speed limits are not being broken, what is that alleged police camera van doing in the bus stop at the top of Bradenham Road. If nobody speeds there can be no reason for the camera so is it possible that it is not a police vehicle after all but is actually the alien ship that is transporting all those lorries and cars onto our footpaths.

There have also been other strange happenings. For example, what is the strange force that causes my golf ball to head in the opposite direction to my aim and is it really Muntjacs that are eating my roses or is the wood ideal fuel for "warp drives" Be vigilant we may not be alone. Beam me up Scottie!!

Bob Foggo

Recycle for Charity

Further to the entry in last month's Gazette regarding postage stamps, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf also recycle mobile phones, ink cartridges from printers (excluding EPSON, old towels, plastic dog beds and dog toys without squeaks. Contact the Editor who will put you in touch with the village representative.

Fitness Kickboxing

The first Fitness Kickboxing class at Naphill Village Hall on the 14th of April 2008 from 7.30pm to 9pm went well. It introduced the new students to some basic kicking and punching techniques which they eagerly practiced with full force upon some pads!

If you would like to get fit and take out the frustrations of the day whilst learning how to defend yourself then come along! Classes are for anyone aged 16 and above, and there is no age limit, fitness requirement or reason for you not to give it a go! If you can't make Monday evenings then an alternative class is available on Thursdays at Hughenden Village Hall from 7;45 pm to 9;15 pm. For more information contact **Matt Collins: Tel 07828 534817**. I hope to see you there! www.fitnesskickboxing.org.uk

Thank You!

To everyone who came to the quiz, donated a raffle prize or helped on the night, especially to Eleanor who set up the questions and did the score board. I raised over £850 for my Trek in Croatia in aid of the British Heart Foundation, and it was great evening. Thanks!!

Sally

2 Years at the Wheel

Two years on and we're still going strong,
My oh my how we've come along.

Increased our ales from 2 to 4,
Have gained new customers – plenty more!

5 beer fests, live music and themed nights,
And the landlord is off to discover new heights.

The smoking ban has been and gone,
And without the smog we soldier on.

Advertised on radio 2,
But we won't pass the cost to you!

Menus have changed here and there,
Foods increased mainly thanks to Claire.

Fire works nights have been a blast,
The April beer festival didn't last!

Some staff have come and some have gone,
Others (Jack) are still clinging on.....

Live music has been a point of debate,
A few complaints even though it didn't go on till late...

Charity events and outside bars,
Are now frequent things of ours.

The ale drinkers who are on our side,
Have helped us get into the Good Beer Guide.

Fete day is upon us for another year,
So let's fill the front garden with loads more cheer!!!

An Arty Day Out

For two weeks between the 14th and 29th June you have the opportunity to have a pleasant day out or to make a one or a series of visits to see the work of Naphill and Walter's Ash artists in their homes and studios. Local artists are taking part in Bucks Open Studios organised by the Buckinghamshire Visual Images Group.

Exhibiting in Naphill and Walter's Ash are: Roni and Keith Wilkins at 87 Main Road; Mig Smyth and Stafford Dobson at 155 Main Road; Susan Wharton at Forge Cottage, Forge Road; Olive Dancer at 25 Battingswood Gardens and Jean Fortiscue at 4 Ash Close. For opening days and times read on.

Directories and/or Fold Out Listings covering the full list of artists opening their studios throughout the county, giving individual opening days and times will be available in local outlets, or may even be appearing, unsolicited, through your letter box soon.

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Public Meeting 8 May 2008: Traffic Hazards at Walter's Ash

About 100 people packed Naphill Village Hall, confirming the high level of public concern about dangerous parking and traffic movements around the Co-op, the garage and the school, and the safety of road users and pedestrians especially schoolchildren.

All main parties were present, including Highways Local Area Co-ordinator, Si Khan, County Cllr R Pushman, District and Parish Cllrs, Co-op management, School governors, Headmaster and parents, RAF, nearby shop owners, Bucks Free Press, Residents Assn Committee and residents.

The meeting, chaired by Dr Marek Pawlik, was focused and constructive, with a strong consensus on the need for action accepted by the various parties involved.

Issues were clarified, actions already in hand were outlined by the School, and a number of proposals were made from the floor to improve safety, of which the following are for immediate consideration:

- 1 Rescheduling Co-op delivery times to avoid rush hour traffic and school arrivals.
- 2 Unloading Co-op goods at rear of store if RAF can allow access.
- 3 Co-op use of smaller delivery vehicles.
- 4 Bollards either side of Co-op entrance and corners of Ash Close.
- 5 Double yellow lines.
- 6 Special Parking Area
- 7 Parking Attendant at peak periods

- 8 Marked parking bays on road.
- 9 No parking zones – white lines
- 10 Flashing warning sign on blind bend.
- 11 Pedestrian crossing.
- 12 Education on considerate road use and parking through, for example Gazette and RAF and School communications.
- 13 Shopping on foot or cycle where possible. Costcutters are offering newspaper delivery.

Full minutes are being sent to the official bodies present, and are available by email from glorialeflaive@msn.com. A follow-up Public Meeting with officials was proposed for 8pm

Thursday 13th November, subject to confirmation. Latest news from Si Khan of Highways is that iron bollards are due to be installed on both corners of Ash Close by end July and the pavement resurfaced on the south corner.

IT IS VITAL TO REPORT ALL ILLEGAL PARKING TO POLICE (OPEN 24/7) ON 0845 8505505

WHAT IS ILLEGAL PARKING?

(Information from Police)

- PARKING ON A PAVEMENT IS AN OFFENCE IF A WHEELCHAIR OR DOUBLE BABY-BUGGY CANNOT PASS THE VEHICLE ON THE PAVEMENT AND WOULD BE FORCED TO GO OUT ON THE ROAD. THIS IS OBSTRUCTION.
- PARKING ON A PAVEMENT OR ROAD MAY BE AN OFFENCE IF THE PARKED VEHICLE OBSCURES A DRIVER'S VIEW OF THE HIGHWAY, E.G. AT A ROAD JUNCTION, AT A CORNER ETC. AS THIS CREATES A TRAFFIC HAZARD.

IF YOU HAVE TO REPORT ILLEGAL PARKING:

Give the Police these details.

- (1) Vehicle registration number
- (2) Position or address of the offence.
- (3) Date, and if possible time of offence
- (4) If possible colour and make of vehicle.

0845 8505505 is Thames Valley Police Non-Emergency number. A helpful Police representative will log your call and give you advice. Usually you get a quick response but you may have to wait a short while at peak times. Their advice is, "Don't hang up, you won't normally be kept waiting long."

POLICE ACTION: Every report is logged on a Police data base. If a large number of calls is received from one area, it can be flagged up as a recurring issue for police action. Police cannot issue tickets unless they actually witness criminal parking but if the number of reports is high, Police may target officers to patrol the area and issue tickets to any vehicle they judge to be causing an obstruction or parking dangerously. Penalties may apply.

REMEMBER, THE ONLY WAY TO GET POLICE ACTION IS TO RING 0845 8505505 EVERY TIME YOU SEE POTENTIALLY ILLEGAL OR DANGEROUS PARKING.

PLANNING: Applications to 6 May 2008

08/05937/FUL Chiltern House, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Construction of replacement conservatory and new pitched roof.

08/05950/FUL 2 Church Lane, Naphill. Construction of single storey side/rear extension.

08/06038/FUL Land adj. 155 Main Rd, Naphill. Construction of single storey side/rear extension roof extension incorporating extension to existing flat roofed rear dormer and insertion of 2 front pitched roof dormers, alterations to provide 1st floor accommodation, erection of front porch and garage extension (alt to pp08/5369/FUL).

08/06101/FUL 280 Main Rd., Walter's Ash. Continued mixed use of storage and office. Change of use from Builders Yard to Vehicle Workshop Facilities. (Change of Use not acceptable. Proposed working hours 8-6pm Monday to Friday, 9- 4pm Sat & Sun. No details of vehicles to be worked on. Applicant owns a recovery service. Strong objection – not acceptable in domestic area.)

08/06132/FUL 279 Main Rd., Walter's Ash. Demolition of existing chalet bungalow and construction of 1 x 4 bed and 12 x 3 bed detached dwellings. Creation of new access to each dwelling and blocking up of existing access. (Minor alterations to withdrawn app.

08/05600/FUL. Object as in previous application. No details re "land stability" survey done on applicant's behalf.)

The next meeting is our AGM at 8pm on 12th June 2008.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Naphill Horticultural Society

Summer Show

Naphill Village Hall Saturday July 5th

Yes folks, it's Show Time again!

Our Annual Summer Show takes place on Saturday July 5th and is your chance to show off what you can grow in your garden or allotment, your baking or flower arranging skills or prowess with a camera.

We have had excellent growing conditions recently, and there is still plenty of time for you to pamper your plants and talk to your veggies. between now and July 5th 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 revamped the schedule to make it as clear as possible, and have included some useful hints and tips for the first time exhibitor. 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. Every year we have people come along just to look, and comment that their flowers/vegetables or whatever are better than those in the show- if that is you, I dare you to prove it!!

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

The Children's classes were very well supported again last year, so why not encourage your youngsters to have a go this time? There are two classes for them to try – a flower arrangement in a milk bottle, or a handmade Birthday card.

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.

Should 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

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

The summer term is finally upon us and it promises to be a very busy and hopefully, enjoyable term for everybody. Some dates have been added to the calendar section of the school web site and more will be added as they occur in the future. The extra-curricular clubs are also getting started although some will not start until after the KS2 SATs have been finished. We have eight new children who have started here since last Monday and I hope that by now they are beginning to find their feet and are settling in to school life. At the end of last term we held elections for two governors to join the governing body. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Sarah Grey and Miss Keeley Allnutt are now serving as new governors, as parent governor and support staff governor respectively.

Since returning to school I have received a letter from the Local Authority that we have been selected to take part in a project to enable schools to serve hot food at lunchtime. We will be working alongside other schools, like us, who have no kitchen, to try and provide some sort of lunch service to those who wish to take it.

Towards the end of last term the school was finally successful in achieving the accolade of a Level 3 Travel Plan. This has been the culmination of months of hard work by the Travel Plan Committee headed up by Mr Stuart Hall, one of our parent governors. The plan will soon be up and running and will include the development of a walking bus and will provide better cycle and scooter storage at the front of the school building. Also in the light of our on-going commitment to reduce traffic congestion in the area around school we are taking part in "Walk to School Week". In this week we'll be asking all children to either walk/run/cycle or scoot to school wherever possible.

The new Pre-School building is now complete and although it cannot be occupied yet, keys have been handed over to the Local Authority. We anticipate a formal opening of the facility at our school fete later in the term with the village pre-schoolers moving in at the start of the new term. Once school regain use of its staff parking area we should be able to ease the congestion we have caused along Kilnwood.

Following a successful financial audit from the County Council Finance department, I am pleased to report that the auditors found that the school's procedures for managing money were "good". Because of systematic checks put in place to safeguard any possible financial improprieties, the school has been awarded the benchmark standard of "FMSiS" award. This stands for Financial Management Standards in Schools and shows that the school management/governors are acting in a prudent fashion with the funds devolved to them.

On Tuesday 6th May the school was inspected by an Ofsted Inspector. This was a new "light touch" style inspection though no less rigorous than a full inspection. The inspector undertook a range of lesson observations spoke to pupils and looked at their books. He also spent time scrutinising the parental questionnaires and met with governors and staff members. The full report will be sent home when it is published and will also appear on the school web site and Ofsted's own site. I will also release the information through this column in next month's gazette.

The children are doing an "Open Door" performance of "Joseph" on Monday 21st July at 2.00 pm. More news of this in the next edition but anyone in the villages who would like to attend is welcome.

Children starting school in September 2009: We will be holding a special open meeting to view the school and its staff at the start of the new term. Details of this meeting will be posted on the school web site and to all local feeder schools later in the summer. Hope you can all make it.

See you at the fete!

Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher

Naphill Brownies

After the Easter holidays 4 of our oldest Brownies left us to join Guides, which meant that we were able to accommodate 4 new Brownies from the waiting list. We would like to welcome them to our unit and hope they enjoy their time with us.

This term we plan to spend lots of time outside in the lovely sunshine. Last week we took the parachute out onto the Crick and played lots of fun games. We also had a game of French cricket and did some skipping with the long rope to see how many Brownies could skip all at once.

Later this term we are going climbing at the activity centre in Amersham and also have an evening planned to go bowling down at the new Eden Centre.

If you have any spare time and would like to help out every week or occasionally at Brownies please give myself or Brown Owl a call as we would love to hear from you.

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

What a resounding success the Spring Dance was, I hope all that attended had as good a time as I did. Firstly I must say a BIG BIG Thank You to Jane who co-ordinated the event, plus I do feel our Bar Man Kerry did a fantastic job keeping us all supplied with drinks all night. We have so many people to thank without who the night would not have been such a success including the band the Laughing boy for keeping us dancing all night long with their great music. So thank you all again for making it a great night. I for one am looking forward to next years dance!

We raised at the last count approximately **£1,500**. This is all due to the generosity of all who bought tickets and those individuals and companies who donated gifts for the raffle and the auction. Many, many thanks to you all.

It's nice to see the roof finished on the Village Hall, the gate has also been fixed, just in time for the children to take advantage of this great weather we are having, its lovely walking past and hearing them in the garden enjoying the outdoors. It was also good timing as they have just had their pictures taken in the garden.

Next term the themes for the children are people who help us. For example Teachers, Nurses, Dentists, the Fire Department, Police Department and people who supply us with food. Pre-school will have arranged for people from each of the professions to visit and talk to the children.

In June the older children who are due to go to reception in September are being taken on a visit to Naphill and Walter's Ash school to see their new class rooms and meet some of their teachers.

Just as one project/event finishes another starts, we are now looking forward to the Village Fete. Pre-school will be decorating a lorry that will be taking the children and the staff to the fete. The theme is "Old MacDonald Had a Farm", all the children will be dressed as animals and the staff will be dressed as farmers.

As you can imagine it takes a lot of work to organise and put together such an event, so if you can help in any way with costumes or help decorate the lorry please do contact Annabel at Pre-school.

Pre-school will also be running an attraction at the fete called Kids Zone, the children can ride on toys play with sand and water, so please do come along and give us your support. We will also be giving out details about the move to the new Pre-school building and how and when you can register.

I'm sure you are all waiting for the update on the new premises. Pre-school have a planned opening day for the new building. Naphill and Walter's Ash School have agreed that we can have our opening day to coincide with the school Fete on the **5th July**, this will enable our existing children and parents and prospective new children and their parents to come and see the new building. The Pre-school will move into the new building for the start of the September 2008 term.

Pat Hutton

Naphill Baby & Toddlers

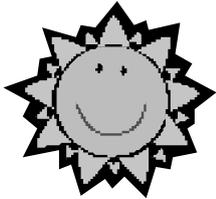
We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play.

We meet every Thursday (term-time) at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm. Admission price per session: £2.00 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling).

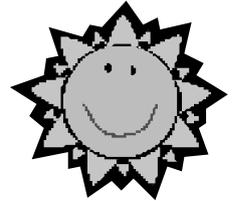
For further information please come along during session times or call Louise 01494 488255.

Walters Ash Naphill School Assoc.

Summer



Fete



Saturday 5th July 2008
at Naphill & Walters Ash School, 11.30am to 2.30pm
Admission: Adults £1, children FREE

Traditional fete stalls and activities along with lots of new attractions for all the family

Bouncy Castles

Fancy dress

BBQ

Football Tournament

Pony rides

Dance displays



Naphill & Walters Ash School, Kilnwood, Walters Ash, High Wycombe, Bucks HP14 4UL 01494 562813

Fete Organiser – Tanya Stevens can be contacted via school office or
Email Tanyaandlan@aol.com

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Editorial

Well done Ted for another marvellous fete! I hope to include some colour photos in the next edition.

Mark's fabulous cover photos this month capture the spirit of our village allotments, which are heavily used with waiting lists at each. One photo he sent me was so beautiful I am saving it to be a cover picture on its own to brighten up the winter months!

Walking through the villages recently I noticed some very creative uses of front gardens to grow both vegetables and flowers together. Well done to those villagers, and also to the children at Naphill & Walter's Ash School who are now growing their own vegetables. If you are a grower why not enter in the Horticultural Society Shows this summer?

No gazette now until September so I hope you all have a pleasant July and August.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.30 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
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
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the 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
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30 - 8.30 and 8.30-9.30pm
Pre-School	Each weekday (term time)	9.15 - 12.30pm
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
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County Councillor's Report

My thanks to those readers for their congratulations on my recent election as Vice Chairman of the County Council. Congratulations are also due to Cllr Bill Chapple, the Deputy Leader of the County Council, on his OBE awarded in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. Bill has served the county council over many years and has been responsible for many initiatives to improve the workings of the council and its relationship with the public.

The lack of a continuous footpath along Cockpit Road, Great Kingshill is to be corrected during the current financial year. This has resulted from public concern after the death of a four year old on his way back home from school. Although the fatality was the result of a speeding motorist ignoring the 30 mph limit, a path along this stretch of road will improve road safety.

The new county library in the Eden Shopping Centre will provide a wonderful new facility. It will be "officially" opened by Prince Edward on the 9th July.

There have been concerns expressed in the National Press about the use of covert CCTV cameras in trapping rubbish dumpers in countryside locations. The county has been very successful in prosecuting such offenders caught in the act on camera. I have little sympathy with those who desecrate the countryside by dumping waste in gateways, lay-bys, open land and woodlands. We are fortunate in having two very good domestic waste re-cycling sites at Bledlow and High Heavens at Booker.

The Best Kept Village competition is here once again, also the Village of the Year sponsored by Calor Gas. I am pleased to see that Naphill & Walter's Ash have entered this latter competition which is judged on the community aspects of the village. After the tremendous success of the Fete there is little doubt as to the extent of community support in our villages. Congratulations to all those who worked so hard to produce such a wonderful result. Unfortunately due to a pre-arranged holiday Valerie and I missed this year, the first time in 46 years!

With no August edition of the Gazette I will take this opportunity of hoping all readers have a good summer holiday with all the sunshine for which they might wish

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

I believe congratulations are in order for Ted Chapman and the team of organisers for this year's Fete. The weather certainly helped in

what was a particularly poor run in prior to the day. It was good to see so many people attending and to see some new attractions, as well as the traditional ones.

I recently attended the Bucks Partnership conference hosted by Hon. Rupert Carrington, which was a good opportunity to network with County colleagues and strategic partners for Wycombe. We were presented with a number of "drivers of change" that need addressing, none more than an ageing population and the competitive advantage of Bucks against a backdrop of a challenging economy and the impact of globalisation.

The delay in the implementation of the Sports Centre is disappointing. However, with land values reducing coupled against rising building costs, council tax payers would not have appreciated a potential rise if we rushed ahead and not obtained the best value for the District. We are expecting a joint presentation from Wasps and Wycombe Wanderers prior to the next Council on 7 July. The development plans are vital to this District.

Finally, I am looking forward to the Naphill & Walter's Ash school Fete on 5 July and to Valerie Pushman opening the new pre-school. I think this is an excellent choice, for, as you may know Valerie started the ball rolling in Naphill some 40 years ago when she launched the first pre-school. We also hope that the RAF Flying Start pre-school can relocate to the new site. Behind the scenes we have been working hard with the RAF to secure and negotiate a transfer due to the existing building closing in July.

Wishing you a happy summer holiday.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

It is very pleasing that Julie Gibbs (wife of District Councillor John) has recently been co-opted on to the Council. This means that Naphill now has its full complement of parish councillors. All Councillors are summoned to attend the monthly Council meetings (every month except August). In addition there are three committees to which your four councillors are elected. The Annual General Meeting (this is different from the Parish Meeting scheduled for May 20th) took place on May 13th and committee membership was decided then. There are representatives from each ward.

The following committee representation was agreed:-

Finance and Administration

Julie Gibbs and Judy Whitehouse

Services

Phil Crawshaw and Judy Whitehouse

These two committees meet quarterly and make recommendations to full Council.

Planning

Peggy Ewart and Phil Crawshaw(deputy)

This committee meets every three weeks and has the power to respond to planning applications on the Council's behalf.

I am pleased to continue as Vice Chairman of the Council for 2008/09.

Councillors also serve on outside bodies. For example, Phil has recently become part of the Wycombe Air Park Consultative Committee.

Road Safety

There is much concern in the Parish about speeding and parking. Residents' Associations in Great Kingshill, Widmer End and Naphill have recently organised public meetings on these issues. The particular issues were slightly different in all the wards; the emphasis in Naphill was related to problems at the Co-op and speeding, and in the other wards to speeding and traffic volume. There are obvious links here which need to be co-ordinated and a Parish Council response made to Bucks County Council as the highways authority. Residents' Associations are, of course, able to lobby BCC direct but it is usual, and effective, for the Parish Council to discuss and co-ordinate recommendations from individual wards. The Council has a Highways working party which met recently to consider a detailed report it had received from Great Kingshill, and verbal reports from the other wards. Common themes will be addressed for the Parish as a whole, as well as individual ward problems highlighted by the public meetings. Progress and actions will be reported in the Gazette.

Peggy Ewart - Vice Chairman

The Father's House

It was really good meeting so many old and new people at the village hall fete in June and I'm sure most of us will agree what a great day it was. My only regret is that I did not get to drive one of those massive farm machines. All of it reminded me of many happy days spent on the farm my uncle worked on in my childhood. Thank you Ted for the brilliant organisation that went on to put on the fete and everyone else involved before, during and after that gave us such a wonderful day to remember.

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The Monday following (9th June) we along with others began the task of publicly reading through the entire Bible over a period of 40 days finishing on Friday 18th July. That is all 66 books, 1189 chapters and over 54,000 verses.

By the time most of you get this magazine we will be a little over half way through our time. However, I want to take this opportunity to say that anybody and everybody is still invited to come and join us to read or just listen at the designated times given below.

The general idea is that during the opening times people may come and go as they are able and each person who reads does so for no more than 15 minutes before passing the reading on to the next person.

It so often proves incredible the effect just reading through God's Word in the Bible can have on people. Perspectives and understanding change, hope can be and often is found.

If you want to and can please feel free to join us it might just change your life and I for one believe it will be for the better.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 40 DAYS

From 9th June to 18th July 2008.

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1. 06:00 to 07:30 (am)
2. 13:00 to 14:00 (pm)
3. 19:30 to 20:30 (pm)

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1. 06:00 to 07:30 (am)
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1. 08:00 to 11:00 (am)

SUNDAYS: Two Sessions:

1. 08:00 to 08:30 (am)
2. 18:30 to 19:30 (pm)

Meanwhile continuing on from last month I'd again like to leave you with a Bible passage to think and maybe meditate on over the next couple of months.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3: 5 - 6

Again please call me if you would like to talk about it or any other matters we may be able to help you with. Tel 01494 563304. Have a great summer and may you come to know God's peace, joy and blessings in your life.

Bob

Naphill Methodist Church

Our Sunday Morning Service on July 27th will be the last one to be led by Rev. Janice Pettipher, before she takes up her new appointment as a Naval chaplain in September.

The service will take place at 11 am and there will be Holy Communion and a Baptism.

Moira Lewis

News from "Christians in the Community"

The face painting stall at Naphill Fete was thoroughly enjoyable with approximately 70 faces being painted by a team of four adults. Some of the adults hadn't painted children's faces before but managed very well. And the children from KRASH took part in the procession – a walking tableau named Farmer Boaz and his animals – and they came 3rd.

KRASH will be meeting once in July, the 11th.

By the time this is read we will have said our "goodbyes" to Rev. Janice Pettipher on the 22nd at Naphill Methodist Church and she will starting her naval chaplaincy in Portsmouth.

Our next meeting will be during the week of 15th September. Happy holidays!

Norma Clarke

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

Our Rusty Racquets sessions are still running for anyone who hasn't played tennis before, or who wants to pick up a racquet after a long absence from the game. These provide FREE COACHING, so it's a shame to miss out. The overall attendance for these sessions has been disappointing, so come on, all you budding tennis players, take advantage of something for nothing! Please see below for details. We are hopeful that with the conclusion of the Queen's Club Stella Artois and Wimbledon Tournaments, the enthusiasm levels for tennis will increase, together with the Rusty Racquets attendance level.

Our club sessions are going well, particularly on a Sunday morning, with 15 players turning up at the last session prior to writing this article. For years there has been a shortage of men – now there's the opposite! The junior coaching on Saturday mornings and Friday evenings is also proving to be very popular.

The Tennis Club helped at the splendid fete last month, and we are very proud of our valiant Tennis Club member, Ted Chapman, who did such a tremendous job again. Well done Ted! Tennis club members manned the Bouncy Castle, ran a generously-loaned ball machine, and the strawberries and cream stall which sold out just before I went to buy some. Given the wonderful weather, we could have sold more, but as always it's difficult to predict these things.

Upcoming diary dates:

RUSTY RACQUETS, Fri 4 July, 7.30 pm – all standards welcome. NO CHARGE

PIMMS and TENNIS, Sun 13 July, from 2.00 pm – all members and friends welcome. £6 including seasonal refreshments, always a popular event

RUSTY RACQUETS, Fri 18 July, 7.30 pm – all standards welcome. NO CHARGE

GOLF DAY – date to be announced

Also don't forget our regular club sessions as detailed in the Organisations' Diary at the front of this publication. As ever, if you want any more information about these or any other club activities or information, please call me on 01844 346 802 or 07703 234 895.

Helen Leek

Naphill Evening WI

What a GREAT day! June 7th Fete 2008 - the sun shone, the crowds arrived, the spitfire flew over. Congratulations to Ted Chapman and all who helped make it possible. We, the WI, scored a hat-trick. The best float, best adult costume and the best stall. But a special mention to those ladies who worked unstintingly in the kitchen providing non-stop refreshments all day. A round of applause goes to them, no prizes, but satisfaction knowing a job well done. By the end of the day it looked like a complete sell-out for all the stalls serving food.

On May 15th we had our resolutions meeting with cheese and wine and a bring and buy. It proved to be a success, so, probably will be repeated again next year. Nancy attended the AGM in Liverpool on June 4th. The resolutions were voted on but the second one about fish trawling caused a good deal of controversy. Twenty six ladies enjoyed Jenny's ploughman's lunch on June 9th, a glorious day, enabling them to enjoy the outdoors in her garden. Another success.

Now after we go to press, but before you read this, we will have had our trip to the London theatre on

the 17th June to see "Dirty Dancing", which we are sure will have been a good evening. Moving on to the 19th June, our 25th Birthday party; much thought has gone into this as the committee wanted it to be a special event for all our members. One thing we can guarantee, there will have been plenty of good food with lots of variety, laughter and entertainment with "The Roly Poly's, How it all Started" by Mrs T McIntyre. We hope you all made it. New members are always welcomed even at party time, to enjoy friendship and fun.

Another event not to be missed is Valerie's Games Evening and supper on July 3rd; with good weather it is a very pleasant evening and thank you to Valerie and Richard for welcoming us to their home and garden once again. Our July meeting is on the 17th and the talk will be "Mercy Ships" by Mr Lawrence Biggs, competition a bloom. This will be an "open" meeting, so do bring anyone along who may be interested. All these events will be reported on in the September Gazette, and as this is the last Gazette before the August break, do have a lovely summer. Remember, 14th August is Jessie's afternoon tea and tickets will be on sale at our meeting on July 17th. Also in August, on the 27th, we have our ramble finishing with a pub supper – clip board for names at the July meeting. Even though there is no meeting in August, friendship and the WI do not close down. There is always someone to give a helping hand or an ear to listen. Just contact us.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

The village Fete was a great success and Naphill Neighbours are delighted to have raised £307.50 with the cake stall and £200.00 with the hamper raffle, making a grand total of £507.50 Thank you to all who made cakes and those who worked on the stall which gave this excellent result.

Our June meeting was held on a lovely summer evening and our speaker was Mrs B Owen who gave a most amusing and excellent presentation on the Work of a Volunteer in Costume Collection at the Museum of London. Having retired from teaching and wanting something to do, Mrs Owen had volunteered her services and worked one day a week for 16 years at the Museum. There are some 40,000 costumes at the Museum, all of which have been worn, and we learned how the costumes were preserved by using pure cotton covers, tissue and net and were always handled with white cotton gloves. Mrs Owen regaled us with several amusing stories and showed pictures of costumes through the ages from Charles I to present day. A most enjoyable evening.

booking. At the last session in April 104 attended, the numbers are certainly increasing.

Bob Davis

Naphill Ladies Keep Fit Classes

New members are needed to join the Extend group to keep us going. And what do we do?.....Gentle exercises to keep us going!

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If you want to socialise after the class, tea or coffee is included in the price. Give it a go, all you need is a pair of non-slip shoes and a sense of humour.

This club has been running for 20 years or more and has obviously been beneficial both health wise and social wise. Please come along and support this really helpful village project.

Contact Carolyn 01494 712801 for any further details, or just come along.

Missing Bicycle?

A gents bicycle was dumped in my company's car park late last Saturday after the fete. It has all of the hallmarks of having been stolen. I would like to return it to its rightful owner. Could any prospective claimants call me - my number is 563126.

Marek Pawlik

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

After last month's public meeting when nearly 100 residents turned up to discuss the hazards caused by parking outside the Co-op, it was business as usual at the Association's annual meeting. Apart from the committee, the only resident to attend was District Councillor Richard Pushman. Chairman Marek Pawlik made an appeal for new and younger members to join. In his annual report, Dr Pawlik reported on another busy year with primary business concerning planning, ensuring that all applications are based on suitable planning grounds. He praised the work of committeeman Don Baker - particularly his continuing war regarding ensuring full planning information being published on the web as local residents rely heavily on planning notes in the Naphill Gazette. The

Chairman repeated that many Parish Councillors still seemed unaware that the Crown has no immunity re planning applications regarding RAF property. Richard Pushman acknowledged that fact and added that the Chilterns Conservation Board had objected strongly to the recent and substantial RAF building development on many grounds including non-use of local made bricks which were only marginally more expensive. But he made the point that that had the RAF closed its Walter's Ash base and moved personnel to Gloucestershire as had been mooted, there might have been 2,000 extra residents moving in locally if the base had passed over to public ownership. On overall planning schemes in the area, Marek suggested everything is driven by Government targets on housing with increased traffic never taken into account. Mr Pushman agreed, saying Wycombe District in general is being made to develop beyond its capabilities and infrastructure. The Chairman noted that the other major topic during the year had been the Co-op parking situation with residents attending the packed May meeting to express their concerns about traffic hazards. Several solutions had been recommended, but Richard Pushman had heard that the RAF had since rejected the request for delivery lorries to cross their property to deliver at the back of the Co-op. They cited security issues. However, bollards are to be erected around the corners of Ash Close to prevent customers and delivery vans parking on pavements. The Co-op also agreed to consider staggering delivery times. Police have requested that any dangerous parking or obstruction of the footpaths should be reported 24/7 to them on 0845-8505505. Every report will be logged. Large numbers of calls will result in the issue being flagged up for more positive action.

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Responses to other proposals are still awaited, but all parties will reconsider the entire situation in November. The Chairman also noted that speeding through the village is a recurring problem, but Richard Pushman suggested that speed guns were to be in operation more frequently and in less obvious places along Main Road.

Planning to June 7, 2008:

08/6198/FUL. 5 Main Road. Construction of four dormer windows in connection with loft conversion. (Objection: Extra dormers do not fit in with the CBDG and the effect not acceptable in AONB, particularly with its position on corner of Main Rd and Hunts Hill Lane)

08/6201/FUL Poplar, Louches Lane, Naphill. Construction of rear conservatory.

08/6231/FUL 14 Ash Close, Walter's Ash. Replacement of rear conservatory.

08/6291/FUL 232 Main Rd., Naphill. Raising of dormer and insertion of two front, 2 rear and one side window to provide first floor accommodation, construction of two-storey rear extension, new chimney, replacement conservatory and conversion of garage to form habitable accommodation with window to front gable (alteration to 07/7299/Ful to include alterations to window and conservatory) and construction of detached carport and store. (Objection: Pitched roof could cause visual loss of amenity to neighbours).

08/6386/FUL 238 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of two-storey side extension.

NB: In NAWRA's planning news last month, re **08/05600** 279 Main Rd, Walter's Ash, a typographical error in the report sent to the Gazette suggested that permission was being requested for 12 x 3 bed detached dwellings instead of 1.

Chairman:

Marek Pawlik, Poland House, 249 Main Rd, Walter's Ash, High Wycombe, Bucks HP14 4TH
01494--565581 / 563126 (h)

Secretary:

Gloria Leflaive, 7 Wellhouse Way, Naphill, High Wycombe, Bucks 01494--563634

John Taylor

Naphill Horticultural Society

Our recent outing to the RHS Gardens at Wisley was a fabulous day, and thoroughly enjoyed by those who went, despite the rather damp start to the day.

Please remember that our Summer Show takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th July, so if you have not yet got a schedule and decided what you can enter, contact Peter Davis right away.

Hughenden Church Teas

The church teas season is here!

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 through to October

2.15pm - 5.15pm

Midweek group teas by prior arrangement

The show opens to the public at 2pm when you can admire the exhibits. As usual, 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 6th September. The schedules cover both shows, so you can plan ahead for September. Do come along and support us if you can.

Lastly, the old adage that a gardener's best work is done on their knees, may be true, but remember that taking time to sit back and admire your hard work is just as rewarding, so remember to take the time to enjoy your gardens this summer (always best with a cool glass of something in one hand!)

Happy gardening.

Cathryn Carter - 563233

Keeping the Wolf from the Door

I had intended to be totally mute about deer for some considerable time but something happened last weekend which has forced me to change my mind. Some readers must have heard or read about the proposal to reintroduce the wolf to Scotland. Briefly, the indigenous Scottish deer has been multiplying steadily and with the closure of the big estates (an aspect of democracy), the ability to cull the deer by shooting has diminished and now the deer are running the habitat for other species. The aim is to reintroduce the wolf on a trial basis on a large estate in the Highlands and thus permit the natural control of the deer. The wolves will kill the surplus deer and the lesser species will have a chance to survive. Control by nature – no bullets and traps, just claws and teeth. "Ouch".

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Looking forward to hearing from you

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It so happens that a similar scheme is under consideration for England to deal with the Muntjac. A trial is to be undertaken in Buckinghamshire, locally, introducing a pack of Canadian wolves. From personal experience in Northern Canada I can assure you that wolves are not dangerous for the human race; they run away immediately on sighting a human being. This will be an exciting trial as you may experience the thrill of opening your bedroom window and seeing a wolf outside! Furthermore, you may also have the opportunity of hearing the howl of a lone wolf, a very atmospheric sound which has not been heard in the United Kingdom for some two hundred years.

Well enough of this gobbledegook. Back to reality! But please note that the return of the wolf

to Scotland is genuine. Of potential local interest is the fact that we have had fourteen Queen Wasps in our house during May and June plus two in my garden shed. This is quite exceptional and suggests that this will be a record year for wasp's nests. Thus in August when the Queens withdraw privileges from the troops, we shall have many of the lads disturbing our picnics and barbecues.

Finally, two weeks ago, the post box at the end of Forge Road vanished. Enquiries revealed that it had been damaged though it was not clear whether by vandalism or a car incident. No information was posted at the site to keep the public informed. I therefore telephoned the Main Post Office and was told that the box had been damaged and taken for repair and would be replaced in two to six weeks. I asked why a notice to this effect had not been left at the site and was told that it was against the law to put up paper notices. What nonsense! This implies that a service can be withdrawn and that there is no requirement to tell the public what is going on. No wonder the Post Office is struggling in the current business environment.

David Leith

What I Would Change

What I would change is peoples' awareness of a problem which is as serious, if not more serious, than that of global warming. The problem is the depletion of agricultural soil – the source of vital minerals and trace elements essential for human health. Tests in the UK between 1940 and 1991 showed an average decrease in trace elements of around 40% - and the reduction must have continued since then. This is a catastrophic situation since if the soil lacks trace elements then the crops we eat lack trace elements. Already about one third of the British population is suffering from malnutrition. Malnutrition leads to increased susceptibility to disease. For example, the recommended daily amount of selenium is at least 150 micrograms but the average intake is only 35 micrograms. A deficiency of selenium can lead to cancer, arterial disease and arthritis. There are no warning signs of selenium deficiency. Just think of the National Health Service savings which could be made if the malnutrition problem could be overcome and people became healthier! We need to raise public awareness of the situation so that politicians will be spurred to act.

How has the problem come about? In 1946 there was an abrupt change in agricultural methods. Throughout history farmers had practised mixed agriculture, in other words the rearing of animals and the growing of crops. Manure from the animals was returned to the soil to maintain fertility. What was probably not realised at the time was that returning manure to the soil also returned vital trace elements so that mineral depletion was not too serious. What then happened in 1946 was the advent of chemical farming. Artificially-produced

nitrogen-rich fertilisers became available and farmers found they could nearly double their crops. It was a bonanza and farmers were encouraged to use fertilisers containing what were thought to be the three vital elements nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus instead of animal manure. Hence the prairies of Eastern England with no animals in sight – thus no animals to provide manure. Farmers elsewhere reared livestock, usually in huge sheds. The age of specialisation had arrived.

What was wrong was that crops extracted vital trace elements from the soil which were no longer replaced. This was happening all over the planet, so even if part of our diet was sourced abroad our diet was still deficient in trace elements. It could be that a contributory factor to the galloping obesity in recent years has been a desire to eat more - because our food is not containing all the trace elements we need. Organic food suffers from exactly the same problem.

Agricultural soil in the UK is now becoming really impoverished. If one plants trees in what were farmers' fields about 40% of the trees die in the first year. They are starved to death because the soil is impoverished, and decades of ploughing and the application of herbicides, fungicides and insecticides has decimated the essential micro-organisms in the soil which help roots source the trace elements they need. Because of the unremitting applications of artificial fertiliser the humus in the soil is depleted. The land is becoming desert-like, a mixture of sand, stones and clay and no longer rich dark loam full of humus.

What can be done? As with global warming the solution is not easy. Animal manures need to be returned to all agricultural land. Vegetable waste needs to be composted and returned to the land. All methods of conserving the precious trace elements need to be considered. The trace elements originally came from rock dust ground off mountains during the last ice age, so we should consider applying rock dust to fields to replace vital trace elements already lost. Restrictions should be placed on the nascent bio fuels industry to require the returning of ash and thus minerals to the land after crops have been burned or processed. For all this to happen governments will have to be involved, changing the law here, changing financial incentives there, to coerce farmers and industry to do what is vitally necessary for human health.

Because the depletion of agricultural soil has been very gradual over a long period people have not noticed what has been happening. Therefore what is needed is publicity. Your reading this is a step in the right direction of raising awareness. Alert your friends! Alert your MP! Further information can be obtained from the Good Gardeners' Association 01453 520322, www.goodgardeners.org.uk.

Good gardening!

A Little Bit of Gazette History

The first edition of the Gazette was published in March 1937, so it is now in its 71st year. Unlike today, when computers are the favoured medium for submitting articles and printing, in those days all the correspondence was produced with pen and paper or old style typewriters. One can only imagine the work involved to collate and edit the 12-page edition; especially as, given the Editor's pleas for a better one, the first Gazette Office typewriter seems to have been on its last legs. Copies cost 2 pence (old) and any profits were used for the upkeep of the Village Hall. As it remains today, the rationale for the paper was to bring out once a month something that will interest and amuse and possibly, in some cases, enlighten. Contributors provided articles and letters on: village news and views, clubs and societies, books, the WI, Churches, tennis, billiards, football, gardening, the School, adverts and a stop press. There was also an interesting article on "Women in the Home" by "Domesticus" on how the ladies should spring clean and cook, the chocolate ground rice mould with stewed apples sounds delicious! The lead article, headlined "Naphill Leads the Way", commented that "by making this effort (to produce the Gazette) we once again lead the way, showing all the other villages, and not a few so-called towns, that we are thoroughly alive, and possessed of energy, foresight and humour. Looking around our villages seventy-one years on, and with the annual fete upon us, it would be hard to disagree that the comment remains relevant today. As the Gazette lives on, a lot of acknowledgment is due to editors and contributors both past and present. And whilst times were said to be hard in 1937, humour (or was it) still existed as can be seen from this letter to the Editor from the April 1937 Edition (written as seen).

Dere Sir,

I have red your paper and would like to make a few sujestions. First of all you wants sumboody who nose how to spell. Look at the way you spell "galvanosed" in your advert. I always thought it was "galvernised". You say you wants a better type writer. I say you don't. Judging by your first issue what you want is a trype writer. Again yore langwidge in the advert is not fit for pure minded people to see. I don't think "bitch" is a nice word to print (it was an ad for a female dog). Personally I think your paper would be better printed in black ink on black paper and first soaked in petrol. It might be useful to lite the fire. I nose one or two peopul what might buy that pram you advertised but I aint saying anything about the bath. In your paper you says "the greater the fool the better the dancer" you blames a book for that remark. Is he a Naphill man? Judging by that I must be wunderfull clever. Also I nose one or two good dancers. I aint saying any more. The price of yore paper is high, but as I share the cost

with Ikey Moses and two scotch peepol what lives near me I can just mannidge it.

Yours Trooly - A Constant Reeder

Perhaps someone who was around at the time has memories to share?

Bob Foggo

Whitchurch Morris Men are Coming to Cheddington

On Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July the Whitchurch Morris men are holding a Ring meeting to celebrate their 60th birthday. 100 Morris men from all around the country will be based at the village hall in Cheddington.

On SATURDAY they will be touring the area starting off in Aylesbury Market Square at 10.00am. ALL Villagers are very welcome to come to watch and join us - any time. Contact the Gazette editor (562742 or email judy@judyq.demon.co.uk) for a full itinery or visit the web site www.whitchurchmorris.org.uk.

Nigel Cox - 481478

Special Woods Annual Conference

Oliver Rackham, renowned woodland historian and ecologist, is the guest speaker for the Special Trees and Woods Project's third annual conference. Professor Rackham is an engaging speaker with a great ability to read our surroundings. He agrees that every tree, hedge and wood holds clues that can unlock the past and will offer some advice on landscape detection techniques for those recording special trees and woods. Professor Rackham is well known for his book "The History of the Countryside" in which he writes that he has "yet to see a convincing sawpit"! This proves how special the Chiltern woodlands are – one of their most common heritage features – the sawpit, are nationally rare.

Volunteers working on this project, which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, will also share their experiences of researching special trees and woods.

The last two annual conferences have proved very popular and both have been fully booked. Make sure you book early to confirm your place on 22nd November in Hemel Hempstead. For more information go to www.chilternsaonb.org/special or call 01844 355 525.

*Liz Manley - Special Trees and Woods Project
01844 355 525*

WDC Ranger Service Events

There are many walks planned for July and August but sadly we do not have the space this month to print full details. For further information or to book your place, please contact WDC Ranger Service on 01494 421825 or e-mail

Ranger_Services@wycombe.gov.uk

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

Many thanks to all the parents and children who came and formed a procession to open the village fete on that lovely summer day last month. The children looked great in their sheep costumes and were delighted to win the trophy for the best walking tableau. Well done everyone!

Following much discussion within the school and the setting of a revised budget for the next academic year I am now able to inform you that the class structure for the next academic year will remain unchanged. That is to say that there will be two classes in each year group with no mixed age classes. It is also looking less likely that the intake number will be changed from 60 to 45 into our reception classes from 2009 onwards. We felt this could possibly disadvantage children moving into the area as well as limiting the school's capacity. The school's intake number is now likely to remain at 60 for the foreseeable future with two forms of entry.

As part of our commitment towards developing extended service provision we would very much like to offer a signposting service to parents in need of a Childminder. If you are a registered Childminder and would like to be included on our school database please pass your details to the school office who will then be able to help point people in your direction should there be a mutual requirement.

From 2008/9 the school will be changing the way some subject areas are taught. We will be looking at an approach similar, though not the same as, the International Baccalaureate; in that it will be cross-curricular though will adhere to the National Curriculum Programmes of Study. Miss Gwynn and I spent a very interesting morning visiting an International School in London and have been able to adapt some materials that would fit nicely at our school. This is very much a development and not a huge change to what already takes place in school and will build on the best practice that already exists. From September children will study half-termly, rather than termly, themes in each year group for subjects other than Maths and English. With a major review of the primary curriculum taking place at government level this will very much guide the work of the school over the coming years.

This summer, the school's music concert and one additional performance of the Y5/6 production of "Joseph" are both open to everyone to come along.

Tickets for the Monday 21 July performance of "Joseph" are free and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. I should stress that this is an additional performance to the two shows being put on for parents of children in these year groups. If you would like to come along to this open event then please collect your tickets from the office. Similarly if you know of anyone in the village community who might like to see it then do feel free to invite them along too.

The school's most recent Ofsted Inspection Report is now on our web site. I personally am very proud of the report and hope you will be very pleased with it also. The report is also helpful in that it gives governors and staff some key areas to continue our work on making improvements to the school. This was a very unusual time for the school as we were given a very short inspection with little notice. My personal thanks to the children, parents, staff and governors who all "pitched in" to contribute to the process.

The letter to the children in the report is one of the best summaries I have ever seen, in terms of its clarity and accuracy. To bring it to everyone's attention I have reprinted an extract below:

Thank you for being so helpful when I came to your school to find out how well you are getting on. I particularly enjoyed looking at your work and talking to some of you. I also really enjoyed your singing in assembly. I agree with your parents that you go to a good school. There is so much I like about your school that I cannot mention everything, so here is a list of what I think are the most important things.

- *Most of you make good progress. By the time you leave at the end of Year 6, you are better at English, mathematics and science than pupils in most other schools. You should be very proud of all of this.*
- *Everyone in your school is friendly and welcoming, and your behaviour is usually good.*
- *You learn well because your lessons are often good and your teachers give you clear targets to achieve.*
- *Your teachers are good at planning lots of interesting things for you to do.*
- *All of the adults in your school make sure that you are well looked after.*
- *The people who help run your school do a good job in making sure that you get a good education, especially your Headteacher and governors.*

Children starting school in September 2009: We will be holding a special open meeting to view the school and its staff at the start of the new term. This event will take place on TUESDAY 30th September AT 10:30 IN THE SCHOOL HALL. Hope you can all make it.

Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher

2nd Naphill Guides

Hello – it may have been a while since you have seen an article from us!!

As you may or may not be aware Deirdre Hansen will be leaving unit after 8 years, she wishes to change direction within the Guide movement to train to be an instructor of water sports. She is carrying on her role as District Commissioner and will still be involved in the various Guide functions within the village.

My name is Toni Green and I will be taking over the unit (I am currently in the process of obtaining my warrant) from September along with Amanda Lucas as unit helper. Amanda and I decided to help when there was a possibility of the unit closing, we are both new to Guiding and are really looking forward to the challenge. We have been attending the meetings for a while now, helping at various outings and the usual weekly Guide meetings at the HQ building.

We are looking for more parents to help with the meetings, so if you are interested please call me on 01494 562089.

Toni Green

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 have been doing some woodwork and making key holders for our Dads for Father's Day which has been interesting. We have been sawing pieces of wood, screwing in hooks and painting them. I hope the Dads will be pleased with their gifts; they looked fantastic.

We have an evening of bowling planned, down at the new Eden Centre. During this evening four of our newest Brownies will be making their promise.

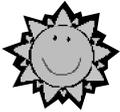
Our final Brownie meeting for the summer is July 17th and this will be a mad games evening and a picnic on the crick.

Brown Owl 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.

I will be leaving Brownies at the end of this term and Ruth desperately needs somebody to come along

Walters Ash Naphill School Assoc.

Summer



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Fete Organiser – Tanya Stevens can be contacted via school office or
Email Tanyaandlan@aol.com

The children who are leaving us to move up to School in September have started to visit their new classrooms and teachers, it is a very exciting time.

On Friday 11th July Pre-school will hold their annual sports day on the crick, weather permitting.

The 17th July is the Teddy bears Picnic, this is also the last day of term, and time to say goodbye to all the children who are moving up to school. It will also be the last session for Pre-school at the village hall after nearly 40 years. I'd like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to the Village Hall Council, and thank-you for all your support during this time.

As we approach the end of another school year, it is time to say thank-you to this year's Chair Gemma Vinall, who has done a wonderful job. We wish her well for the future. We would also like to thank the Pre-school Committee, Angela, Hilary, Lisa, Jane, Una, Kate, Ulrika, Amanda, Tara, Rachel, Vicky, Sarah, Sam, Dawn for all their work and the fundraising events they have helped organise. Thank-you also to the parents and carers who helped out when needed.

A special thanks to the all the Pre-school staff, Debi, Annabel, Lisha, Amy, Shannon and Danny for making pre-school a safe and happy place for all our children.

Karen Crinyion who was part of our fundraising team this year has taken over as Chair. She is a secondary teacher currently working as an educational consultant for the Local Authority. She has a son in Pre-school and will no doubt use her expertise in supporting our excellent staff along with Jane Hermanns the new Vice Chair. Already they have both done a sterling job this year in organising the move to the new premises, thank you for all you have done.

The move itself, thank-you to all who have helped and contributed to make this possible, do come along and see the opening of the new premises at the Naphill and Walter's Ash School fete on the 5th July at 12 o'clock. You will get to see the new building, although you will see it without the children as they don't come till September!

It just leaves me to say farewell to all our children moving to their new schools, we wish them all a happy future.

Have a great summer.

Pat Hutton

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

and help her in September. If you can spare 1 ½ hours each Thursday evening then please get in touch. You will not be expected to run the unit, just to help out. Ruth really needs your help if the unit is to continue running as she is unable to run it alone. We currently have 24 Brownies in the unit which means 48 parents, there must be somebody who is willing to step up even if it is just short term.

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.

Judy Pope

Naphill Pre-School

Pre-school have done it again, we won the best float at the Village fete. Congratulations and thank-you to all the staff and the children. We also owe a big thank-you to Shaun Maguire and Agile Scaffolding for providing and also driving the lorry, and to all who helped paint and decorate it. Once again the Kids zone was a great success thank-you to all who supported us and to everybody who helped on the day.

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Editorial

Welcome back after our summer break.

Our front cover this month shows photographs from the opening of the new "Little Ash" Pre-School building. As you read this they will be preparing to start the term in their purpose built premises at the rear of Naphill & Walter's Ash school. We wish them all the best in their new home.

I am now planning gazette covers for 2009 so if your organisation has not featured yet and you would like to be on one of our covers please do let me know.

There is so much that goes on up here on our hilltop and I think it is important that we feature as much of village life as we can in our magazine.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
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
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	1 for 1.15- 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall - Forge Road	10.30 - 11.15am 12.15 - 12.50
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30 - 8.30 and 8.30-9.30pm
Pre-School	Each weekday (term time)	9.15 - 12.30pm
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm Group 2, 5.45pm Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

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	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650	
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Village of the Year Competition

By the time you read this Sarah Bacon and I will have been to a reception at the Judges' Lodgings in Aylesbury to receive an award in the Village of the Year competition. You may have seen a report of the winners in the Bucks Free Press. We shall be presented with a certificate and a small monetary prize. The honour is the important thing!

Naphill and Walter's Ash are the runners up in the larger community category, second to Stokenchurch. The judges visited the villages on July 11th and we were commended for the thriving nursery/pre-school, the various clubs, and the Post Office and shops. They also commented on the friendliness of everyone they met on their visit.

It is very pleasing to have recognition for the many fine attributes of the place where we live. At the request of the Village Hall Council, I had the "pleasure" of filling in a very lengthy application form. There were sections on the environment, business, young people, older people, and communications. Back up documentation included Sarah's comprehensive Annual Report and a copy of the Gazette. Completing the task brought home to me just how active our residents are, and how well supported by each other, by local businesses, and by the RAF. We are fortunate indeed to live in such a pleasant area with a social cohesion second to none. Perhaps we shall be overall winners next year!!

Peggy Ewart

County Councillor's Report

More people in Buckinghamshire are being convicted for illegally dumping waste, saving council tax payers £250,000 in clear up costs. Two persons from High Wycombe were the 100th and 101st people to be convicted after waste was found dumped illegally at Stocking Lane, between Naphill and the Hughenden Valley, in December 2007. The pair were ordered to pay a total of £1,230 in costs and fines.

Since the county started convicting people for illegally dumping waste in 2003, a total of £134,609.02 has been paid by offenders in costs and fines. One offender is convicted every ten days for illegal dumping offences in the county. Buckinghamshire residents are also making a significant contribution by reporting incidents. If you witness someone dumping waste illegally, report it to the Waste Partnership by telephoning 0845 330 1856.

On Friday 4 July, delegates from schools, health groups and other agencies from across the county gathered at Green Park Centre, Aston Clinton, to

participate in the Buckinghamshire Healthy Schools Conference. The aim of the conference was to celebrate the achievements of schools in promoting healthier living and learning to their pupils, and to stimulate ideas for the future of the scheme.

Those involved certainly have much to celebrate. By the end of July, 50% of Buckinghamshire schools will have been awarded Healthy School Status – that's over a hundred schools - which means our schools are well on course to meet the government's target of 75% of schools having successfully achieved Healthy School Status by December 2009.

The aim of the scheme is more than meeting a government target, it's about supporting and enabling the whole school community to develop healthy, happy children and young people, who do better in learning and in life. The scheme is based on the innovative "Whole School Approach" which involves working with children, young people, parents/carers, staff and governors to provide a solid foundation from which sustainable improvements can be made for all.

The petition presented by residents on Main Road from the Village Hall to Coombe Lane for road surface improvements and footpath repairs has been placed in the County Council forward maintenance programme. The footpath will be resurfaced in the current year.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

I do hope that you had a pleasant summer and are looking forward to both the new school term and of course fresh challenges ahead through the Autumn.

I was delighted to attend the opening of the new pre-school with colleagues on July 5. The facilities are superb and it is such an ideal location in preparation for transferring to "the big school".

At home, we tried to visit as many of our local Fetes as possible including Bradenham, Hughenden Valley, Speen and North Dean as usual. Luckily, the weather held up; of course Naphill is the best Fete by far.

I attended a presentation from the Post Office regarding the closure program. Luckily for us, Naphill was not mentioned, nor were the management too delighted when I mentioned our successful campaign in March.

The annual presentation from the NHS was well received, if not guarded, in respect of the A&E

objectives and the sharing of resources with Stoke Mandeville.

Members were updated on the proposed new stadium for Wasps and Wycombe Wanderers and you may know that we are in a period of consultation. The stadium is very important to this district.

I also attended an informal cabinet meeting and a Licensing hearing. I discussed business and enterprise issues with Mark Prisk, MP, Shadow spokesperson for Enterprise and Business and also met with the Vice-Chancellor of our new University as part of my Partnerships role; I will attend a graduation ceremony during week commencing 8 September.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The atrocious weather in August delayed the completion of the installation of a new toddler play unit in the Crick playground and improvements to the safety surfaces. Mid August is now the expected finish time. This work is being funded by residents through the Parish Precept. We are hoping to receive a grant to refurbish and modernise the "junior" end of the facility but will not know whether we have been successful until the end of September.

Allotment judging has taken place and the results will be announced after the October Council meeting. The judges had a very busy day visiting all the sites in Hughenden Parish. Currently over 180 allotments have been let and many of them are worked to a very high standard. There is renewed interest in home grown food and this has added to the number of requests for allotments. The hedges and grass require regular cutting to keep them neat; a costly but worthwhile procedure for the Parish. The overall impression on visiting the allotments is of an attractive and well cared for community facility. Well done all!

Peggy Ewart - Vice Chairman

Hughenden Parish Council Youth Survey

Hughenden Parish Council have formed a Youth Working Party specifically to look at the provision of facilities for teenagers in our villages. To do this effectively we need the views of the younger residents and the easiest way to get these is via a questionnaire.

It is planned to include this questionnaire as pull-out centre pages in next month's gazette. The Parish

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Council is picking up the cost of the extra printing work so it will not be a financial burden on the gazette.

As I have interests in both the gazette and the Parish Council I felt it was important to consult with you before going ahead with this plan. If anyone has any strong objections please could you let me know?

*Judy Whitehouse - 562742
judy@judyq.demon.co.uk*

Bradenham Parish Council

At its last meeting the Parish Council decided that it would look into the problem of speeding through the village. The speed limit is 30 mph through Bradenham village, but then just past the Manor it is unrestricted. It has already asked the County Council to reduce the unrestricted limit to 40 mph and this is being considered. We have also asked if the 30 mph speed limit as you approach Walter's Ash from Bradenham can be moved slightly nearer to the entrance to the Officers Mess as it was felt it made more sense to drivers new to the area. The speed that vehicles do through this pretty village is often more than 30 mph. Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership will now look at the road and see what it can do. The Parish Council is looking at having the volume of traffic and its speed assessed so we have some statistics. Speeding is a problem in the area and in the village it has bothered residents for a long time. The problem is also being approached through Community Speed Watch.

You will have seen that at long last the bus shelter by Air Command has been repaired.

Bradenham Wood Lane will be closed from 01/09/08 until 09/09/08 between the hours of 9.15 to 15.30 to have diseased/ dangerous trees close to the Highway removed.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8th September at 7.30pm in the Cricket Club, all residents welcome.

You can always contact the clerk at the below address. The clerk works part time, but if you leave a message or send an e-mail it will be dealt with.

*Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council
Riva, Naphill Common, Naphill, High Wycombe
HP14 4SZ
Tel: 01494-562254
e-mail: Bradenhampc@tiscali.co.uk*

News from "Christians in the Community"

There will be a meeting of 'Christians in the Community' on Wednesday 17th September at 8.15 pm in the Father's House, Naphill. Everyone welcome.

Norma Clarke

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

Our club members continue to play tennis this summer in between the rain showers, although some of our regular scheduled sessions, Rusty Racquets and Junior Coaching, have now finished. The former had mixed success, with only 2 or 3 new faces. Next year the club will consider holding a couple of the sessions during school time to encourage young Mums to take up the RR challenge.

The Junior Coaching sessions have been very well supported by our young village players, and we would like to thank both Mel Ebbles and Lisa Bennett for their enthusiasm and dedication; also Paul Daly for his equally valuable assistance on Friday evenings. We have 60 junior members this season, many of whom have benefited from the weekly coaching during the spring and summer. They can and do, of course, have access to the courts at other times too.

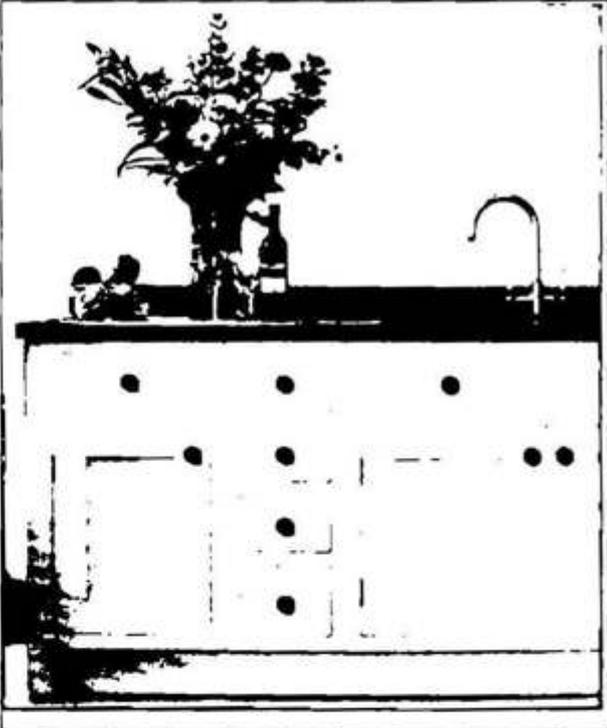
Mel Ebbles was planning to hold a Summer Tennis Camp for juniors during August; report in the next edition!

The ladies section has suffered this year from a lack of members and players for matches, which unfortunately has resulted in us having to withdraw our team from the Ladies' Aylesbury League. Our other teams (Bucks Mixed 1 and 2, and Men's Aylesbury League) have had varying success, which will probably result in the teams retaining their League positions rather than being either relegated or promoted at the end of the season.

Upcoming diary dates:

18th October: Tennis Club Ramble, to be led by Terry Crooks, probably incorporating a pub lunch

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along the way. Look out for details in the Clubhouse nearer the date.

Our regular club sessions are detailed in the Organisations' Diary at the front of this publication. As ever, if you want any more information about these or any other club activities or information, please call me on 01844 346 802 or 07703 234 895.

Helen Leek

Naphill Evening WI

Here we are again after the August break and into September already. The time goes so quickly, in spite of the awful rainy summer. We hope you made the most of that sunny day we had!

Now down to business. Didn't we have a good time seeing Dirty Dancing, wonderful food and entertainment at our 25th Birthday party and good weather and supper at Valerie's Games Evening.

Did you enjoy the fascinating talk about 'Mercy Ships' given by Lawrence Biggs at our July meeting? So many dedicated people giving their time and money to help others less fortunate.

Moving on to the 14th August, the afternoon tea at Jess's was a huge success, owing to all you lovely

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people making the most of the appalling weather. A big thank you to all who helped. It was so funny to see you ladies sitting round the tea tables with your umbrellas up – some were even "singing in the rain". Eileen's cake was delicious and everyone wanted the recipe, so Eileen is now designated chief cake-maker!

On the 21st August we are expecting the BFWI Sub-Committee for a buffet supper and your committee will be doing the catering, so we can tell you about that next time. Also to be reported on next month will be our August evening walk, finishing at The Hampden Arms, for a well deserved pub supper. What another good idea!

Marion has been collecting names for anyone wanting to go to see Carousel, possibly in January or February, so if you are interested please give her your name at the September meeting. Aren't we lucky to have such an active WI!

Remember, September 18th is an Open meeting, so bring your husbands and friends to listen to Jean Nettleton and Val Haywood speaking about their 'Adventures in the Gambia'. The competition is an African souvenir. As usual we will look forward to seeing you at the September meeting – everyone is welcome.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

For our July meeting, we were treated to a visit down memory lane when Mrs J Purdy presented "Life Before Television". Mrs Purdy, who had worked in the Theatre with many famous artists was a vibrant speaker and wore a beautiful sequined coat which had been made by Danny La Rue's costumier. It seems impossible to believe that there was very little television until 1960. We listened to old radio clips from shows such as Wakey Wakey with Billy Cotton, Workers Playtime and songs from Gracie Fields, George Formby and Vera Lynne. Mrs Purdy is also a member of the Magic Circle, and a champion Fire Eater! She ended her talk with two very clever magic tricks involving a £10 note and a ring and the

evening was enjoyed by all.

Instead of the usual monthly meeting in August a coach trip had been arranged for Tuesday 12 to visit Old Thatch in Bourne End the former home of Enid Blyton, one of Britain's best known children's authors. We were extremely lucky with the weather which allowed us to wander the lovely gardens, and the current owners also showed a video explaining some of the history of the house and gardens and their plans for the future. Members finished the afternoon with delicious tea and cakes and everyone had a lovely afternoon out.

Names were taken for our winter outing which is to the Birmingham Tattoo on Sunday 30 November. There is a 33 seater coach which will leave the Village Hall at 11.30 a.m. and the performance commences at 2 p.m.

For our next meeting on 8th September, Mr Sacco will be our speaker on the Life and Times of Mr Punch.

Tea Hostesses for September are as follows :-
June Belsham, Brenda Pears and Nancy Hussey.

Isobel Lane

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

The Pre-School have left the Village Hall after many years of residence leaving a large hole in our income and plenty of mornings available for bookings. We wish them well in their new premises.

Like everyone else we are looking at ways to cut down on our energy consumption and are intending to install a new heating system with the necessary insulation. That should make a big difference but it will be a large project and cost a lot of money initially. So it is not going to happen overnight, particularly as we are having difficulty finding a heating engineer to give us a quote. This is probably due to the complexity of replacing our old system with its many "add-ons" over the years.

You will be pleased, also, to hear that we are looking into purchasing a replacement for the gas cooker. More on that, perhaps, next month.

The refurbishment of the Play Area is ongoing but Norma Clarke has the details in her piece elsewhere.

I see we have made it to Runner-Up in the Village of the Year competition, second to Stokenchurch. Our thanks go to all who did their bit to help us achieve this great result. I wonder if the Main Road hedge

had been cut whether that would have made a difference?

*Don Turner - Vice Chairman, Naphill Village Hall
and Playing Fields Council*

Firework Display

Advance notice that this year's fireworks will be held on Saturday 1st 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.

Andrew Wilmot

Safety Tiles Go Under Cover

Hopefully by the time you read this the safety tiles that were under the toddler play equipment at the village hall playing fields will be under the new safety surfacing.

For the "owners" of the tiles from 1990 when the existing playground was constructed it will be a sad time but knowing their tile is under the new surface will be a consolation! The Naphill Village Hall committee thanks the Hughenden Parish Council for paying for the new addition and it is the first part of a two-fold plan. The second part of the plan is due to take place next year.

Norma Clarke

The Naphill & Walter's Ash Fete

I had prepared a post-fete report for the last issue of the Gazette but forgot to send it to Judy! This is what I wrote, I'm sorry that it's late and I hope that it brings back pleasant memories.

What a pleasure Fête Day was. The sun shone on us and as well as all of the normal wide range of attractions there was an impressive climbing wall provided by the RAF, police dogs, and a fascinating display of the RAF through the years. I suspect that many of you missed the Punch & Judy Show (I did) and didn't get down to the Tennis Club for Strawberries and Cream. Better luck next year. Weren't the Golden Oldies Pipe Band fantastic? They are all ex-RAF Halton Apprentices and put on a fantastic display for us. And, of course, there was the Spitfire! Such a magical aircraft and we must all envy the pilot who was given that to play with for the day! The letter inviting it to come again next year will soon be in the post.

As usual the enthusiasm that all of our supporters poured into the day was amazing. The Procession was tremendous with really great costumes and floats; the three Princesses presented the cups and opened the fête like veterans and the theme of "Down On The Farm" had been taken up so well by so many. It was great to see all of the farm equipment and the old combine harvester. As I wandered around the site I marvelled at the cheerfulness of the people manning all of the stalls. Once again they all worked their socks off! It is terrific people like them that make our fête so special. We are lucky to live in villages where there are so many helpful and cheerful people; they make the place special. Everyone in the villages would like to be included in a heartfelt "Thank you" to them all.

Having a really super day is surely the most important reason for the fête but it is also a great fund-raising day for the Village Hall. At the time of writing this we do not know just how much money was raised but if it's not a record it must be very close to it! Thank you to everyone who brought this about by advertising with us, to those who worked so hard on the fête and to all of those who came and made it such an enjoyable day as well as spending their cash! (Stop Press: The fete profit would have been £10,000 if all of our advertisers had paid their dues. That is a really magnificent sum. As yet we have not received payment from "The Pink and Lily" for their advert but we have sent three reminders and hope that the situation will have a happy ending).

There is an impressive list of prize winners that you will find in the July/August Gazette. Congratulations to all those who won and to everyone who participated in these events. The standards that you set get higher every year.

We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves immensely and that you are looking forward to a repeat performance next year, meanwhile keep reading The Gazette to find out what is on in the Village Hall and don't miss the firework display which will be on Saturday 1st November.

*Ted Chapman (HW 563034)
Fete Organiser*

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning Applications to 13 August 2008

Refused:

08/6101/FUL. 280 Main Rd., Walter's Ash. Change of use from Builders Yard to Vehicle Workshop Facilities



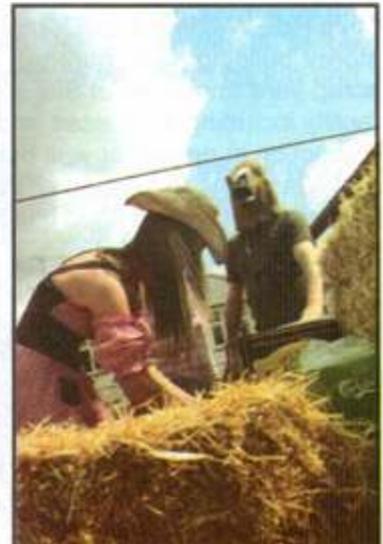




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Permitted:

08/6423/FUL Hunts Hill Cottage, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Construction of detached single storey garage.

08/6458/FUL 18 Braeside, Naphill. Construction of rear conservatory.

08/6478/FUL The Birch Tree, Lacey Drive, Naphill. Construction of single storey detached garage.

08/6479/FUL The Birch Tree, Lacey Drive, Naphill. Construction of rear conservatory.

08/6493/FUL Naphill Barn, 232A Main Road, Naphill. Retention of detached garage.

08/6573/FUL Scrap Yard, RAF High Wycombe, Main Rd., Walter's Ash. Demolition of existing single storey buildings and garages and alterations to scrap yard enclosure at Site 3 to form new car park facility including 88 spaces and 6 motorcycle bays. Reduction in perimeter wall height from 3m to 1.1m and alterations to existing entrance area to improve access facilities and flood lighting.

Under consideration:

08/6626/CLE Dartmeet, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of Dartmeet as a dwelling with no agricultural tie.

08/6655/FUL Wychwood, Louches Lane, Naphill. Construction of single storey front extension to garage and part conversion of existing garage to

rear to garden store room.

08/6669/FUL Wargrave, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Part conversion of garage to family room, insertion of 3 front and 3 rear dormer windows and roof extensions to form gable ends in conjunction with 1st floor living accommodation and formation of chimney.

08/6861/FUL 179 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of rear conservatory/garden-room.

08/6869/FUL Woodstock, Louches Lane, Naphill. Construction of 1st floor side extension.

08/6889/FUL 283 Main Rd., Walter's Ash. Demolition of existing garage and construction of detached double garage (alternative scheme to pp07/6885/FUL).

08/6922/FUL Red Gables, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Construction of 2 front and one side dormer windows Two storey rear extension to replace conservatory.

08/6930/FUL 238 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of 2 storey side extension (all to pp08/6388/FUL incorporating a single garage to replace existing garage to rear).

08/6932/FUL 132 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of single storey rear extension with pitched roof over.

Traffic Hazards at Walter's Ash

Following the Public Meeting on 8 May 2008, (i) the RAF have now written to confirm they cannot, after all, allow Coop delivery lorries across their land at the back of the Coop so as to ease vehicle congestion on Main Road, (ii) Marek Pawlik has been in touch with Si Khan, Highways Local area Co-ordinator to ask why the erection of bollards and footway resurfacing at the corner of Ash Close, due for completion by the end of July, had not been carried out. We are awaiting her answer.

Highways Maintenance: The RA contacted Highways to request urgent repair to the damaged dropped curb outside the Coop. Highways carried out the repair, but unsatisfactorily, and has agreed with Marek that it should be done again to a higher standard.

The proposed date for a follow-up Public Meeting, with Si Khan of Highways, to review progress on plans to reduce traffic hazard at Walter's Ash, discussed at Public Meeting on 8 May 2008, is 8pm Thursday 13 November 2008.

Candlelit Dinner Dance Saturday 15th November, Naphill Village Hall. Tickets from Janet (564569) or Carole (563508).

Date of Next Meeting. Thursday 8pm 11th September 2008, Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Peter Mayles

Does anyone know the current whereabouts of Peter Mayles, who was a teacher at the school in 1975? He lived in Aylesbury and then moved somewhere near London to become a Headmaster. He may also have had a brother living in the Naphill area. Rita Bissett and her family were living in Naphill at the time, were friends of Peter and would like to contact him. If you do know of him please could you contact the Editor on 01494 562742 email judy@judyq.demon.co.uk and I will pass on Rita's contact details. Many thanks.

Judy Whitehouse

Pete's Party Village Hall July 12th

Thanks for all your support to make a great evening and special thanks to all who stayed to clear up. We managed to raise £795.00 for the Stokenchurch Dog Rescue in memory of our Jamie.

These words say it all:

"My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog already thinks I am". I will keep trying but Jamie already got there

See you all next year.

Pete Wardell

Misbourne School Children

Anyone with a child or children attending The Misbourne school, interested in sharing a min-bus from Naphill each day please contact me. We are hoping to sort things out for the beginning of next term. Telephone : 01494 563538

Jo Baker

Thank You

I would like to convey my very sincere thanks to all those kind folks who donated items to our tombola stall. As a consequence of your generosity our stall made £550 profit for the fete. A great result. Do hope next year we can do the same!! If in the meantime you have any unwanted gifts or anything suitable for the tombola stall do please let me have them. I will gladly collect or you can leave them at Michaelmas Cottage, 2 Lacey Drive Naphill (off Chapel Lane).

Somewhat belatedly may I congratulate Ted Chapman and all those who assisted him on a very successful fete outcome. Well done and may your success continue.

Ron Collins

Hughenden Church Teas

The church teas season is here!
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.

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2.15pm - 5.15pm

Midweek group teas by prior arrangement

The Wheel

Now that the summer holidays are over and we are starting a new academic year Mark and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff that are off to start their new student lives or to their future careers. Thanks for all your hard work over the last year and especially the rather busy last few months.

Talking of the summer or lack of it we wisely opted not to have our usual event in August as June and July had been rather eventful and with hindsight the weather would have caused it to be a wash out!

During June we held our first one day beer festival that was all in aid of Marks charity climb in the French Alps, The plan was to climb four alpine mountains in six days, finishing off with Mont Blanc. Unfortunately Mark had a fall on the final climb and to retire early, four of the original team did complete the challenge. Once all the charity money has been collected we will let you know the grand total.

Coming up will be our annual double three day beer festival with The Whip Inn, Lacey Green, this will be held over the weekend commencing 3rd October, no worries about the weather as the marquee will be up in the back garden. As yet the theme is to be confirmed, but we can assure you it will be fun and entertaining.

Also in October we will be holding a Vegas Night, fancy dress will be the order of the evening. So if you fancy yourself as a bit of a poker king come on down and play. Cash prizes will be available throughout the evening.

Thank you all very much for the support over the last few months it has been great to have you all out enjoying yourselves despite the weather. We look forward to seeing you all over the next few months.

Claire and Mark

John Bullock

Wing Commander John Bullock died on Thursday 7th August aged 88 years. John and Yvonne have lived in Naphill since 1967 and I clearly remember when he and Yvonne inspected the new house being built on Main Road behind Umtata. From that day, we formed a friendship with a man who was both generous and always helpful.

On his retirement from the RAF in 1974 John entered into the spirit of village life, in time he became Chairman of the Village Hall & Playing Fields Council and a Hughenden Parish Councillor.

He was a keen sportsman and played hockey for High Wycombe and later umpired matches for the Club.

He will be well remembered for his recycling of books for charity shops. He also supplied fetes and bazaars and the sale of books contributed to Naphill village hall funds. His garage became an emporium for all manner of discarded treasures and their sale raised serious money for local charities which he supported.

John was a wonderful friend and neighbour and a great supporter of community life. Large in frame and in personality he will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

Richard Pushman

Naphill Horticultural Society

Autumn Show

**Saturday 6th September
Naphill Village Hall 2pm**

According to a report in the newspaper recently, this has been a perfect summer for giant vegetables (I have obviously gone wrong somewhere!!)

If this is the case for all you keen gardeners and allotment holders, then why not show off the fruits (and veg) of your labours at the Autumn Show? 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 the children. The schedule has had a facelift this year, making it very clear and easy to understand, it also contains handy

hints for new exhibitors. You can get a copy from Peter Davis, the Post Office or myself.

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 24th. The speaker will be Matthew Wilson. Until recently, Matthew was the Curator & Head of Site of the RHS Gardens at Harlow Carr, but in June this year he took up a new role with the RHS as Head of Gardens Creative Development. His talk will be "New Gardening-Gardening in a changing climate" A fascinating subject, and one I am sure we will all benefit from. 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

This and That

Watercress – Triffids?

I grow a wide range of vegetables, but not all. For years I had longed to grow watercress. All the received wisdom was that watercress required running water and there is little of that in the Chilterns, never mind on my allotment or in the garden. So I was a frustrated non-grower of watercress. Then by chance in a friend's greenhouse I spotted watercress. I enquired and was told that if it was watered regularly it would grow. Bingo! I searched and found some watercress seed and sowed them in compost in March 2007. When they germinated I potted them on into 8 x 5 = 40 cells (individual plastic trays of the kind where one can ease the young plants out with a ball of soil when they are big enough). I watered them whenever I could remember, which was not often, and generally neglected them because of other priorities. They became overgrown in the tiny amount of compost round their roots. Much to my surprise they all survived so I realised they were tough little plants.

In mid-May 2007 I planted my tomato plants in the greenhouse and set the automatic watering system going so that each tomato plant had a water outlet just near its root (the water comes on for only 5 minutes per day). I decided to plant out my watercress plants at the same time and grouped them round the roots of the tomatoes so that they also could benefit from the automatic watering system. I then neglected them again and left them to their own devices. I went away on holiday.

When I came back from holiday I was absolutely amazed. The watercress had taken over the

greenhouse. They have a trailing habit and had put down roots as they advanced across the soil. They kept growing and eventually formed a mat covering the entire tomato bed – and about one foot deep! Talk about triflids! We cropped them often and they were delicious. They continued to grow throughout the winter. There was far more than we could eat. Since I had too many and to show them who was boss I uprooted and put in the compost heap about three quarters of them. I felt that, in competing with the tomatoes, they were partly responsible for my poor tomato crop in 2007. I had never had a poor tomato crop before but another reason could have been the much reduced amount of sunshine in June/July 2007.

In conclusion, one can easily grow watercress without running water. The plants are very tough, grow rapidly and will take over the place if allowed to. They taste delicious and are a very worthwhile crop.

PS. It is now mid-May and I must report that the watercress have continued to grow throughout the winter and spring. They have provided a welcome addition to winter salads. We have cropped them throughout the winter and now, with the warmer weather they have put on a spurt of growth. They put down roots as they go, so they appear to be everlasting (rather than just perennial). And I have not watered them for 7 months – so much for their needing running water. And seedlings are growing everywhere - the triflids are back!

Organic?

Farmers in the UK have access to a total of 447 pesticides for their crops and use a total of 31,000 tons of them. This is chemical farming on a massive scale – and further chemicals are used as herbicides and fertilisers. Many of the 447 pesticides can be highly toxic to the environment. The Government's Pesticide Review Committee found in 2006 that 44% of non-organic fruit and vegetable samples contained pesticides. **AND PEOPLE EAT THEM!!** Dietary exposure to pesticides used in non-organic farming, including long-term exposure and multiple residues, are linked to human health risks. UK citizens have, on average, traces of over 30 man-made chemicals in their bodies.

So let's all buy "organic" fruit and vegetables from the supermarket. That will enable us to avoid the horrible chemicals won't it? Unfortunately, no. There are no fewer than nine certification bodies in the UK which, separately, authorise growers to label their produce as organic. However, eight pesticides can be applied to crops in the UK and they are still permitted to be marketed as "organic". These are: copper compounds, sulphur, rotenone, fatty acid potassium salt, pyrethroids, iron (III)

orthophosphate, paraffin oil and pyrethrum. Where the supermarkets in the UK are selling food from other countries in the EU then their "organic" pesticides include azadirachtin, quassia, lime sulphur, lecithin and plant oils. The supermarkets don't tell you that, do they! To be fair, the eight pesticides authorised in the UK have been chosen to minimise the residues in the crops and to minimise the impact on human health, but pesticides are still used and the whole labelling of produce as "organic" is a con, in that the impression is conveyed that "organic" vegetables and fruit are grown naturally with no artificial chemicals at all. To be fair again, most "organic" vegetables and fruit are probably free of pesticide residues, but that cannot be, and is not, guaranteed. Even so, in 2005 only 3.9% of agricultural land in the EU was farmed organically. And what about genetically-modified organisms (GMOs)? To be classified as organic, food must contain at least 95% organic ingredients but can contain up to 0.9% GMOs (with effect from 1st January 2009). So your "organic" food from the supermarket may contain 0.9% GMOs. It will not be labelled as such!

So let's grow our own, not use any pesticides at all, and accept that the insects, fungi, bacteria etc will take a proportion of the crop. That will ensure that the food we eat will not harm us and will provide us with all the nutrients our bodies need, won't it? Well, unfortunately, no. Even if vegetables and fruit are truly organic you could be missing out on vital nutrients and trace elements. If your soil is deficient in trace elements the crops may also be deficient, even though they appear to be growing well. What can be done? The Good Gardeners' Association (www.goodgardeners.org.uk, 01453 520322) has a new slogan – MOVING BEYOND ORGANIC. With organic crops the emphasis is on excluding poisonous chemicals. The Good Gardeners' Association goes one step further and puts the emphasis on including the vital trace elements, vitamins and proteins our bodies need. This is achieved by a combination of the application of manure and compost, the complete absence of man-made chemicals - an the no-dig method of cultivation so that the essential mycorrhiza in the soil can flourish and play their part in bringing trace elements, etc to the roots of the crops. That may seem like Utopia, or even nirvana, but YOU can achieve it if you grow your own.

Five a Day

We are constantly reminded that we should eat at least five portions of fruit and vegetables per day. But what does that mean? It means at least 400 grams per day – and that's nearly one pound in real money. It's quite a lot, so a visit to a posh restaurant where you are served gourmet food consisting of one pea and a minuscule carrot will not count. No, 400 grams is a serious amount, and that means after

the vegetables have been peeled, the apples cored etc. And no potatoes – they do not count! The average consumption in the UK, after all the propaganda, is less than three portions a day. What is yours?

2007 Vegetables

We had strange weather in 2007, with a hot dry April then torrential rain leading to flooding in June and July (with much reduced sunshine). It was generally cooler than normal. I was into my seventh year of no-dig gardening and can, despite the difficult weather, report record crops for some varieties of vegetables. I had a carrot weighing 3 lb 0.9 oz, a turnip at 2 lb 7 oz, an outdoor cucumber at 6 lb, a swede at 3 lb 7 oz and a parsnip at 2 lb 9 oz. There was no sign of the no-dig method reducing the quantity and quality of my crops, quite the contrary.

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

WDC Ranger Service Events September

Thursday 11th and Saturday 13th

'Castlefield & Rowcliffe Wood Local Wildlife Site: Path & Scrub Work'.

Help us look after your local breathing place. This woodland is an important habitat for lots of fantastic wildlife. Bring a potato to cook in the bonfire. Gloves, tools & hot drinks will be provided. Meet: 10am Rutland Avenue Car Park, High Wycombe (SU845935).

Thursday 25th and Saturday 27th

'Sands Bank LNR Scrub Clearance'.

Help the Rangers keep this species rich area of chalk grassland from becoming overgrown with scrub by helping us to remove the invasive dogwood, hawthorn and blackthorn. Please feel free to bring along a potato to bake on the fire. Meet: Thurs. 10.30am, Sat. 10am by the entrance to WWFC, Hillbottom Rd., Sands. Grid ref: SU833933.

Sunday 28th

'Brush Hill LNR Workparty', Princes Risborough. Join the WDC Rangers and Risborough Countryside Group for a morning of conservation on this beautiful Local Nature Reserve. Meet: 10am Whiteleaf Cross Public Car Park, Peter's Lane, Princes Risborough. Stout footwear and appropriate clothing are essential.

For further information or to book your place, please contact WDC Ranger Service on 01494 421825 or e-mail Ranger_Services@wycombe.gov.uk

Healthy Living Ideas That Don't Cost The Earth

Whatever we do now, our climate will continue to change over the next 30-40 years because of historic emissions. So it's vital that we all make a difference today for the future of our planet.

A good starting place is our own homes because about a third of all UK carbon emissions are generated in the home. And that's without considering the substantial cost savings. By employing a few simple energy saving measures in our homes, the Energy Saving Trust estimates energy bills can be slashed by a quarter: around £250 off the average bill. With recent reports that household energy bills could rise by up to 40% this winter, an energy efficient house makes sense all around. So here are a few ideas:

Insulation

Proper insulation of your loft is one of the quickest and most important ways to make your home more efficient and it's not expensive. A standard 270mm insulation layer could save as much as £180 to £220 a year on your fuel bills. For info on all insulating materials, visit www.greenspec.co.uk.

Ventilation

Air loss and uncontrolled ventilation can account for around 20% of all heat lost in a home. So seek professional advice on making sure your building is as airtight as possible.

Upgrade your boiler

Boilers account for around 60% of the carbon dioxide emissions in a gas-heated home. By fitting a new high-efficiency condensing boiler with full heating controls, you will significantly cut your home's carbon dioxide emissions and could save as much as £270 a year.

Energy Saving Light Bulbs

Buying energy efficient light bulbs rather than less efficient alternatives, will cut energy wastage by over three quarters. That's a saving of up to £7 a year for a typical 20W energy saving bulb or £60 over the bulb's lifetime.

Turn off appliances

Don't leave them on standby. Households in the UK now waste between 5% and 10% of their electricity on standby power. By turning appliances and gadgets off, the average household could save nearly £30 a year.

Water

In the UK every person consumes approximately 150 litres of water a day, 30 more than most of our European neighbours. Waterwise (www.waterwise.org.uk) has loads of tips on how to save water including ideas on how to use rainwater

for flushing toilets, washing clothes and watering the garden.

Renewable energy

An alternative solution to fossil fuels for heating your home is natural or renewable energy sources that cause no long-term damage to the environment and cannot be depleted. Solar, wind and solar energy held in the air or the ground are the most commonly used in households. Other increasingly popular alternative energy sources include wood pellet or biomass boilers that use wood pellets to produce heat and hot water similar to a conventional oil boiler.

Solar

Solar can provide about 1,500kWh - 2,000kWh or 40-50% of a household's year-round hot water requirement (Solar Trade Association figures) and reduce CO2 emissions by around 350kg per year, (the equivalent of flying from London to Barcelona and back). A typical installation can cost between £3,200 and £4,500 (Energy Saving Trust figures). Parts and labour of renewable items are chargeable at 5% VAT for example panels, controller, solar pipework, scaffolding but not the cylinder or boiler.

Heat Pumps

There are two types of heat pumps: air source and ground source. For maximum energy efficiency, houses should be well-insulated and double-glazed and preferably incorporate under-floor heating. That said heat pumps are among the most energy efficient and cost effective heating systems. A heat pump can reduce the carbon emissions from a domestic heating and hot water system, which uses fossil fuels, by up to 67%, and cut operating costs by as much as 65%.

Getting a new boiler, investing in renewable energy or having your loft and walls insulated is a great start but unless you develop good habits, it's not going to make much difference. To ensure that energy efficiency is not just in the back of our minds but a conscious everyday thing, we need to make lasting changes every day. I am sure you all have some good energy saving tips so why share them in the next issue? For more information on making your home more energy efficient. Visit www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

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Kitchen Garden

I work for Wycombe District Council as Health Promotion Team Leader and I am developing a project bid with the National Trust staff at

Hughenden Manor. As part of the development of the bid we would like to work with a group of local people to get their help in defining the project. They may be young people, gardeners of necessity who need to save money, maybe bringing up a family with all the expenses that brings, gardeners of many years experience, or people who have never thought of digging up a bit of boarder or planting lettuce in a pot and having a go.

If you would like to join us for a meeting in September (Date & time to be arranged to suit volunteers) then just give me a call (and leave your contact details if you get the "pesky" answerphone) sheila_davies@wycombe.gov.uk 01494 421714

Sheila Davies

Special Heritage Open Days Events

Volunteers for the Special Trees and Woods Project have been recording and researching special trees throughout the Chilterns for the last two years. Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the project has uprooted many fascinating stories behind the Chiltern trees and woods, many of which are found on the interactive map at www.chilternsaonb.org/special. However, this



**Guides &
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**Saturday 4th
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 also welcome any items you wish to bring to the Village Hall.
*No furniture or electrical goods please.***

September you actually have a chance to see the trees and hear their stories from the volunteers, in a series of events celebrating Heritage Open Days. Heritage Open Days activities will take place all over England from 11-14 September 2008 as part of a national annual event co-ordinated by the Civic Trust in partnership with English Heritage. Up to 1 million visitors up and down the country will enjoy the four-day event, exploring local heritage features which are usually inaccessible to the public – and all for free! Five events in the High Wycombe area are planned in total – one of which is in Naphill itself and the other close by in the High Wycombe Environment Centre.

Friday 12th September

Join Special Trees and Woods Project volunteer Rosalie Bullock for an illustrated talk about the ancient beech wood she has recorded as special – Fennels Wood in Flackwell Heath. Hear its interesting story, including how it got its name, details of its ownership since the thirteenth century and how it has proved inspirational to Rosalie, a local visual artist, over the years. Meet at 19.30 at the High Wycombe, Environment Centre at Holywell Mead, grid reference SU873923

Saturday 13th September

Join Special Trees and Woods Project volunteers, Trevor and Philip Hussey to hear why they recorded Naphill Common as a special wood. Find out how the common has changed over the years, as grazing stopped and the trees grew unchecked. During the two mile walk you will see some special trees including the Umbrella Tree, the Biggest Beech and the Last Juniper as well as some of the archaeological and landscape features which make this common so unique. Meet at 14.00 in the car park of Naphill village hall, grid reference SU847968. Wear your wellies! To find out more about the Special Trees and Woods Project go to www.chilternsaonb.org/special

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Guided Tour of Naphill Common - Saturday 13th September

As part of the 2008 'Heritage Open Days' organised by the Civic Trust and English Heritage there will be a free guided tour of Naphill Common on Saturday 13th September. Those interested are invited to gather at Naphill Village Hall car park at 2 pm, equipped with suitable walking clothes. My brother Philip and I will conduct a walk around the Common

to visit various ancient trees, archaeological sites and other features, including a diversion onto Bradenham Hill to see the Clumps and the Umbrella Tree. The walk will be about 2 miles in length and should take under two hours.

Trevor Hussey - Sunnyhill, Stocking Lane, Naphill.
HW 563767

Editor's comment - I have deliberately included both mentions of this walk so that you get both perspectives.

SSAFA

In recent months there has been plenty of coverage in the news media of the plight of the armed services in action in Iraq and Afghanistan, of the returning wounded and of bereaved families. There have also been references to the lack of recognition given to our forces on their return from active service. All who have connections with service life were shocked by the hostility recently shown to men and women in uniform by some people on the grounds that they were against the wars.

Current military conflicts are unlike the major world wars of the twentieth century, which threatened the very survival of the nation. They were fought by vast numbers of conscripts alongside the professionals, and the whole population was behind them. We now have volunteer forces, fighting in remote geographical locations for causes which can divide rather than unite the nation.

Today's servicemen and women have joined up in the full knowledge that they were likely to face military action. In taking part they are doing their duty. It is unthinkable that they and their families should not be given the support they need and deserve in coping with the adverse outcomes of their service life.

There is another side to the story. Publicity for the many tragic outcomes of the wars has led to some enhancement of government support for disabled victims but also to a vigorous response by the voluntary sector. On the 7th May The City of London organised a Salute outside St Paul's Cathedral to honour all branches of the services. Donations from the event were presented to the long-established Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association, (SSAFA Forces Help,) founded in 1885, and also to a very new charity, "Help for Heroes".

SSAFA has a major national role in the provision of facilities for the treatment and rehabilitation of severely wounded men and women.

Accommodation is also available for the long term care of elderly ex-servicemen, and for brief periods of respite for people facing particularly stressful

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Editorial

There is a musical theme to our cover this month, which features the children of Naphill & Walter's Ash School performing at their end of term "Film Night" themed concert in July.

There is less and less space for my editorial these days as the village hall organisations diary is expanding rapidly. A nice problem to have, but I

may have to rethink the whole gazette layout soon!

Finally, my thanks to John Wood of Main Road for the suggestion regarding the new events diary which will be a feature from now on. The idea is that you can cut this out and pin it up to remind you of what's on in the next few weeks. If you want to add something to this diary then just let me know.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
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
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 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
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates	Each Monday	9.30 - 10.30
Pilates	Each Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30 - 8.30 and 8.30-9.30pm
Pyramid Health & Fitness	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

* Boys FC training sessions held at RAF sports field

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PIN UP DIARY DATES

October

- 3/4/5th Beer festival - The Wheel & The Whip
- 4th Brownies Jumble Sale 2pm - Village Hall
- 18th Tennis Club Ramble
Las Vegas Theme Night - The Wheel
- 24th Horticultural Society Cheese & Wine
7pm - Village Hall
- 25th Ubiquitous Touring Theatre Company -
"Mad Dogs & Englishmen" 7.15pm
Village Hall

November

- 1st Firework Display starting 6pm on The Crick
- 7th Blood Donors - Village Hall
- 13th Residents' Association Meeting re traffic problems 8pm - Village Hall
- 15th Residents' Association Dinner Dance - Village Hall
- 29th WANSAs Christmas Market - Naphill & Walter's Ash School

December

- 6th Christmas Fayre - Village Hall
- 14th Tennis Club "Tinsel Tournament"

Directory of Village Organisations

Baby & Toddlers	Louise Lucas	488 255	
Bradenham Parish	Deidre Hansen	562254	(Parish Clerk) bradenhampc@tiscali.co.uk
Brownies (Naphill)	Ruth Daly	565571	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.15
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Jan Hawkins	565080	Mondays 6pm
Community Beat Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146
District Commissioner	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Guides and Brownies
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)	Toni Green	562089	Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.45pm
Guides (Walter's Ash)	Toni MacDonald	565926	Thursdays from 7pm
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	
Optometrists	Leigh Lewis	564600	
Hughenden Parish	Lynne Turner	715296	(Parish Clerk) hughendenpc@btconnect.com
	Peggy Ewart	565969	pegwat1066@aol.com
	Phil Crawshaw	563721	philcrawshaw05@uwclub.net
	Julie Gibbs	565544	juliegibbs@skymarket.org
	Judy Whitehouse	562742	Judy@judyq.demon.co.uk
Prescription Collection	Betty Williams	563366	
	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650	
Pre-School (Little Ash)	Debbie Conn	564037	Alt: 01494 521612 (am) or 07907 102149
Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634	glorialeflaive@msn.com
School		562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill			Beavers & Cubs on Tuesdays, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
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	

County Councillor's Report

From the 1st October the general parking order comes into existence for the whole of Wycombe District, not just the town area as at present. This means that cars not parked in designated areas can be ticketed with a cash payment fine. At the present time this will not apply to Naphill & Walter's Ash. However, the police will target cars parked on the roadside footpath where

they cause an obstruction to pedestrians. I noticed this being done by Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to those cars parked across the paths at Walter's Ash. They will also ticket cars where they are parked in a dangerous manner likely to obstruct visibility. Bollards are being erected at Walter's Ash by the entrance to Ash Close, to prevent cars obstructing the vision splay at the road entrance. We have had little control over drivers who have obstructed

pathways in the past but this new traffic order, plus a full complement of neighbourhood support officers should rectify this in the future.

Speed indicator devices, SID in short, are being used throughout the Hughenden area. The majority of drivers are within the tolerances of the speed limit but some are exceeding it by up to 20 mph. Community police officers are now trained to use the radar gun and their increasing activity in the area should help ensure compliance with speed limits. I would not support any further burdens on the hard pressed motorist, but no one has much sympathy for the speeding motorist or those who park in such a manner as to force pedestrians to walk in the road.

The traveller encampment on the field at the bottom of Cryers Hill was moved on by the police after just 4 days. The entrance has now been "secured" to prevent any future incursions and the subsequent cost to the taxpayer of cleaning up operations. The roadside footpath along Cockpit Road at Great Kingshill is now completed and I hope will prevent any repeat of the tragic accident that occurred along that stretch of road.

The mobile library service is being re-examined and itineraries adjusted. The visits to Naphill will be fortnightly and users of this service should check with the new timetables for October onwards.

In past years, I have been approached by several organisations, for financial support from my community leader's fund. I have made grants in the last financial year to Wycombe Rugby Club in support of junior coaching, Pam Smith's historical records of Naphill & Walter's Ash, Widmer End Village hall, a road safety project at Great Kingshill and support for the proposed community shop in Hughenden Valley. This current year I have received no written applications for funding support from anyone! Any local organisation wanting financial assistance must let me know by the end November latest, otherwise I will lose the money now available to me.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Another busy month has passed packed with meetings and updates.

During September, I sat on a Licensing Panel hearing for a new application. The hearings conducted by the authority (used to be conducted in the Magistrates Courts) can be very difficult now that we have extended opening hours for licensed premises. Putting Anti social behaviour aside, there is a very difficult juggling act of the commercial issues versus the requirements/needs for local residents, health and safety, child protection and crime. Similar to planning, it can be quite emotive for people at times.

I was fortunate to be present at one of the new

University graduation ceremonies. The events are well run, have excellent speakers and is well organised. During September there were 9 ceremonies in one week. The University has a very focused leadership and we should be very proud of its position.

On the 17th was the first local community partnership meeting for our area at Great King shill combined school. The first of quarterly meetings where you get the chance to meet and debate with representatives from the community. This is a Wycombe District Council initiative to improve the workings of the local community and to get us actually talking to each other.

A reminder that a district wide civil parking enforcement area is launched from October 1. The benefits of a district wide parking enforcement area are: increased road safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists; more free flowing traffic around on-street parking areas and improved on-street parking; increased enforcement of irresponsible and inappropriate parking; and the continuity of one organisation managing and enforcing the parking system across the district. For more information about the civil parking area and civil parking enforcement, contact parking services on 01494 421417, email parking@wycombe.gov.uk.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

Playgrounds

It is very pleasing that the Parish Council has been able to replace the toddler multiplay unit at the playground on the Crick. The safety surfaces have been re-done at the same time. Cushion fall has been used and this should be effective much longer than the old black tiles. Cushion fall is currently recommended for this kind of work as it uses recycled materials and is a natural surface. It will become more compacted with use and require raking from time to time.

The Parish and the Village Hall Councils were disappointed to learn that our grant application to Play England to fund the updating of the "junior" end of the playground was not successful. We had been encouraged to believe that we had a good chance of success. None of the other Wycombe District parishes which applied had any success either; the criteria for the grant awards is being queried. We shall continue to seek grant funding.

Wycombe District's contractors have not been emptying the waste bin at Templewood as frequently as they should; many phone calls and emails of been exchanged in order to rectify this. The bin is for the use of people visiting the playground but it seems to be used by more people than this. We shall continue to monitor the situation. Please inform the Parish Office on 715296 or email hughendenpc@btconnect.com if you see the bin being misused or overflowing.

Vincents Meadow

The Meadow will be closed to the public for about 6 months, from October 1st. This is to enable a flock of sheep to graze there, providing natural clearance of unwanted brambles, etc. The Parish is obliged to arrange this as part of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme under which the Meadow is managed, and for which the Parish receives grant funding.

There is the possibility of sheep dog training going on! However the public, and especially dogs, may not enter during the time the sheep are there. It would be appreciated if all residents complied with this request.

Trees for verges

We are planning to plant more trees in the verges throughout Hughenden Parish. Please let me know if you identify a likely spot (My contact details are in the Gazette Directory). This will be an ongoing rolling programme of work done on a continuing basis.

Peggy Ewart - Vice Chairman

Hughenden Parish Council Young People's Survey

As advised in the September edition of the Gazette, Hughenden Parish Council have formed a working party to look at the needs of the young people in our community. We need to know how they feel about living here; whether they feel safe when out and about in the villages and surrounding area, what facilities they use or would like to have locally and what issues they believe they are facing. As it is something that I feel strongly about myself I have put my hand up on your behalf and volunteered Naphill & Walter's Ash for the initial survey! I am therefore asking parents, carers and grandparents to help me by encouraging your young people to complete our Questionnaire either on paper (see centre page pull-out) or online at:

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

(or Google Hughenden Parish)

Every completed questionnaire we receive will be entered into a prize draw and one young person will win a £25 gift voucher for a store of their choice. The deadline for entries into the draw is 31st October. The results of the survey will be published in a future edition of the gazette.

Whilst we are aiming the survey at 9 - 19 year olds we are happy to receive anyone's views whatever their age. The more information we get the better we will be able to plan for the young people of the parish so please, please encourage yours to spare me a few minutes for this important task.

Many thanks.

Judy Whitehouse - 562742

Bradenham Parish Council

The Parish Council was please to see that the County Council had taken up all the Parish Council's requests for changes in speed limits. The Speed limit on Bradenham Wood Lane will remain 30mph, but it is being moved up the hill nearer the main entrance to the Officers Mess. A 40mph speed limit will be imposed from approximately the main Officer's Mess entrance down the hill, through the woods to Bradenham Manor, where it then becomes 30mph. The speed limit will no longer be unrestricted. As a result of this the Parish Council will delay further traffic calming measures in Bradenham Village, to see the effect of the speed limit change. They are hoping to have the use of a temporary traffic sign on Bradenham Wood Lane, to reduce speed.

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council at the moment anyone interested contact the clerk or any councillor. Details below.

The annual accounts have now been audited and signed off. We "passed with flying colours!" You can inspect the Annual Return, copies are also available on request, please contact the clerk at the address below. There may be a small charge for this.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held Monday 10th November @ 7.30pm in the Cricket club. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Deirdre Hansen - Clerk to the Council, Riva, Naphill Common, Naphill, High Wycombe HP14 4SZ Tel: 01494-562254

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

We have had good reports from the Tennis Coaching conducted by our coach, Mel Ebbles, quoted from one happy grandparent as being "well run with all the kids enjoying themselves very much in spite of the rain interruptions! ...[A little one] was particularly impressed as she was the only "tiny to", so had all Melanie's attention for three-quarters of an hour whilst [the elder child] very much enjoyed his three-hour afternoon stint!

Whilst we are a members' club, we always welcome visitors. Whether visitors want to play on their own, or with an existing member, we will always try to accommodate their wishes. All we ask is for a contribution to club funds of £3 per adult and £1 per junior (under 18) for the playing session.

The ladies section continues to suffer a bit with injuries to some, and lack of time for others. Our evening Club Sessions on Thursdays have now ceased due to lack of light, so we are back to our Sunday mornings and Tuesday mornings only (please see front of the Gazette, Organisations' Diary for further details)

Upcoming diary dates:

18th October: Tennis Club Ramble, to be led by Terry

Crooks, incorporating a pub lunch along the way. Look out for details in the Clubhouse.

14th December: Annual Tinsel Tournament – make a note in your diary now

As ever, if you want any more information about these or any other club activities or information, please call me on 01844 346 802 or 07703 234 895.

Helen Leek

Naphill Evening WI

We start our report this month on a sad note, as one of our long standing members Doreen Burge, died in September. We offer our sincere sympathy to her husband Tony and family. Doreen spent a lot of her time helping others less fortunate.

The sub-committee of the BFWI showed their appreciation for the meal we provided on August 21st. It was a pleasant evening for them and for us doing the catering.

To go back to our walk on August 27th, even though the sun did not shine it remained dry, and the meal at the Hampden Arms was very good with plenty of choices. Some members did not walk but met up to enjoy the supper.

September 18th meeting 'Adventures in the Gambia', with speakers Jean Nettleton and Val Haywood, takes place after we have gone to press and we will report on it in the next issue.

On 16th October it will be our Annual Meeting, a new start to the WI year. We hope there will be some nominations for new committee members, new faces always welcome. Do come along and give your vote and enjoy the 4 'C's – company, coffee, cake and CD's playing in the background! On 23rd October it will be the Disraeli Group Meeting at Flackwell Heath. 7.45pm and Anna Conti, stain glass artist, is going to give a talk on 'Not Just Churches'. The competition is coloured glass, one item per WI. Looking ahead to our meeting in November, the competition will be 'A Postcard of a Painting' – so start looking and lets have a good show to enjoy! See you all soon.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

Our first club meeting after the "summer" break took place last month when we were entertained by Mr. Robert Sacco with his talk on "The Life and Times of Mr. Punch". The Punch and Judy show we know today has its roots in 16th century Commedia dell'arte in Italy. In England in the 18th century the character Pulcinella became anglicised to Punchinello and then to Punch where it started as a marionette show. We enjoyed brief glimpses of the sometimes frightening characters at seaside Punch & Judy shows we remembered from our childhood. Mr. Sacco also showed us his large

collection of authentic characters.

Plans are now afoot for the autumn and winter months, including something very different this year - it is an outing to The 20th Birmingham Tattoo (a 3 hour spectacular) at the National Indoor Arena on Sunday afternoon, 30th November.

Our next club meeting will be on Monday 13th October at 8pm. It is our AGM, but business will be brief and the entertainment enjoyable as Mrs Margaret Deaken will be visiting us again, this time to give an illustrated talk on THE LAND OF THE LONG WHITE CLOUD (New Zealand). Tea hostesses will be Margaret Bracey, Mary Pawley, Edna South and Edna Chamberlain.

Hazel Vickery

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

Our meeting started on a sombre note with a minutes silence in remembrance of John Bullock and Doreen Burge who had both served on the Village Hall Council and been outstanding members of our village community. They will both be sorely missed.

It was mentioned in last month's Gazette that the village had been runner up in the Bucks Village of the Year competition. This is not judged on the appearance but on the amenities and spirit of our community. We know we have a lot going on, but it is good to have this recognised. The certificate has been presented and is hanging on the wall in the Hall for you all to admire.

You will have noticed the new piece of equipment in the play area. We have to thank the Parish Council for this. It looks good and is being well used. The grant application to put new equipment on the right hand side of the area from Play England has been refused. We did not meet the criteria despite following their specifications closely! Other grants are being sought.

Wycombe Council have done an excellent job removing the graffiti that appeared on the wall of the Hall. It looks as good as new. We thank them for this service.

Hazel Vickery has very kindly offered to replace the Good Neighbour trophy in memory of her husband Ken. The old one was worn out and a replacement was sorely needed. We thank her for her generosity.

Those of you who are involved in catering in the Village Hall will be very glad to hear that we are getting a new cooker. The old one has never been satisfactory and always seems to have had a mind of its own. Fingers crossed for the new one.

We would like to thank both Hughenden Parish Council and Wycombe District Council for their kind donations of grants to help us with our work on the refurbishment of the roof. This work was very

necessary and would not have been possible without their financial help.

Now the summer is over we are starting to think about our autumn fund raisers. They are:

- A UTTC play "Mad Dogs and Englishmen" on 25th October
- Fireworks on 1st November
- Christmas Fayre on 6th December.

Put the dates in your diary and come and support us.

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

"Mad Dogs and Englishmen"

We are delighted to welcome The Ubiquitous Touring Theatre Company back to Naphill Village Hall on Saturday 25th October.

The production is "England, My England" which is an hilarious concoction of sketches and songs that explores what it was then, and is now, to be English. A comedy revue for the noughties!

Tickets can be reserved by telephoning 01494 562099, priced at £7.50 including a ploughman's supper. The bar will be open for the purchase of drinks. The performance will start at 7.45 pm so may I ask you to arrive by 7.15 pm. Don't miss it.

John Harris

Firework Display

Apologies for my error in last month's gazette - the wood for the bonfire should of course be delivered to the Crick on the morning of 1st November! Thank you everyone who pointed this out to me. Please do not dump the wood in the car park, there will be a marked out area for bonfire wood.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Horticultural Society

Cheese & Wine Evening - Friday October 24th

Naphill Village Hall - 7.00 for 7.30pm

Tickets £9.00 - 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 24th** in the Village Hall.

The evening will start with an illustrated talk by Matthew Wilson entitled "New gardening- Gardening in a Changing Climate". Matthew is the Head of Gardens Creative Development for the RHS, and was, until recently, Head of Site and Curator of the RHS Garden Hyde Hall. He is a respected voice within the horticultural field and is regular columnist for Country

Life, The Garden, The Guardian, Country Living and many others. His television credits include Gardeners World, Countryfile and A Passion for Plants as well as being a board member of the BBC's Gardening Editorial Advisory Board. We are delighted to be welcoming such a very busy man to Naphill!

At around 9pm we will 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.

Lastly, a huge thank-you to those of you who took part in our recent Autumn Show. The entries were superb, despite the dreadful August weather.

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!

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. 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 24th

Cathryn Carter - 563233

DOREEN BURGE

Sadly Doreen Burge died on Friday 29 August after a long battle with cancer. Doreen and Tony moved to Naphill from Leighton Buzzard in 1990.

Doreen trained as a Children's Nurse and later worked with children with special needs. On her retirement she became very involved in village life being an active member of the WI, Naphill Neighbours and the U3A. She instigated the prescription collection service in Naphill and helped with the Over 60s Luncheon Club.

She had several trips to India with her cousin Julie and worked as a volunteer for the Joe Homan charity. When she got back to Naphill she held coffee mornings and gave talks in order to raise money for this charity. She also took part in charity walks and runs. She kept us entertained with hilarious stories about her adventures.

Even with all her activities Doreen still found time for her wide circle of friends in Naphill. She will be sadly missed by all of them.

Our thoughts are with Tony and the family in their bereavement.

Maureen Smyth

Hughenden Parish Council
Young People's Questionnaire
Naphill & Walters Ash

You can also complete this questionnaire online at the Hughenden Parish Council web site
<http://www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk/>
or Google Hughenden Parish

The views and ideas of the young people of Naphill & Walters Ash are very important to us. We want to know what you think so that we can help shape the future of the villages to reflect your needs. Please fill in the form below and we will enter your details in a prize draw for a £25 gift voucher. If you prefer to fill in the form anonymously that is fine too. The closing date for entries to the prize draw is Friday 31st October and the prize draw will take place at the Council meeting on Tuesday 11th November.

Your Name _____

Email address or telephone no: _____

(so that we can let you know if you have won the prize)

Do you live in Naphill Walter's Ash Other

About You

How old are you? Under 9 9-11 12-15 16-19 Over 19

Are you male or female? Male Female

What school/college/university do you go to? _____
(or are you working or job seeking?)

How You Feel About Living in Naphill & Walters Ash

Have you lived in Naphill/Walter's Ash all your life? Yes No

What do you like best about living in Naphill & Walters Ash?

Is there anything you do not like about being a young person in Naphill & Walters Ash?

Is there anywhere in the two villages that you do not feel safe? If so where and why?

Your Leisure Time

Which local clubs/groups are you a member of?

What other things do you do in your spare time and how many times a week do you do these things?

What do you enjoy doing the most?

Are these activities local or do you have to travel to them? If you travel is it by bus or car?

What else do you do with your spare time?

Which local facilities would you like to see improved?

If money was available for something in the village especially for teenagers, what do you think it should be?

How do you think the money could be raised to provide this facility?

Other Views

What do you think are the most important issues facing young people today?

Which things do you think young people enjoy the most?

Is there anything that you would like advice about or help with?

Is a local Youth Council, where you would get the opportunity to discuss how you feel about living here, a good idea?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING PART

**Completed questionnaires should be posted to The Parish Clerk, Hughenden Parish Council
Offices, The Common, Great Kingshill, Bucks HP15 6EN
or dropped in to Judy Whitehouse at Langstone, off Forge Road, Naphill, Bucks HP14 4SZ**

Any details provided will only be used for statistical purposes by the Parish Council. All personal information will be kept secure and will not be shared with any other organisation or individual. Contact will only be made to the winner of the draw.



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Call for further details:

**Mr. Paul Horseman – 07825 426648 or
Mr. Ricki Stott - 07930 930915
Alternatively - turn up on the night**

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

The 100 residents who turned up for the public meeting at the Village Hall in May – and the dozens who wrote to express their concerns – may be interested to learn what progress has been made, or otherwise, re the parking problems and traffic concerns around the Co-op Store.

Bollards preventing drivers parking their cars illegally on the pavements either side of the Ash Close turning were promised as the first of a series of steps to prevent accidents. At the time of writing even that has so far not materialised. Si Khan, Highways Local Area Co-ordinator is due to attend the Residents' November 13 meeting (8pm) to explain progress or lack of it on all fronts. You may wish to add your views to ours in person, especially as the parking of huge lorries on the Main Road will continue with the RAF unable to sanction backdoor deliveries through their property which was thought would help alleviate some of the problems.

If the meeting is a long one, you can stay over for the annual rock'n'roll dinner dance to be held two days later on November 15! A third of the 100 tickets available have already been sold two months ahead – a tribute to the musical power of Geoff Jolliffe's terrific Late Edition Band who know every tune from ABBA to ZZ Top and all those in between as well from the 60s,

70s and 80s. If it's just eating and drinking you are interested in then you are also superbly catered for with a terrific two-course meal and a well-stocked bar that suits everyone's requirements.

Remember, all money raised goes to the Association to help fund residents' causes like the Co-op issue so please don't bring your own booze! The remaining tickets at £22 are available from Carole (563508) or Janet (564569).

PLANNING: Planning to September 10, 2008

08/7042/FUL 171 Main Road. Construction of first floor rear extension.

Amazingly, some new residents attended the last meeting. And very welcome they were. Would be pleased to see others at our next meeting on Thursday, October 9 (8pm) at the Village Hall and, of course, for the two big November dates.

John D Taylor

Miscellaneous Medical Matters

Recently I have had some medical excitements in a skirmish with Ward 2A of Wycombe Hospital. However I remain as honorary treasurer of the Gazette, so clearly the body is still functioning tolerably well and the brain still recognises that 2 and 2 make 4: something which National politicians struggle with!

After the main excitement I had to visit the hospital as on out patient. Inevitably car parking is a problem despite the high charges. I parked at Sainsbury's and walked through the Eden Centre. As I strolled along I mused at aspects of this fascinating development. First, why Eden? What did a failed British Prime Minister do to have a shopping precinct named after him? I assume, naturally, that no Corporation would name a commercial undertaking after a biblical location! And why is the House of Fraser named after my cat Fraser. He is a fine chap but scarcely worthy of the honour. Thirdly, it was interesting to note that not all of the internal road system was protected by glass roofing. Why not? And how was the current layout determined? Clearly parts of Eden will be both wet and windy during the winter; it has been bad enough during the summer.

On arrival at the hospital I booked in and seated myself in the "Out Patients" Department. Here time seems to stand still but one is aware of one thing, warmth. One always seems to bake in a hospital as if one was prepared for Hell. In my case perhaps this is so! However today the warmth is almost a consolation considering the miserable summer we have had to endure.

The waiting room is bright enough and is equipped with a rocking horse for children. I am sorely tempted to clamber on to it myself just to enjoy seeing the amazed expressions of my fellow patients. However I put this delicious temptation firmly aside and sit quietly

awaiting the call which comes on time (bonus marks) and first there is the matter of blood pressure I am quickly strapped up and pumped up, only for the nurse to say "this is impossible" (a highly alarmist statement) but a reconnection and repeat produces an acceptable, unremarkable result. Then to the doctors, two of them, one clearly "under training". My documentation is reviewed and first thoughts are that I should have a scan. I mention that I have had two already whereupon the doctor rushes off to check this statement and returns after a few minutes with the additional paperwork confirming my statement. Referral to the master confirms that regular medicine is required but that overall I am very fit and that my weekly (and weak) golf is not under threat.

The result of all this is highly satisfactory. My wife has had diabetes for years and is sustained in excellent health by a fine selection of pills, taken at meal times. Now, at last, I can compete to a degree and no longer feel medically neglected at meals. However I am brooding over how I can devise a scheme whereby I can overtake her in the consumption of pills. As you doubtless know, in life, particularly when the years are rolling by, it is vitally important to have a really positive aim. Now I have one. Standby for the "Battle of the Pills".

David Leith

What is Pilates?

I am sure many of you have heard of Pilates as over recent years it had become a very popular form of exercise.

My name is Niki Gibbs and I have been teaching Pilates at Hughenden Village Hall for five years, due to its popularity I am opening a new class at Naphill Village Hall on a Monday at 9.30am.

Pilates is a mat based exercise class for anyone of any age or any level of fitness, focusing on building your body's core strength and posture by re-balancing the muscles of the body through stretching and conditioning exercises.

The reason for its popularity is simple, everyone wants tone their tummies, everyone wants to strengthen an aching back and we all want to relax and have fun.

I hope this gives you more idea of what it is all about. For more information call 01494 525459 email nicolagibbs123@aol.com.

Niki Gibbs

Missing Cat

If you have been walking around the village since the first week in September you may have noted a lot of flyers put up on posts and trees. I apologise and assure everyone they will all be removed as soon as we have some news of our missing cat.



Firework Display

Saturday

1st November

On the Crick

Fire lit at 6pm

BBQ and bar from 6pm

Display at 7pm

BBQ run by Sports Club

Pavilion Bar run by Men's Club

Mulled wine

Soup

Tickets available from

Costcutters, Co-Op, Black Lion,

The Wheel or phone 562770

In advance

£4.00 adults, £1.50 children

On the night

£5.00 adults, £2 children

Under 5s free

Please note: NO sparklers allowed

Bertie, our lovely one-year-old tabby, went missing on September 2. He's never gone for more than a few hours so you can understand our fears. As we back on to the Common, there are obvious dangers lurking. But to satisfy us – and his brother Henry – we would ask everyone who reads this to make sure he's not locked in their shed or garage or that of an absent neighbour. Bertie is chipped and therefore identifiable.

Appreciate those who have already rung with suggestions in response to the flyers. Hopefully, we'll be able to remove them all very shortly.



*John & Janet Taylor, Blacksmiths, Downley Road,
01494-564569*

Naphill Common and Its Friends

Thank you to all those people who braved the mud and mire to take part in the Heritage Open Day walk on Naphill Common on Saturday 13th September. Having expected about six and printed enough copies of the maps for twenty, a splendid fifty two turned up! We apologise if some people did not get copies. There were two maps, a brief history and some leaflets about the Special Trees and Woodlands Project. If anyone was left out and would like copies please let us know.

At the end of the walk there was talk of forming a "Friends of Naphill Common" group to undertake research about the area, do some work to care for the flora and fauna, or whatever the group decided upon. There are other such "Friends of" groups for several of the Chiltern commons so why not for Naphill? If anyone is interested, please contact either of the following: Trevor Hussey 563767 or Philip Hussey 562023.

The Wheel

October is already here and we have a huge amount planned for the next few weeks, which should gain the interest of the majority of you.

Menus

Our new winter menu will be starting this month we will be keeping some of the old favourites and also seeing the introduction of some new winter dishes. My Mums homemade soup will be making a comeback along with

the reintroduction of home cooked Sunday Roast. Which means it is all go in the kitchen at The Wheel, so come along and enjoy a meal out in your local village pub.

Whether we would like to pretend otherwise or can't wait... Christmas is not far away. We have now finished our Christmas menu and it is available to pick up at the pub, we will only be taking bookings with regard to the Christmas menu. Now that Christmas has been dealt with, we can move on to slightly closer dates!

The Wheel and The Whip Annual Beer Festival

It is a great pleasure to announce our third beer festival with The Whip that is being held on the 3rd, 4th 5th October. Between the two pubs we will sell in excess of fifty different ales in three days, for this festival we have decided to obtain ales from the lesser known breweries, so we have scoured the country and come up with a range of ales from Cornwall to Scotland.

It all starts at 12pm on the Friday and carries on over the three days (Hopefully). Saturday is going to be a packed day with Les Roots doing his usual cheese tasting from 12 – 5pm, we will have James Henton with some live Music between 5.30 – 7.30pm and the Hog Roast will be starting at 7.30pm (this has been triple checked)! We look forward to seeing you all over the three days and hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

General News

We are holding a themed night on the 18th October which will be fancy dress and all to do with Las Vegas, we will have a Roulette table and at least one card table running throughout the evening with cash prize draws.

We are also now planning for the Naphill and Walter's Ash Bonfire Night, which is getting close; we will as usual have tickets available at the pub. The outdoor bar, hog roast and mulled wine will all be available in the front garden as normal.

Lastly we would like to thank Jack and all our staff for looking after the pub while we had a much needed break together. They all did really well with only a minor drain problem courtesy of a customer. Thank you to all of you for keeping the Wheel, our village pub as clean and beautiful as ever...

Claire and Mark

Naphill & Walter's Ash Lunch Club

Now that the Pre-School have been fortunate to move to purpose built premises we have adjusted the times that we meet for lunch each month. This is now 12.45 for lunch at 1pm.

This summer after a number of appeals we are able to welcome two more helpers to our team of volunteers who prepare, cook and generally assist in preparing the meals for our members. These are Val Gibbs, an old friend who has been able to rejoin us and with effect from November, Joy Stroud.

On a more sombre note we were saddened that one of our stalwart helpers for many years, Doreen Burge,

passed away this summer. Our thoughts and deep sympathy are extended to her husband Tony and family.

Jan Gaunt

Martin Briggs

JOYCE & TOM BRIGGS would like to thank all friends and neighbours and the Methodist Church for all the wonderful help and support at the sad, unexpected death of their beloved son Martin.

We will always treasure the cards and tributes we have received, our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Blood Donors

The September session brought 107 donations, a very busy afternoon. With one more session to go this year, on November 7th, we should top 650 in 2008, a remarkable achievement.

Thanks to all those who have donated and to the helpers at the sessions Vera, Daisy and Hazel. Remember to save waiting you can now make an appointment, just telephone 0845 7711 711, of course you can still just "turn up".

See you on Friday the 7th of November.

Bob Davis

Village Archives - An Update

I just cannot believe how quickly this year (2008) is going. It is now a year ago since I did my last village exhibition.

I have since been transferring most of the material to large albums and "SWOP" as it is called, "Sharing Wycombe Old Photos", are collecting them from me in small batches to record on the web site.

I have collected material and photos over the last 20/30 years and it has been a pleasure to share it by showing it in our Village Hall. It has been a shame it could not have been left out over weekends but due to vandalism we have experienced I have been nervous to do so.

Over the last year I have been able to help with enquiries and given little talks. Recently had a lady had travelled from Warwick to find her great grandparents and she was directed to me. I was able to give her information and even arranged for her to come to my bungalow and, over cups of tea, to meet up with second cousins she had never met before. They swapped photos and information, such a satisfactory afternoon.

I did say that the last exhibition I did would be the final one but I have since been asked so many times to do it again. I even had offers to sleep in the hall all night to protect my records.

Giving it serious thought I could perhaps do an exhibition on a smaller scale in the future, when I could display my albums, it would be much less work than before but it would be a way of people viewing my collection if they have missed my exhibitions or would like the chance to view it all again.

So if there is a calling for it I would be prepared to do this. The entry fee would be for the Village Hall funds.

Pam Smith - 563364

Fitness Pilates

A new "Fitness Pilates" class has started in Naphill Village Hall on Friday mornings from 9.45 to 10.45. The class is run by Alice Bishop of Pyramid Health and Fitness who work in the local area and offer full health and fitness packages including exercise classes, one-to-one training, nutrition advice, massage, sports massage and sports therapy, one off events and social events. Fitness Pilates is a modern, group fitness class created for the apparently healthy adult utilising Pilates principles. It is neither remedial, clinical nor is it designed or suitable for rehabilitation. To enquire about start dates, class descriptions, and costs, or for any other information on my classes or other services then please do not hesitate to contact me on 07500 772146 or email me at alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk. Or take a look at my website www.pyramidfitness.co.uk and sign up for the free monthly emailed newsletter. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Alice Bishop

Tales of Chiltern Chalk Mines

Thanks to Clive Lawrence who spotted the article below on the web site of the Bristol Exploration Club, dated back to April 1978. It is credited to G. Wilton-Jones and space constraints dictate that only the sections relevant to Naphill have been included. However you can see the full article at <http://www.bec-cave.org.uk/home.html> and go to "Publications".

"Last spring Buckett phoned me up saying that a chap out at Lane End had found a mine in his garden and would like us to investigate it. Lane End Common is apparently riddled with abandoned mines, and, quite naturally, the locals were full of tales of the old miners. Investigation of the mine took a matter of minutes for us. It is clear from the survey that the mine is very limited in extent. During two further trips the mine was surveyed and photographed. We learned little more about the mine, except that the owner's house used to be a brick works. I decided to try the County Library for information about chalk and flint mines.

I began to cap the local knowledge in the guise of one "Bert Ginger", who lives over the road from me. He confirmed what my landlady had rumoured - that there was a chalk mine right here in Naphill, not a hundred yards from where I'm sitting to type this. Bert was not around while the mine was still operational. He came

to the village in the early 1900's, and the mine had been closed a few years by then. He referred to it as a chalk mine. Flint, in those days, was mainly required for building roads (our main road was then little more than a cart track). Women of the village would collect flint stones off the fields and crush it into little pieces to make and mend the roads all around. Where my own road is used to be the "Stonefield" - hence the name. The flints from here were a beautiful, shiny white, and one house just a little way away is faced with these flints, and positively shines in the sun.

Most fields in the area at that time had their own marl pits. Marl is a lime rich clay formed by the breakdown of the uppermost layers of chalk, through an organic process. It was used to spread on the land, which is surprisingly deficient in lime. The chalk itself does not generally outcrop anywhere in the Chilterns except on the scarp slope. Even here, I often notice in an M40 cutting, the chalk may lie at a depth of several feet beneath the surface. Chalk, however, can be easily burnt by a simple process into excellent lime, for use both on the fields and for making mortar/cement. In places where the top soil and marl are of such a depth to preclude quarrying opencast, then chalk was obtained by mining.

When Bert Ginger was a lad there was no main drainage in Naphill, so most people had a cess pit. This was emptied at regular intervals by a man with a horse, a tank and a stirrup pump. One man, fed up with the charges for emptying his pit (several pence at a time!) and knowing that his house was built near the abandoned chalk mine, called in the help of the only surviving chalk miner of the village, Jack Free. In minutes Jack had located the capping on the old shaft and a pipe was soon installed to convey the necessary into the very bowels of the earth. According to Jack, at the bottom of the shaft, some 60ft. down, passages ran off like the spokes of a wheel, rising higher the further they went from the shaft, until they reached the top of the economical layers of chalk. He gave no indication as to the length of the galleries.

Others in the village, also decided to use the mine as a vast cess-pit, but one was quite by accident. He had done the old trick of burying bottles in the concrete base of his septic tank when he made it, and had climbed down into the apparently large pit on a ladder to poke the holes; with a steel spike. Unable to find the bottles he poked harder, and one corner of the pit completely gave way, leaving the ladder and the errant gentleman hanging over the void. Bert saved the man from the you know what. Just as well the mine roof didn't collapse while he was making the pit. It must have been directly over the upper end of one of the galleries. Since then the man with the horse, the tank and the stirrup pump faded away from old Napton, out of a job, maybe.

Various parts of the mine have collapsed on occasions; one collapse occurred in Bert's schooldays, early one morning. He saw it on the way to school - a pit with a pile of earth in the centre and two passages leading off on opposite sides at the bottom. By the

weekend, when he thought he'd go down it and explore, the pit had been filled and levelled; another collapse was right beneath a damson tree. The tree survived for many years after, and the owner would pick his fruit from the top of the tree by reaching across from the edge of the pit; quite recently two new bungalows were put up near here. They began to subside into the mine for the surveyors had note taken this into account. A week was spent pouring concrete into a hole under one of the houses. There is supposed to be another mine next to this one, and I see that six luxury dwellings have been built over it. I wonder how long they will last

Naphill Brownies

The Brownies have started back full of their usual enthusiasm. Sadly we are missing Judy Pope (Barn Owl), who has had to leave us due to other commitments. We would all like to say a huge thank-you to her for cheerfully committing so much time to us over the past 2 years. I am delighted to say we have 2 parents (Gaby Green and Jill Edwards) who have offered to help on a regular basis (at least in the short term). Later in the term we shall need to have a parent rota for helpers to maintain our adult to child ratios for safety's sake.

We have welcomed 4 new brownies this term. It is always great to see how easily they slot into the group



**Guides &
Brownies
Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 4th
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 also welcome any items
you wish to bring to the Village Hall.**
No furniture or electrical goods please.

– as if they've been a brownie for ages. As ever, we have a lot of girls on our waiting list – some of whom are already 7, but we cannot accommodate them all. Priority goes to those 7 year olds who have been on the waiting list the longest, so if you do have a daughter who may want to be a brownie, please do not wait until she is nearly 7 to contact us.

This term we shall be doing lots of craft activities many of which will be organised by our 2 excellent young leaders (Ruth Passmore and Portia Hansen) who are working towards becoming fully qualified Brownie leaders.

Please do dig out your Jumble for the Brownies and Guides Jumble Sale on 4th October. The sale starts at 2pm. Brownies and Brownie parents please note this date and "lend a hand" on the day.

Ruth Daly

Naphill & Hughenden Scout Group

The leaders at Naphill & Hughenden Scout Group thought it was high time we wrote a piece for the gazette – to show you what an exciting bunch the boys are – and how much they enjoy scouting !

The group currently consists of one Beaver colony, two Cub packs and one Scout troop – in total 114 boys. We also have a district organised Explorer Scout group, for 14 year olds and above, which is run at the RAF base. Scouting is a "values based" organisation, is great for social interaction, team work, learning about things that tend not to be covered at school, and is fantastic for a boy's self esteem. We are back refreshed from the summer break, so here's a look at the things we will be doing this term.

Beavers (6 to 8 year olds)

Activities planned this term for our 28 Beaver Scouts include Aerobics, an Autumn walk around Hughenden Park, Guy stuffing, a session on "How fireworks are made", Road Safety and various craft events both standalone and Christmas related.

Cubs (8 to 10½ years)

At Hughenden

This term 26 cubs will be working for their Emergency Aid badge throughout September. Our Autumn camp will be at Phasels Wood Scout Activity Centre (near Kings Langley) at the beginning of October. On 5th November we will be celebrating our 5th anniversary of re-starting the pack by way of a beach party – Hawaiian style. There will be a sponsored event for charity in November, and in December, as well as the Group Carol Service we will be holding a concert for

the cubs to earn their Entertainers badges in the Hughenden village hall.

At Naphill

This term we are likely to have over 30 Cubs at most meetings, so will need lots of help from parents. The Autumn term will see us returning to mainly indoor activities in the hut, moving to a more structured programme but still having plenty of fun. We will have our traditional night hike and an evening at the pool, hopefully, with the cubs gaining their swimming badges. We will also work towards the Emergency Aid badge, which will cover various aspects of first aid. We will continue to play a wide variety of games, and are expecting Dodge Ball and Attack Ball to still be the most popular.

Scouts (10½ to 14 years)

We currently have 30 Scouts, some of whom have just returned from a water activities weekend camp at Longridge (near Marlow). The boys enjoyed canoeing and rafting activities and used the climbing wall extensively. This term, to start us off, there will be a cooking challenge for our budding Jamie Olivers, a night ramble, climbing at Green Park, pioneering, sedan chair racing and pumpkin carving.

Scouting is a fantastically rewarding organisation for adults to be involved with – I can say this from first hand experience – and it's a great way to get involved in the community – especially if, like some of us, you work outside the area during the week. As with all voluntary organisations, we are always looking for more adults to come forward, either as uniformed leaders or occasional helpers, and we take a very flexible approach to accommodating an individual's changing availability. To this end, we would like very much for more local people to come forward and volunteer. We have a list of boys wanting to join the Scout movement who cannot do so currently, including a waiting list of 45 boys for Beavers. We look forward in anticipation to hearing from you !

As ever, a big thank you goes out to all of our existing uniformed leaders, helpers and active parents, without whom the group would cease to function.

Barry Reading, Shelagh Sheppard, Ed Atwell, Jenny Harris - Naphill & Hughenden Scout Group Leaders.

If you have any queries about our Scout Group, please contact Peter Byerley (Group Scout Leader) on 01494-565955.

Naphill & Walter's Ash School - The First 2 Weeks Back at School

Since we have started back at school we have had a lot of new things to sort out. Every year we change teachers and classrooms as we move up the school. After spending a whole year with one teacher, it takes a while to get to know the new one. Our new teachers have told us about some of the things we are going to learn about and some of the projects we are going to

be doing. Year six is a very important year with the 11 plus exam which helps decide which secondary school is best for you and with SAT's tests. But there are still lots of fun things to do, such as a week's trip to Wales and possibly a trip to Blists Hill, a Victorian village.

The school has welcomed in lots of new children into reception and although we do not get to see them much in the big school, we hope that they are settling in and having fun.

The noise and building work has ceased outside our classroom and the new pre-school is underway. They have been very good and we have not even noticed them during the day so we haven't been distracted from our work by them.

It has been a very exciting week as all the important roles, such as prefects and house captains, are been distributed amongst the year 6 children. From Year 2 up, the classes have been voting on who they wish to be their school councillors.

Alexander Edwards Y6

Little Ash Pre-School

The new term at Pre-school has got off to an excellent start following a well deserved summer break!

Everyone is excited to be in the fantastic new premises and the staff have been doing a wonderful job of settling the children into their new surroundings.

This terms theme is "Nursery Rhymes", and the children have already been busy incorporating much loved rhymes such as "Humpty Dumpty" and "Little Miss Muffet" into play and learning activities.

One for the diary! On Wednesday 29th October between 2-4pm (during the half term holidays) the Pre-School committee are organizing a craft/messy afternoon, in the village Hall. This is open to all young children. The cost will be £3.00 for one child or £5.00 for two. Parent/carers must stay with their children, but we will be serving refreshments for parents and children. So come along and do some sticking and glittering, and chat with the other Parent/carers over coffee.

We also welcome this term two new members of staff. We hope that both Pat Hutton and Emma Roberts enjoy their time at the Pre-school.

This year we are setting up a supporters group. This group will work alongside the management committee. Their primary role will be fundraising. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join this group. If you are interested please email the chair, Karen Crinyion at karen.crinynion@btinternet.com for further details.

Finally, a great big thank you again to everyone who has worked so hard to bring about our new Pre-school.

We all look forward to an enjoyable first term.

Una McNamara



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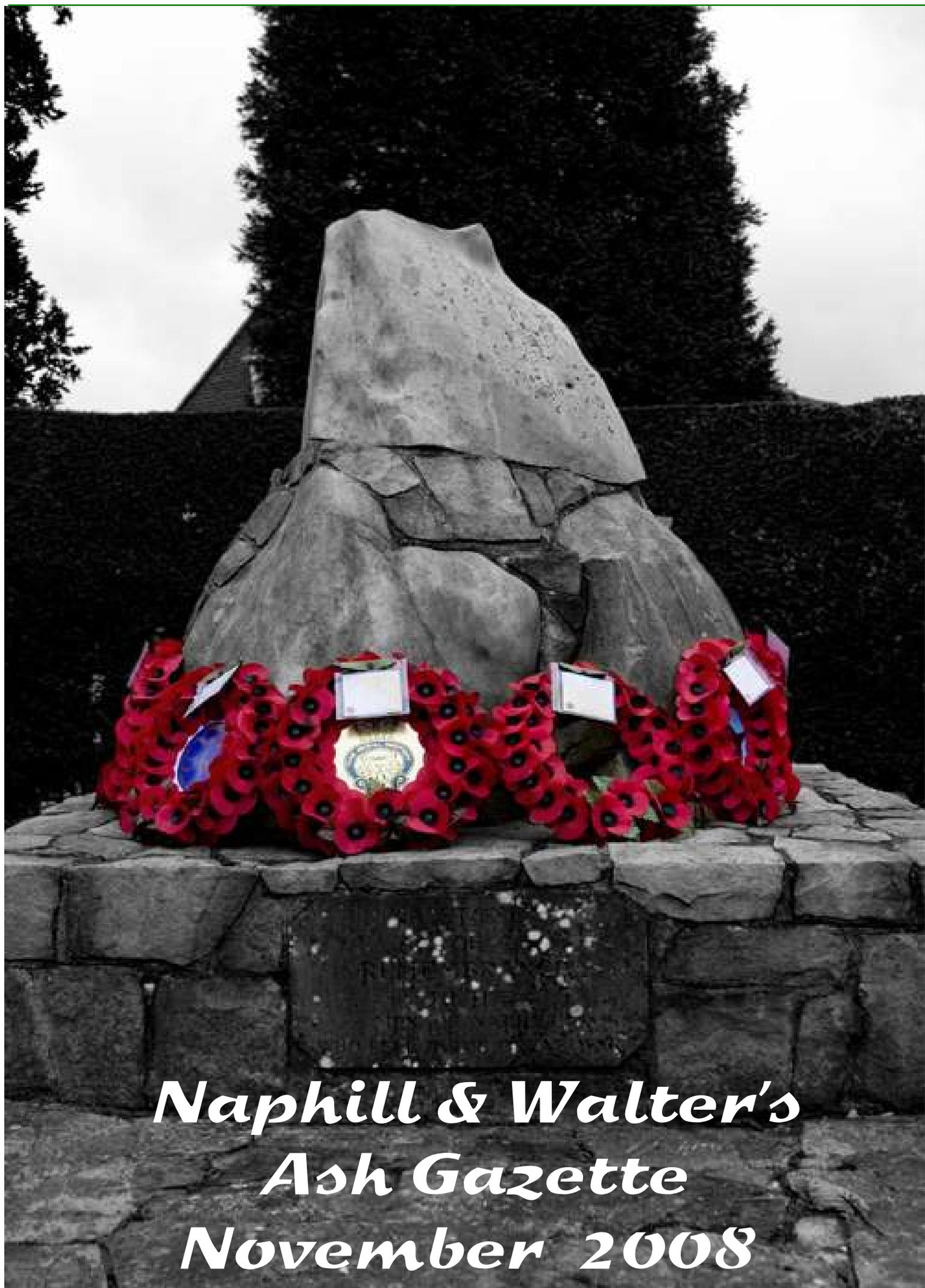
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Editorial

Firstly, huge apologies for the late arrival of last month's gazette and many thanks to the fabulous volunteers who were out on the streets distributing it so quickly when it did finally arrive.

I do hope you enjoy Mark's beautiful and touching cover picture of the war memorial, which was taken

last year. I hope it makes everyone stop to think about the tremendous sacrifice which was made, and continues to be made, by people who live in our two villages.

Finally, a reminder that the next edition of the gazette is the combined December & January edition so please let me have diary dates up to March.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
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
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 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
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates	Each Monday	9.30 - 10.30
Pilates	Each Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30 - 8.30 and 8.30-9.30pm
Pyramid Health & Fitness	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

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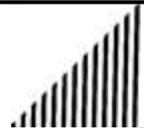
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PIN UP DIARY DATES

November

- 1st Firework Display starting 6pm on The Crick
- 7th Blood Donors - Village Hall
- 13th Residents' Association Meeting re traffic problems 8pm - Village Hall
- 15th Residents' Association Dinner Dance - Village Hall
- 18th Meeting re Naphill Common - Poland House 8pm
- 29th WANSA Christmas Market - Naphill & Walter's Ash School

December

- 6th Christmas Fayre - Village Hall
- 14th Tennis Club "Tinsel Tournament"

Summer Fete
Saturday 6th June 2009

Directory of Village Organisations

Baby & Toddlers	Louise Lucas	488 255	
Bradenham Parish	Deidre Hansen	562254	(Parish Clerk) bradenhampc@tiscali.co.uk
Brownies (Naphill)	Ruth Daly	565571	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.15
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Jan Hawkins	565080	Mondays 6pm
Community Beat Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146
District Commissioner	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Guides and Brownies
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)	Toni Green	562089	Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.45pm
Guides (Walter's Ash)	Toni MacDonald	565926	Thursdays from 7pm
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	
Optometrists	Leigh Lewis	564600	
Hughenden Parish	Lynne Turner	715296	(Parish Clerk) hughendenpc@btconnect.com
	Peggy Ewart	565969	pegwat1066@aol.com
	Phil Crawshaw	563721	philcrawshaw05@uwclub.net
	Julie Gibbs	565544	juliegibbs@skymarket.org
	Judy Whitehouse	562742	Judy@judyq.demon.co.uk
Prescription Collection	Betty Williams	563366	
	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650	
Pre-School (Little Ash)	Debbie Conn	564037	Alt: 01494 521612 (am) or 07907 102149
Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634	glorialeflaive@msn.com
School		562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
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	

Remembrance Sunday - 9th November 2008

How time flies as once more we gather together to lay our British Legion Poppy wreaths around our village memorial stone, a photograph of which is on the front cover of this Gazette. When the question of a memorial to the men of Naphill was raised, a

public meeting was called and a committee appointed to raise funds.

This stone was built and dedicated in 1928. It was constructed from local Walters Ash stone excavated at the brick fields and was designed to represent a stone cairn similar to those very simply erected over a burial site by the soldiers themselves on the

battlefield. The best site for the memorial was found to be in the Village Hall grounds where it stands to this day.

It is engraved with the names of those men who died in the service of their country in both the two world wars 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. However, those wars are not so well known to many younger generations. They know only of those that are being fought by our gallant service personnel in countries other than our own. Here locally, we think especially of our relatives and friends who are serving at this time.

Yes, our own soldiers, sailors and airmen are at this time in the line of fire and some, sadly, are still being killed or maimed. They and their families need our help, and through the British Legion we are all still able to help and contribute to relieve their suffering.

During the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday, collectors with their collecting tins and poppies will be coming to your homes in the village, and collecting tins will be in many places around the village. Although, at this present time, we are facing difficult times, PLEASE give as generously as you are able and wear your poppy with pride.

We shall be holding our Naphill and Walters Ash Remembrance Service in the village hall at 2.45pm. on Sunday 9th November when wreaths will again be laid around our memorial stone. If you are new to our village, do come and join in our service, it is non-denominational and is attended by many of our young people, from the Brownies and Guides, Cubs and Scouts, Naphill and Walters Ash Combined School, who lay their wreaths at the foot of the memorial stone along with other local organisations. If anyone else would like to buy a wreath or a small wooden cross, please let me know and I will arrange it for you.

Last year our total collection handed over to the British Legion was £1,922.15p. Can we possibly achieve this again this year, I do hope so? THANK YOU.

*They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

Valerie Pushman - 01494 564152

County Councillor's Report

As I write this, the world's stock markets are in turmoil and what we thought was a stable economy appears to be far from the truth. The county council is not unscathed in this, as part of its capital investment is in an Iceland Bank. The Council

placed £5m on a fixed term deposit last July which actually matured on the day that they were nationalised. I am told that the bank had an 'A' security rating when the deposit was made and that this was in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Regulatory Committee. The latest information is that the Council is anticipating that the money will be returned by the Icelandic Government and the Local Government Association has already had talks with the UK Government to ensure support for whatever action is required for the return of the Councils' money.

Readers may have seen in the press that more money is paid out in compensation claims for damage to cars than is spent on pothole repairs. I am glad to say that this does not appear to be the case in Buckinghamshire but nevertheless any compensation is a poor reward for bad roads. I have received some rewarding feedback that the work being currently undertaken by our road repair teams is much appreciated and of a standard which should preclude further repeat visits to the same sites during the coming winter.

I am currently dealing with some late requests for support from my community leader's fund which I hope to have actioned by the end of the month. Should there be any other clubs or associations that provide a service to our community and who could do with some financial support for a specific purpose please let me know before the 15th November.

Stocking Lane will be closed for one day on 4th January 2009. A Diversion order will be in place suggesting that drivers use an alternative route. Road Closure and 3 way traffic lights for Stocking Lane Naphill, from its junction with Downley Road to just past the Business centre. The road closure is for BT works to gain access to carriageway box/footway box to carry out cabling, with no excavation. Alternative route: Speen Road, Clappins Lane, Main Road and vice versa.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

Since my last report, there have been joint meetings between the other 4 district councils and the County Council in connection with the Pathfinder work.

At present, the community engagement initiative, led by Wycombe District Council, has begun its quarterly meetings with Partners including the Police, Fire Service and RAF. The work to improve the shared services of HR, Payroll and IT is underway and I will report back once a decision on this has been taken. The

ever-reducing budget from central Government coupled with the desire to deliver services for less council tax is a must.

I do hope to report an announcement regarding the loss of some £2.5 million on deposit owing to the current Icelandic Banking crisis. I for one was absolutely horrified that the council could lose so much when we are trying to achieve substantial cost savings and implement Pathfinder. Both the council and the Local Government Association in conjunction with the Financial Services Authority are fighting hard for the return of the funds. What I am particularly concerned about is the apparent "A" credit rating provided only 24 hours before the closure.

I will be attending the "Meet the Parish" council event on the 23rd and do hope readers attend this event to understand more about the workings of Parish, what they do and more importantly your benefits.

I look forward to the Residents Association meeting on 13 November and hope to receive an update from all parties on the progress to date. I am pleased that we have now bollards in and around the Ash Close vicinity; worked that was actioned and implemented by the County Council. I also look forward to meeting with the RAF on 26 November for an update on their activities.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

The Parish Council held its regular monthly meeting yesterday evening (14th October). The Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month, except in August. What is discussed on these occasions?

The first item this time was the presentation of the cup for the best kept allotment in the whole Parish. This went to Mr Wilson, of the Walters Ash allotment garden; he is a regular winner and anyone using the footpath through the allotments will readily see his immaculate plot. It takes councillors a whole day to do the judging as there are now over 200 plots being worked.

The correspondence section of the Council Agenda regularly contains at least ten items that need to be brought to councillors' attention. Some of these are just for noting, others require a report, and some need to be referred for further consideration. The Council is a consultee on a wide variety of topics these days; nobody moves without going out to consultation! This is a mixed blessing as often the consultation is on a topic which requires more expert knowledge than we have. However, every

document received gets due consideration and sometimes a letter, or a more detailed response goes back. On this occasion the reports of particular note were related to Gypsy and Traveller needs, and on making and enforcing byelaws.

There are regular reporting items such as reports from councillors serving on outside bodies, reports from working groups and working parties, from residents associations, etc. This assists the Council with keeping in touch with what is happening in Hughenden Parish. District Councillors, and our County Councillor, have a slot on the agenda for reporting on local issues. Richard Pushman usually attends and contributes. There is also an opportunity for any member of the public to speak if they so wish.

One item of report last night was on the latest meeting of the Hughenden, Hazlemere and Chepping Wycombe NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group). NAGs are being formed throughout the Thames Valley area. This is a recent police initiative, required by central government, to involve the local community in discussions on priorities for the area. The police force is represented by a sergeant, a constable and a community service officer. Local councillors and residents association members also attend. Our particular NAG is regarded as one which is working well.

The priorities for attention are, not surprisingly, speeding vehicles, anti social behaviour and parking issues. The police have carried out several operations in connection with speeding vehicles, and have identified specific areas and 'culprits'. Use of the portable speed device (SID), manned by PCSOs and residents, has picked out 'rat runs' and the police Enforcement Team is being called in. This is a good example of community co-operation resulting in local action. As always, speeding is an ongoing problem but some aspects are being dealt with.

Thames Valley Police (TVP) have been running Operation G-Whizz in the area, primarily targeting youths acting in an antisocial manner, drinking, graffiti, etc. Details of over 50 youths have been taken. A card system is in operation; a YELLOW card is issued for a first offence and details taken. If two yellow cards are necessary within a period of 6 months a RED is issued and an Acceptable Behaviour Contract entered into. Failure to abide with this could result in an ASBO (Anti Social Behaviour Order). A clamp down on anti social behaviour in our rural communities is overdue. The latest spate of graffiti in Naphill, including on the new play equipment, is an example of this. The perpetrators are not necessarily from outside the village. The police have found that some parents are horrified, and subsequently very supportive, when they learn that their teenagers are not where

they thought they were. This initiative is undoubtedly having a positive impact on the problem.

Parking issues are the next on the list but new procedures have recently been put in place which may help to address this. WDC will be enforcing Parking Restrictions in future. The NAG will review the position at the end of the year.

By the time you read this the Parish Council's open meeting on October 23rd will have taken place. I hope to see many of you there but will report in the next issue of the Gazette.

Peggy Ewart - Vice Chairman

Closer Working with the RAF

As a result of a telephone call from a village resident asking whether it would be possible to circulate the gazette to RAF families I have been along to meet Tracey Clarke the HIVE Information Officer. There are two major considerations we discussed. The first is that the RAF families are very well served with their own magazine and the newsletters that Tracey produces and distributes. The second is that the gazette's business model, with annual subscriptions that only cover a third of the cost of production (the remainder comes from advertising revenue), would not absorb the additional 200 or so copies that would be required and we would quickly be bankrupt! What Tracey and I therefore decided to do is to exchange information as frequently as possible. Where protocol allows, Tracey will let me know of any RAF news for inclusion in the gazette. In return I will send Tracey the 'pin up diary dates' list so that these can be included in her newsletters. So if you have anything that you would like to be communicated then please let me know. We will of course continue to provide copies of the gazette for display in The Hive and other key RAF site locations, and this includes a copy for the Station Commander.

Judy Whitehouse

The Father's House

I have not written anything for the Gazette for some time for which I apologise and I'm coming with a reminder that Christmas is will soon be here, something some of us will not really welcome in the current economic climate which if it has not yet done so will I'm sure affect us all.

This months article is to alert you once more to the time for the Shoebox Appeal. It does not seem to be a year since we last had the church as a drop off point for Operation Christmas Child, but it is.

We are again opening up the church this year so that people can drop their shoeboxes off.



The dates for this years appeal are:
Saturday 1st – Tuesday 18th
November.

We will have a family thanksgiving service for the appeal on Sunday 16th November.

Over the last couple of years we have dropped of leaflets to peoples houses but we regret that this year we are unable to do so. However, if you would like to be put a shoebox together this year we will have plenty of leaflets available at the church for you to come and pick up should you need one. Someone should normally be there every day to collect a leaflet or from the 1st November drop off their boxes except Friday.

We hope we will have as great a response as we have in the past and we would like to thank you for your support in the past and the future. Your gift enables children throughout the world who would otherwise have nothing have some enjoyment this coming Christmas and come to experience a little of God's love for them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to mention that for a number of years we have been unable to run a Sunday school for the children and that has often tended to make things difficult for parents who have come to our morning services. We a pleased to announce that as from the 2nd November we will once more open up a Sunday school during term time in the Manse during what is the sermon slot of our morning services (10.30am) for the children so please feel free to join us if you can and bring the children. Please phone for details of what the children will be doing.

Please also do not forget the KRASH (Kids Really Are Special Here) run by Christians in the Community still runs here on alternate Friday nights between 6.30 – 8.00 pm during term time. I have been informed however, that the next session of KRASH will not be until Friday 7th November. Please phone Norma Clarke for details

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Some trust in and boast of chariots and some of horses, but we will trust in and boast of the name of the Lord our God. (Psalm 20: 7. The Amplified Bible) How many of us trust in that which we put around us and not in God?

If there is anything we can help you with please do not hesitate to give us a call. I pray you may know God's peace and blessing over the coming weeks.

Shalom

Bob 01494 563304

News from 'Christians in the Community'

KRASH (Kids Really Are Special Here) meets on the 7th and 21st November at The Father's House.

The fellowship safari will be held in two venues on the 18th November. At 8 pm we will be at Judith Camplisson's house, 9 South Maundlin, Hughenden Valley and at 9 pm we will be at Howard Atkinson's house, 1 Heath End Close, Great Kingshill. If you would like to know more or would like a lift please call me.

Norma Clarke 563116

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

As autumn progresses, it's time to put on extra layers but it's still possible to enjoy a game of tennis outdoors. The early October weather has been wonderful, but I expect by the time this is published, the shorter days will have really set in. The Sunday morning club sessions will continue to run from 10am, (having first cleared away the fallen leaves), and then during January and February we will switch to Sunday afternoons to allow any early morning frost to clear from the courts. Our Tuesday morning sessions continue to run all season.

The men's and ladies' tennis teams will be in action competing in the winter tennis leagues at the weekends, and a list of match fixtures is available in the clubhouse.

We are very pleased to welcome tennis players from the RAF stationed at Walter's Ash to the club, and hope to see them joining in the club sessions on a regular basis.

As I write, the Club's autumn ramble is a few days away, so I cannot comment on that, except to hope that the lovely weather we had for the event last year is repeated.

The AGM will be held on 16th November after a normal club session. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend, with the added temptation of a pub lunch to follow.

Our next social event is the Tinsel Tournament on 14th December, a fun morning's tennis where tinselly adornments are worn by the brave few, followed by mulled wine and a delicious lunch consumed by everyone. Get your names up on the list in the clubhouse early!

Upcoming diary dates:

16th November:- AGM at 12 noon followed by a pub lunch.

14th December:- Tinsel Tournament and lunch in clubhouse.

Details of our sessions and contacts can be found at the front of the Gazette. As ever, if you want any more information about the club, please call me on 01844 346 802 or 07703 234 895.

Helen Leek

Naphill Evening WI

November - the Christmas cards and gifts are in the shops and Santa's grotto is in the garden centre. How quickly the year has flown by and now it is the start of a new WI year after the annual meeting on the 16th October. Having gone to press on the 15th we will tell you about it next month. Back to September 18th when Jean Nettleton and Val Haywood told an amazing story about their two weeks holiday "Adventures in the Gambia". By chance they became involved with a family and discovered the needs of children and education. They set up a charity which they continue to support and now return there at least twice each year.

Nancy, our President, and Juliet went to a meeting for press officers and presidents, titled "Reporting for Duty" - how to report WI affairs with impact. A talk was given by John Falding, former chief editor of the *Financial Times*, who, together with Joy Lock, encouraged us to move with the times. Their main aim was to try and rid ourselves of the Jam and Jerusalem image, avoid writing about delicious teas and interesting talks. We would like your input. What about Jerusalem? What about delicious food? Even if we do not mention teas or food any more, we still think you all do a great job.

As the AGM was on the 23rd October at the Civil Centre Aylesbury, several members to attend, and the Group Meeting on the same evening, with Anna Conti speaking about "Not Just Churches", competition a coloured glass item, these two events will be reported in the December Gazette, as both happening after the press deadline.

Marion has finalised our next London theatre outing, always an enjoyable evening to look forward to. On the 29th January we are going to see Carousel (weather permitting!) Finally, November 20th, our next meeting, we will listen to a talk given by Keith Jansz on The History of the Mouth & Foot Painting Artists. The competition is a postcard of a painting. So much happening in Naphill W.I., have we got **time** to make the Jam?

Naphill Neighbours

At our well-attended meeting in October Margaret Deakin held us spellbound with her illustrated talk on THE LAND OF THE LONG WHITE CLOUD. This well-travelled lady has entertained us in the past with her delightful presentations and we were not disappointed this time with her tales of holiday and “special treats” in New Zealand where she celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary.

Our brief AGM was held after the talk. The club continues to prosper, enjoying good and varied speakers, enjoyable outings and a membership of 70 - all for an annual; subscription of £8! Sheila Rolfe was re-elected as President and the members of the committee are: Jean Perfect, Hazel Vickery, Janet Judge, Valerie Whale, Norma Clarke, Joy Stroud and Betty Jones.

We meet again on Monday 10th November when Dr. John Noakes will give us an illustrated talk on ANTARCTICA - THE LAST GREAT WILDERNESS. Tea hostesses will be: Mary Shrimpton, Janet King, Val Gibbs and Fay Cussell.

Members are reminded to bring along to the November meeting bottles and cans (with contents either drinkable, edible or in any way useable) for our tombola stall at the Village Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6th December.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

The highlight of our meeting was the unveiling of the new projector screen. This is situated above the stage and can be lowered by a remote control. It is going to be a great asset to the users of the hall for speakers who have slides or a power point presentation, for the scores at the quiz and maybe we can organise some film shows. We do have to thank Richard Pushman who has given us a grant from his community leaders fund to aid the purchase. The remote control will be kept by the booking secretary. If you know that you will be using the screen when you book the Hall then let her know and she will pass it on to you.

We are also hoping to replace the piano. Iris Smith, who played the piano for the ballet lessons for many years sadly passed away this July and a collection has been made in her memory. This is going towards the purchase of a new (well, newer) piano which is well overdue and seems a very appropriate use of the collection. The old one had

done us good service but was well past its best by date.

You have probably noticed the graffiti on the doors around the hall, and even on the beautiful new playground equipment. Wycombe District Council have been notified and will come and remove it in due course, hopefully before you get to read this. They are also going to provide us with a graffiti removal kit so we can get rid of it as soon as it appears – so – a message to whoever the antisocial person is – don't bother any more.

The fireworks are due to be bigger and better than ever. Knowing the standard of our display in the past, that seems quite a promise, but even more has been spent on the fireworks to ensure a wonderful, spectacular, display. There will be a bigger bar and more in the way of refreshments. Make sure you are there it should be another brilliant night!

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

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**.

Christmas Tree Lights

After nine years Pam Smith is giving up the job of organising the collection tins for the Christmas Tree Lights and Daisy Leek has volunteered to take this on for this year. Thanks to Pam for all her hard work over the years, and to Daisy for stepping in. Next year we will be investigating new ideas including sponsorship. Meanwhile it costs around £500 in electricity and insurance to light our beautiful tree each year so please look out for the tins in local shops and give as much as you can. Thank you.

Naphill Horticultural Society

As I write, it is still 2 weeks until our Cheese & Wine Evening, and we are sold out already. It never fails to surprise me how popular this event is, let's hope it is as successful as in previous years.

Anyway, it has been another strange year for us gardeners, the weather never really made its mind up until August, and then it was just wet!, but, whatever the weather throws at us, we all persevere and keep trying to improve! One of the best ways to get inspiration for next year 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- in fact, the more you spend, the more we all save. 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

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Traffic Hazards at Main Road, Walter's Ash. Second Public Meeting. 8pm Thursday, 13th November 2008. Naphill Village Hall.

100 residents attended the Public Meeting on May 8 to put forward suggestions to County Cllr Richard Pushman, and Si Khan (Local Area Co-ordinator, County Council Transportation) for reducing traffic hazard and improving pedestrian safety in Walter's Ash, particularly in the shopping area around the Co-op through to Naphill and Walters Ash School.

All the suggestions put forward by the public, and the initial official responses, were contained in Minutes sent to all the representatives who attended the meeting. Si Khan suggested we call a second public meeting in November to consider what progress had been made. We hope ALL interested parties will attend again to discuss developments.

Briefly, the achievable suggestions were (1a) Co-op reschedule HGV deliveries to avoid peak times (1b) Use smaller lorries. (1c) Off-load goods on RAF property behind shop (now refused by RAF). (2a) Bollards either side of Co-op car park entrance (2b) Bollards on corners of Ash Close opposite Co-op (3) Double yellow lines, in particular, across Co-op car park entrance. (4) No parking zones – white lines (only advisory). (5) Marked parking bays on Main Rd. (6a) Vehicle Activated (flashing) Sign on blind bend (north) approaching Co-op. (6b) Temporary Speed indicator device (7) Other Traffic Calming measures. (8) Request Naphill & Walters Ash be designated a WDC Civil Enforcement Parking Area. (9) Encourage walking or cycling rather than using cars for Co-op and school visits. (10) Report obstruction or dangerous parking on Police non-emergency number 0845 8505505. There were other useful suggestions which, on further research, proved to be less achievable.



Firework Display

Saturday

1st November

On the Crick

Fire lit at 6pm

BBQ and bar from 6pm

Display at 7pm

BBQ run by Sports Club

Pavilion Bar run by Men's Club

Mulled wine

Soup

Tickets available from

Costcutters, Co-Op, Black Lion, The Wheel or phone 562770

In advance

£4.00 adults, £1.50 children

On the night

£5.00 adults, £2 children

Under 5s free

Please note: NO sparklers allowed

Highways have to be congratulated for completing one task with the erection of bollards to prevent parking on the corners of Ash Close. However, as all those who live in and visit the area are aware, further problems have occurred, and more steps are urgently needed to address these.

Our local Councillors and all the policy makers who attended the May meeting have been invited to this follow-up meeting. If you would like your views to be considered do please attend as well.

Saturday November 15. 2008 Rock'n'Roll Dinner Dance. Naphill Village Hall.

Despite the banking crisis, residents seem determined to enjoy themselves as just a handful of tickets remain for the annual rock'n'roll dinner dance. Most of the 100 tickets available were sold months ahead – a tribute to the musical power of Geoff Jolliffe's terrific Late Edition Band who specialise in music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Those who just come for the terrific meal can enjoy Main Event Cuisine's delicious two-course dinner, including a vegetarian option, with coffee to follow.

Remember, all money raised goes to the Association to help fund residents' causes so please don't bring your own booze! Bar opens at 7.15pm, with dinner as usual at 8.15pm sharp to allow plenty of time for bopping!

The few remaining tickets at £22 are available from Carole (563508) or Janet (564569). A great evening to meet up with old friends and welcome newcomers. So get ready to rock!

Planning: Applications to October 4 2008.

08/07096/FUL Catapala, Pursells Meadow, Naphill. Construction of rear conservatory.

08/07180/CLE. Dartmeet, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Certificate of existing Lawfulness for continued use of Dartmeet without complying with agricultural occupancy condition imposed on Planning Permission W/500/52.

08/07243/FUL. 5 Main Rd, Naphill. Construction of 4 dormer windows in conjunction with loft conversion.

08/07263/FUL. 238 Main Road, Naphill Construction of 2-storey side extension ((alternative to pp08/6930/FUL to use garage space as living space).

Gloria Leflaive 01494 563634

"What a load of bollards!"

Urban, ugly and intrusive.... Co-op corner calming - it made me see red! Arguably purposeful, but hardly picturesque; why couldn't we have had

"green screen" or something more in keeping with our villages?

Sheila Draper

Naphill Common Meeting

A meeting open to anyone interested in Naphill Common will be held at Poland House (opposite the Co-op store), Walters Ash on Tuesday 18th November at 8 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Common, its problems and its future, and what local people can do about it. All ideas are welcome.

Trevor Hussey

Bucks Association for Blind and Partially Sighted

BAB needs volunteers in the eye clinic at Wycombe Hospital

BAB is the county organisation that provides help and an extensive range of services to anyone with serious sight loss within Bucks. BAB needs volunteers for their Hospital Information Service based in Wycombe Hospital Eye Clinic.

The volunteers talk to the patients, offer useful information about the help that BAB can provide and generally be a helping hand to people who may be struggling to learn how to live their everyday lives whilst suffering from some loss of sight.

Could this be you?

- good listening skills
- comfortable talking to new people
- sensitive to patients' needs
- 2 hours per week to spare

If so, we would love to hear from you.

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For more information, please contact – Jane Diggory, Hospital Information Service Co-ordinator, 01296 487556

Thank You!

To everyone who sponsored me, came to the quiz, donated raffle prizes and items to sell or helped me to train!. The trek in Croatia for BHF was a great success and I have raised three and a half thousand pounds.

Sally

Doreen Burge

My family and I would like to thank all our friends and neighbours for their kindness and support during Doreen's illness.

Naphill life was full of cherished memories for Doreen and she so enjoyed the many village activities with which she became involved; many friendships and acquaintances were made which enabled Doreen to embrace community life to the full.

Doreen's funeral was very well attended by both family and friends from the village, Europe and the antipodes; with many going to the Methodist Chapel afterwards to reminisce about all the fun times shared together.

Donations to the Joe Homan Charity and the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home have been outstanding and will bring much happiness and comfort to those in need.

Once again, my personal and heartfelt thanks to you all.

Tony Burge

Norman Rabson

It is with great sorrow that we must pass on the news that Norman Rabson passed away on 13th October 2008.

He was a charming, intelligent man with a great many friends - as displayed by the fantastic turnout for his 100th birthday back in October 2006.

He will be missed by us all.

Ruth Daly

Friendship Morning

St. Michael & All Angels, Hughenden

This is a get together in Church House on the third Thursday each month at 10.30am. It is primarily for those who are bereaved, who live on their own and for those who are lonely. The emphasis is very much on companionship and the atmosphere is light and cheerful. Please contact me if you think this is for you.

Judith Camplisson - 565108

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We are also looking for new members (age immaterial), especially men, to come and join us. No previous musical experience is necessary and you certainly do not need to be able to read music. Our emphasis is to sing for fun and to enjoy socialising. If you are interested do please give me a ring - I will be delighted to hear from you.

Helen Collins 01494 562240

Village Archives

Since my last gazette item several people said they would be pleased if I would do the exhibition again - so if and when?

I have this past month had letters and phone calls from Mrs Batey who was Dilly Knox's assistant during the war years at Bletchley Park. Dilly Knox, unbeknown to the village of Naphill and Walter's Ash, worked in secret there with Alan Turing breaking the enigma code which shortened the second world war by years. Mrs Batey, now aged 88 years old, has been asked to write her autobiography using the knowledge she has of those times. In turn she has asked me certain questions on the time he lived at Cournswood and she was so pleased that I was able to help her with this. She has sent me a chronology of events in Dilly Knox's life, here are some snippets for you:-

- 1915 Dilly Knox joins the Admiralty Room 40
- 1917 Breaks the U boat code
- 1919 Carries on in newly formed peacetime GC & CS
- 1920 Marries his Secretary
- 1922 GC & CS placed under Foreign Office and Dilly breaks diplomatic messages
- 1925 Dilly is said to acquire an Enigma in Vienna

The list goes on up to 1943.

Penelope Fitzgerald was able to write the book "The Knox Bros" and Dilly's wife Olive was able to give her information for this. Penelope in a note to Mrs Batey says she's so glad that she will be able to tell the world the true details of events. The film "CodeBreakers" was by colourful and talkative people who did not have this information.

When Dilly Know was working with Alan Turing at Bletchley he worked so hard even people in the next

hut did not know what it was all about. The village folk nearby thought it was the Headquarters of the Land Army.

However in 1942 he came home to Courneswood and in 1943 died of cancer. Turin visits him. If you get a chance to visit Bletchley Park it is so interesting and informative.

So now I have more interesting items to add to the album I have on Dilly Knox for the archives of Naphill & Walters Ash.

Pam Smith

Christmas Greetings in the Gazette

Looking for ways to save money and protect the environment?

Why not forget about Christmas cards this year and instead send seasons greetings to friends and neighbours in the gazette. This year we are reserving the centre pages of the December edition for your special Christmas messages. For just £5 you can place a centre page message one eighth of

an A4 page in size. Just email (judy@judyq.demon.co.uk) or post (Langstone, off Forge Road, HP14 4SZ) your message and contact details to me by 12th November 2008. I will confirm that your message has been included and let you know how to pay. Any profits made will be donated to the Christmas tree lighting fund. Be quick though, there are only 16 slots available and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. My thanks to Sheila Draper for the suggestion.

Judy Whitehouse - 562742

If You Are Looking for the Ideal Gift...

Why not consider a book brought to you by Book Castle Publishing in Bedfordshire. We have three new titles for those interested in local history, the first entitled "**Signals A Railway Miscellany: Hertfordshire Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire**" by Murray Eckett, an enthusiast who has researched the railway system, railway walks and the preservation. In Bedfordshire, he covers the Marston Vale Line and describes walks

Naphill Christmas Fayre



**Saturday 6th December
in the Village Hall**

**Doors open 1.00 p.m
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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 me, Cathryn Carter on 563233.

Make sure you come along and have a great time.

Santa's Grotto

Raffle

Refreshments

Mulled Wine

Craft Stalls

Games

along the Leighton Buzzard to Dunstable line, Luton Parkway to Harpenden East, Bedford to Hitchin, Bedford to Cambridge and Bedford to Northampton.

The second book is called **“We wouldn’t have missed it for the world” The Women’s Land Army in Bedfordshire 1939-1950** by Stuart Antrobus. Based on extensive research and numerous interviews with former land girls, this book takes us back to the days of wartime activity, of military airfields and the presence of American GIs. A definitive alphabetical list of almost 3500 maiden names will enable family historians to find if their forebears served as land girls in Bedfordshire.

The final book is more light hearted. It is the story of Russ Sainty, a performer at the legendary California Ballroom in Dunstable. Russ and his group, The Nu-Notes performed no less than 338 sessions up to the mid-sixties, including the opening night of March 12th 1960. During over 50 years in show business he has met and performed with so many famous stars. Russ’s story, entitled **“King of the Cali’ A Lifetime in Rock n’ Roll”** is a roller coaster ride of triumph and disappointment, but is told with truth and integrity.

So if nostalgia is your forte... all these books are available through your local bookshops.

Parachuting for Charity

Sarah Westaby is a Chalfont resident, who, within a very full professional and social life, manages to give time as a voluntary caseworker for the military charity, SSAFA Forces Help, (Soldiers, Sailors, Air-men and Families Association.) She recently took part in a sponsored parachute jump. Here she recalls the day.....

“There I was - tightly strapped to my professional instructor at the open door of a Cessna aircraft, ready to jump from 13000 feet (two and a half miles) above the airfield at R.A.F. Netheravon in Wiltshire. I was certainly excited because I had longed to do a parachute jump for several years. There had been frustrations - one fruitless journey when the jump was aborted because of bad weather, followed by another cancellation before I had even left home. This time the weather was borderline, with a thick cloud base at about 5000 feet.

I wanted the experience, including the sensation of dropping through cloud. I had been denied twice and that was enough. I had obligations to all the people who had sponsored me to the tune of £2000 and of course to my charity, SSAFA Forces Help.

We were above cloud level, without a sight of terra firma reference points, so it was therefore difficult to tell what position you were in. All I can remember is catching a sight, instantaneously, of the underside

of the plane and I realised that we had started with a somersault. In a flash we were in the free fall position, face down with arms and legs outstretched. A small chute was soon opened to reduce our speed from 180 m.p.h. to 120 m.p.h. The main chute was opened in under a minute at about 7000 feet and this slowed us to 15 to 25 miles an hour. We were still in cloud.

And then, by now in an upright sitting position, an exhilarating moment. We reached cloud base and the landscape opened up before us - as in an aircraft but with time to dwell on particular sights - fields, hedgerows and woodland. Mick piloted the chute to a marked position and we landed with astonishing ease, (just like sitting on a sofa,).

Sarah is a member of the SSAFA caseworker team in South Bucks. Their work, for which they are fully trained, involves responding to current and past service men and women, and their families, who have fallen upon hard times. They are able to open up access to relevant forms of help, practical, emotional, medical.

We are keen to heighten public awareness of the charity and to encourage potential clients to come forward. Sarah is particularly keen on networking - making herself known in her community by holding meetings to acquaint people with SSAFA’s work. Inevitably, there was much local interest in her jump.

It is through this wider awareness that we might learn, maybe indirectly, of people who would value help. Any enquiry, initially to the contact number below, will be treated in the utmost confidence. The same number can be used if any readers are interested in voluntary work for SSAFA. There is a range of activities in addition to casework. Parachute jumps are optional !

John Lambert -Publicity Officer, SSAFA Bucks

Naphill Brownies

The Jumble Sale has now come and gone. Thank you so much to all those villagers who donated jumble, and all those who came and bought it. We raised £585 at last count.

Apologies to anyone who put jumble out but did not have it collected. Please note that jumble is only collected from those addresses where flyers are delivered in advance, UNLESS of course, you phone us and let us know that we need to make an extension to our route. We had loads of help from Guides, Brownies and parents, which made the whole day good fun as well as profitable. Thanks to all involved.

As November approaches we have lots of fun and games lined up including preparing entertainments

for our enrolments and for the annual district carol service (Mon 8th Dec). The brownies, as ever, will contribute in their own enthusiastic way! We are looking forward to completing our craft badge with lots of lovely Christmassy crafty goodies. We shall also be preparing a fun outing, venue to be chosen by the brownies – I wonder what they will come up with?

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

October has been declared 'International Walk to School Month' and this year's focus will focus on health and obesity. Children are being encouraged to 'Power Up!' with energy from walking to school. At our school all children will be encouraged to do their bit by being given a sticker and a special passport. This passport will be stamped by members of the School Council each morning on the playground for children who have made an effort to walk all or part of their school journey. Over the holidays we learned that the school has been successful in being awarded a large sum of money to help implement our level 3 Travel Plan. With the support of WANSA we will be purchasing new bike and scooter storage areas that will be placed at the front of the school

It has been brought to my attention that a number of parents are parking at the turning circle on Kilnwood. The original intention of the turning circle was to create a place where cars can turn round and exit back up Kilnwood towards Main Road. If parents park here then clearly this will be impossible and creates a possible hazard for other drivers and pedestrians.

I am delighted to tell you that the school has recently purchased a number of new resources for the children at school. The biggest purchase is a new Maths Scheme called 'Abacus Evolve' which comprises of new books for the children to work from and computer-based interactive materials. All children will receive teaching from this resource later this term we are also in the process of purchasing additional reading resources to use right through the school with a particular regard to attracting the more reluctant boy readers in our midst. These books will be in school by Christmas.

At a very positive WANSA meeting last week the committee have agreed that the main fund-raising efforts this year and next will be to improve the school playground and hall facilities. I already have had a meeting with a playground development company who will be putting together some bespoke solutions to re-vitalisation our outside spaces.

Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher

Little Ash Pre-School

The Pre-school had a successful start to the Autumn term; the children enjoyed incorporating their Nursery Rhyme theme into fun activities. With the weather being so pleasant the children were also able to enjoy the fantastic outdoor playing space that the new pre-school provides.

Half Term

To occupy the children during the Autumn half term the pre-school committee organised a Halloween themed craft/messy day at the village hall. The day provided the children with the opportunity to dress up in their Halloween costumes and enjoy a number of fun activities as well as exploring their creative/messy sides.

The children also took part in our annual sponsored find, they pulled on their wellies and headed off to explore the great outdoors with the challenge of finding several Autumnal items such as acorns, conkers and coloured leaves.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who volunteered to help with the craft day either by making cakes or by getting messy with the children (Sorry I mean creative!)

Thank you also to everyone who kindly supported the children in their sponsored find. The funds raised will go towards the purchase of a new sign to put up outside the pre-school.

Theme for November

The theme for November is journeys and the children will be encouraged to bring with them to pre-school an item which is related to the weekly topics for show and tell:-

On foot and By Road
By Rail and Track
On or Under Water
Through the Air

Personnel

We are currently looking to expand our staff numbers. We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and fun and who enjoys working with kids. If this is you, then please contact Hilary Spearing on hiliaryspearing@yahoo.co.uk for an application form.

Una McNamara

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 meet every Thursday (term-time) at Naphill

Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

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Editorial

The last Gazette of the year, and as always I would like to thank everyone on the team for all their hard work this year. David Leith, for looking after the finances so capably and warning me if I am spending too much money! Pauline and Mike Pool, for managing the distribution so well - distributing to 1,000 households monthly is quite a challenge. All those who actually deliver the gazette, on time and in all

weathers. Mark Dell for his fabulous photos and for always having a creative idea when I need one! All our advertisers - we depend on your support. Then finally everyone who contributes to the content - the gazette would be nothing without you.

Wishing you all a very happy happy Christmas and new year. We will be back at the beginning of February.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30pm
Fitness Kickboxing	Each Monday in Scout Hut	7.30 to 9.00pm
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
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1pm - 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
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	2.00 - 4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 10, 11 Saturdays*	9.30 - 11.00am
	U12 and U14 Wednesdays*	7.00 - 8.30pm
	U13s Saturdays	9.30 - 11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00pm
Pilates	Each Monday	9.30 - 10.30
Pilates	Each Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30
Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30 - 8.30 and 8.30-9.30pm
Pyramid Health & Fitness	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00am onwards
	Each Thursday (April - September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April - July)	Group 1, 5.00pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April - July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm

* Boys FC training sessions held at RAF sports field

Small Ads

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December

6th Christmas Fayre - Village Hall
14th Tennis Club "Tinsel Tournament"
21st Carols by Candlelight - Village Hall

January

16th Blood Donors - Village Hall

February

14th Past Times Exhibition - Village Hall

March

8th Blood Donors - Village Hall
13th Horticultural Society Annual Dinner

Summer Fete
Saturday 6th June 2009

Directory of Village Organisations

Baby & Toddlers	Louise Lucas	488 255	
Bradenham Parish	Deidre Hansen	562254	(Parish Clerk) bradenhampc@tiscali.co.uk
Brownies (Naphill)	Ruth Daly	565571	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.15
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Jan Hawkins	565080	Mondays 6pm
Community Beat Officer	Lee Turnham	736773	No: 3146
District Commissioner	Deirdre Hansen	562254	Guides and Brownies
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)	Toni Green	562089	Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.45pm
Guides (Walter's Ash)	Toni MacDonald	565926	Thursdays from 7pm
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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	Ginny Ratcliffe	563650	
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Residents Association	Gloria Leflaive	563634	glorialeflaive@msn.com
School		562813	http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/
Scout Group - Naphill & Hughenden	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
Scout Group - Walter's Ash	Dave Taylor	564630	Cubs & Scouts Wednesday evening, Explorers Friday evening
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
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WI	Nancy Hussey	563767	

Post Office Christmas Opening Times

We are open every day except Sundays in the lead up to Christmas.
This includes Thursday afternoons.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Royal British Legion Collection in Naphill & Walter's Ash

A big THANK YOU to all collectors who, despite some very wet weather, turned out with their collecting tins and poppies in Naphill & Walter's Ash. Thanks also to our local school, shops, garage and "The Wheel" for their contributions.

What a great result! £2,007.85 made up as follows:

Village collection:	£1,498.95
Village Hall service	£ 290.90
Wreaths	<u>£ 218.00</u>
	£2,007.85

I am delighted that in this 90th Anniversary of the end of the First World War, we had a record collection. This is the largest amount I have sent to the RBL since taking over the task 25 years ago.

Our village hall service this year was conducted by Bob Semple of The Father's House, Naphill and was attended by a large number of people plus Scouts, Guides, Naphill & Walter's Ash School, who laid wreaths, together with a representative from the RAF, The Royal British Legion, Hughenden Parish Council, The Naphill Village Hall Council, The Naphill Evening W.I. and Naphill Neighbours.

Valerie Pushman

News from "Christians in the Community"

KRASH (Kids Really Are Special Here) meets in The Father's House on the 5th and 19th December. We will be going carol singing in local pubs on Wednesday 17th December. At 7.30 pm we will be at the White Lion at the top of Cryers Hill. At 8.15 pm we will be at the Wheel, Naphill and at 9pm we will be singing at the Harrow, Hughenden Valley.

December 21st is the date for Carols by Candlelight in the Naphill Village Hall. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards. The service starts at 4 pm. Everybody welcome.

Norma Clarke

Happy Christmas from the 3 Ministers

The bizarre snowfall in October reminded me of the carol "Cradled in a manger, meanly" with words:- "who have winter but no Christmas", describing people "who have never listened to the message of thy birth".

Few in the UK have not heard of Christmas, but some have never listened to the message, and live their lives in the cold of spiritual winter, rather than the heart-warming of Christ's coming.

May your Christmas be peaceful.

Rev. Simon Cronk - *St. Michael and All Angels*
Pastor Bob Semple - *The Father's House*
Rev. Mike Hill - *Naphill Methodist Church*

St. Michael and All Angels

Sun 21st December

10.30 am Christingle and Children's Nativity
6.00pm Candle lit service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Christmas Eve

3 pm Crib Service
11.15pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion
9.00am Choral Matins and distribution of Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Communion
5.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Naphill Methodist Church

Christmas Eve

11 pm Holy Communion by Candlelight

Christmas Day 10.30 am

The Father's House

Christmas Day 10 am

County Councillor's Report

The Festive Season will soon be upon us and hopefully will lift the doom and gloom of the current economic crisis. We have already had a taste of winter conditions in October, with the unexpected snowfall that threatened to cut us off from travelling out of the villages. I was assured that the roads had been salted twice during the late evening but driving to Aylesbury the following morning was certainly hazardous, especially through Loosely Row.

There has been a concerted effort to alleviate the problems of parking outside the Co-op store in Walter's Ash. The black bollards are not to everyone's taste but they have prevented obstruction to the vision splay on the entry to Ash Close. At the well attended Residents meeting on 13th November, the majority of those present felt that they had provided an improvement but that more was needed to be done. For the safety of pedestrians, the bollards will have a reflective strip around them, to show up at night time. The Highways Department is considering further methods of alleviating parking congestion by marking out bays on the roadside and some additional "white lining". There was a general reluctance to use yellow lines but the police are asked to continue ticketing cars

that are parked in such away as to impede pedestrians, especially those pushing children's buggies or wheelchairs.

For some time I have noted that the centre white lines on Coombe Hill Lane and the Main Road through to Bradenham turn have become almost obliterated through wear. Although not a problem on light summer evenings, it is a further driving hazard in winter conditions. The good news is that the order has been placed for their repainting in the near future. Furthermore, I am assured that the missing "cats eyes" on Coombe Hill Lane and parts of Main Road will be replaced at the same time as the line painting.

My leadership fund has now been allocated to various good causes in the Hughenden parish with money to the Horticultural Society, the School, the village hall piano and the new projection screen. A further donation is with Hughenden Parish Council for playground equipment at the Naphill playing field.

With Christmas soon to be with us, I wish all readers a very happy time and every best wish for the coming year.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor's Report

A big well done to the fireworks organisers for the wonderful and heroic display on 1 November. We were amazed at the spirit of both the organisers and public who turned up, in what materialised as a brilliant display, despite the torrential rain.

I was also pleased to see so many people at the remembrance service on the 9th. This is a sure sign that people do come together in unity when there are other pressing issues, both home and abroad.

The residents association meeting on the 13th highlighted the good progress to date with contributions from our local businesses, school representatives and in particular, the Co-Op and RAF. As you know bollards have been installed. The Co-Op has also made progress with delivery time changes. Going forward, the next steps are to free up two staff permanent spaces from the Co-op, the RAF to request the use of the strip of land at the front of the building (by Woodcock Avenue) and for the painting of four actual parking spaces on the road, which in itself should act as a natural traffic calmer. I am hoping this will mitigate the speeding along the main road. A temporary speed device will also be placed along the main road. We still await progress on the school walking. We should of course still consider walking a little more. I look forward to a review meeting in six months.

Finally, with challenging economic times, I thought it appropriate to mention the work of the Citizens Advice Bureau. I was not aware of the increased

volume in both calls and cases during 2007/2008. Despite all this, in Wycombe alone, they have 65 volunteers whom offered advice on 17,000 new cases and received over 24,000 phone calls. They offer free, fair, confidential and independent advice. www.citizensadvice.org.uk or telephone 01494 448281.

Both Julie and I wish you all a happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

John Gibbs

Hughenden Parish Council

Hughenden Parish Council held an open meeting for all members of the Parish on Thursday 23rd October 2008 at 8pm at Hughenden Valley Village Hall. The Council was delighted that approximately 70 people attended. Perhaps, due to the venue, the majority of attendees were from Hughenden Valley.

Steve Rodrick from the Chilterns Conservation Board, and a resident of Naphill, came along and gave a wonderful talk about the work carried out by the Chilterns Conservation Board. His presentation made everyone think about the conservation of this wonderful area that we are lucky to live in.

A questionnaire was made available on the night so that Council could gauge how happy parishioners are with the work that is being done by the Parish Council and to identify possible areas for the Council to take action on in the future. Twenty five responses were received. These are summarised below:-

The majority of people were aware of when and where the Council meetings are held, although a few were not. Thirteen people had had occasion to contact the Parish Council and all but one were happy with the response.

Allotments were considered to be of value and a great amenity although more visibility of vacant plots is required. There was also a suggestion that sheds should be allowed.

Play areas were felt to be well managed and looked after and open spaces were felt to be very important to retain as "green lungs" within the Parish. The Garden of Rest at Four Ashes was considered an excellent facility.

There was some concern about hedges in the Parish in general, with no real knowledge of what is done by the Parish Council compared to the other authorities. It was also considered that the bus shelters owned by the Parish Council should have a marker of some description and be kept clean.

As far as planning is concerned, there was an insistence that some decisions of the District Council seem a bit odd but it is felt to be important to maintain the AONB.

With regard to managing the Council's assets, most

were very satisfied, as they were for the provision and accessibility of playground facilities. On contributing to environmental improvement within the Parish boundary, all respondees were more than happy with the Council's performance. The Garden of Rest also got very good comments.

As for future projects, most concern was expressed about speeding and anti-social behaviour with road conditions and fly tipping a close second. Rather surprisingly, prevention and detection of crime and drugs caused lesser concern, but that might be because this is really a matter for the Police and people may have felt this was the wrong direction for the Parish Council to take. Planning issues remains a concern for some.

All in all, the Council was very happy with the response, which confirms that they are doing the job that the Parishioners elected them to do and most people who spoke to members at the meeting seemed happy to be living in this wonderful area and happy to continue to see the Parish Council protect and enhance it. This report will be placed on the Council's website, which I would encourage you to use, at

www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

You can contact the Clerk, Lynne Turner, on 01494 715296 or by email on hughendenpc@btconnect.com.

The Clerical Assistant, Emma Marsden is also available on the above number or by email on office.hughendenpc@btconnect.com.

Lynne Turner - Clerk to Hughenden Parish Council

Naphill & Walter's Ash Youth Questionnaire

Thank you to those who completed the Youth Questionnaire. The prize draw has been carried out and the lucky winner notified. We are currently analysing the replies and I will include the results in the February Gazette. There wasn't a huge response, which was a bit disappointing, however the information we did receive will be very useful when developing our strategic plans. You will be pleased to hear that in general our young people enjoy living here and feel safe here.

Judy Whitehouse

Bradenham Parish Council

Bradenham Parish Council met on the 10th November. Sarah Oborn was co-opted as a new councillor. The Parish Council was delighted she was willing to make this commitment. The Parish is lucky to be served by two newsletters, the Gazette and Contact. Contact is the church magazine that goes to the houses in Bradenham village; they do not get the Gazette. Mr. Phil Crawshaw, the Contact correspondent for Bradenham, came and explained how the magazine was put together, how the financing worked and what

the deadlines were. This was very helpful and the Parish Council would try to get more copy into the magazine, but it only meets every 2 months and we did not have enough news for a whole page. The meeting decided to ask for a speed indicating device to be placed on Bradenham Wood Lane, in the village, to warn traffic if they were exceeding the speed limit. One of these is usually available for a week or two. Watch out for the "smiley face" when you drive through the village at 30mph or less.

Under the Freedom of Information Act the public can request information from the clerk. Please contact the clerk if there is anything you would like to know.

Extensive refurbishment of the bus shelters on the A4010 was discussed, but it was decided that rebuild was too expensive looking at the numbers of people who use the stops. They will therefore ask for some repairs to the shelters.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th January 2009 at 7.30pm in the Cricket club.

Deirdre Hansen - Clerk to the Council, 562254

Naphill Evening WI

SNOW IN OCTOBER....! Well, never mind the dark nights and the continual rain, what about the autumn colours. Have they not been breathtakingly beautiful? How lucky we are to live in the Chilterns.

Going back to October 16th we had the annual meeting and the committee was voted in once again, sorry to say no new faces. June decided to step down and will be missed for her contribution. Nancy was voted president and agreed to stand for another year. Beryl brought along her music, we ate scrummy cakes and had some social time. The Group meeting on the 23rd October was held at Flackwell Heath and it was a very pleasant surprise to hear the talk on "Not Just Churches".

Anna Conti proved to be an excellent speaker, and it was a shame it was an unusually poor attendance. Unfortunately the Aylesbury Council Meeting was on the same day, so this could account for the lack of numbers. Needless to say we did not win the competition but the successful entry was an outstanding "screen" of stained glass. Several members went to the Council Meeting which finished with speaker Kate Adie talking about her life as a war correspondent.

The Remembrance Sunday service was held at the Village Hall on the 9th November, Nancy laid a wreath, as did a representative of all the other Naphill groups. Fortunately the rain kept off whilst they did so and many people paid their respects to those who gave their lives.

On the 13th November Jess and Dorothy attended the Flackwell Heath Birthday party; what a delightful evening - lovely food, ever so friendly ladies and piano

music and entertainment about the life of Ivor Novello. Well worth turning out in the rain for. Our meeting on the 20th November, "History of the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists" will occur after we go to press and you can read about it in the next Gazette, the same for our Christmas lunch outing to Aylesbury on the 24th November.

December will be another busy month with parties and mince pies, not forgetting the Christmas Fayre on the 6th December. Small prizes for the WI tombola stall are needed, please take to Jenny at the Village Hall by 9.30am on the morning. We will also need help in the kitchen if you can spare an hour. Now to our Christmas Party, remember it is on the 11th December, a week earlier in the month than our usual meeting. Bring some food as usual, and do not forget a present for the bran tub, value £2. There will be surprise entertainment, and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Now on to 2009! The next meeting of the WI Book Club will be on the 13th January. We met at Betty's home on the 12th November, and had a lovely social evening discussing the last book we read "The Welsh Girl". We are hoping to obtain books from the library in the future. Our monthly meeting will be on the 15th January when Mrs Valerie Edwards will talk on "The Time Team at Chenies Manor". This will be an OPEN Meeting, so do bring along friends and family, as it is bound to be an interesting evening. Then on the 28th

CHRISTMAS FAYRE BOOK STALL

We will be running a very small book stall at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6 December and would welcome very good condition paperbacks and children's books only please, by Friday 5 December.

Call Sally 562281 or Pauline 564226

we have the theatre trip to "Carousel", all details from Marion Lawrence as usual.

We close by wishing all our readers a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018

Naphill Neighbours

ANTARCTICA - THE LAST GREAT WILDERNESS was the subject of Dr. John Noakes' interesting talk at our November meeting. He had sailed from the Falkland Islands via South Georgia to the Antarctic and Elephant Island in a Russian icebreaker with a small group led by experts, including Tony Soper. Dr Noakes' journey was illustrated by beautiful slides of wildlife (five different species of penguin, albatross and other sea birds) and mountains, glaciers and icebergs. Breathtakingly majestic scenery - but a bit too cold for



**WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A HEALTHY 2009**

my liking!

By the time you read this we will have experienced the spectacular 20th BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL TATTOO at the National Indoor Arena.

We are looking forward to our club's Christmas Dinner on Monday 8th December when, after the delicious traditional meal we will be entertained by Mrs. Betty Page with TALKING HATS. A gentle reminder to our members and guests to arrive no earlier than 6.30pm and no later than 6.45pm on this occasion.

Our first meeting on the new year will be on Monday 12th January 2009 when Mrs Maureen Davis will tell us about MISS DOVE AND MRS TILBURY - HEADMISTRESS AND HOUSEMAID AT WYCOMBE ABBEY SCHOOL. The tea hostesses will be Penny Leggett, Helen Collins and Viv Baker. Unfortunately, we do not have access to the main hall of the Village Hall as early as we would have wished so, regrettably, we must ask you not to arrive before 8pm for our future meetings.

Wishing all our members a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

We were very pleased to welcome Councillor Richard Pushman to our meeting. Richard had two cheques to present to us from his Community Leaders fund. One of these was to help us to purchase the new projector screen and the other was towards the new piano. This piano is now in the Hall ready for use. We have ordered a set of gliders to help us to move it without marking the floor. It is a great improvement and we have not only Richard to thank, but also the

Naphill - Walter's Ash PAST TIMES EXHIBITION

Saturday February 14th 2009

10am - 4pm

**Admission £2.00
(children under 12 free)**

Tea/coffee and biscuits

Mark this date on your 2009 calendar as there is no January Gazette. The proceeds will be for Village Hall Funds.

I would like to wish all my village friends a peaceful and healthy Christmas and new year.

Pam Smith

fund set up in memory of Iris Smith, who was the pianist for many years for the ballet classes. As you know we have wanted a new piano for several years and it is great that with this help we have been able to fund one. A plaque in memory of Iris will be placed in the Hall by the piano.

You will have seen that the graffiti that was on the doors of the Hall has been removed. We had a very good response for the District Council who did an excellent job removing the graffiti from the doors, the back of the practice wall at the Tennis Courts and off the new play equipment in the play area. Our grateful thanks go to the graffiti removal team.

We have new posts around the car park. These are necessary to stop unwanted vehicle access onto the Crick. While we had the machinery in to build the bonfire, it was a good opportunity and we would like to thank Clive Lawrence for getting this done. Clive has also been instrumental in putting up the new fence around the "Christmas Tree". It is a great improvement on the tatty hedge. Many thanks Clive for all your hard work.

The fireworks went ahead as usual despite the dreadful weather and made a profit, but obviously nowhere near the sum we have been making over the past few years. Our thanks go to the team of workers who braved such hideous conditions and put on the display despite getting soaked through.

Our next event is the CHRISTMAS FAYRE on SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER. We have all the usual attractions including the grotto and Santa for the children and stalls with present ideas and of course mulled wine and mince pies for the adults. Make sure you are there.

It seems very early now as I write to wish you all a Happy Christmas and all the best for 2009 but it is the last chance before the festive season. Enjoy yourselves.

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

Naphill Horticultural Society

Our recent Cheese & Wine evening was a huge success. With 100 people present on the night it was a record! I hope that those of you who were able to come along enjoyed the evening, and apologies to those on the waiting-list who could not be fitted in.

If anyone is 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 13th March 2009. Details later, but make a note in your diaries.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, thank you for all of your support over the past year, and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Cathryn Carter

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Following the 8th May Public Meeting, Ms Si Khan, for Bucks CC Highways Authority, returned to discuss further measures to improve road safety and regulate parking around the Co-op, in addition to the bollards already installed at the end of Ash Close.

The meeting was chaired by NAWARA chairman Marek Pawlik. Others present included County Cllr Richard Pushman, District Cllrs John Gibbs and David Carroll, Parish Cllrs Peggy Ewart, Phil Crawshaw, Julia Gibbs, and Judy Whitehouse also Chairman of School Governors, School Governor Stuart Hall, Bradenham PC Chairman Ken Hales, Lyn Raven, Co-op Store Manager, RAF representative Wg Cdr Neil Sturtridge, Optometrist Leigh Lewis and sixty residents who all took part in a lively debate to find solutions. Si Khan stressed that measures taken, subject to legal and budgetary constraints, would be those wanted by the majority of residents and others concerned.

It was agreed to proceed immediately where possible with (1) Marked parking bays on Main Road. (2) White, advisory, no-parking lines on the road outside the shops near the garage and outside the Co-op (3) Bollards on the pavement either side of the Co-op car park. (4) Acquisition of some land in front of RAF building south of Co-op to provide several parking spaces. (5) Acceptance of Leigh Lewis's offer to provide two or three parking spaces for Co-op staff behind her building. Yellow lines were also discussed but no action is to be taken at this time.

Bucks CC speed check research has shown that most drivers are within the speed limit. However, there is a perception of many being outside it. Flashing warning signs known as TSIDs and laser guns were discussed as useful means of slowing traffic and obtaining evidence of speeding, if it is occurring.

A further Public Meeting will be held in 6 months to review progress. There was general appreciation of the input of Highways, Councillors, Co-op, RAF and all concerned, to find ways to improve safety.

Planning:

08/7314/FUL 3 Hychenden Close, Naphill. Construction of single storey side and rear extensions following demolition of existing garage and utility room.

08/7386/FUL Alvanlea, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Construction of single storey side and rear extensions and associated roof extensions and alterations.

08/7404/FUL No. 2 Site, RAF High Wycombe, Bradenham Wood Lane, Walter's Ash. Removal of existing temporary garages, alteration and extension of the existing car park to include existing maintenance compound to provide additional 41 car

parking spaces, 9 additional disabled spaces and 9 motor cycle spaces (131 in total) resurfacing, new lighting layout and surface drainage alterations. (There are serious concerns. The lighting is to be on 12 six metre poles which will cause light pollution. The surface is non-porous tarmac, which is not an approved method of surfacing, and it is questionable whether the alternative drainage will cope with the excess surface water).

Date of Next Meeting.

A week earlier than normal at 8pm, Thursday 4 December 2008

Gloria Leflaive 01494 563634

Naphill Mini-Market

My name is Sharry Singh and I am the proprietor of the MINI-MARKET in Main Road, Naphill. This is the only grocery store in Naphill and we stock a comprehensive line of foodstuffs and household commodities. Anything not in stock we can acquire in a day or to.

We also have a paper delivery service and a flourishing off-licence.

May I suggest that you come along and see what there is? Without your support Naphill risks losing another local amenity.

Sharry Singh

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from The Wheel

Well October was a very busy month which is why we forgot our article for the November Gazette... sorry! So what was happening? Well, we had another very successful Beer Festival where we sold out of 27 barrels of Ale in a hectic three days. The music played by James Henton was brilliant, and he had all in the marquee singing along, which created a fabulous atmosphere that some of you may have heard.

October also saw our Las Vegas / Casino evening which was a very entertaining night. We had roulette and blackjack tables, Marilyn Monroe and James bond outside, the whole pub decorated in glitz and glamour (ish), but best of allthe customers who joined us in dressing up. Everyone made a huge effort by wearing suits, tuxedos and cocktail dresses which created an authentic atmosphere and contributed to a very successful evening. Thank you.

With all the wild weather over the last few weeks, our already rotting fence was given a helping hand in falling over by the strong October gusts. Also affected by the weather was the village bonfire night. Unfortunately, it was not quite as busy as anticipated, but the fireworks team did a grand job on putting on a display which was definitely worth standing out in the rain for.

The Christmas month brings the carol singers to the pub on the 17th December (8pm), there will be lots of mulled wine, santa hats and mince pies available, to encourage everyone into singing along. Feel free to come inside and check our New Year and Christmas opening hours which are on display now.

Lastly our latest addition to the pub is in the form of a golden Labrador called Daisy. We have rescued her from Hearing Dogs and she is settling in well with all the staff, customers and most importantly Amber.

From all at the Wheel we would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, hope to be seeing you in 2009!

Claire & Mark

Merry Christmas from Leigh Lewis

I find it difficult to believe that I am writing a note to thank you all for your support as we celebrate our first birthday! The year has flown past.

We have striven to provide individual eye care. We all rely on good vision throughout our busy lives from:

- Children's achievement & confidence at school
- Productivity at work
- Sports performance
- Enjoying independence as we age.

Sight tests are available free on the NHS to many of us including school children & over 60's, 40+ parents diagnosed with Glaucoma, Diabetics. A range of fashionable spectacles are available FREE for school age children with a NHS voucher. Please phone us if you are unsure if you qualify for free sight test & spectacle vouchers.

We have received a selection of '09 spectacles fresh from the Paris Silmo frame fare.

The ranges include: ic berlin! Punched steel frames screwless hinges & feather light weight (www.ic-berlin.de) Winner Silmo award Inface - Danish design, Nodoka oriental titanium & Rudy Project Italian sports wear. In December we receive Kirk Originals (www.kirkoriginals.com) Funky highly individual spectacles. We have been of the first in the world to receive & supply the latest Trueye daily wear contact lens worn by some of our athletes at Beijing! www.otmagazine.co.uk/TruEye

We look forward to the New Year & wish you all a very happy Christmas & healthy 2009.

Janet, Jan, Lesley, Freda, Millie & Leigh

Age Concern - Make a Difference...



become a volunteer to help older people

You could help by being a befriending volunteer who spends an hour a week visiting a lonely, housebound

older person. Or you could be trained to help older people claim the welfare benefits to which they are entitled, which could make the difference between them having a warm home this winter or staying in bed wrapped in blankets.

If you are a problem solver and able to speak up for other people, you could be ideal as an volunteer advocate, supporting older people through a tangle of bureaucracy, or organisations just not listening to them.

Whether you are ready to use your existing skills or learn new ones ring us at 01296 431911
Email acb@ageconcernbucks.org.uk.

*Age Concern Buckinghamshire, 145 Meadowcroft,
Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 9HH Registered Charity No.
204798*

Missing Bracelet

Lost in October around the Naphill area a Silver bracelet/bangle set with light blue stones. This bracelet is of sentimental value and was given to me by my recently deceased husband. There is a reward for the return of the bracelet. Please contact Barbara on 01494 564160

Mavis Munger - nee Shrimpton

The death of Mum at Coombe Lodge Nursing Home brought her eventual relief from the torment of dementia. Although her passing was peaceful, her last few years were only made bearable by the patience and kindness of her Carers in Swan House and Coombe Lodge.

Mum was born to William and Lillian Shrimpton in 1913 in a farm cottage down Hunts Lane, Naphill. She had four brothers, William, Earnest (Pip), Jack and Gilbert who died in his twenties and three sisters Hilda, Flossie and Margaret. My Grandfather made tennis racquets from local wood and catgut prior to modern materials being used. Mum attended the local school, now the site of several houses, where she met Dad. She is thought to have been a good sprinter in her youth and enjoyed a game of tennis although her most athletic feat appears to have been climbing the school roof to strike the bell.

Margaret (Babs) went to what was then Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) with her husband and young son over sixty years ago where they worked as Missionaries. They established the Baptist Church in their adopted hometown of Gatooma. Her son and grandchildren are still in Zimbabwe.

On leaving school at fourteen, Mum walked the five miles each way to High Wycombe daily, in all weathers, to work in a furniture factory as a polisher. She ceased working in Wycombe when her first son was born in 1936. Unfortunately he lived only a few weeks. I was born two years later. Despite Dads enforced absence serving in the R.A.F. during the War, they had a

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**Mulled wine,
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wonderful marriage lasting fifty nine years until his death in 1993.

Mum and Dad lived for over thirty five years in a semi-detached house on Naphill common before moving to a cottage in Walter's Ash. The cottage was in the same row as Dad was born and grew up. Age eventually took its toll and she moved in to Care for her last few years.

One of my earliest memories is riding in a seat on the back of Mum's bicycle. We later progressed to a motorbike and a sidecar which I remember Dad building with Mums help on the kitchen table. This sidecar was much admired when we attended Grass Track racing or Scrambles around the area. Eventually progress gave way to various family cars such as Morris Minors, Austin Sevens and an MG, all Dad and Mums pride and joy. My childhood memories of Mum are of walks collecting wood and leaf mould, climbing the large beech and oaks, picnics on "the clumps" and

walking to Hughenden Park. My early sporting memories are of cricket and football on "the diamond patch" and cycling around the common.

During the War, while Dad was away, Mum kept chickens and rabbits to supplement the meagre food available on ration. I was always being reminded of the tears I shed when told I had just eaten "Brownie" my pet hen. However difficult the times must have been, I still enjoyed a wonderful up-bringing and support in everything I attempted later in life.

Mum was not a great "socialite" but saw good in most people and always had a smile for people she met. Her pleasure in later life came from being with, or hearing of the exploits, of her grandchildren Andrea and James and great-grandchildren Katie, Isabel, Noah and Alfie. We plan to re-unite her with Dad by placing her ashes with his, in Bradenham Churchyard. Her passing brought her relief but she will be sadly missed.

John Munger

Bradenham Ham

Thanks to John Draper who spotted the information below in the Dukeshill Christmas 2008 catalogue:

"The Shropshire Black Ham Story

This most flavoursome of hams is the direct descendent of the historic Bradenham Ham. The Bradenham Ham didn't begin its life in Shropshire, or Wiltshire for that matter, it was invented By Lord Bradenham in 1781, and migrated from Bradenham Manor in Buckinghamshire in the 19th century. The



story is that the butler there fell out with his employer, moved to Wiltshire and took the recipe with him. He set up the Bradenham Ham company in 1781, and continued to manufacture on that site for almost 100 years.

Sadly, the unstoppable march of big business took its toll, acquisition after acquisition took place and before long the manufacture of so-called Bradenham Ham was a very unimportant part of a big corporation. Eventually, the management decided to stop production.

Fortunately we were able to recreate the recipe, and although we are unable to use the name Bradenham Ham, this wonderful ham lives on as our Shropshire Black.”

Fascinating stuff. My thanks to Dukeshill for their kind permission to reproduce this extract. They can be contacted on 0845 3700 129 and their web site is at www.dukeshillham.co.uk.

A View from the Bridge

The heading is absolutely appropriate. June and I are in the Crow's Nest of the ORIANA, surveying the rather murky waters of the English Channel as we approach Southampton after an enjoyable voyage to the Black Sea. Yalta and Odessa were the main objectives. We last visited them seven years ago and we wished to see how well they were recovering from their communist legacy. Both in fact are doing well. We particularly enjoyed the “village” band in Yalta playing in the main square adjacent to the water front, with hundreds of locals dancing (properly!) in the streets and generating a tremendous atmosphere. In Odessa, the Opera House which was literally falling down during our previous visit, had been rebuilt and was quite magnificent both without and within.

However, and this is the main reason for this article, the dynamics of the voyage were the torrents of horrendous financial news which pursued us throughout the cruise. To be perfectly frank I was a reluctant traveller because I knew that the financial world as we know it was about to collapse. In 1963 I was a student on a United States Staff College course and as part of the curriculum we were required to complete two non-military studies. My two were “The Bank Collapse of 1929-31” and “Rachmaninov”, a neat contrast in my view and both of great interest to me. In the Great Crash of 1929-31 the New York Stock Exchange collapsed and when the dust settled, figuratively, the Chairman was imprisoned for four years for financial fiddling. My reluctance to go on the cruise stemmed from my realisation that there were many parallels in the current situation with the 29-31 collapse except that I had a feeling that it would happen much faster this time because of the excess of credit in the financial system. And I knew from my 29-31 study that bad news comes progressively day by day, week by week and month by month and you wonder how Governments and Financial Institutions could behave so foolishly.

Who would have believed that local councils could put millions of pounds into the banks of a little place like Iceland with a population of only 300,000 and a sole export, fish. And how would the Cats Protection League invest £50 million in an Icelandic bank. It beggars belief. Sadly there will be further desperate developments and eventually the days of reckoning must come in terms of job losses and incomes falling.

Looking back over the years, my father was a highly qualified Naval Architect employed by Swan Hunter at Wallsend on the River Tyne. As a small boy I lived in some elegance, at Whitley Bay. We had a lovely house, a car, a cat and a dog and life was good. But it all collapsed suddenly in 1930. In that year NO SHIPS were built in the United Kingdom. We lost virtually everything and eventually moved to South Wales where my father obtained temporary employment through a fellow officer and friend from the 1914-1918 war. They were together in General Allenby's magnificent thrust through the desert to Damascus in Syria in 1918. And six years later (1934) he managed to convert his nautical expertise into design work for the Steel Company of Wales and a permanent job.

Doubtless many will find themselves in a similar position to my father, especially if they are employed in the financial sector. You can already note the reduction in cashier positions at the bank.

I have, naturally, to end on a positive note. Well first we must be thankful that Joseph Stalin is not with us. He would have relished the situation and capitalised on it rigorously. Secondly, my eye caught this recently, “Due to the present economic situation the light at the end of the tunnel has been switched off”. Let us hope that it can be switched on again ‘ere too long! And perhaps the weather Gods will give us a mild winter to make life easier all round and make us feel that nature at least is on our side. Perhaps we can also hope that the Christmas Spirit will inspire politicians and financiers to cope sensibly with our problems. As Treasurer of the Gazette I have written to H.M. Treasury offering my services to help them out but have no pt had a reply to my letter! But at least I can send subscribers best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

David Leith

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

Just a reminder that it is our Tinsel Tournament on 14th December. We wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Festival Fever Begins

Speen Festival 2009
Thursday 10th – Saturday 19th September 2009

Speen Festival 2009 is taking shape! Now in its 5th year, this biennial celebration showcases the very best artistic and creative talent from around the area. To ensure its continued success, we need you! So read on to find out how you can take part.

Kickstarting the festival will be the community theatre production, a truly spectacular show that sets the standard for the rest of the week's performances. Other firm favourites will include our mid-week jazz concert and our candle-lit recital in Speen Chapel. Also on the cards will be an exciting photographic competition; more challenging trials at the Speen Bike Park; a fun wildlife adventure, and the riotous children's theatre show, Teatro Unfortunato. Wrapping up the festival, will be our Cabaret Supper, an evening of stunning performances from the wealth of local talent.

What's new for 2009?

Brand new events include a lively science debate and a fascinating talk on astronomy by international broadcaster and writer Heather Couper. Also planned is "Speen Big Sing!" a grand celebration of singing for local people of all ages and to tempt you further still, Speen's first Food Festival, organised by the King William IV pub.

With such a full programme, we're looking for help on all fronts from the organisation of the events to your active participation in the productions. If you/your children would like to take part in the theatre production, block out a few Sundays from June/July plus the last week of August for rehearsal. To discuss your involvement, just call Sue Taylor, our Festival Secretary on 01494 488168 or mobile: 07810 318429 or email sue@dairymed.gotadsl.co.uk.

*Jem Symondson - Chair, Speen Festival 2009
Committee*

Naphill Brownies

Already Christmas is fast approaching and the Brownies are in full Christmas swing. We have been preparing our entertainment for the District carol service (Mon 8th Dec) and have been doing lots of lovely Christmassy crafts.

A few weeks ago we had a fascinating visit from a representative from "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf", who told us all about the clever dogs they train and taught us a bit of sign language.

Naphill Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 6th 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 me, Cathryn Carter on 563233.

Make sure you come along and have a great time.

Santa's Grotto

Raffle

Refreshments

Mulled Wine

Craft Stalls

Games

It was good to see so many Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at the recent Remembrance Service, especially on the 90th anniversary of Armistice. It is an important part of guiding/ scouting to be an active part of our community. So, well done to everyone who took part.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who help us to make Brownies possible, not just the leaders (young and not-so-young), but the parents who help out, the district & divisional leaders who co-ordinate guiding, the team who manage the Scout and Guide Hut to keep it fit for our use each week and all the others who get involved in some way. Thank you and Happy Christmas.

Ruth Daly

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

In October the school encouraged lots of our children to leave the family car at home and take part in "Walk to School Month". Each morning they had their walking passports stamped and in turn each received a small gold sticker and certificate listing how many times they walked to school. It was great to see so many children taking part and obviously enjoying the challenge of walking to school every day, no matter what the weather. Hopefully it was noticed too by the local residents who I'm sure would appreciate fewer cars coming and going from outside the school gates.

Over the next year the school will be working with the local authority to improve large areas of the school grounds. Most noticeably we will be digging out the drain on the playground which appears not to work very well! Other areas being targeted for improvement are the MUGA (Multi-use Games Area) and the staff car park. This will be a major building project which will pay long term dividends for all adults who work and use the school site and improve the playground facilities we have here which are often spoilt by large amounts of surface water.

We are delighted to announce that the celebrated children's author, Adrian Townsend, visited the school in November. Adrian came to promote his new book and was last in Walter's Ash six years ago at the very start of his writing career. He has since written six children's books and is always a popular guest at schools up and down the country.
<http://www.adriantownsend.co.uk/>

As some of you may have heard I have been offered the opportunity of being seconded to work for the Local Authority in the School Improvement Team for a period of two terms with effect from January 2009. With the governors approval this means that for the Spring and Summer Terms Miss Gwynn will be "acting up" as Acting Headteacher. Although I have found this a difficult personal decision to take it is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me personally and one that will benefit the school and its staff. Not only does it mean that a very competent Deputy Headteacher becomes a Headteacher in a known environment it also means that

when I return next year I will be able to bring back to the school my experiences and knowledge that I will have gained "in the field". Although based in High Wycombe I will be keeping in regular and close contact with the school and be popping in to see you all from time to time!

And lastly (for a while at least) my thanks to Councillor Richard Pushman, for his very generous award, to fund some specialist ICT software. This software is proven will enable children with reading and writing difficulties to make better progress than might be expected.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone.

Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher

Little Ash Pre-School

With the festive season fast approaching it is an extremely busy but exciting time for Pre-school with all the Christmas preparations taking place. We are all very much looking forward to our first Christmas in the new pre-school building.

Autumn/Winter Term

You may recall that the theme for the first part of the half term was journeys. The children have been busy discussing different modes of transport and how they travel to and from Pre-school. They also looked at Rail and Track, On or Under Water and Through the Air. All these topics are geared round the children having fun while helping them to learn.

CHRISTMAS GROTTTO - Saturday 6th December

It is somewhat of a tradition for Pre-school parents/carers to organise the grotto at the village hall Xmas fayre with this year being no exception. This involves a great deal of effort from willing parents/carers and of course Santa's little helpers to transform an area of the village hall into a "Magical Winter Wonderland".

The children then have the opportunity to write & post their Christmas wish lists to Santa. Also Santa has very kindly agreed to take some time out from his busy schedule to make a special appearance to meet the children.

Una McNamara

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 meet every Thursday (term-time) at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm. Admission price per session: £2.00 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