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## 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	2–3.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30–7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday	3.45 - 6.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8–9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8–9.30pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1–2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday – Forge Road – Village Hall	10.30am–1.15pm 12.15–12.50pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	1–3pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays NWA School	9.30–11.00am
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays RAF Sports Field	9.30–11.00am
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays The Crick	9.30–11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8–10pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45–10.45am
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10am onwards
	Each Thursday (April–September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April–July)	Group 1, 5pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April–July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8–10pm
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- New season seed potatoes and seeds alongside "It's Sow Easy" propagation range
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#### January

- 14th Blood Donors - Village Hall
- 21st FONC AGM - Village Hall 7.30pm

#### February

- 13th FONC Working Party - meet Common end of Forge Road 10.00am
- 21st FONC Walk for Health (local) - meet Village Hall 10.00am
- 25th Quiz Night - Village Hall 7pm (tickets required)
- 27th FONC Working Party - meet Common end of Forge Road 10.00am

#### March

- 4th Horticultural Society Dinner - Village Hall 7.00pm (tickets required)
- 5th Brownies & Guides Jumble Sale - Village Hall 2pm
- 13th FONC Working Party - meet Common end of Forge Road 10.00am
- 21st Horticultural Society AGM - Village Hall (Small Hall) 8pm
- 22nd FONC Walk for Health (local) - meet Village Hall 10.00am

#### April

- 18th FONC Walk for Health (Bledlow 4 miles) - meet Village Hall 10.00am

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<b>Bradenham Parish</b>	Deirdre Hansen	562254	(Parish Clerk) <a href="mailto:clerk@bradenham.org.uk">clerk@bradenham.org.uk</a>
<b>Brownies (Naphill)</b>	Ruth Daly	565571	Thursdays 6–7.15pm Scout & Guide Hut
<b>Brownies (Walter's Ash)</b>	Lesley Hamer	473502	Mondays 6–7.30pm RAF Community Cent.
<b>Community Police Officer</b>	Lee Turnham	736773	Shoulder No: 3146
<b>County Councillor</b>	Richard Pushman	564152	<a href="mailto:richard.pushman@btinternet.com">richard.pushman@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Cubs - Naphill</b>	Ed Atwell	563668	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm Scout & Guide Hut
<b>Cubs - Walter's Ash</b>	Rachel Brace	564679	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm RAF Comm. Cent.
<b>District Commissioner</b>	Lesley Hamer	473502	Guides and Brownies
<b>District Councillor</b>	David Carroll	716967	<a href="mailto:david_carroll@wycombe.gov.uk">david_carroll@wycombe.gov.uk</a>
<b>District Councillor</b>	John Gibbs	565544	<a href="mailto:john_gibbs@wycombe.gov.uk">john_gibbs@wycombe.gov.uk</a>
<b>District Councillor</b>	Richard Pushman	564152	<a href="mailto:richard.pushman@btinternet.com">richard.pushman@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Football Club (Junior)</b>	Bob Hathaway	563332	
<b>Football Club (Men's)</b>	Matt Gunnell	07738 467959	
<b>Football Club (Secretary)</b>	Clive Rowland	01296 582284	
<b>Friends of Naphill Common</b>	Trevor Hussey	563767	<a href="http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk">www.naphillcommon.org.uk</a>
<b>Gazette</b>	Judy Whitehouse	562742	<a href="mailto:judy@judyq.demon.co.uk">judy@judyq.demon.co.uk</a>
<b>Guides (Naphill)</b>	Toni Green	562089	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm
<b>Horticultural Society</b>	Cathryn Carter	563233	<a href="http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk">www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk</a>
<b>Luncheon Club</b>	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm
<b>Men's Club</b>	Andrew Wilmot	562770	<a href="mailto:naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk">naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk</a>
<b>N. Neighbours</b>	Sheila Rolfe	562888	Every 2nd Monday of the month at 8pm
	Hazel Vickery	563977	
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<b>Pre-School (Little Ash)</b>	Debbie Conn	564037	Alt: 01494 563832 (am) or 07907 102149
<b>Residents Association</b>	Gloria Leflaive	563634	<a href="mailto:glorialeflaive@msn.com">glorialeflaive@msn.com</a>
<b>School</b>	Kerenza Gwynn	562813	<a href="http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/">http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/</a>
<b>Scout Group - Naphill &amp; Hughenden</b>	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Mondays & Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday, Scouts on Thursday evenings
<b>Viper Explorer Scouts</b>	Nick George	562846	Friday 7:30–9:30 Naphill
<b>Surgery Pharmacy</b>	Enquiries	565458	8am–12.30pm and 1.30–6.15pm
<b>Tennis Club</b>	David Fletcher	532195	<a href="mailto:david@tvemf.org">david@tvemf.org</a>
	Sue Crooks	562539	<a href="mailto:Smcr2000@aol.com">Smcr2000@aol.com</a>
<b>Village Hall</b>	Bookings	565604	<a href="mailto:mdbaclarke851@btinternet.com">mdbaclarke851@btinternet.com</a>
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## Editorial

Happy new year everyone!

I love this edition as when it arrives I know spring is on the way. To get you in the mood, the next few covers will be the garden photos sent in last summer. We have some beautiful gardens in Naphill & Walter's Ash and it is lovely to be able to celebrate them. Here is a simply stunning one for starters. I have no idea whose it is (apart from the fact that they are neighbours of Daisy Leek) but their garden is clearly a labour of love. Well done to them.

## New Editor wanted

I have had the honour and privilege of being Editor of the Gazette for over five years now and have loved every minute. However I feel 2011 is the year that I should look for a successor. There are two reasons for this. Firstly, and most importantly, I have about exhausted all my ideas and it needs someone to come in with a fresh approach and put their own mark on our splendid village publication. Secondly, I am in the process of starting up a new business and I would not want the Gazette to suffer as a result of my having less time and focus.

Before I hand over, I am going to get the Gazette registered with the Charities Commission and draw up a proper constitution that I hope to share with you in the next edition. The main reason for this is to protect our village publication from possible financial exploitation in the future. Methods of targeted local advertising are much in demand at present and commercial organisations are starting to produce their own "village" publications and websites for profit. I believe we need to ensure that the Gazette retains the right balance of content and adverts and that if any surplus funds are generated they are used for the benefit of the village as a whole.

So if you live in Naphill or Walter's Ash, are computer literate, have a few spare hours a month and believe wholeheartedly in maintaining our community spirit then this could be the job for you. It is entirely voluntary of course but I will provide training, a phased handover and I can thoroughly commend the role as you meet so many interesting local people.

If you would like to discuss the job in more detail then drop me an email or give me a call and we can have a chat.

*Judy Whitehouse*

## County Councillor's report

The reduction in the recent Government grant was largely foreseen when the County Council undertook its budget review last November and measures were put in place to reduce our expenditure by 15% in the coming year. Nevertheless any cuts are difficult and in some cases distressing, especially in the area of adult

social care. There is now a big exercise taking place in consultation with the public and users of council services and I ask all readers to participate in this survey where they feel able.

We are now back into the pothole season made far worse this New Year because of the hard winter. There is no doubt in my mind that the loss of the regular five-year programme of "slurrying" or sealing of rural roads with liquid bitumen was a mistaken decision in the interests of economy undertaken about ten years ago. The county is putting a higher proportion of capital expenditure into transportation, including roads and paths, during these coming years and I hope that we will see some improvements locally. I have made a bid for renewal of road lining and the incorporation of "cat's eyes" on the bends along Main Road.

Our Trading Standards team are ever vigilant of illegal business practices. A local jewellery company, and the company director, were fined £450 each at High Wycombe Magistrates' Court on 10 January for displaying the National Association of Goldsmiths Grant of Arms without the necessary authorisation to do so. The court heard that by falsely alleging membership of the trade association, the business and company director in this case were unfairly taking advantage of that claim, without having been subject to the trade association's checks or having paid the cost of membership. The Court's verdict should act as a warning to unscrupulous businesses that they cannot get away with acting dishonestly.

Congestion, bad neighbourhood relations and poor air quality could be reduced outside schools, thanks to new guidelines from Transport for Buckinghamshire aimed at cutting down the number of drivers parking near school gates. Families are being encouraged to park further away to make life safer for pedestrians by using 'Park and Walk' sites – areas designated as a place to park so that families walk the remainder of the distance to school. A bonus is that this will encourage a more active, healthier journey to school, helping pupils to develop road safety skills as well as allowing them to develop as independent travellers.

My Community Leadership fund so far has benefited the Naphill Luncheon Club and supported the Hughenden Valley volunteer shop. I am making available further funds for the land transfer at Pipers Lane to provide a much needed footpath and the funding of speed indicators for the villages in my Division of Greater Hughenden. I do have further applications to consider and any further requests must be made to me before the end of February.

The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is of National importance and we are all fortunate to have it on our doorstep. I despair at the prospect of HS2 desecrating it as it passes through the countryside and I am concerned at the prospect of a new stadium being built at Booker Air Park along with several hundred houses, this being in the Green Belt but more importantly of its impact on the adjacent AONB. I do hope 2011 will bring health and happiness to all

readers despite there being some serious problems still to address.

*Richard Pushman*

## **District Councillor's report**

Happy New Year!

Despite some tricky weather, the waste collections team deserve credit again for getting out and doing a sterling job. We had some challenging weather and, at the moment, I am minded that winter has a few weeks left. Remember January 2010?

You are probably aware the stadium consultation period ended and the Council has decided to proceed with examining the Air Park as the preferred option. There has been a lot of discussion, heated exchanges and residents concerns. In recognition of this, the Council sees that work remains to be done around issues about local transport, the environment, the Green Belt and with users at the Air Park. It also highlights that there should be more public consultation before any planning application. This is not a done deal and we expect a full and proper consultation.

The planning application to change the former hairdresser to a take-away was refused at the recent Planning Committee. This caused considerable concerns and is now the third application to go this way since 1991.

The Census 2011 will take place on Sunday 27 March 2011. What will it mean for you? Every ten years a census asks about work, health, national identity, citizenship, ethnic background, education, second homes, language, religion, marital status and so on. These statistics are then used to build a picture of today's society. Please complete this as fully as you can and watch out for the delivery from the Office for National Statistics.

Finally, I am very pleased to have donated £500 to Naphill Football Club from my community budget. This will provide the well overdue goal posts and netting.

*John Gibbs*

## **Hughenden Parish Council**

The Parish Council is pleased that it has managed to keep the precept at the same level as it was in the period ending March 2010. This means Wycombe District Council will be asked to include £157,000 in the Council tax for 2011/2012. This result has been achieved, in part, by lowering the allocation for possible major grants; if anything urgent arose, the Parish Council's reserves could potentially be slightly reduced to cover it. The allocation for the maintenance and repair of village hall playgrounds, and HPC-owned ones, is gradually being lowered from £30,000 pa at one time, to £28,000 last year, and to £25,000 this year. It has been possible to do this because all the

playgrounds are now in satisfactory order following a quite expensive few years making sure they are in good shape.

Within the £25,000 budget, £3510 has been allocated for the replacement of the suspension bridge at North Dean Village Hall; this is necessary because the present one is virtually 'worn out'. The Parish also intends to provide a roundabout suitable for accommodating a wheelchair at Templewood; this piece of equipment is dual use, providing something new for able-bodied children as well. This will cost £7000. Contracts of this size do, of course, get sent out for tender so the Council can ensure it gets best value. Playground equipment is expensive, which is why the Parish Council took on the responsibility from village halls. The Council's refurbished and extended play area at Great Kingshill also contains equipment suitable for children with disabilities.

The Council believes it should do what it can to enhance provision for parishioners across the ages, from play equipment to seats and bus shelters, to well kept allotment gardens, woodlands, conservation areas and playing fields. A parish council is in a unique position to provide facilities for local residents because it can do so through a precept that is sensibly set. The cost of the precept, to each household, is under £1 per week. It may be that, as the provisions in the Localism Bill become clear, parish councils will take on greater responsibilities. If it has the opportunity to do so there would be consultation at local level about what is feasible and affordable.

*Peggy Ewart*

## **Neighbourhood Police news**

Happy New Year from everyone on the Neighbourhood Team! Here is our report:

### **SPEEDING**

The SID device has been deployed in the Windmill Lane area of Widmer End. There were 59 vehicles checked in the 30 mph limit. The number of vehicles that fall into the prosecutable bracket is 27 out of 40 whilst the remaining 19 vehicles would be suitable for either No Further Action (below limit) or recommended for the Speed Awareness Scheme.

At the time of writing four dates have been set for January, with each ward having at least one SID deployment. If you are interested in seeing how the device works or in becoming involved in the process, please contact Natalie Hall or Lee Turnham at the above address or e-mail. We will then be able to inform you of the location and time that is appropriate to your ward.

A couple of letters have been received at the office in relation to speed/manner of driving during the winter months: these have been addressed and the owners of the vehicles have been spoken to. Advice was given.

## LITTER

The Skanska group have not been working of late and this has resulted in less litter. If the litter starts to gather when they return to work, could you please drop let the team know when and where and the matter will be dealt with robustly.

Around the area the litter content seems to have reduced. The NAG members need ideas from residents on how this can be maintained and reduced further. As posted before, there will be litter-pick days organised in the spring.

## PARKING

The parking issues around the schools are still on hold at this time. School terms will soon start and the monitoring and prosecution, if needed, will take place to deal with some of the issues raised in the surveys.

## OTHER MATTERS

There has been an increase in the theft from caravans that are parked and put into storage over the winter period unattended. If you have a caravan that has been stored, please check it regularly and consider installing a simple but effective alarm system. These can be adapted from shed alarms or bought from a caravan dealership where they will help you choose a suitable system.

## Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association

During 2010, Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association started 45 new schemes across the district. These involved the appointment of 75 new Co-ordinators. The result was that there are now 660 schemes and 1,205 Co-ordinators in the Association's area. These figures are destined to continue upwards with several more new registrations pending at the year end. If you are not already involved in Neighbourhood Watch, do seek further details from the local Watch co-ordinators published in your local Resident Newsletters.

**If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team, dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number 0845 8 505 505 and ask the operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office. The team would also love to receive any positive or negative feedback that you may have or any issues or concerns that you may wish to raise.**

*Lee Turnham*

## News from 'Christians in the Community'

Thanks must go to all the distributors of our service times on the Christmas cards that were delivered to nearly all our parishioners, and also to those who delivered boxes of mince pies (mostly in awful

weather). Thank you. At the Carols by Candlelight at the Naphill Village Hall on 19 December the retiring collection raised £111 for the Wycombe Night Shelter.

Our next committee will be on Thursday 3 February at Naphill Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

*Norma Clarke*

## Naphill Evening WI

February has arrived already, and it is cheering to know that spring is not too far away. Winter may be nearly over but memories of the harsh weather of December 2010 will live on. The snow and ice made it look so magical everywhere but it was very hazardous for getting out and about; consequently many events leading up to Christmas were cancelled. On 15 December, at the second attempt and between two lots of snow, a group of members made it to Waddesdon for a delicious Christmas lunch. Well done, Joan Kearsy, for managing to arrange this for us.

In early December, we held our Christmas party and members sat down to a cooked meal, and afterwards there was an entertainment by the Belmont Duo. And at the Christmas Fayre the, WI Tombola stall was a great success – our thanks to all who helped, and gave prizes. Also thanks to our members who helped in the kitchen.

January is the time for paying our annual subscriptions, and we look forward to another interesting and rewarding year with the WI. We are happy to welcome new members at any time, so come and join us.

Next Meeting: 17 February. Sherry Scott will tell us about the Burma Forces Welfare Association. Competition: a small collage representative of Burma (suggested size A4). Flowers: Pam Smith. Teas: Heather Budsworth, Pat Reid, Ginny Ratcliffe.

**Bring & Buy Sales Table:** Did you receive any unwanted Christmas presents, or buy too many? Please bring them along to the meeting and help raise funds for our WI.

On 4 January, Vera Burgess, one of our members, celebrated her 90th birthday. Many congratulations to Vera and we send our very best wishes.

*Nancy Hussey*

## Naphill Neighbours

By the time you read this our white Christmas – beautiful as it was for a short while – will hopefully be forgotten and we will be looking forward to seeing snowdrops and daffodils appearing in our gardens.

In January, Sheila welcomed members to our first meeting of 2011 and announced some of the plans for

## Visit to Mayor's Parlour

On November 16th the winners of my drawing and painting competition were invited with their families for an evening at the mayor's parlour. It was a wonderful evening which they all so enjoyed. They were able to view the historical artefacts held by the town, had a little tour followed by a tasty spread laid on for them. Thanks to our Mayor Jane White for this evening.

*Pam Smith - Past Times Exhibition*



The winners of the painting competition at the Past Times Exhibition with their brothers and sisters being entertained by the Mayor, Councillor Jane White, in the Mayor's Parlour



The Mayor, Councillor Jane White, and Pam Smith with the three prize winners:

**Emma Stillwell, Maille Scardin, Isabel Bond**

Displaying their prize winning drawings and paintings at the Mayor's Parlour on November 16th 2010.



this new year. They include two outings: On Tuesday 12 July to HIGHCLERE CASTLE where the television series "Downton Abbey" is filmed and on Thursday 25 August to CHENIES MANOR, an afternoon outing with tea. Please put these dates in your diary – full details will be announced later.

We once again enjoyed a fascinating magic lantern show given by Tony Brown and Gordon Casbeard. Their original Victorian glass slides reminded us of the very different world our forefathers lived in.

Our next meeting is on Monday 14 February when Margaret Deakin will be giving us an illustrated talk on SHACKLETON'S ANTARCTIC. Tea hostesses will be Val Gibbs, Janet King and Jo Keattch.

*Hazel Vickery 563977*

## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

In December we welcomed a new member to the Village Hall, David Kidger, who is the official Web Master. Our village website is now up and running and a mine of local information, with anything from details of events to how to locate local tradesmen. It's well worth investigating and we thanks David for the it hard work in setting it up and keeping it up to date.

The "Christmas Tree" received a significant trim and prune before the lights were added for this Christmas. As well as ensuring that the tree remains healthy, it also means that it is an easier shape for the gang putting up the lights to climb. Our thanks go to Arbourtech for doing this work and of course to the intrepid team of climbers who spent a cold and uncomfortable morning up the tree so that we can enjoy the wonderful spectacle of the lights. This year the number of blue bulbs had been significantly reduced as they seemed to dominate last year and the result was, as we know, just lovely. Thanks also to all of you who put money into the collection boxes around the village to help fund the lights. It is such a special part of our Christmas.

We have received planning permission to develop the coffee shop in the Sports Pavilion and I hope that by the time you read this it will be open. It will be a welcome addition to the facilities of the village and we wish Ruth and Amanda, whose venture it is, every success.

Hughenden Parish Council regularly inspect the facilities in the Play Area to ensure their continuing safety. It was noticed at the last inspection that the swings needed new bushes and will be out of action for a couple of weeks while this work is carried out. The demand is limited during the cold weather so we hope that you are not inconvenienced, and we thank the Parish Council for carrying out this work for us.

The Parish Council is also planning to install a roundabout in the Templewood playground. This will be robust enough to cater for disabled children, even in wheelchairs! It is good to provide for all the members of our community.

You may be seeing speed indicator devices along Main Road. These temporary devices are due to be installed soon to help traffic-calming through the village. Let's hope they have some effect.

We have had a request from the Blood Donor Service that the car park and paths round the Hall be cleared of snow and ice should there be bad weather during the booked sessions. If there is bad weather on their session on 18 February and you are available to come to the car park that morning with your shovel you would be very welcome.

Our next fundraising event is **THE QUIZ on 25 February**. Book your table, as it's always a good night despite Ted's jokes!

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

## Village Hall Christmas tree lights

Weren't the lights spectacular this year? So many people have commented on how wonderful they looked, particularly when the tree was covered with frost and snow, and the new sphere at the top is a wonderful addition to the display.

A huge thank you goes to the team, led by Mike Mason, who brave the elements each year to bring us all such joy, and cheer up the dark evenings. Thanks also to everyone who contributed towards the lights by putting a donation in one of the boxes in local pubs and businesses. The total in the boxes this year was a fantastic £323.16, which helps towards the running costs and insurance for Mike and his team.

I think we can safely say that our tree's future is bright!

*Cathryn Carter*

## Village Hall Christmas tree lights

We put up the lights on 27 November and took them down on 9 January. We had good weather on both dates, which was fortunate since the intervening period included the coldest December since records began in 1890 with snow on the ground for most of that month. We hope the lights brightened what was a very bleak period indeed.

The major thanks for this year go to our lead climber Mike Leggett, who was performing that arduous task for the 20 year in succession – a record. Mike and I have been putting up the lights for 35 years and we hope to be able to continue for a few more. The second vote of thanks must go to Mark Blamey of High Wycombe, who was providing the "cherry picker" from Arbourtech Services Ltd of Downley Road for the

second time – and thanks to Arbourtech who made no charge for the cherry picker. Certainly the cherry picker makes putting up the lights much easier. Mark was up on the platform of the cherry picker for three hours in quite cold conditions when we put the lights up and for two hours when we took them down. He also paid for the pruning of the tree. We are very grateful for the pruning which removed some of the growth obscuring the lights and made the task of erecting the lights easier.

The team on the ground this year consisted of Gary Putnam of Holmer Green, Mark Christian of The Wheel, John Harris, Ron Collins, Terry Aldridge, Glenn Gavin, Peter Brown, Peter Davis, Kevin Oxnard and myself. With 800 bulbs to be speedily fitted into 800 sockets, some members were complaining of repetitive strain injury! To boost the morale of the team, Claire from The Wheel brought out a tray of sandwiches on both occasions. Thank you, Claire.

Thanks are due also to Cathryn Carter who "managed" the pruning of the tree. She obtained planning permission from Wycombe District Council and briefed the pruning team on what was permitted – which was a 5% trim. Cathryn also placed the collection tins in the village shops. We are very grateful for the generous public contributions. We had two items of capital expenditure this year: for the sphere at the top of the tree which replaced the high-power filament lamps that are no longer available; and for extra red, yellow, green and white bulbs to replace half the blue bulbs (last year it was felt that the blue bulbs were too dominant so we halved them this year).

For the statistically minded, we used 800 bulbs, each with six LEDs and there were about 350 LEDs in the sphere, so we had about 5150 LEDs illuminating the tree! The combined length of the 20 garlands was about 980 ft.

Finally, a word of thanks to Marlène Mason, who provided the freshly-cooked mince pies and coffee that are so appreciated by the team.

*Mike Mason*

## Naphill Horticultural Society

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

Our next event is our Dinner & Entertainment on Friday 4 March: Doors open 7.15pm: Wine & Soft Drinks Bar. Tickets are now available, the £15 cost including a glass of wine and Society Membership for 2011. 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 :

Steak & Stilton Pie or  
Poulet Vallee d'Auge (Chicken thighs with Apple in a Calvados Sauce) or  
Mely Mushroom Wellingtons (vegetarian)

Boiled Potatoes with Butter  
Peas with Garlic & Bacon  
Roasted Vegetables

Brandied Mascarpone & Raspberries with Baby meringues or  
Warm Chocolate Brownie with Ice Cream & Hot Chocolate sauce

Tea and Coffee will follow.

As I write, our entertainment will be provided by the popular group TBA, but that will change!

Members and non-members are all very welcome, but I **must** have final numbers and menu choices by 25 February. Tickets always sell fast – so don't wait to be invited, just pick up the phone!

On Monday 21 March we hold our AGM at 8pm in the Small Hall. As always, all are welcome to come along and air their views, and we would love to see some new faces.

Looking forward to seeing you all on 4 March.

*Cathryn Carter – 563233*

## Friends of Naphill Common

[www.naphillcommon.org.uk](http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk)

Good news: one of our members, Margie McGregor – whom older inhabitants will remember as Margaret McCue – has donated £500. I am sure everyone in Naphill who cares about our Common will be grateful for her thoughtfulness and generosity. We have awarded her life membership and an assurance that we will spend the money as wisely as we can.

By the time you read this, our second AGM will have taken place. The winners of our photographic competition will have received a hearty round of applause and the audience will have enjoyed the talk on the history and archaeology of the local woodland by our eminent speaker, John Morris.

We should also have a new committee elected and our first task will be to organise a programme of activities, events and working parties for 2011. We hope to include more walks for health, a “mini-safari” aimed at helping children to enjoy a search for insects, another fungus foray, a bat detecting walk and so on. Any suggestions?

During 2010 we tried to combine enjoyable events with serious work. Our first major project was to replace the decrepit notice boards at the entrances to the Common with handsome new ones made to last from English oak and carrying a map to help walkers together with a space for notices. They were expensive, but thanks to help from members' subscriptions and several agencies, especially the Chiltern Conservation Board, they were all in place by the spring.



**Guides &  
Brownies  
Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 5th  
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.*

Our website, brilliantly designed and maintained by Peter Davis, continues to be well used, and a membership drive coordinated by our membership secretary Stephanie Morgan was a great success. We started the year with 112 members and ended it with 197, making us, I believe, the largest organisation in the village.

We helped a botanist from the Bucks County Council take cuttings from our four remaining juniper bushes. The cuttings are being nurtured up in Scotland and, if they flourish, we hope to re-introduce them in a couple of years' time. Other working parties made a start on clearing some of the paths on the Common, but we are only too aware how much more needs doing. Volunteers are welcome.

Ron Collins led a Walk for Health each month – venturing further afield this year. We held a very successful Rogation Day walk ‘beating the bounds’ of the Common and a midsummer's day picnic at the umbrella tree. Pete Legg kindly led a group on a tree recognition walk in September and in October we held another fungus foray, led by experts from the Bucks Fungus Group, which attracted over 30 people despite the rain. Meanwhile an entomologist had been surveying the Common's insects and has produced a useful report.

The year ended with a flourish. Neil Harris of The National Trust kindly agreed to a project to restore

some of The Clumps to something close to their original condition as fine landscape features. We set out on a series of working parties to clear away the scrub that had engulfed the rings of trees and we have already cleared two of the five Clumps. The National Trust will remove the huge piles of debris we have produced and they will use chainsaws to clear the larger bushes and saplings.

In the coming months the Walks for Health will not all be on the same day of the week. The programme is: Monday 21 February (local walk); Tuesday 22 March (local walk); Monday 18 April (Bledlow, 4 miles); Monday 16 May (Ibstone, 4 miles); Monday 20 June (Lane End, 5 miles). Meet at Naphill Village Hall at 10am. We will have working parties on The Clumps on Sunday 13 February; Sunday 27 February and Sunday 13 March, for which we meet at the Common end of Forge Road at 10am. If any of these activities are of interest to you, please join us.

*Trevor Hussey*

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

**Planning:** Applications to 1/12/10  
**10/07495/FUL** 2 Dene Cottages HA for construction of two-storey side and rear extension.

**10/07572/FUL** Highfield, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HA for erection of single-storey rear and side infill extension, insertion of one side dormer and three Velux roof lights in existing annex roof. Applications to 11/01/11.

**10/07865/FUL** 13 Louches Lane, Naphill. Construction of conservatory to rear. This will only impact on the neighbours who all support it.

**10/07848/FUL.** The Wheel, 100 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of single-storey rear extension. Strongly supported.

**10/07751/FUL** Timber Edge, Forge Rd., Naphill. Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof.

**Applications Refused** after widespread objection.  
**245 Main Rd.** Indian Take Away. Planning permission unananimously refused by WDC Planning Committee in spite of planning officer support. **Walter's Ash Service Station.** Change of Use from car servicing and repair business to car Jet Wash.

**Hughenden Parish Action Group.** A Parish wide group has been set up to deal with issues related to Hughenden Parish Council and to ensure there is a contested election on 5 May 2011. Find out more on websites <http://www.hp-action.org> and [hughendeneye.org](http://hughendeneye.org).

**Good Neighbour Network.** The recent heavy snowfall not only turned our beautiful Chilterns into a winter wonderland, and provided sledging excitement for our children, but also brought out the very best in our community with vulnerable and housebound people being helped by neighbours in all sorts of ways.

County Council plans are afoot to set up Good Neighbour Networks to reduce the impact of 'out of normal events' such as heavy snow, heatwave, flu epidemic, flooding. By February you will hear how you can be involved, if you are willing and able to do so.  
**Date of Next Meeting:** 8pm Thursday 10 February 2011, Naphill Village Hall.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## **Naphill Tennis Club**



### **SPECIAL RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS THIS SEASON!!**

A great opportunity to join our Rusty Racquets FREE Coaching (for those of you who haven't picked up a tennis racquet for a while) followed by Improvers' Coaching to keep you going!

All this plus Junior Coaching on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings for the youngsters as in previous years. Look out for posters or phone/email for the New Club Newsletter which comes out early March with all the details.

During January/February, we have club tennis sessions on Sundays starting at 1pm and on Tuesdays from 10am. We should be delighted if you would pay us a visit and join us for a friendly game and a cup of coffee. You don't need a partner – just turn up! For anyone new to the village, the tennis courts are on the far side of Naphill Playing Field and there is parking in the village hall car-park opposite the post office.

For further information, please contact Sue Crooks (Membership Sec) on 562539 or myself on 565406.

*Jenny Tench (Hon Sec)*

## **Fete – Request for tombola prizes**

We would be delighted to receive any donations you can give for tombola prizes. It's not too early to start dropping them in to us. We can be found a few doors along from Ron & Helen Collins, who ran the Tombola last year, at no. 4 Lacey Drive, off Chapel Lane. Your support is really appreciated and anything you can give (albeit nothing perishable at this point!) would be terrific! Thank you.

*Andy & Judy Pope*

## **Fete Day – 18 June 2011**

Once again we need the help and support of the village residents in the preparation for Fete Day. As a reminder, this year's theme is Musicals. We have a few requests below and would be very appreciative if you can help out with any of them.

Now that the Christmas season is over, we would like to give you the opportunity to put any unwanted gifts to good use. We rely heavily on donations for our Fete

Day tombola and grand prize. It does not matter how big or small, every donation is welcome. We do request that all donations be in new, unused condition. We are also in need of chipped or slightly damaged china. This includes plates, bowls, saucers or cups but please no glass, china only. We will be using this on Fete Day for a new game. Lastly, we are always in need of books and bric-a-brac items.

We can be contacted by the following email address [nwafete@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nwafete@hotmail.co.uk) and would welcome any feedback. Thanks again for your continued support.

*Fete Committee*

## Village Hall Quiz – Friday 25 February

We still have places for you at the annual quiz in The Village Hall so do phone Ted Chapman now and ensure a table for you and your team of four. It is always a super night out.

This year I would appreciate a little audience participation before the event. The 'naughty' jokes go down well with the naughty people of Naphill and Walter's Ash and I do hear of some crackers! If you know one that would be suitable please let me have it by email on [ted.chapman123@talktalk.net](mailto:ted.chapman123@talktalk.net). I will give credit to you if use one of your jokes but will also guarantee not to if you prefer to be anonymous.

We would also like your help with prizes for the draw. If you have something that you would like to donate please bring it along when you come to the quiz. A phone call to let me know of it would be appreciated on 563034. I hope to see you there for another fun evening.

*Ted Chapman*

## Luncheon Club

We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at Naphill Village Hall when we all get together at 1pm for 1.15pm to eat. Our menu varies each month and consists of a main meal, pudding and cup of tea or coffee all for £4. The meal is usually accompanied by our resident piano player Alan, the music contributing to the informal atmosphere for our senior citizens to come and chat to friends and meet new people.

Lately, numbers have decreased and we would really like to welcome more senior citizens to come and join us. So if you know any senior citizens out there who do not know about Luncheon Club, please pass the word around! If anyone is interested in coming along please ring either myself or Jan Gaunt on the numbers below.

We would like to thank Richard Pushman for kindly arranging for some money to be donated to the Luncheon Club from the Parish Leadership Fund. This will help us to buy essential equipment we need to keep this popular club running.

*Jan Gaunt 562282 & Helen Collins 562240*

## The Wheel

Happy New Year to everyone! What a cracking year we have just had. We must say a MASSIVE thank you to all our customers new and old for your continued support over this past year.

Back to December, we said a fond farewell to Bristol our quizmaster, who moved away back to umm... Bristol with his family and we wish him every success. He will be sadly missed, but he has promised us he'll be back in for a beer or two in the near future. So, Tim Page is our new quizmaster, and his first quiz was on 19 January.

Christmas Day was an amazing day. Following the Christmas Draw, we are still looking for Nick Buckingham and Chris who should come to claim their prizes. After we closed our doors, we had a lovely Christmas meal with 11 waifs and strays (and 150 Brussels sprouts), it ended up with lots drinking, silly games and Skippy gaffer tapped to a table! Big Thanks to Granny B and Pa for helping with Xmas dinner.

New Years was great fun too! Thanks to all who turned up in tartan and kilts! We must say congratulations to Stuart (Skatey) who correctly guessed 898 Ale barrels sold this past year, which is 218 up on 2009, a new pub record and a fantastic effort by the ale drinkers!

Now the festivities are over for another year, Mark, myself and the girls have found a few days to have a well deserved break from the pub. We spent four nights in a lovely log cabin in the New Forest, so thank you to Chloe and Ed for taking charge of the pub for us.

Lots going on in the next few months and here is just a few to mention:

- Quiz Nights with Tim – 2 and 16 Feb, 2 and 23 March at 8.30pm
- RBS 6 Nations 2011 – Starts 4 Feb – Wales v England at 7.45pm
- (All fixtures will be available in/around the pub)
- Valentines Party – Saturday 12 February at 8pm
- St Patrick's Celebrations – 17 March
- Mothers Day – 3 April – PLEASE book in advance!

And plenty more to come! Our brand-new website is [www.thewheelnaphill.com](http://www.thewheelnaphill.com) and you can follow us on Twitter – [thewheelnaphill](https://twitter.com/thewheelnaphill).

Finally, we say a massive thank you and goodbye to Nick (Skippy) who left on 5 Jan to go back to university in Australia. He has touched our hearts with his eccentric style and enthusiasm, and will truly be missed. However, we welcome Clare Gibbs and Alan Rae to the Wheel family. We also must thank every member of our staff for all their hard work, and continued support they have given us over this past year, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2011! All the best and here's to the start of 2011! Cheers everyone.

*Mark & Claire*

# **NAPHILL Village Hall Quiz**

*Who?*  
*When?* **?** *Where?*  
*Why?*

**Friday 25th 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)**

## **Information re Kate Cottage**

I have had several emails via the village website from the Riches family who are tracing their family history. At one time the family lived at Kate Cottage (they are not sure for how long, or whether they owned it, and why they left) and they would like historical information on Kate Cottage, for example when it was built and who has lived there. If you can help, please let me know and I will pass the information on.

*Judy Whitehouse 562742*

## **90th birthday thanks**

I was overwhelmed with greeting cards and gifts on my 90th birthday from the good folk of Naphill. Your kind wishes and gifts meant a great deal to me, and I send a sincere thank you to one and all for your thoughts. I hope the new year has lots of good things in store for you and that you all enjoy a successful and rewarding new year.

*Yvonne Bullock*

## **Greetings from Guyana!**

This time last year, I was appealing for support to get to Guyana. Well, now I'm just finishing my fourth month here, and what a four months its been! It

certainly hasn't been easy, but I'm now starting to really enjoy it and I can't wait to get back in January and build on the relationships I've made and get involved more in the community.

My village, Orealla, is very quiet and so remote that it takes five hours to reach the local town. As this can't be done without missing school due to village boat times, I have found the remoteness in terms of limited contact with friends very hard. My lack of reports has been down to the fact that I have only had internet for a total of three hours in the past four months!

I'm spending Christmas in Tobago, with the other volunteers for some fun in the sun, as its currently rainy season here so you can't go a day without at least one torrential downpour. It is still hot, however, and a 'cold' day is around 25-30 degrees. I laugh when kids in class complain of cold: my response is – try living in England!

Teaching has been a massive challenge, and I would love to say that I enjoy it and have mastered it but that's far from the truth. Naughty classes and my inexperience have been the main problems as well as pure exhaustion after a solid 15-week term. There's a lot of paperwork too, but now I know the system I hope next term will be a lot easier. It is very quiet here so usual daily routines involve a lot of 'liming' (chilling) in a hammock, and doing chores such as hand washing, which I strangely enjoy, but it helps that I get to do it in a river with an amazing view of Suriname across the water. I also love cooking here, something I didn't do much of back home. Guyanese food tastes great, but is very unhealthy so I run a lot here. However, running with a backdrop of jungle or a view of the river is a lot more enjoyable than down a road at home!

Some highlights of the past term include driving a tractor through the jungle, driving speedboats, swimming daily in the river, seeing wild monkeys and taking a boat trip up river to do some fishing. I even caught the first catch of the day!

I can't believe I've been away for four months: in some respects it seems forever, but in others it really has flown past. Homesickness has been the biggest struggle, but now that I am developing better friendships here and adjusting to Amerindian life, homesickness is easing and I really am growing very fond of Orealla. Thank you to all who supported me in getting here and I hope to be in touch again soon, even though accessing email isn't exactly easy!

If you would like more information I have written a newsletter about the past term in Orealla which is available from Ray or Mo Bedder.

*Lizzy Bedder*

## **Thank you**

I am writing to say how much I appreciate the help and support from my dear family, friends and neighbours during the recent cold and snowy weather. It makes it

very hard for me and people like me to get about normally and it is such a relief to know that you are there for me. Thank you all very much.

*Daisy Leek*

## **Email received via the village website 17/12/10**

I would like to express my extreme disappointment in the actions and words that residents of Naphill and Walter's Ash used towards me today, despite my volunteering my own time for over three hours this afternoon so that people could safely make their way home.

As I'm sure you are aware, the snow caught us out fairly unexpected today, which caused roads to become 'undriveable' and to a degree, life threatening to use.

My time was spent manually gritting, shovelling and guiding cars through Stocking Lane, followed by a long period of helping cars that were stuck and advising cars that Stocking Lane would not be possible to drive up.

Some drivers, had expressed to me that I was unnecessarily blocking the way and that they could make it up the hill. Unfortunately the way they expressed this was by swearing, using hand gestures and insulting me.

I think the people to blame should be ashamed of themselves, that someone took four hours of their own time to help over 200 cars to be sworn at.

I wish these people a merry Christmas and a safe drive home, despite their anger and frustration being directed towards me.

*Barry Cope*

## **Hughenden Valley Parishes added to photo archive**

A rich collection of photographs recording various pictorial aspects of Hughenden Valley, Naphill, Great Kingshill and Widmer End is the latest addition to the Chiltern Society's photographic library. They were taken over several years by Peter Davis of Naphill and Michael Bowker of Hughenden Valley, who are members of the Chiltern Society PhotoGroup. The result is a new channel, called Hughenden Valley Parishes, with 77 images. They can be accessed online through the Group's archive at [www.chilternphoto.org.uk](http://www.chilternphoto.org.uk) listed under 'Locations'. Members' individual photographic projects, as well as images taken on the PhotoGroup's outdoor events, contribute to the individual locations. There are over 3800 captioned pictures on the website across 150 locations in the Chilterns. By recording the region's special character, qualities and amenities, including

images of everyday scenes that are not usually photographed, they form a valuable pictorial archive for future generations. The website regularly receives several hundreds of hits each month, including many from overseas visitors.

## **The 2011 Census is coming to a letterbox near you!**

In next to no time, residents in Buckinghamshire will take part in the nation's biggest survey, as the Office for National Statistics (ONS) carries out the 2011 Census in England and Wales on Sunday 27 March.

This ten-yearly census takes a numerical snapshot on a single date to gain an accurate picture of the population. The census statistics that ONS produce help Bucks County Council and the four Bucks district councils to correctly target funding and public services – such as education, transport, schools, housing, social services, and leisure – where needed. Not only councils, but also non-profit organisations, businesses, academics, and of course family-tree enthusiasts are also dedicated users of census statistics. That's why it's crucial that we all take part (besides, it's compulsory by law).

In March, your 2011 Census questionnaire will arrive by post and can be returned using a pre-paid envelope or, for the first time ever, can be completed online via a secure internet site. The questionnaire should take around ten minutes for each person's details to be entered and the information you provide will help shape our community for years to come.

More information about the 2011 Census can be found at: [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

## **Anyone for Scrabble?**

Is anyone interested in forming a casual Scrabble group? One/two afternoons/evenings per month? Any standard!

Phone Sally 562281

## **Naphill Brownies**

Happy New Year. The end of last term saw the Brownies busily involved in all sorts of activities. We had a joint Naphill and Hughenden Pampering Sleep-over in the Scout Hut for the older girls. This involved nail painting, making face packs and some relaxing hand massage as well as games and a walk in the woods. We took part in the Remembrance Service in the Village Hall, helped at the Christmas Fayre and entertained (?) with jokes at the annual Brownies and Guides Carol service.

As always, the New Year brings fresh challenges. This term we are doing our Friend to Animals badge with a visit to Pets at Home in Loudwater and a visit from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. We are also holding a Kids on the Catwalk Fashion Show, hopefully with some of

our Brownie friends from Hughenden and Walter's Ash Brownies.

We have two new Brownies joining us this term ready to start their Brownie adventure. We wish them a warm Brownie welcome and hope they will have a great time at Brownies.

We are fortunate at Naphill to have four regular adult helpers and two excellent Young Leaders. Over the coming year we shall be losing one of our adult helpers (RAF) and one of our Young Leaders (university) so we would be delighted to hear from any adult or young person (aged 14+) who would be interested in getting involved in helping us at Naphill Brownies. We meet on a Thursday evening from 6 until 7.15pm. We do require a fairly regular commitment but, because we have a great team, we are able to accommodate the odd week when you can't be there. It isn't a big commitment and you certainly are greatly appreciated!

*Ruth Daly 565571*

## Little Ash Pre-school

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the pre-school over the past year. It was a fabulous year and we look forward to an even better one this year. We are at full capacity this term and want to welcome the new children who started in January.

On Tuesday mornings, Mrs Coveney comes in to play the piano for the children to sing along to. Since this is so popular we are looking for any volunteers who are able to come into the preschool for a ½ hour, morning or afternoon, once a week, to play for the children. If you are interested please give us a call at 563832 or email [barbarachambers@nawapreschool.com](mailto:barbarachambers@nawapreschool.com).

*Barbara Chambers*

## Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

### Events 2011

- 10 February – Biscuit decorating: Getting creative with Becky & biscuits.
- 31 March – Making Easter Cards: Decorating cards and bunnies etc
- 7 April – Easter Party: This will include a special tea and of course an Easter egg hunt with every child going home with an egg. There will be a £5 charge for this party.
- 23 June – Cookery: Making peppermint creams & coconut ice
- 21 July – Teddy Bears Picnic: A normal toddlers afternoon and depending on the weather tea with teddies in the garden.
- 22 September – Photographer: Barbara from Anne Statham Photography will be in attendance for mums to pop in and have their children photographed.

- 13 October – Bouncy Fun: Something a little bit different with a bouncy inflatable for the little ones to play on.
- 15 December – Christmas Party: The infamous Christmas party to include Mr Marvel, a Christmas tea and every child will receive a present when Father Christmas visits. There will be £7.50 charge for this party.

Any queries please call Louise on 01494 488255. Alternatively, join us at any Thursday meeting between 1pm and 3pm at Naphill Village Hall during term time.

Newcomers very welcome.

*Louise Lucas 488255*

## Bankers or Bonkers?

I am scribbling this on 3 January which seems to be about the tenth bank holiday of the festive season. Certainly, an overdose and it will be a great relief tomorrow when we can pay a normal visit to High Wycombe. We even had the bizarre novelty of having one bank holiday when Wilkinsons was closed but Lloyds Bank was open. I cannot understand that, when we are told that the economy is struggling to cope with the aftermath of the banking catastrophe of 2008, we then proceed to give the nation lots of days off with no production and therefore no chance of reducing the massive deficit. Where is the logic?

However, if this is the way ahead, if you can't beat them, join them. Let's jazz up the bank holiday scene. We already have Easter and the Spring Bank Holiday coming into view, so why not insert a Late Easter and Early Spring bank holiday?

Turning to the other great topic, the weather, I note that BBC 1's weather forecasters occasionally use charts marked with the North Atlantic jet stream that actually controls our weather. However, ITV does not do so. This suggests that the BBC considers that their viewers are more sophisticated, an amusing but perhaps dangerous conclusion! But whether you are a BBC or ITV viewer, let us hope that the weather gods have vented their spleen on us enough for the time being and that the rest of the winter avoids extremes. Fingers crossed of course and keep your gloves handy!

*David Leith*

## Blood Donors

We had 103 donations in January and the next sessions will be all Fridays 18th February, 13th May, 8th July, 16th September, 18th November.

Appointments to attend the session or any further information that may be required, can be found by calling 0300 123 23 23 or visiting [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk).

*Bob Davis*



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## 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	2–3.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30–7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday	3.45 - 6.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8–9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8–9.30pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1–2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday – Forge Road – Village Hall	10.30am–1.15pm 12.15–12.50pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	1–3pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays NWA School	9.30–11.00am
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays RAF Sports Field	9.30–11.00am
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays The Crick	9.30–11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8–10pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45–10.45am
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10am onwards
	Each Thursday (April–September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April–July)	Group 1, 5pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April–July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8–10pm
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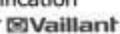
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### March

- 4th Horticultural Society Dinner - Village Hall 7.00pm (tickets required)
- 5th Brownies & Guides Jumble Sale - Village Hall 2pm
- 13th FONC Working Party - meet Common end of Forge Road 10.00am
- 18th Hughenden Parish Action Group meeting - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 21st Horticultural Society AGM - Village Hall (Small Hall) 8pm
- 22nd FONC Walk for Health (local) - meet Village Hall 10.00am

### April

- 18th FONC Walk for Health (Bledlow 4 miles) - meet Village Hall 10.00am

### May

- 13th Blood Donors - Village Hall
- 16th FONC Walk for Health (Ibstone 4 miles) - meet Village Hall 10.00am
- 21st Spring Dance - Village Hall 7.30pm (tickets required)

### June

- 18th **Village Fete - Theme "Musicals"**
- 20th FONC Walk for Health (Lane End 5 miles) - meet Village Hall 10.00am

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<b>Brownies (Naphill)</b>	Ruth Daly	565571	Thursdays 6–7.15pm Scout & Guide Hut
<b>Brownies (Walter's Ash)</b>	Lesley Hamer	473502	Mondays 6–7.30pm RAF Community Cent.
<b>Community Police Officer</b>	Lee Turnham	736773	Shoulder No: 3146
<b>County Councillor</b>	Richard Pushman	564152	<a href="mailto:richard.pushman@btinternet.com">richard.pushman@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Cubs - Naphill</b>	Ed Atwell	563668	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm Scout & Guide Hut
<b>Cubs - Walter's Ash</b>	Catherine de Rouffignac	496917 office hours	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm RAF Comm. Cent.
<b>District Commissioner</b>	Lesley Hamer	473502	Guides and Brownies
<b>District Councillor</b>	David Carroll	716967	<a href="mailto:david_carroll@wycombe.gov.uk">david_carroll@wycombe.gov.uk</a>
<b>District Councillor</b>	John Gibbs	565544	<a href="mailto:john_gibbs@wycombe.gov.uk">john_gibbs@wycombe.gov.uk</a>
<b>District Councillor</b>	Richard Pushman	564152	<a href="mailto:richard.pushman@btinternet.com">richard.pushman@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Football Club (Junior)</b>	Bob Hathaway	563332	
<b>Football Club (Men's)</b>	Matt Gunnell	07738 467959	
<b>Football Club (Secretary)</b>	Clive Rowland	01296 582284	
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<b>Gazette</b>	Judy Whitehouse	562742	<a href="mailto:judy@judyq.demon.co.uk">judy@judyq.demon.co.uk</a>
<b>Guides (Naphill)</b>	Toni Green	562089	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm
<b>Horticultural Society</b>	Cathryn Carter	563233	<a href="http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk">www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk</a>
<b>Luncheon Club</b>	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm
<b>Men's Club</b>	Andrew Wilmot	562770	<a href="mailto:naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk">naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk</a>
<b>N. Neighbours</b>	Sheila Rolfe	562888	Every 2nd Monday of the month at 8pm
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<b>Hughenden Parish</b>	Lynne Turner (Clerk)	715296	<a href="mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com">hughendenpc@btconnect.com</a>
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<b>Pre-School (Little Ash)</b>	Debbie Conn	564037	Alt: 01494 563832 (am) or 07907 102149
<b>Residents Association</b>	Gloria Leflaive	563634	<a href="mailto:glorialeflaive@msn.com">glorialeflaive@msn.com</a>
<b>School</b>	Kerenza Gwynn	562813	<a href="http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/">http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/</a>
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<b>Viper Explorer Scouts</b>	Nick George	562846	Friday 7:30–9:30 Naphill
<b>Surgery Pharmacy</b>	Enquiries	565458	8am–12.30pm and 1.30–6.15pm
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## Editorial

I have chosen two lovely spring gardens for this month's cover. Thank you Eleanor and Barbara for sending in these pictures to cheer us up.

Work continues on developing the Gazette Constitution and I will let you see the final draft shortly.

March is the month that our boxed adverts come up for renewal so first of all thank you to all our loyal advertisers for their support: we cannot survive in our current form without you. Welcome to our new advertisers. Please take time to familiarise yourself with their services and remember you can also now search local services on our website.

Finally, a huge thank you to Sue Fryer. With so many advertisers now, the organisation of the renewals is a huge task and Sue has worked really hard to ensure that all adverts have been updated and the money paid to us promptly.

*Judy Whitehouse*

## New editor

I have not had any response so far regarding a volunteer to take over as editor of the Gazette.

Various anti-editorial comments that have been made quite publicly recently might be putting you off. Let me assure you that it is the loveliest of jobs, a pivotal role for our community and one that I would highly recommend to anyone who wants to feel an integral part of it. So, if you saw the request and thought you might like to give it a try but were waiting to see if anyone else volunteered first, now is the time to come forward.

Our regular contributors are really good about sending in their reports and most of them are emailed so

putting it all together is not a chore at all. We are in good shape financially and advertising is booming. We have a great printer who helps me out with any technical stuff that I get stuck with. The work involved only impacts one week a month and the pleasure of seeing it come together, being printed, delivered and read really is immense.

*Judy*

## Finance and frippery

A pleasant though rather unexpected surplus of over £900 for 2010. Why? A glance at the statement below will reveal that collections, small advertisements and donations were up while printing costs were down. A one off? Who knows, but clearly there will be no increase in charges for 2011! However we are all only too painfully aware how the cost of living has increased during 2010 and the prospects for 2011 are no better. But with total cash in hand of about £4300, we can face the future with complete confidence.

Nature as always has its surprises, too. Deer continue periodically to pierce my garden's defences and, despite my basic animosity towards them, there can be pleasing aspects. One afternoon last week we had two baby deer playing 'chase' in the garden. Quite charming to watch. And we had the unexpected sight of our ginger cat, Fraser, having a friendly chat with a muntjac. One wonders what they were talking about.

The duty woodpecker pays regular visits to thin out the ants' nests and on one occasion this led to amusing complications. While he was pecking away superpersonally, a male blackbird was pottering about pecking casually in the grass. However, he broke off and studiously watched the woodpecker's technique for a couple of minutes. Then, to my surprise, he joined in and did some intensive pecking of his own. I wonder if he will brief his fellow blackbirds on the advantage of deep pecking, despite their limitations in terms of beak size and neck muscles. We shall see.

*David Leith*

## Gazette Year End Financial Statement

<i>Income</i>	<i>31.1.11</i>	<i>31.1.109</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>31.1.11</i>	<i>31.1.10</i>
Adverts	£5,268.00	£5,277.00	Printing	£8,181.49	£8,327.30
Collections	£2,598.80	£2,214.50	Computer	£82.99	£18.88
Small ads	£768.00	£577.00	Postage	£19.36	£20.69
Donations	£557.00	£495.00	Petrol	£40.00	£35.00
Interest	£0.86	£1.41	Phone	£2.10	£2.10
Cash in hand	£0.00	£35.40			
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,192.66</b>	<b>£8,600.31</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,275.94</b>	<b>£8,404.17</b>
			<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£916.72</b>	<b>£196.14</b>

## County Councillor's report

The report from the local Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG), organised in conjunction with Neighbourhood Policing, always makes interesting reading, especially as it deals with local issues that affect us all. The three priorities selected by residents of Hughenden Parish last year were speeding, litter and parking. "Community Speedwatch" is being used by Thames Valley Police to persuade motorists to curb their speed and to drive within the speed limits. Parking around our schools, restricted in the main to the start and finish times, continues to be problematical but the County's new initiative of "park and walk" plus an updated school's travel plan, might help to alleviate this problem. The dropping of litter appears to be on the increase, be it from cars or pedestrians. The increase of plastic wrappers and soft drink cartons deposited along the roadside is unacceptable and those who do it must be persuaded to take their litter home with them.

The Chairman of the Hughenden NAG says "Please help us make your village a more pleasant place of which we can all be proud." He goes on to say that the questionnaire to determine the three NAG priorities for 2011 will be available at the end of February and he hopes that as many residents as possible will want their say on issues of concern to them.

For many people, television is an important way of receiving information from the outside world and the process of changing from analogue to digital can be worrying to those who are not technically minded. Most viewers in this part of Buckinghamshire receive transmissions from London transmitters. These will be switching from the 'old' analogue system to the 'new' digital in 2012 and viewers who have not converted their sets will begin to lose programmes. All eligible people will be written to in plenty of time and help and advice will be made available to those who need it. Public authorities are being asked to identify those who will need help and the website [www.helpscheme.co.uk](http://www.helpscheme.co.uk) will give full advice to those readers who have dependent relatives or friends who might need assistance during this change over period.

NW Chilterns Local Area Forum (LAF) agreed funding to support the set up of a Community Car Scheme for the area. We are currently setting a date for the first meeting to take this forward. Community Car Schemes work with volunteers who have their own cars, helping people in their community to make journeys for a range of activities, including travel to lunch clubs, hospital visiting, adult education classes, shopping, or leisure. A low mileage charge is made to cover costs. We shall need volunteer drivers who are able to give up a small amount of time to help, and a co-ordinator to organise bookings, which can be done without a great time commitment. The date of the meeting will be circulated widely as soon as possible, but in the meantime, for more information or to register your interest, please contact Sally on 01296 421036.

*Richard Pushman*

## District Councillor's report

After four years, I am standing aside as your District Councillor. I have enjoyed being a representative, which, although carrying a small allowance, is ultimately a voluntary one.

Now is the time for change. For me, I will always love politics, although we have lost some of the values of polite debate. It is now lobbying by force, unintelligent dialogue, and the overuse of forums and social media. As a communications professional, I fully endorse the use of both traditional offline as well as online media. The pendulum has swung too far. Debate should never be stifled, although vigilantism by Facebook should never be tolerated, especially at grass roots level.

What has been achieved? In June 2007, my first call came from Louise Jones, a resident in Hughenden Valley regarding setting up a temporary shop in Hughenden Valley. I brokered the first discussions with both Louise and the Council, ultimately leading to success. Achieved.

In April 2008, you may recall the Save our Post Office Campaign in Naphill. I will always remember a wet and cold morning when we waited outside for David Lidington to arrive. Achieved.

Two surgeries followed in 2008 and 2009, with the September one again in the rain! Once again, David Lidington, now the Minister for Europe, joined us. Three Co-op meetings were attended regarding the delivery and parking issues, together with the two Village Hall meetings regarding land at Clappins Lane at the back end of 2009.

Finally, as this is my last report, I cannot thank Julie, the family and you enough for your support. I offer the very best of luck to the new candidate.

*John Gibbs*

## Hughenden Parish Council

### Housing Needs Survey

Hughenden Parish Council has now received the results of the Housing Needs Survey it commissioned from Community Impact Bucks, which was sent out to all households within the Parish last autumn. This was a robust consultation exercise carried out to establish whether there is a need for rural affordable housing in the Parish, and to find out the views of local residents. The report will be discussed at the March meeting of the Parish Council on 8 March 2011 at which the following motion, recommended from the working party, will be considered and debated:

*The Parish Council accepts the results of the Housing Needs Survey carried out at its request by Community Impact Bucks, and their recommendations. This consultation process shows that, while a need for affordable housing has been established, there is*

*insufficient community support for a small development using Green Belt/AONB land. The Parish Council will not, therefore, proceed further with a Rural Exception Site scheme.*

The full report may be viewed on the Parish Council website: [www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk)

## High Speed 2

At its meeting on 8 February 2011, and subsequent to the District Council's stand against any high-speed rail link running through the Chilterns, the Parish Council confirmed its policy in this regard. After some discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council stand firmly against the principle of any high-speed rail link running through the Chilterns and AONB. It was agreed to report this decision to the Ministry of Transport with a copy to Bucks County Council, Wycombe District Council, Chilterns Conservation Board, the Chiltern Society and to village newsletters.

Minutes of the meetings of the Council and its committees may be viewed on the Council's website.

*Peggy Ewart*

## Bradenham Parish Council

At its January meeting, Bradenham Parish Council decided to keep its precept for 2011/12 at the same level as the previous two years, namely £5000. The councillors decided that they would look in detail at the new Localism Bill and what it may entail for Bradenham.

A comprehensive report was received from Wycombe District Councillor Devine.

The Buckinghamshire County Council snow clearance route was discussed and the Parish Council would request yet again that BCC consider the strategic importance of Bradenham Wood Lane and the need to have this road included in the snow clearance route. Traffic that may use Coombe Lane normally, tries to come up Bradenham Wood Lane in severe weather.

The National Trust had analysed the speeding survey completed last year, which had shown that most vehicles travelled through the village below 40mph, the speed limit being 30mph. It was decided that the speeding problem was sufficient to pursue the matter but the Parish Council would wait for the outcome of the efforts at traffic calming in West Wycombe before it took any action.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held 14 March at 7.30pm in the cricket club. The meeting is open to the public and press.

*Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council:  
clerk@bradenham.org.uk Tel: 01494 562254*

## Neighbourhood Police news

### SPEEDING

Work has been done on combining SID and Community speed watch. Roadside volunteers are required to enable data collection on speeding motorists. The data will then be forwarded to another Police Volunteer who will prepare the letters to motorists. Only one person has come forward to become an official Volunteer. The NAG requires at least one other to be able to cover holidays, sickness, etc. Following the strict vetting procedure, initial interview and training, the Volunteer will be given access into the Hazlemere Police office.

T-SID has been requested for three deployments in the near future – Widmer End, Naphill and Hughenden Valley. Bucks Highways will position them in strategic positions that have previously been highlighted as hotspot areas for excess speed.

### LITTER

The situation with Skanska has not improved. Their obligation to 'make good' where they have dug up roads and verges has had a major impact on the look of the community. Two NAG members have been tasked with carrying out a visual audit of the areas in which Skanska have been. The areas concerned will then be drafted into a letter from the Parish Council to Skanska head office. The litter in those areas will also be addressed.

### PARKING

Great Kingshill School parking issues were raised at the Have your Say meeting at Cryers Hill Post Office. Work to initiate a minibus service to pick up children is now under way, looking at collection points in Downley and Totteridge to begin with, and deliver them safely to the school. A letter has been sent out by the headmaster to parents in the areas selected to assess interest. The costing will depend on the take up. It is estimated the number of cars could be reduced by 10%.

The use of large tree trunks to keep cars off grass verges on Cryers Hill has been suggested and will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Widmer End School parking has been raised with the School Travel Plan Committee. The school travel plan committee has also shown an interest in the minibus pickup system, both schools are looking into a potential joint venture

### OTHER MATTERS

Thefts from garden sheds have increased, particularly along Cryers Hill. Numerous outbuildings and domestic garden sheds were broken into and tools and machinery stolen. Please secure the doors with good quality hasps and padlocks and consider the security of windows. If tools and machinery are large, chaining them together makes them harder to steal. Crime prevention advice has been given to residents in the area of concern.

A new national crime mapping system is now available online to the public. To check your team's information, go to the national crime mapping website, type in your postcode or neighbourhood name and click on 'Find out more'.

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team direct, dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 08458 505505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office.

The team would also love to receive any positive or negative feedback you may have or any issues or concerns that you may wish to raise.

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham: Neighbourhood Specialist  
Officer, Hughenden Parish.  
lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk*

## News from 'Christians in the Community'

At a recent committee meeting, the united services were discussed and it was decided to invite members to the 'Come Closer' gathering at Church House, Hughenden Church on Sunday 8 May at 6.30 pm. The Fellowship Safari will be held at two houses on Monday 16 May. More details next month.

The next committee meeting will be on 17 May at 7.30pm in Church House, Hughenden Church. The stall at Naphill Fete will be decided upon at this meeting. Everyone is invited.

*Norma Clarke*

## Naphill Evening WI

In a rather dreary and dull month we were fortunate to have at our January meeting Peter G Smith, with his glittering collection of model royal coaches. Mr Smith, who has won many medals and cups for his exquisite creations, took around two years to complete each model, having first taken photographs and drawings of the coaches in the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace. There was much praise and admiration from the audience for the craftsmanship, extraordinary attention to detail, and tremendous patience involved in making such a wonderful collection.

On 26 January, a coach load of members and friends went up to the New Theatre in London to see *War Horse*, a play based on the book by Michael Morpurgo. Many thanks to Marion Lawrence for arranging for us see this amazing, enthralling production.

The Food Appreciation Group met in January for breakfast at the Black Horse at Lacey Green and in February for lunch at the Hampden Arms. In March they have arranged to have lunch at The Lions, at Bledlow. There will also be a visit to the new coffee shop on the crick.

It might seem that members of Naphill WI are not at

home that often to do any cooking but in fact many are very keen and always rise to the occasion when required. This was the case at the recent meeting of the Book Club, when an array of delicious mouth-watering dishes was created for their Pot Luck Supper. Many of our members will be providing some of their favourite recipes for a new WI recipe book: the last one was produced in 1986 by the Naphill Afternoon WI.

### Dates for the diary:

17 March – Monthly meeting: Mrs B. Hulbert on 'Sunny South Africa, from the Cape along the Garden Route'. Competition – a photograph of your garden.

23 March – Group meeting: hosts - Windmill WI, at Lacey Green Village Hall, 7.45pm. Speaker: Mrs Susan Howe on 'Hysterical history'.

*Nancy Hussey*

## Naphill Neighbours

At our February meeting, we were once again entertained by the well-travelled Margaret Deakin. This time she took us on a fascinating journey to Shackleton's Antarctic, illustrated with excellent slides. She spoke about the historical background and Shackleton's ill-fated expedition in 1914/16 and her visit to the Antarctic peninsular and South Shetlands, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands, not forgetting the penguins!

We had to cancel our March visit to the new Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury owing to lack of interest in the chosen show, but will consider this venue for a future outing.

Now our first outing of 2011 will be A day in the New Forest on Thursday 14 April, leaving the Village Hall at 9am. Tickets will be £27.50 for members and £29.50 for guests, which includes coffee and biscuits and a one-course lunch. There is very little walking involved, which will be good news to some of us! Everyone is most welcome: phone Sheila on 562888 or Hazel on 563977 to book your place.

Plans are being finalised for a visit to Highclere Castle (the location of the popular TV series *Downton Abbey*) on Tuesday 12 July and an afternoon visit to Chenies Manor on Thursday 25 August – two more dates for your diary – and full details will follow in due course.

Our next club meeting will be Monday 14 March when Mike Dewey will be 'Bringing history alive through old photos of High Wycombe from 1945 to 1970'. This should be a particularly interesting subject, especially for those who lived locally during those years. This is an open meeting so everyone, members and non-members, is most welcome to come along to the Village Hall at 8pm. Tea hostesses will be: Sonja MacMillan, Pat Reid and Heather Budsworth.

*Hazel Vickery – 563977*

## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

You will have noticed that Bon Ami, the coffee shop in the sports pavilion, is now open. The room has been transformed and the coffee and cakes are to be thoroughly recommended. So if you haven't paid a visit yet, then do so.

We are still on the lookout for a new lettings secretary for the hall to keep the diary and organise all the bookings. This is a vital part of the running of the hall so, if you do have a bit of time and the will to give something back to our community do please contact us. Barbara, the current lettings secretary, will be only happy to talk you through the job and be there to help you out if you do take over. Give it some serious thought – please.

The swings in the play area have been mended. Let's hope that the weather cheers up so that the children can make use of them. Honey fungus has been found by the new willow tunnel. This poses no threat to humans – in fact it is edible (though I'm not going to try it) – but it is not good news for the surrounding trees, especially willow, so it needs to be treated.

We have suffered from vandalism again. We had escaped it for a while, but you may well have noticed that lead has been stolen from the surrounds of the sports pavilion clock and from the roof. Roof tiles have been damaged as well. I mustn't put into print the words I would like to use to the perpetrators! We are looking at the best way of making good the damage, and have decided to lock the car park at night again, so don't park your car there in the evening as it might get locked in.

Our next events will be the play on 6 May and the fete on 18 June. See you there.

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

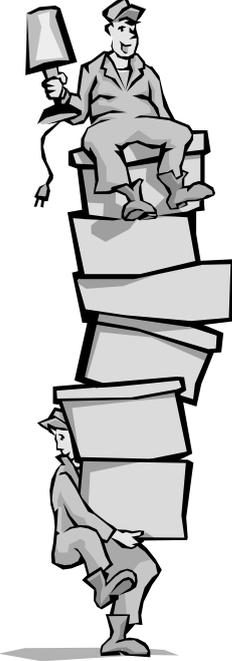
## Naphill Fete Tombola – request for prizes

We would be delighted to receive any donations you can give for Tombola prizes. It's not too early to start dropping them in to us. We can be found a few doors away from Ron and Helen Collins at 4 Lacey Drive, off Chapel Lane. Your support is really appreciated and anything you can give (albeit nothing perishable at this point) would be terrific! Thank you.

*Andy & Judy Pope*

## Saturday 18 June: The Fete 'Musicals'

I can't believe how quickly time has passed since the last fete. We have been holding committee meetings



**Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 5th 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.*

for the past seven months and have a new team to whom I am really grateful: Ian Bond, Barbara Chambers, Andy Pope, Kat Dunlap and Sarah Creaser. It is fantastic to have a new vibrant team who are committed to putting together yet another amazing fete. We are now on Facebook as well, so that anyone interested can follow us. To find us search for Naphill & Walters Ash Village Fete.

Anyone who received trophies should please bring them back to The Wheel. Also, we need your nominations for the Best Neighbour award, either by post to The Wheel, or by email to [nwafete@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nwafete@hotmail.co.uk)

The last meeting was really productive and we are now focussing on dotting the i's and crossing the t's, which is where everyone else in the village can get involved. So here are our requests.

### Volunteers needed

We have compiled a list of the stalls for which we need extra volunteers: please contact me on 562210 or pop into the pub. Please help and get involved with your village.

- Ice Cream Stall
- Welly Wanging
- Sweet Stall
- Bounce Krazee x 3 (these are inflatables and are for all age groups)

- Bungee Run (all ages)
- Pole Joust (all ages)
- Assault course (children only)
- Stocks
- Car park attendants
- Help with set up and breakdown on the day

### Donations

To help make the fete a success, we need donations so that the stalls have lots to sell, so please look at what you have and contact the pub again. Think about: Tombola prizes; Cake donations (to be given to the cake stall on the morning of the fete); Old/chipped china; Books; Old wellies; Bric-a-brac .

Thanks to everyone who helps us make the day even more amazing

*Claire and the Fete Committee*

## Naphill Horticultural Society

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

If you have not yet booked to come along to our annual dinner on 4 March, pick up the phone immediately as I might just be able to squeeze you in! After dinner we will be entertained by Vicki Webb, a very talented local flautist, playing a mixture of classical and contemporary pieces. Full details are on our website or in last month's Gazette.

Spring has finally sprung, and the garden is waking up again but I'm sure that, like me, you have lost plants to the harsh weather. Fear not! Our Plant Sale on 21 May 21 will be the perfect opportunity to buy some replacements. If you are thinking ahead to planting seeds or dividing perennials that have survived, how about nurturing some extra plants that you could then sell in May?

Lastly, a reminder that our AGM takes place on Monday 21 March in the Small Hall, starting at 8pm. You are more than welcome to come along and air your views or raise questions – we would love to see you and we don't bite! The meeting doesn't usually last more than 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*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Luncheon Club

We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at Naphill Village Hall when we all get together at 1pm for 1.15pm to eat. Our menu varies each month and consists of a main meal, pudding and cup of tea or coffee all for £4. The meal is usually accompanied by our resident piano player Alan, the music contributing to the informal atmosphere for our senior citizens to come and chat to friends and meet new people.

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Lately, numbers have decreased and we would really like to welcome more senior citizens to come and join us. So if you know someone who does not know about Luncheon Club, please pass the word around! Anyone is interested in coming along should please ring either myself or Jan Gaunt on the numbers below so that we know how many to cater for.

*Jan Gaunt – Organiser 562282:  
Helen Collins – 562240*

## Friends of Naphill Common

[www.naphillcommon.org.uk](http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk)

If you walk over to the Bradenham end of the Common you will see that our working parties have cleared a large area of scrub from the three smallest Clumps, which allows them to be picked out more easily. When the National Trust has removed some of the oak saplings that surround them they will be even more obvious. I suspect that the sight will please the hearts of some of those who knew the Clumps in the 1950s, and those who don't go back that far will be able to appreciate these historical features for the first time. The Trust has also mowed the small meadow next to the Clumps and it is hoped to extend the grassy area that has been swamped by bracken.

Our AGM was a great success largely due to John Morris's excellent talk on the history and archaeology of Chiltern Woodlands. Our membership has now passed 200 and our finances have been greatly

# WANTED

## A Lettings Secretary for the Village Hall.

**Would you like to be able to put  
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**If so please contact Barbara on  
562528 or Sarah on 563479**

enhanced by a gift of £500 from Margie McGregor (nee McCue). The winners of our photographic competition were: Under-16s winner: Harriet Slade. Highly commended: Katrina Slade; Emily Creaser. Commended: Matthew Creaser. Adult winner: John Taylor. Highly commended: Rona Bennett. Commended: Chris Miller; Janet Taylor; Clare Simmons. Congratulations to them and thanks to all who entered. All of the photographs can be seen on our website.

Two rumours concerning the Common have been circulating. First, that the West Wycombe Estate has leased sections of it to various tenants. Sir Edward Dashwood assures me that this is untrue and that Mr Fincken of Cookshall Farm is the only tenant at present. The second rumour was that FONC had made a complaint about people parking on the Common opposite their houses, resulting in visits from Wycombe District Council officers. I can assure everyone that FONC has not made a complaint of any kind. We want to protect the Common but we most emphatically do not want to be seen as policing it, or as an organisation that will tell tales to the authorities over minor issues. We might contact someone who was doing something damaging or make a general plea in this column, as we did over removing wild flowers from the Common. If someone does serious damage, such as felling trees, fencing off land or large-scale dumping, we will get involved but, wherever possible, our first move would be to contact the person in question. Note that FONC has no power or authority to stop people doing anything on the Common: the only bodies that have are the landowners, local councils, the police and, because it is an SSSI, Natural England.

We have our last working party before the nesting season begins on Sunday 13 March, meeting at 10am at the Common end of Forge Road. We may work on the clumps or on some paths. We hope to have repaired the damaged notice board before this Gazette appears. Our Walks for Health continue and we have arranged some on Mondays and others on Tuesdays. They are on Tuesday 22 March (local walk); Monday 18 April (Bledlow, 4 miles); Monday 16

May (Ibstone, 4 miles); Monday 20 June (Lane End, 5 miles). Meet at Naphill Village Hall at 10am. The distant ones will involve car sharing. The new committee will soon announce other activities for the year.

*Trevor Hussey*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

### Planning applications

**11/05033/FUL** 18 Vincents Way, Naphill. Householder Application for the construction of single-storey side and rear extension. **11/05055/FUL** 23, Ash Close, Walter's Ash. Erection of 1x1 detached 3-bed dwelling-house on land adjacent to 23 Ash Close with associated access. (Strong Objection: Loss of amenity to neighbours. Access and parking problems. Adjacent to GB, SSSI, SCA. Out of keeping. Back-garden development. Building over main sewer. 30m from landfill site.)! **11/05234/FUL** HA for alteration to roof of bungalow with gable added to rear in connection with loft conversion and enclosure to porch.

### Community speedwatch

It is planned to have the TVP Speed Indicating Device (SID) for one session per week in each ward of the Parish throughout the year. We still need six Roadside Volunteers to work with the Police, only two working at any one time. Training by Police. Please contact PC Lee Turnham on 08458 505505 or Gloria Leflaive on 563634 if you would like to be part of the team.

### 30mph Reflective signs for bins on Main Road.

Two or three of these signs can be stuck on each black and green bin belonging to a number of the houses on Main Road. The idea is to remind drivers of the speed limit and to slow down traffic particularly when bins are out on the pavement, waiting for collection. Do you think this is a good idea? Please phone or email me if you would like these signs on your bins. Funding is being sought.

### Parish and District Council elections

Nomination packs available from 28 February. Notice of Elections 18 or 21 March. Nominations for candidature may be received by the WDC Returning Officer any time after 21 March but no later than noon on Monday 4 April. List of candidates published 6 April. Latest date to withdraw 7 April. Deadline for registration to vote or apply for a postal vote 14 April. Election Day Thursday 5 May. Next meeting: Thursday 10 March.

*Gloria Leflaive – 563634*

## Naphill Tennis Club



Courts pressure-washed and kettle on! Beat those winter blues and join us for a friendly game of tennis and coffee on Tuesday or Sunday mornings at 10am.

For anyone new to the village, the tennis courts are on the far side of Naphill Playing Field and there is parking in the village hall car park. Do pay us a visit or give me a call.

*Jenny Tench – 565406*

## The Wheel

Mark and I are proud to announce that we have just won the Camra Pub of the Year 2011 for Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe area. We will now be put forward for the regional finals and then hopefully the nationals. We would like to thank all our staff for their help and loyalty over the past 4½ years and also all of our customers new and old for their support in helping keep this village pub alive. The fact that we have an award-winning village pub really is something that the village should be proud of. While mentioning all the village support, we would like to thank everyone who has helped back our extension plans, which at the time of writing are still awaiting the result.

What's coming up? (Please note that if our extension plans are given the go-ahead some events may be disrupted, we will notify any changes as soon as we can):

- Wednesday night Quiz (8.30pm) – 2 March, 23 March, 6 April, 20 April
- Six Nations Rugby
- St Patrick's Day – 17 March
- Easter – 22–25 April
- St George's Day – 23 April
- Royal Wedding – Friday 29 April
- Village Fete – 18 June
- Dog Day – dog photography by Nick Ridley – 16 July

The royal wedding is now a Bank Holiday Friday and we are going to hold a traditional garden/street party. We are inviting the village to come and join us as we will be decorating the pub with lots of bunting, flags and much more. A street party theme is our main aim, and we would like you to bring food that can be put out to be shared by all. We hope everyone will come along and join us.

We are also holding another Dog Day at The Wheel on 16 July: the last one two years ago was an amazing day. Nick Ridley is a professional dog photographer and has a brilliant reputation. He takes the photos in our garden and then lets you select. The best thing is that you can walk away with stunning pictures there and then. This day is so much fun, but we do have to book people in as it can get a little chaotic! Once again thank you for your support and here's to another fun-packed few months at The Wheel.

*Claire and Mark*

## The Probability of Chance

The probability of chance can be a fascinating subject. For example, the chance of a golfer having 2 "holes in one" in the same round or playing partners having a "hole in one" at the same hole are almost immeasurable, but it still happens. I recently came across an example closer to home when I had submitted a piece on the Parish Council for publication in the Gazette. I was amazed to read an article, on the same subject, in the Bucks Free Press that contained

2 sentences word for word identical to mine and a third with one word, "thus to therefore" changed. It appears that another local resident when speaking to the reporter had used the same wording. I cannot imagine what the probability of that happening is, but it must be massive. It only goes to prove that coincidences do occasionally happen. Unfortunately, I had to quickly get in touch with the Editor to withdraw my article as I would not wish anyone to think I would plagiarise someone else's work.

*Bob Foggo*

## BT Infinity

Another plea to register your vote to bring high speed BT Infinity broadband to Naphill & Walter's Ash. Maximum speed from Naphill exchange is currently 7.5MB with most folk getting 5MB or less. With BT Infinity we could get up to 40mb. Go to [racetoinfinity.bt.com/](http://racetoinfinity.bt.com/)

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2010

Rather belatedly, I am now able to report the amount collected for the above appeal. The total of £2293.25 was made up as follows: Collecting tins £1,781.43: Village Hall Service £261.82: Wreaths £250.00. I thank all Naphill and Walter's Ash residents for their generosity in contributing towards this wonderful total.

I am handing over future collections to Julie Gibbs who will be contacting all collectors a little nearer Remembrance Sunday, 13 November 2011. If anyone else feels they would like to help in this worthwhile appeal, please contact Julie on 565544.

Heartfelt thanks to all the people who have given me their support over the past 27 years.

*Valerie Pushman*

## Glorious waxwings

The UK has been invaded by thousands of waxwings this winter and up 12 of them have been in Walter's Ash in recent weeks. Waxwings get their name from the red tips of their secondary wing feathers which look like they have been dipped in sealing wax. They are beautiful starling-sized birds with sandy coloured plumage, a magnificent crest, black bib and yellow tips to the tail feathers. They feed largely on rowan, other sorbus and hawthorn berries and can be very approachable. In gardens they can also be attracted to fallen apples. They move around in flocks of anything from a couple up to hundreds of birds, seeking out berries and moving on when they have been depleted.

I first saw a waxwing in the oak trees behind Allen Drive in mid-December. By mid-January there were four and the last sighting was of 12 at the end of the month. They were feeding on sorbus berries in one of the gardens opposite the allotments on Main Road. Normally, waxwings are Scandinavian residents, but move south if their food supply runs out. The UK has a hundred or so records each year, mostly in Scotland

and the North of England, but every few years there is an irruption and thousands of them move south in search of food, reaching the whole of the UK and even as far south as Spain.

Other reported flocks locally include 30 in Monks Risborough, 35 in Iver and 50 in Milton Keynes.



*Neil Fletcher*

## Have you visited Bon Ami?

It is important that you know that I have no special reason for bringing your attention to Bon Ami, the café that has recently opened in the pavilion room of Naphill Village Hall. Maureen and I popped in for a nosey look around this new village facility and tried out a bacon bap and cappuccino coffee. We were delighted with what we found.

The café could easily be missed because the entrance is unpretentious but that is a minor point. Inside, the room has been completely renovated in a light and attractive manner and everything is brand-new including tables, chairs and comfortable sofas. Several people had dropped in and there was a happy, friendly atmosphere. We live in a super village to which Ruth and Amanda have added an extra important facility. Do pop in and support them: you won't be sorry that you did. Oh, by the way, the coffee and baps were excellent and there was also plenty of home-made cake!

*Ted Chapman*

## Junk food makes you dim

If you can read this it is too late for you. Yes, the boffins have done it again. This time they have confirmed what I had expected all along. Junk food makes you dim.

A large long-term study in the Bristol area has been in progress since 1991/1992. Some 13,988 children born in those two years were studied for a wide variety of reasons, giving rise to many investigations. Many aspects of the children's lives were recorded, among which were their diets at ages 3, 4, 7 and 8½. Their IQs (intelligence quotients) were recorded at age 8½. The results were that children who were fed on junk food at three years old had a lower IQ at 8½, and that lower IQ was probably permanent. The average decrease in IQ was 1.67. That may not seem a lot but, in areas where they still have the 11-plus and for those

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competing for university places, that 1.67 decrease could make the difference between passing or not passing, so it is serious.

Of the 13,988 children in the total sample, complete data for this particular survey were available for 3966 children, so the sample size was very large indeed. The authors of the report made allowances for a number of factors that might have distorted the results, namely: gender, age at IQ testing, breastfeeding duration, energy intake, maternal education, maternal social class, maternal age, housing tenure, life events, etc. The study was carried out by the Department of Social Medicine of Bristol University. The results were published by the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health online dated 7 February 2011.

I should add that reference was made in the report to previous studies into the IQ of the Bristol children. Breast feeding improved IQ. Eating oily fish during pregnancy improved IQ.

In the report, junk food was described as: foods with a high sugar and fat content, and processed and convenience foods. The main comparison was with 'traditional' fare such as meat, poultry, potatoes and vegetables. There was a further comparison with 'health-conscious' food such as salads, fruit, vegetables, fish, pasta and rice. The latter diet at age 8½ gave a higher IQ, an average increase of 1.2 over that for the children given the traditional diet.

The reason for the 1.67 decrease in IQ seems to be that the brain grows at its fastest rate during the first three years of life and eating nutrient-rich foods during

this early period may encourage optimal brain growth. That 1.67 fall in IQ was not changed by an improved diet after the age of three. The authors state that the effects of the poor diet at three years old may well persist into later childhood. Since this particular study covers children up to the age of 8½ only, perhaps later studies will find that the lower IQ persists for ever.

The key aspect is whether the three-year-olds were receiving adequate vitamins and nutrients. The study does not report on that aspect, merely whether the children ate junk food, traditional food or healthier food. The nutritional content of the various foods does not appear to have been measured. The fruit and vegetables may very well themselves have been deficient in vitamins and nutrients – most supermarket food is. Nutritionists have identified 19 trace elements essential for human health and have calculated Recommended Daily Amounts (RDAs) for each one. It is likely that most people do not eat the RDA because most food is grown in impoverished soil. What you need is to eat a varied diet of fruit and vegetables grown in rich, healthy soil. I feel that can only be achieved if you grow your own. What you need is, firstly, soil rich in the 19 trace elements and, secondly, lots of soil mycorrhizal fungi to bring the trace elements to the roots of the plants. The chances are that the soil in your garden or allotment is not rich in those elements but that can be put right by importing lots of farmyard (i.e. cow) manure and laying it on the surface of the soil for the worms to drag down. For example, by doing so I increased the trace elements in my allotment soil by a factor of 2.57 and the amounts of all 19 trace elements are now well within the guidelines of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Mycorrhizal fungi play an essential role since the roots of plants cannot reach nutrients more than an eighth of an inch away – the fungi are long, snakelike creatures that transport trace elements to the plants. Mycorrhizal fungi are killed by digging and by the application of pesticides, etc. Since their annual growth is only six inches, it is best to really look after them. See the Good Gardeners' Association website [www.goodgardeners.org.uk](http://www.goodgardeners.org.uk) for further information on the no-dig method of growing crops. And good gardening!

*Mike Mason*

## Anyone for chess?

Are there any chess players who would be interested in playing, on a casual basis, a few afternoons or evenings each month? Phone Stephen 563837.

## Top 5 items to protect from thieves

### PORTABLE COMPUTING DEVICES

Owing to their popularity, laptop and tablet PC (iPad) theft is a significant risk. They are portable and can be sold on at a good price secondhand. For owners, there are many ways of protecting your hardware, importantly be sure to register the serial number of your device on Immobilise at <http://www.immobilise.com/index.php> along with your postcode which can be simply written on the back with a UV pen.

### SMART PHONES

Smart phones are also high on a thieves list of things to steal, and many people find themselves victims of phone theft when taking their high tech phones out with them. When registering your phone on Immobilise, include the IMEI number which can found easily by pressing the following keys on your handset: \* # 0 6 # This is your phone's unique number and the first thing police will check against when recovering property.

### CASH & JEWELLERY

Do not leave cash or jewellery lying around the house, keep valuables out of sight and where possible place them in a secure place such as a safe. The risk for burglars is increased when your possessions can link them to the scene of a crime. Consider taking photos and engraving your jewellery when registering them on Immobilise as this will also aid the police in identifying crime and returning property.

### BICYCLES

In the UK, a bicycle is stolen approximately every minute of the day, something that has worsened with the increasing popularity of expensive models that can be sold far too easily via online auctions. Invest in a quality D-lock and be sure to register your bicycle's frame number along with any pictures you have on Immobilise. We also recommend Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tagging which can prove your ownership even if the frame number has been removed by the thief.

### HOME ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS

Many new home cinema-type HD and 3D television sets are being stolen because they are valuable, lightweight. Write your postcode on the back with a UV pen and register the serial number of your TV/DVD and audio equipment on Immobilise. Visual deterrents such as stickers or labels also help. Immobilise offers a range of property-marking products that also act as a deterrent to thieves. To see more please go to: <http://www.immobilise.com/index.php>.

## Do you need a hand?

Most people, no matter what their age, want to live independently in their own homes. When you are in your 70s or 80s, your home can be full of memories and memorabilia and you want to stay there. But sometimes it can be difficult to manage to keep the house as you would want it. Who can you turn to? Contact us, the local charity you can trust to help older people. Whether you need a handyman, toe-nail cutting, painting and decorating, information and advice, welfare benefits service, advocacy support, or befriending, we are at the end of the phone. Also, if you are thinking of moving house, we offer a Seamless Relocation service that can help do all that is required. We are Age Concern Buckinghamshire, 145 Meadowcroft, Aylesbury, HP19 9HH: phone 01296 431911.

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## Naphill Brownies

We are having such a busy term. As part of our Friend to Animals badge, we enjoyed an excellent visit to Pets at Home at the retail park on the London Road. The staff were friendly, well prepared and really knew their subject. The girls were shown (at close quarters) everything from fluffy rabbits to the scaly bearded dragon and the beautiful brightly coloured fish.

On 10 February we were joined by 30 of our brownie friends from the Walter's Ash and Hughenden Brownie packs to become super models for the night in a wonderful Fashion Show run by Kids on the Catwalk. The event was co-ordinated by Naphill Guide Natalie Daly. It was a great show. Thank you to all the helpers who gave their time to make it possible.

On the topic of helpers, I am delighted to say that, following my request in last month's Gazette, two adults and two teenagers have offered help. It is wonderful to live in a village with such great support for our village organisations.

By the time you read this we will also have been on a visit to the High Wycombe Fire Station for a tour and an introduction to fire safety in our homes. Hopefully our brownies will take the information on board and help keep their families safe. They will also be working on their Fire Safety badge.

After half term, we will be back in the Scout and Guide hut thinking about Mothers' Day and Comic Relief and also finishing our Friend to Animals badge.

Don't forget to collect together any jumble for us for our sale at 2pm on Saturday 5 March. We will be doing a roadside collection around Naphill from about 9am.

*Ruth Daly – 565571*

## Little Ash Pre-School

Thank you to those who volunteered to come in and play the piano for the children. It was wonderful to see so much support for the preschool. Upcoming fundraising events: February Half-Term Treasure Hunt, Easter Egg Hunt and May Car Wash.

With spring in the air we are now starting to plan our outside garden. This year we will be planting beans, carrots and potatoes for the children to look after. We will also plant some flowers in pots. We strongly feel the children benefit from having a garden to look after and watch grow.

*Barbara Chambers*

## Pre-School to merge with Naphill & Walter's Ash school

For over 40 years our Village Pre-School has been giving local children the very best start in life, guided by a caring and dedicated staff. Throughout that time, the Pre-School has been a huge asset to the village and one for which many parents, past and present, are truly grateful. It is with this legacy in mind that Little Ash Pre-School committee has begun work with

Naphill & Walter's Ash School and its governors to merge the two schools with effect from September 2011.

In many respects this is a natural progression: Little Ash relocated from its former home in the Village Hall to the purpose-built facility on the Naphill and Walter's Ash School site in September 2008. This move has been overwhelmingly positive, allowing longer opening hours and more child places. However, with this growth and success have come challenges, not least in the form of increasing regulation and development guidelines for Early Years child care, which of course the Pre-School must comply with.

The Pre-School must be overseen by an elected committee of volunteers – it is not allowed to operate without this – and the committee's task has become increasingly time-consuming, making it ever more difficult to give Little Ash the amount of attention it needs and deserves. The situation is further complicated by the annual change-over of members, and over the years it has become increasingly difficult to form a committee.

We are therefore very pleased with the opportunity to integrate with Naphill & Walter's Ash School. This merger would remove the ongoing uncertainty about being able to form a committee and would put the Pre-School on a much firmer footing. The staff would also enjoy the benefits of becoming Bucks County Council employees. But, most importantly, the merger would cement the close ties that Little Ash already has with the junior school and would allow even smoother transition for the children into school life.

We believe that this merger of Little Ash with Naphill & Walter's Ash School is the best way ahead. It will allow the Pre-School to continue to provide the excellent start it already gives to the children of Naphill, Walter's Ash and surrounding villages while also meeting the interests of parents and staff. However, we would also like to hear from anyone who wishes to offer their comments about the proposal.

Email: [barbarachambers@nawapreschool.com](mailto:barbarachambers@nawapreschool.com) or write to us: Naphill & Walter's Ash Pre-School, Kilnwood, Walter's Ash, HP14 4UL

*Little Ash Pre-School Committee*

## Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for them to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling). Any queries, please call me or simply join us at any Thursday meeting at Naphill Village Hall during term time. The group runs from 1 to 3pm. We warmly welcome newcomers for our group.

*Louise Lucas – 488255*



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## 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	2–3.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30–7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday	3.45 - 6.15pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8–9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8–9.30pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1–2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday – Forge Road	10.30am–1.15pm
	– Village Hall	12.15–12.50pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	1–3pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays NWA School	9.30–11.00am
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays RAF Sports Field	9.30–11.00am
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays The Crick	9.30–11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8–10pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45–10.45am
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10am onwards
	Each Thursday (April–September)	6.30pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April–July)	Group 1, 5pm
		Group 2, 5.45pm
		Group 3, 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April–July)	Under 7s, 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8–10pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm

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## PIN-UP DIARY DATES

### April

18th FONC Walk for Health (Bledlow 4 miles) - meet Village Hall 10.00am

### May

6th UTTC Play "Talking Heads" - Village Hall 7.45pm (Tickets required)

13th Blood Donors - Village Hall

16th FONC Walk for Health (Ibstone 4 miles) - meet Village Hall 10.00am

21st Spring Dance - Village Hall 7.30pm (Tickets required)

29th FONC Rogation Day Circuit of the Bounds - meet Village Hall 10.30am

### June

18th Village Fete - Theme "Musicals"

20th FONC Walk for Health (Lane End 5 miles) - meet Village Hall 10.00am

26th FONC Midsummer Picnic - end of Forge Road 30pm



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<b>Brownies (Naphill)</b>	Ruth Daly	565571	Thursdays 6–7.15pm Scout & Guide Hut
<b>Brownies (Walter's Ash)</b>	Lesley Hamer	473502	Mondays 6–7.30pm RAF Community Cent.
<b>Community Police Officer</b>	Lee Turnham	736773	Shoulder No: 3146
<b>County Councillor</b>	Richard Pushman	564152	<a href="mailto:richard.pushman@btinternet.com">richard.pushman@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Cubs - Naphill</b>	Ed Atwell	563668	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm Scout & Guide Hut
<b>Cubs - Walter's Ash</b>	Catherine de Rouffignac	496917 office hours	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm RAF Comm. Cent.
<b>District Commissioner</b>	Lesley Hamer	473502	Guides and Brownies
<b>District Councillor</b>	David Carroll	716967	<a href="mailto:david_carroll@wycombe.gov.uk">david_carroll@wycombe.gov.uk</a>
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<b>Horticultural Society</b>	Cathryn Carter	563233	<a href="http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk">www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk</a>
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<b>Men's Club</b>	Andrew Wilmot	562770	<a href="mailto:naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk">naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk</a>
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<b>Pre-School (Little Ash)</b>	Debbie Conn	564037	Alt: 01494 563832 (am) or 07907 102149
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<b>WI</b>	Juliet Shortall	565018	

## Editorial

Some very good news for you this month. Clare Goddard, who lives in Main Road, has volunteered to take over as Editor of the Gazette. Thank you Clare on behalf of us all. Clare will introduce herself in the next edition. She has been shadowing me in production of this month's edition and we will do next month's edition together, leaving Clare to take over fully from the June edition onwards.

Congratulations to the Friends of Naphill Common on their clearance work. I have been down there several times and each time met people who commented on how great it looks to have areas opened up. We shouldn't underestimate just how much hard work is involved.

My thanks this month to Carole Barfoot who has volunteered to write up some local walks for us all. Her first walk is included in this edition and I understand that there are more to come.

Finally, you will have read Neil Fletcher's article on lapwings in the March Gazette, and seen the black and white photo. Neil sent me several that he had taken and I couldn't resist interrupting the gardens theme to show you this one in all its glory. Thank you Neil! More gardens next month.

*Judy Whitehouse*

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The collection boxes will have been delivered with the April edition of the Gazette. It would be helpful for the collectors if subscribers could put aside the £3 in advance of their visit.

*David Leith Hon. Treasurer*

P.S. I have commented occasionally about the activities of a green woodpecker which is a regular visitor to my garden. He has a remarkably regular cycle of visits, from about 11 am until 11.30 am and from 1.30 pm until 2 pm. His sole activity is eating ants eggs and I think that I must hold some sort of record for the number of ants nests and ants in my garden. The bird eats about 1000 eggs on each visit (I have timed his pecking!), so the mind boggles at the number of ants which are happy to reside (uninvited!) In my garden. How does one eliminate them? Surely I don't have to rely on a bird to do the job?

## County Councillor's Report

With the advent of April we all welcome the prospect of summer and hopefully can put the woes of the winter

weather behind us. The past months have involved increased expenditure on all our budgets, including those of the county council especially in the case of road maintenance. It was pleasing therefore, to have an unexpected uplift in the capital grant for transportation, which will allow for a more comprehensive repair programme for our much damaged roads.

A very useful planning tool is the Habitat Mapping Project, set up by Buckinghamshire County Council, which charts and records for the first time and in one place, a detailed analysis of protected habitats across the area. Already, the information is helping the county council assess the impact of the proposed High Speed 2 rail on Buckinghamshire, and to support the current national consultation on the route. The habitat mapping database provides information not only for council planning and transport officers, and land managers but also environmental interest groups, schools, colleges and universities, and academic researchers. It shows the locations of more than 65,000 habitats and how sites are managed. It can be accessed from the following web link.

[http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/environment/habitat\\_mapping.page](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/environment/habitat_mapping.page)

I have now completed allocations from my Community Leaders Fund and have supported the Community Shop and Toddlers Group in Hughenden, also funding for temporary speed indication signs in Naphill, Great Kingshill, Hughenden Valley and Widmer End. I made a contribution for the provision of a footpath at Pipers Lane and have supported the resurfacing of tennis courts at Widmer End and I was pleased to make funds available to the Naphill Junior Football Club for new goal posts and nets. Hopefully the fund will be available for the coming year and I hope to receive applications from local organisations after the coming May elections.

Talking of which I was sorry that John Gibbs is standing down from the District Council after his four year term during which time he has established himself as a very competent member and a supportive colleague to myself and David Carroll in representing the interests of the Greater Hughenden Ward of the District. There will now be two vacancies to be filled at the May election, as I am joining John and standing down from Wycombe District Council. I have been a member for 24 years and on the Planning Committee for the same period and I thank all those residents who have supported me over this period of time. However, I continue as your county councillor and have not retired yet!

*Richard Pushman*

## District and Parish Councils

As it is close to election time it is inappropriate to include any reports from your District or Parish Councillors this month.

We would however like to remind everyone to vote on May 6th so that Naphill and Walter's Ash are well represented for the next four years..

# Neighbourhood Police News

## Speeding

The Speed Indication Device (SID) has been deployed in several areas within Hughenden Valley and Great Kingshill. The Hughenden Valley results have shown that at the times between 0830 and 0915, traffic flow was moderate with an average road speed of 34mph. Both directions were monitored and a total of 490 vehicles were checked. Stag Lane, Great Kingshill was checked around 1330hrs with a total of 89 vehicles being checked and the average speed was 30 mph.

T-SID has been used in Widmer End, Naphill and Hughenden Valley and will have been used in all four wards by the end of March. If you are interested in seeing how the device works or becoming involved in the process please contact Natalie Hall or Lee Turnham at the below address or e-mail. We will then be able to inform you of the location and time that is appropriate to your ward.

## Litter

The first LITTER PICK of the year has taken place. Cryers Hill was the targeted area, there were a few people who turned out, retrieving several black bags of litter. There were also items that were way too big to be put in bags, such as OLD TYRES and PLASTIC PIPING. The area looks noticeably cleaner. It will now be easier to pick the odd piece of discarded litter. If you have a litter problem, please let the team know and we will try to co-ordinate a litter pick in your area.

## Parking

School parking continues to be an issue. Please contact us to report issues in your area.

## Other Matters

The Great Kingshill Residents Association have purchased a number of the 30 mph stickers for wheelie bins. Should you require these please contact your local residents association for prices etc.

The government's crime mapping web site has caused great concern for some residents in the Widmer End area. The statistics that are shown on the web site do not show the true picture. The crimes reported show that there were 8 burglaries on one street. However this is not true, there was 8 Thefts but were recorded as Burglary Non Dwellings, thus the confusion.

## Have Your Say

[www.thamesvalley.police.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/haveyoursay)

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 0845 8 505 505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office.

Alternatively you are welcome to send us an email at the following address:

[lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)  
[nataliehall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nataliehall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

The team would also love to hear from the community regarding any positive or negative feedback that you may have or any issues or concerns that you may wish to raise.

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham  
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer*

## News from 'Christians in the Community'

Soon you should be receiving a card detailing times of Easter services in both St. Michael's and the Naphill Methodist Church. If one doesn't drop through your letterbox please phone me on 01494 563116.

The next meeting of 'Christians in the Community' is on Tuesday 17th May with the night before on the 16th holding the Fellowship Safari in two homes. Details of those homes will be available next month.

*Norma Clarke*

## Naphill Evening WI

'Inspiring Women' is the caption on the WI logo, and at the February meeting we had as our speaker a most inspirational woman, Sherry Scott. Members were kept enthralled as she told us about her experiences working for the 'Burma Forces Welfare Association'. This organisation was set up by her husband, Lt. Col. Ray Scott who served with the Burma Rifles in WW2. Thousands of native Burmese fought alongside the Rifles against the Japanese, but since the war most of the veterans and their families have received no income and have suffered much hardship. Appalled by this, Lt. Col. Scott was determined to help these forgotten people, and took money out to them, much of it his own. Since his death in 2002 Sherry has continued the work and has been a successful fund raiser, with some large donations coming from the rich and famous. Although past retiring age she makes regular trips out to Burma, taking money and much needed necessities. To reach these people Sherry has to travel through some difficult terrain; staying in places with few facilities; often wearing a disguise to avoid the hostile military authorities. But nothing seems to daunt this quite remarkable lady.

At our meeting it was announced that Naphill WI are to twin with Napton WI, Napton-on-the Hill, Warwickshire. They approached us with this idea as we have a similar name. The committee will be meeting them shortly to discuss future plans.

Members were asked to fill in a questionnaire about possible events we could hold during the year. One suggestion is for celebrating the Royal Wedding by

raising a toast to the happy couple at our April meeting, and perhaps to dress up in red, white and blue.

The BFWI Annual Council Meeting is on 29<sup>th</sup> April at Aylesbury. Juliet will be our delegate and Eleanor and Sally will also attend.

Over the Easter weekend Adam Pool, Pauline's son, is rowing a single canoe in the Devizes to Westminster canoe marathon, to raise funds for the Florence Nightingale Hospice. As this is a charity close to all our hearts we will have sponsorship forms available at our April meeting for members who would like to sponsor him.

In February a dozen members of the Food Appreciation Group had coffee at Bon Ami - it is highly recommended. And in March we had a hearty lunch at the Lions at Bledlow. The next event is for tea at Burgers of Marlow on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April (see Ginny Ratcliffe).

#### Forthcoming events:

- **Resolution Meeting with Beetle Drive** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May (free wine and nibbles).
- **Jenny's Ploughman's Lunch** - Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May (tickets available at the April meeting).
- **Games Evening with Supper** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June (at Valerie's).

Outings are being arranged to the National Memorial Arboretum on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May and a tour around the Olympic site on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Marion Lawrence if you are interested.

Our next meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April will **NOT** be an open evening as planned. Unfortunately the speaker we had booked has let us down. Instead we will be entertained by Mr Mel Reece with a talk entitled 'Brought to Book'. Competition: a poem of your own titled "Our Bucks".

Subscriptions have been paid for 2011 and we now have 44 full members and 3 Dual. New members are always welcome so come along and give us a try.

*Nancy Hussey*

## Naphill Neighbours

When our club met in March we were treated to a glimpse into High Wycombe's recent past with Mike Dewey's interesting photos taken between 1945 and the 1970s. Those who were born and bred in this corner of Buckinghamshire found them absolutely fascinating - and even I, a relative newcomer, could have watched them for hours! The photo quiz was won by Elsie Hussey for recognising a dozen local photographs.

There are still seats available for our guided tour in the NEW FOREST on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April. It does mean

an early start as the coach will leave the Village Hall at 8.30 am sharp. If anyone, and you don't have to be a member, would like to join this outing, please contact Hazel on 563977 or Sheila on 562888 for full details.

Our next planned outing is to Highclere Castle on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July and names will be taken at the May meeting.

On Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, John Tyler will be showing us his slides of A YEAR IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. Tea hostesses will be Yvonne Cook and Lesley Potter.

*Hazel Vickery – 563977*

## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

We welcomed Clare Goddard to our meeting. Clare is taking over as the editor of the Naphill Gazette. We thank her for volunteering to take up this important position and wish her well in the role. Judy has set the bar high and we thank her for all her hard work in developing the Gazette and making the best use of the technology to keep it up to date. Clare and Judy will be working together on the next issue and I know that Clare has the expertise to continue to develop the Gazette and keep it as the best village publication for miles around.

The coffee shop is now established as part of the village social scene and a very welcoming place to treat oneself. A real asset to our community. If you haven't visited yet then do give it a go. Both the coffee and the cakes are scrumptious.

The need for a new lettings secretary is urgent as Barbara is retiring from the job at the AGM at the start of next month. Barbara has held the job for many years and deserves a rest so please do consider volunteering if you can. The lettings form a good part of our income that is essential for maintaining and developing the premises. Barbara can let you just what is involved so do please, please, please phone her on 562528 to find out more.

The next "Have Your Say" session with the local Police will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 10.45 to 12 noon at the offices of Hughenden Parish Council in Great Kingshill. If you have any concerns then this is your chance to raise them, be it about speeding, litter, burglary, vandalism or threatening behaviour. Many thanks to all those involved in running and attending the quiz night which I gather was another great evening both socially and financially. I am only sorry to have missed it being away on holiday.

The next fund raising events will be:

- **The play on the 6<sup>th</sup> May**
- **THE FETE on 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Our next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April will be followed by our

AGM at 8.00 p.m. do come along and meet us all and hear what we have to say about the running of the Hall over the past year, and make any suggestions you feel may be helpful. All are welcome - and we do serve a drink afterwards!!

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

## Village Hall Lettings Secretary Urgently Needed

Like living in our community and what it has to offer?

If you have time to spare to give a little back then this is the job for you.

Without this service the Village Hall would not be able to continue as although it is a comparatively small job it does have huge benefits for us all.

So if you like talking to and meeting people and helping to organise their wedding receptions, parties, children's parties and all the group activities that go on here and being part of the very best village hall around please ring Barbara on 562528 to discuss further.

## Naphill Fete Tombola – Request for Prizes

We would be delighted to receive any donations you can spare for the fete Tombola prizes. We have had some gifts already so huge thanks to those of you who have already donated, but we still need many more!!! Anything you can spare that would be suitable as a prize, would be much appreciated. We can be found at no. 4 Lacey Drive, off Chapel Lane. Thank you.

*Andy & Judy Pope*

## Naphill Horticultural Society

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

Our recent Annual Dinner marks the start of the Society's year, and, once again the evening was a huge success with 80 plus of us sitting down to a fabulous meal, beautifully cooked as always, by Lucy from Main Event Cuisine, and followed by superb entertainment provided by Vicki Webb playing the flute. Vicki put together a wonderful programme of pieces including Gershwin, Goddard, Mozart, and of course James Galway- we were all transfixed!. A huge thank you goes to Lucy, Vicki, and all of you who came along on the night. I'm sure that everyone there would agree that the whole event was most enjoyable.

### RHS Gardens Wisley

Looking ahead, we have a coach booked to Wisley on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Entry to the gardens is free, so the cost will be just £7.50 per person to cover the cost of the coach. We will leave the Village Hall at 9.00am,

## Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

### Annual General Meeting

Monday 4th April

8 pm - Village Hall

All welcome

and leave Wisley for the return journey at 4.00pm. The gardens have something for everyone, and in particular the Rhododendrons and Azaleas should be in full flower in May. There are two self-service cafes plus a coffee shop, and of course the extensive plant sale area! If you would like to look at what else the gardens have on offer, have a look at their website [www.rhs.org.uk/Gardens/Wisley](http://www.rhs.org.uk/Gardens/Wisley). It promises to be an excellent day out, so please call me if you would like to come along.

Judging by the hum of lawnmowers in the last week, the gardening year is now well under way after a rather slow start, so it is time to remind you of our annual **Plant Sale which** takes place on **Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>**, 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, and the rest of the money you keep for yourself- a bargain! If you are at all interested, please give me a call.

*Cathryn Carter – 563233*

## Friends of Naphill Common

[www.naphillcommon.org.uk](http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk)

Spring is stirring on the Common. By the time you read this the first summer migrant birds will be trickling in. With luck we will hear at least three species of warbler on the Common (seeing them is more difficult especially as the leaves emerge). The blackcap is likely to be first because, increasingly, it is staying with us over winter. Listen out for its delightful song which begins with a kind of chattering and ends with clear, flute-like notes, sounding a little sad, as if reluctant to finish. If you get too near the nest you will hear its alarm call: a loud 'teck-teck-teck-teck...'. It nests in low brambles and this may explain why there are not more pairs on the Common, dominated as it is by holly rather than brambles. The chiffchaff will be the easiest to identify since its "song" is its name repeated many times just in case you don't get the point. Chiffchaffs also nest low down in bushes and brambles. The willow warbler is almost identical to the chiffchaff in appearance but has a quite different and distinctive

song. Listen out for a soft, musical trail of notes that starts high and trails off to a lower pitch and is repeated at intervals. Willow warblers nest on the ground amidst grass or other low vegetation which, unfortunately, makes them vulnerable to marauding dogs. They used to be common but their numbers have dropped dramatically and last year I think there was only one pair on the Common.

We have virtually finished clearing the holly and other scrub from the five Clumps. The National Trust will take the next step in returning the Clumps to something near their original form. They will remove the halo of young trees that surround and obscure them. These young trees and saplings have all grown up over the last fifty years or so and have completely hidden the rings of trees on the low banks of the Clumps. Some of the original trees have disappeared and it may be possible to replace them once the Clumps are open to the sun again.

We have launched a **History and Archaeological Group (HAG)** to study the Common. Kevin Bennett (Tel. 01494 568689) has bravely offered to coordinate the group. With the help of experts we hope to build up a history of the Common from documents and by studying the various ponds and earthworks it contains – including the Romano-British (?) farmstead and the ancient boundary banks. If this sounds interesting please get in touch and join in. We are all beginners so ignorance is no excuse.

Our programme of events and activities is taking shape. The **walks for health** will continue throughout the year: the next is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April (Bledlow, 4 miles); then Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May (Ibstone, 4 miles) and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June (Lane End, 5 miles). Meet at Naphill Village Hall at 10am. The distant ones will involve car sharing. We will lead a **Rogation Day circuit of the bounds of the Common** on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May starting from Naphill Village Hall at 10.30 am. There will be a **Mid-summer picnic** on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June held near the Umbrella Tree and Clumps. Meet at the Common end of Forge road at 3 pm with your picnic. There will be a **“mini-beast safari”** on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at which children and adults will be encouraged to catch insects for identification by the expert entomologist John Tyler. We hope to have a **bat detection walk**, a **botany walk** and there will be a **fungus foray** in October.

*Trevor Hussey*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Date for your Diary. **8pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Naphill Village Hall. Red Kites in the Chilterns Soaring to Success. Speaker Steve Gunn.** Preceded at 7.30pm by AGM. Everyone Welcome. Wine, Soft drinks and Nibbles.

### Planning Applications.

**11/05412/FUL** 122-124 Main Road, Naphill. Change

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of use of Church section of building from D1 (non residential institution) to B1 (business use). (NAWARA has concern regarding the number of parking spaces needed for the combined house/offices.)

**11/05438/FUL Retrospective.** Charity Cottages, Downley Road, Naphill. Creation of parking area and alterations to landscaping scheme permitted under ref. 09/07431/FUL. (Observation: Traffic hazard to driver and other road users due to lack of visibility when vehicle emerging from behind a fence on to road with no pavement. Highways comments awaited.)

**11/05479/OUT** land at Cranford, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Outline application for erection of a detached two-storey house. (Full details awaited. The applicants are relying on permission given in 1966, which is out of date. Current Green Belt/AONB and garden development policies would now apply, which could raise objections to the application.)

**11/05556/FUL New Application. Walters Ash Service Station, Main Rd., Walters Ash.** Change of Use from car servicing and repair business to car jet wash ancillary to existing petrol filling station and associated external alterations. Expiry date for Neighbour consultations. **05/04/11.** (Fresh letters of objection will be necessary from all those who sent in objections to the previous application.) **Appeal lodged 08/03/11** Case Ref. 11/00023/REF against previous application refusal. ( Ring 563634 for further information).

**NAWARA Committee Vacancy.** If you would like to spend a couple of hours a month (not August) on community matters, the committee would be delighted

to welcome you. Do ring myself or Liz on 562697 for more information.

**Metal Related Thefts.** These have increased in the area, not only from roofs but also from gardens, eg, unsecured bicycles and old cars, and where renovation work is taking place with scrap metal left in full view. Police say lock up metal objects of value and report any suspicious vehicles in the area.

**Deadline for Parish/District Candidate Nomination papers.** Noon 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

**Next Meeting:** 8pm. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

*Gloria Relative : 563634*

## Message from Leigh Lewis re Parking

As everyone is aware the parking adjacent to and opposite the Co Op has posed many difficulties to local residents and line shops.

My staff have recently been confronted by an aggressive man informing them he would be parking his Kebab van outside the practice at night. He was politely informed that the parking belonged to the optician and was on the deeds for the practice.

Unfortunately he continued to intimidate my staff and I have therefore been forced to block off my parking.

The bins are a temporary measure and we will have to have fixed dropable posts fitted. Apologies to all

*Leigh*

## The Black Lion

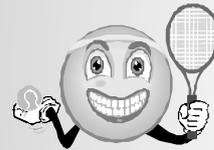
After a long closure period extending from November 2010 until March 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 the Black Lion has been taken over by three local people Bob Hathaway, Mike Schmid and Martin Marianczak. The pub was closed in November after the deteriorating health of the Licensee John Newman made it difficult for both himself and his wife Julia to continue.

The pub is now undergoing a major refurbishment, which will take approximately five weeks, and its hoped it will open before Easter. Look out for local advertising via a weekly flyer and keep in touch with us through our web-site, updated weekly, [www.blackisback.com](http://www.blackisback.com)

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*Like more information? Call our Secretary, Jenny Tench, 01494 565406, or Membership Sec, Sue Crooks, 01494 562539.*

## A Challenge for Charity

Our son Adam is entering the 125 mile Devizes to Westminster canoe 'race' over this Easter weekend.

Adam's brother, Simon, who died last August after a short battle against cancer, was always pushing himself to the limit in various activities, not least, in July 2009, completing the one day section of the Tour de France for amateur cyclists; 108 miles, finishing with the 15 mile climb up Le Mont Ventoux. In doing this he raised money for Alzheimers Research and MS.

Simon spent the last few weeks of his life in the Florence Nightingale Hospice at Stoke Mandeville where the care he received was tremendous through what was a very difficult time.

Adam has decided to push himself to his limits by completing the race over the four day period allowed for single handed canoes, and to raise at least £3000 for the hospice in memory of his brother.

This is a very worthy cause and one which is close to our hearts. So if you would like to support Adam and make a donation to the hospice you may do so

through his 'Just Giving' web site through the following link: <http://www.justgiving.com/Adam-Pool0>  
If you would rather not use the internet but would like to make a donation please contact us.

*Mike and Pauline Pool - 564226*

## Talking Heads

I am delighted to say that the Ubiquitous Touring Theatre Company is returning to Naphill with their production of Talking Heads by Alan Bennett. It promises to be a unique evening that will move and amuse you with moments that only Alan Bennett can create.

So make a date for Friday 6 May starting at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall with tickets at £8.50 including a cheese supper. The bar will be open as usual serving wine, beer and soft drinks.

Naphill Village Hall has been privileged to host many highly acclaimed performances by Ubiquitous over the years and we are thrilled to stage their latest production.

Please telephone me on 562099 to reserve your tickets.

*John Harris*

## The Wheel

What a fabulous month, spring seems to have arrived! And with the sunnier weather everyone in Naphill seems to be out and about. March was a busy month with all the Rugby, various big birthday parties and the word is definitely out that we won Pub of the Year 2011. This month's music quiz was a great success and fun was had by all, we had a record number of teams and it is amazing how much you all know about music, thank you for the support and a great evening.

We now have lots planned as we move from spring into the summer months. Mothers Day is the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, so for those of you who take your Mum's out for Sunday lunch please remember to book early. While we are on the subject of food the menu will be changing again this month to the summer menu with lighter meals, salads and much more.

Diary dates

- Wednesday night Quiz (8.30pm) - 6<sup>th</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> April
- Mothers Day 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- Easter – 22<sup>nd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> April
- St Georges Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> April
- Royal Wedding / mini beer festival – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – Village Fete Day 'musicals'
- July 16<sup>th</sup> - Dog Day – dog photography by Nick Ridley

The Royal Wedding is our next big event that has grown since our last article, as we are not sure what will be happening with the extension, this has meant no April Beer Festival. It has been decided that not only will we hold a Garden/Street party with lots of bunting, flags, food brought by yourselves and a marquee, but we will also have a Mini Beer Festival. We are looking at having 10 ales and only using the local breweries so we can have a right royal beer festival. We hope everyone will come along and join us on this momentous occasion.

We are also holding another Dog Day at The Wheel on the 16<sup>th</sup> July; the last one was held 2 years ago and was an amazing day. Nick Ridley is a professional dog photographer and has a brilliant reputation within the field. Nick takes the photos here in our garden, so you can see and choose your photos straight away, meaning you can walk away with stunning pictures there and then. This day is so much fun, but we do have to book people in as it can get a little chaotic!

*Claire and Mark*

## Community Car Scheme

Interested in getting involved in a car scheme in your area? Community Car Schemes help local people to access appointments, visit friends and get to the shops. It only takes a few hours a month to get involved in this rewarding and interesting activity.

Want to find out more? Come to the open meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm, at Lacey Green and Loosley Row Millennium Hall.

For further information please contact Sally Hussey at Community Impact Bucks on 01296 421036 or Madeleine Howe, Bucks County Council on 01494 475378.

## Looking Back on Village Life

Does anyone have a spare copy of Rex Leaver's excellent book about Naphill & Walter's Ash? I have been contacted through the village web site by a lady in Florida whose great great grandfather was born in Walter's Ash and she is desperate to get hold of a copy.

If anyone can help please let the Editor know.

## Naphill Through Five Reigns

Yet another request for a Naphill publication, this time for the above title. A lady called Lauren has emailed us. She is currently writing a book on our family history in High Wycombe and Naphill using the memoirs of her Great, Great Aunt. Her Uncle, Lester Brown, took some of the photos in the above book and she would like a copy for her family records.

*Judy Whitehouse - 562742*

## BT Infinity

Another plea to register your vote to bring high speed BT Infinity broadband to Naphill & Walter's Ash. Maximum speed from Naphill exchange is currently 7.5MB with most folk getting 5MB or less. With BT Infinity we could get up to 40mb. Go to [racetoinfinity.bt.com/](http://racetoinfinity.bt.com/)

## High Speed Rail Link (HS2)

At a meeting of the Hughenden Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th February 2011 it was unanimously resolved that this Parish Council is firmly against the principle of any high speed rail link running through the Chilterns and Chilterns AONB.

The Council is aware that a consultation paper is due to be issued soon and wanted to make clear to the government the feelings of the Council as well as being aware that many of its Parishioners are against the proposals.

## Missing Cat

Eddy has been missing from home for the last 3 to 4 months. Initially he came home for a snack every week to 10 days but not latterly which makes me think he is still alive. If you have seen or are harbouring a black and white cat who looks similar to the one below and you live near Holly End, Main Road perhaps you would be kind enough to ring me on the number below. I really just want to know that he is still OK. He is not a kitten and comes from a very loving home but obviously feels that the "grass is greener" elsewhere! Tel 01494 563728



## Shear Madness

Although this is Lynn and Mandy's first venture into independent business, they have worked as Barbers in the local area for many years, latterly in Princes Risborough and Thame, where they built a loyal clientele.\*\*\* They also have a lot of experience working with children, and the shop has several toys to occupy children.

Lynn and Mandy aim to provide a professional service in a bright, friendly and fun atmosphere, hence the name: Shear Madness, so if you fancy letting your hair down for a short time, come and try us out at Shear Madness where scissors and trimmers are used, honest, not shears and strimmers!

Opening Times:

Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri: ..... 9.30am - 5pm  
Sat: ..... 7.30am - 4pm  
Thurs: ..... CLOSED

No Appointments Necessary.

A refurbished Ladies Hairdressers has also opened on the premises. The Hairdresser is Helen Brand, formerly of Prestwood. Helen offers a drop-in or appointment service. For appointments, please ring Helen: 07742361711

## Gazette Advertising

Is it naive of me to think that those individuals or companies who advertise in The Gazette have some sense of responsibility to respond to requests or calls. Let me explain. I had, recently, a small repair job at home; I needed a replacement fluorescent light fitting in the kitchen and telephoned two electricians, from The Gazette. Inevitably, I got an answer phone message; I left my name and telephone number, described the problem and asked for a response. Nothing!

A further incidence. Some time last year, An individual, who again advertises in The Gazette, did some repair jobs around the House and, amongst other things, we discussed a rebuilding of the patio, scheduled for early 2011. I was in touch with him recently and he agreed to visit one afternoon and give me a quotation. The afternoon came and went, no apology, no call, nothing! I am delighted for the individuals concerned that, in these straightened times, there are still businesses which are active and making money. I read somewhere that if every small business employed just one more employee, then the unemployment situation in the UK would be solved overnight. There's a thought!

*Gordon Burwood, Walters Ash.*

## Naphill Brownies

Thank you to all who supported the Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale earlier in the month. We had our most successful Sale yet with plenty of Jumble, excellent helpers and loads of buyers. Thank you to everyone who was involved. What's more, with a few outlets for leftover jumble, we only needed 3 cars to take the remaining bits to the tip.

Just before half term we had a great visit to High Wycombe Fire Station. We were shown around the engines and tried out the helmets, heat sensing goggles and even the hoses. Sorry to any parents who may have got a bit wet! All the girls who attended earned their Fire Safety badges

This term we have made dream-catchers, had a quiz night and enrolled our new brownies. With Mothers Day fast approaching, we are now busy preparing our gifts.

Next week we have a guest from 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf' coming to talk to the girls as the final part of their 'Friend to Animals' Badge. We are all really looking forward to that.

Before we know it the light-evenings will be with us, and we will be enjoying doing outdoor activities again too.

*Brown Owl - (Ruth Daly - 565571)*

## Little Ash Pre-School

We are very pleased to announce that we will be open on a Friday afternoon starting September 2011. We look forward to offering more children in the community the opportunity to attend Little Ash Preschool.

As a reminder, the Naphill Spring Dance tickets are now on sale, we look forward to seeing everyone there. Please see below for purchase details.

**Naphill Spring Dance, Saturday 21st May 2011  
@ Naphill Village Hall, 7.30pm-11.30pm**

Live band The Deps (featuring the fantastic James Henton) will be playing your favourite covers.

Great value bar, raffle and a delicious curry from the Mowchak.

*Tickets £20 including curry and 1 drink from the bar*  
Advanced ticket sales only- Please call Jane on 07919026328 or e-mail jane@dynaband.co.uk. Alternatively tickets can be purchased from the Preschool or Naphill Football Club.

*Barbara Chambers*

## Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for them to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling). Any queries, please call me or simply join us at any Thursday meeting at Naphill Village Hall during term time. The group runs from 1 to 3pm. We warmly welcome newcomers for our group.

*Louise Lucas – 488255*

## Fete Day 18<sup>th</sup> June - Musicals

Time just seems to fly past as we are already in April, and there is only two months until our Village Fete. Hopefully the excitement is beginning to build as we look forward to this amazing day. I would like to thank some of the new volunteers that have already been in touch, the help is much appreciated. However we are still in need of some more help and for more donations:

Volunteers

- 3 people for Bounce Krazee – this is simply to take money as the company supplies people to ensure health and safety. (So nice and easy!)
- The Sweet Stall
- The Stocks – (we don't want you to go in them, it is just to collect money)
- We always need help with stewarding the car park

- Help with the set up during the day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>
- Help with clearing the field at the end on the day. (This is very simple now as we have a large skip for rubbish and then it is just putting things away.)

Please help us to make it a very special day.

We also need the following:

- Books
- Chipped / broken china
- Bric-a-brac
- Old wellies

Thank you for the support, and please don't forget to nominate for the Best Neighbour award.

*Claire - Fete Committee – [nwafete@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nwafete@hotmail.co.uk)  
The Wheel - 01494 562 210*

## On The Beaten Track - Chiltern Ramblings

We are so lucky living here in the beautiful Chiltern Hills, surrounded by gentle rolling countryside interrupted by snake-like ridges rising to the highest point at Haddington Hill, near Wendover at 267m (876 ft). Walking in the Chilterns has something for everyone, valleys with and without rivers, hills which can give views across miles of landscape dotted with towns and villages, even the odd power station. They say the best way to explore the British countryside is on foot and this is, indeed, true in this lovely part of England.

If you like to explore and take advantage of the many miles of footpaths in and around the Chilterns, the wildlife and the landscapes, then on with the walking boots, throw a flask and sandwich in the backpack and grab the camera. Don't forget the waterproofs.

This is a series of walks which we have enjoyed over many years of tramping those footpaths and admiring the views and the flora and fauna spotted on the way. I hope you enjoy them too. Most of them can be combined with lunch at a local watering-hole

**PLEASE make sure you read the instructions carefully, particularly in relation to the extended walk to ensure you don't do more miles than you intend.**

### WALK 1

STOKENCHURCH: Aston Hill-Juniper Bank-Beacon Hill-Cherry Tree Corner-Aston Hill \*\* (An extension to this walk of approx. 1 1/2 miles is marked \*\* in the text)

This is a circular route, in total about 5 miles. Allow 2-2 1/2 hours depending on your level of fitness, more if you want to enjoy the views and are into photography. There are plenty of pubs in Stokenchurch if you want to eat before setting off. This walk can be muddy and

walking boots are recommended. There are no toilets en route.

## PARKING

Follow the A40 westerly through Stokenchurch, past Stokenchurch Dog Rescue kennels and the Radio Tower on your left. Continue on the A40, just after the Oxfordshire border sign at the top of Aston Hill there is a lay by on the left hand side at the entrance to Aston Woods. There is usually sufficient parking here.

## THE WALK

Keep to footpaths at all times and ensure all gates are closed behind you as there are usually sheep grazing on Beacon Hill. Keep dogs on leads in areas where there are livestock.

Cross the A40 carefully, this is a very busy road, and head downhill on an overgrown pavement for several metres. You will come to a bridleway on the right leading down into the woods. A NT sign for Aston Woods is located just inside the wood. Follow this track all the way down the hill, weaving round a right hand bend. As you round this bend the path appears to fork, keep to the left fork. At the bottom of this track you will come onto a "T-junction" track. Turn left. This will give you views through the hedges to fields on the right and across to Chinnor and the edge of the Chilterns. Continue on this track with open fields on the left until you come to a crossroads of tracks. \*\* If you wish to do the extended walk carry straight across, the directions are given below. (See \*\* EXTENDED WALK). Otherwise, TURN LEFT. This is signposted Icknield Way/Ridgeway.

You are now on the Icknield Way an ancient trackway thought to date by some from the Iron Age. Follow the Icknield Way until you return to the A40. Cross carefully. Now follow the directions for the continuation of the shorter walk.

## EXTENDED WALK \*\*

If you wish to extend the walk by another 1 1/2 miles when you reach the crossroad of tracks continue straight over. (Turn round occasionally to enjoy the view back to the hills, you will see the top of the BT Tower and Beacon Hill is on your right.) This will lead you to the Watlington-Chinnor road (A4009). At the road turn left and cross the road to the pavement side. Continue in this direction until you come to Butts Way. Follow this Way as it is safer and will come to The Lamberts Arms, now a motel. Turn left and walk to the main road.

You are now facing the bottom of Aston Hill, signposted to Stokenchurch. Cross the A4009 and walk up Aston Hill on the left hand side pavement until you reach the Icknield Way signpost. Before you reach the signpost if you look carefully on the left there is a wooden post and rail fence and some stonework almost hidden in undergrowth. On the opposite side of the road (you can cross here) there is more stonework.

Continue up Aston Hill and turn right at the Icknield Way signpost. The walk now rejoins the shorter version.

## CONTINUATION OF THE SHORTER WALK

Having crossed the A40 continue along the Icknield Way for some way until you reach a gated entrance on the left with an information board. Go through the gate and you are now at the bottom of Beacon Hill. Continue up the rise, which is quite steep, for a few metres and pass through another gate on the right. Along this section of the walk at weekends you may hear the drone of an aeroplane or see it circling higher and higher. When it reaches its optimum height tiny dots leap out and as they come closer they turn into parachutists heading for a field on the other side of the M40 motorway. Follow this bottom track for some way, it will lead to a new fence, pass through the gate and the path will lead you to steps on the right which in turn lead down into what appears to be an ancient drovers track, a timber hauliers track or an ancient ditch and rampart. The drovers track will start to rise slowly, passing through a gate and climbing to a set of steep steps on the left. Here you can climb the steep steps if you wish and follow the right hand path to a viewing point looking across the Oxford Vale to Didcot Power Station and Long Wittenham Clumps OR carry straight on to another set of steps which leads to the car park of the Aston Rowant Nature Reserve. This latter route is not quite as steep but you are not rewarded with such good views. If you follow the steep step route you get a fine view at the viewing point which also has an information board about the red kites. Take the left path up to the car park.

Walk through the car park, turn left and follow the road to Cherry Tree Corner which is on the first bend in the road and is marked by an entrance on the left into the wood. As you enter the wood, make sure you stay on the right hand path as the left one will take you back round Beacon Hill. Follow this main track for about a mile until you return to the Aston Hill lay by.



Beacon Hill

Carole Barfoot

***This is an abbreviated version of Carole's walk. If you would like a full colour A4 sheet of instructions to be emailed to you please send a request to [judy@judyq.demon.co.uk](mailto:judy@judyq.demon.co.uk).***

***We would appreciate feedback from anyone who tries it out - thanks!***

# Naphill Spring Dance



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All proceeds will be split between Naphill Football Club &  
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\*free drink includes, beer, cider or 125ml glass of wine



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**Grown your own - the vegetable gardens of Naphill & Walter's Ash**  
(With thanks to Nancy Hussey, Mary Carter and the children at Naphill & Walter's Ash School)

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## Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15 pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in the month	7.45 pm
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Each Monday	2.00 - 3.30 pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8.00 pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30 - 7.30 pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday	3.45 - 6.15 pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00 - 9.00 pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00 - 9.30 pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1.00 - 2.00 pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30 pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday – Forge Road – Village Hall	10.30 am - 1.15 pm 12.15 - 12.50 pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays NWA School	9.30 - 11.00 am
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays RAF Sports Field	9.30 - 11.00 am
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays The Crick	9.30–11.00 am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00 pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30 am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30 am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30 pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30 pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45 am
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8.00 pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10.00 am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10.00 am onwards
	Each Thursday (April–September)	6.30 pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April–July)	Group 1: 5.00 pm
		Group 2: 5.45 pm
		Group 3: 6.30 pm
	Saturdays (April–July)	Under 7s: 9.30 am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8.00 - 10.00 pm
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## PIN-UP DIARY DATES

### May

- 5th Parish & District Council Elections
- 6th UTTC Play "Talking Heads" - Village Hall 7.45pm (Tickets required)
- 12th Residents Association AGM - Village Hall 8pm
- 13th Blood Donors - Village Hall
- 16th FONC Walk for Health (Ibstone 4 miles) - meet Village Hall 10.00am
- 21st Plant Sale - Village Hall 9am
- 21st Spring Dance - Village Hall 7.30pm (Tickets required)
- 22nd Hortico Trip to Wisley - Village Hall 9am (Tickets required)
- 29th FONC Rogation Day Circuit of the Bounds - meet Village Hall 10.30am

### June

- 18th Village Fete - Theme "Musicals"
- 20th FONC Walk for Health (Lane End 5 miles) - meet Village Hall 10.00am
- 24th FONC Bat Detection Walk - details TBA
- 24th Residents Association Quiz Night - Village Hall 7pm (Tickets required)
- 26th FONC Midsummer Picnic - end of Forge Road 30pm

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<b>Brownies (Naphill)</b>	Ruth Daly	565571	Thursdays 6 - 7.15pm Scout & Guide Hut
<b>Brownies (Walter's Ash)</b>	Lesley Hamer	473502	Mondays 6 - 7.30pm RAF Community Cent
<b>Community Police Officer</b>	Lee Turnham	736773	Shoulder No: 3146
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<b>Cubs - Naphill</b>	Ed Atwell	563668	Tuesdays 7 - 8.30pm Scout & Guide Hut
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<b>Luncheon Club</b>	Jan Gaunt	562282	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1pm
<b>Men's Club</b>	Andrew Wilmot	562770	<a href="mailto:naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk">naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk</a>
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<b>Surgery Pharmacy</b>	Enquiries	565458	8.00am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 6.15pm
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## Editorial

On the day that we moved into Naphill our thoughtful neighbour came round and left us with a copy of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette. It gave us our first insight into life in this area and was a very positive start. And now here I am, eight years later, putting together my first edition of the magazine.

My husband and I live on Main Road together with our two children. While our children were young we were heavily involved in the Preschool. Now our focus has moved on to the school and the many and varied activities that take place there. I decided to brave the Editor's role because I believe that this publication makes a very positive contribution to our local community and I am delighted to be a part of that.

My first 'solo' edition will be June. Judy is kindly easing me into it by sharing the editing this month. She has been very generous with her knowledge and must be given credit for doing such a fantastic job with the Gazette over the last 5 ½ years.

I welcome any ideas, comments and contributions that you may have. Please feel free to contact me by email, phone or by dropping off a letter.

*Clare Goddard - 565065  
[gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk)*

## Out With the Old

First of all, apologies for all the mistakes I made in the last edition. Probably the biggest is that the cover photo was of a waxwing and not a lapwing but there were lots of others - I cringed when I saw them in print! Clearly then it is time for me to hand over as Editor and I was so pleased when Clare came forward. I know she will do a fabulous job for us.

I cannot go without thanking the team of people that have supported me over the last few years and without whom the Gazette machine would not function. Apart from the core members, David Leith, Pauline and Mike Pool and Sue Fryer there are all the people who tread the streets each month delivering, all the village organisations who so readily and regularly provide input and everyone who has provided photos, advice, support, letters and articles to enrich this wonderful tribute to our village life. It has been a great honour to have been involved and I will always be proud to have taken part for a while.

I shall be retaining responsibility for the village web site, [www.naphill.org.uk](http://www.naphill.org.uk) working alongside David Kidger to keep the web site up to date, so don't forget to let me have any calendar dates and news items to post. Also a reminder that you can follow us on Twitter [@naphillwa](https://twitter.com/naphillwa). We plan to introduce more functionality and are now working on a photo gallery using Flickr so if there are any photographers that have local photos on Flickr they would be willing to share then our group is called Naphill & Walter's Ash.

*Judy Whitehouse*

## County Councillor's Report

The Cabinet has agreed to implement the 'county and community' model for Buckinghamshire's Library Service. The County Council has to make savings totalling £56 million over the next three years. Of this the Library Service has to make savings of £688,000 and has already been working on making savings in back office functions and reviewing support service teams. It is anticipated that savings of £488,000 will need to be achieved through this new service model.

The new 'county and community' model for Buckinghamshire libraries will see the development of 14 community partnerships with local groups, Parish Councils and partner organisations phased over the next two years. These libraries will be supported by nine larger county libraries that will enable the delivery of online reference material, and book reservations across the whole of the South East. The nine county libraries will be; Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Amersham, Chesham, Beaconsfield, Princes Risborough, Buckingham, Hazlemere and Marlow.

The 14 community partnership libraries will be; Castlefield, Chalfont St Peter, Farnham Common, Flackwell Heath, Gerrards Cross, Great Missenden, Haddenham, Iver Heath, Ivinghoe, Long Crendon, Stokenchurch, Wendover, Wing, Winslow.

There are a range of ways a community partnership could take shape; sharing premises with other local businesses and organisations, increasing community volunteering and fundraising, and self managed community led libraries. The model is flexible and will be tailored to each local community with the ideas and development led by local residents and organisations.

There has been much concern over changes in the provision of Day Centres and a similar community response, together with the voluntary sector, is under consideration.

A phased approach to changes in Buckinghamshire County Council's home to school transport policy is under consideration, following responses to a public consultation and recommendations by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Members of the public voiced concerns about the proposed policy changes at a scrutiny committee meeting last month. The committee's recommendations sought to protect parents whose children already attend schools out of catchments area, and ease the introduction of proposed transport charges.

I am awaiting details of what monies will be available for road surfacing in my Division of Greater Hughenden. The funding is to be a little more generous than was first thought in order to rectify the extensive surface damage caused by the ravages of last winter. Together with our road technicians, I will be trying to spread the allocations to the most damaged surfaces and not just to pothole repairs.

Rural crime appears to be on the increase with

expensive farm equipment being targeted by criminal gangs. Householders are warned to be more aware of the need for security and to report any suspicious circumstances to our local police.

*Richard Pushman*

## Neighbourhood Police News

### Speeding

The Speed Indication Device (SID) and residents using the Community Speed Watch (CSW) have been deployed in several areas within Hughenden Valley, Widmer End and Great Kingshill. The Hughenden Valley Community Speed Watch results have shown that between 8.35 am and 9.35 am on 21 March, traffic flow was moderate. A total of 50 vehicles were recorded as being over the 30 mph speed limit. Cockpit Road, Great Kingshill was checked at around 7.00 am. A total of 140 vehicles were checked and the average speed was 29 mph. However, a total of 35 vehicles exceeded the threshold. Windmill Lane was checked with a total of 69 vehicles passing through. One vehicle was above the threshold. Letters have been sent to the drivers of the offending vehicles.

The T-Sid has been located on Copes Road Great Kingshill and has been approved for three deployments: Widmer End, Naphill and Hughenden Valley. The results will be analysed and published in the next newsletter.

If you are interested in seeing how the device works or you are interested in becoming involved in the process, please contact Natalie Hall or Lee Turnham at the address or e-mail below. We will then be able to inform you of the location and time that is appropriate to your ward.

### Metal Related Thefts

Over the past few months the Hughenden, Hazlemere & Chepping Wycombe Police area has observed an increase in theft of metal. The metal is either being stripped from private and/or commercial properties, eg. lead flashing being removed, or is being taken from a home owners garden or driveway where scrap metal is clearly visible to the public. The police are also receiving daily reports of vans and recovery trucks that are cruising the area looking for the opportunity to collect what the van's occupants deem to be unwanted scrap metal, or to use it as an excuse to trespass on your property. In some instances reported to the police, cycles that have been left unsecured in the front garden and old cars have also been taken. The more vulnerable properties appear to be those having building or renovation work being carried out or those where scrap metal is left in full view of the public, eg. an old radiator.

If the metal on your property is of value to you then lock the item up and put it out of sight of prying eyes and do not send an open invitation to those who will profit from your loss. If you genuinely have scrap metal that you

want to be collected by a scrap merchant or "rag and bone" man then leave the item at the entrance of your property, like you would do with your wheelie bin. Alternately take the scrap to a local scrap dealer and profit from your own recycling or take it to your local authority recycling centre.

The police have had some success in targeting those who collect scrap metal by working in partnership with The Environmental Agency, as scrap metal is classed as a waste product and those transporting metal need a licence. Operating without a licence can result in a large fine.

If you do observe any suspicious vehicles in the area then please call the police. Please be vigilant and help prevent crime.

### Motoring

The Roads Policing dept have been out and about, they have equipment fixed within the vehicles that enables the officers to ascertain if vehicles are covered by insurance. Two vehicles in the Parish were seized in the last month.

### Have Your Say

This has been implemented by the local Neighbourhood team, enabling members of the public to come and meet the team. Dates are published on the village web site [www.naphill.org.uk](http://www.naphill.org.uk).

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 0845 8505 505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office. Alternatively you are welcome to send us an email at the following address

[lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)  
[nataliehall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nataliehall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

The team would also love to hear from the community regarding any positive or negative feedback that you may have or any issues or concerns that you may wish to raise.

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham  
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer*

## News from 'Christians in the Community'

If anyone would like to join us for our next Fellowship Safari it is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – 7.30 at Judith Camplisson's house, 9 South Maudlin, Hughenden Valley. The second stop will be at Joan Blunden's house, 4 Louches Lane, Naphill. You will be very welcome. Any queries to me on 563116. On the next night, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May we shall be having our committee meeting at Church House, Hughenden.

Our gazebo will be at the Naphill Fete and we are starting to collect plants which will be on sale there. If you are out in garden perhaps you could check to see if there are any plants that need dividing and pot them up for us.

*Norma Clarke*

## Naphill Evening WI

What a privilege it is to live in the Chilterns, a lovely corner of the world, especially in springtime. But it is always rewarding to experience other places, and this we did at the March meeting, when Mrs. B Hulbert took us along the Garden Route from the Cape, in sunny South Africa. Through her beautiful photographs and interesting commentary we were transported to a country of stunning scenery with an array of colourful flowing plants, and a variety of wildlife from the smallest beetle to the majestic elephant.

At our meeting the President read from a newspaper cutting that the Yorkshire Tea Company will no longer be sending out free parcels of Yorkshire tea to the Womens' Institute. This is due to the NFWI requiring a 'proper contractual relationship'. Apparently many of the 200,000 WI members are rather upset by this decision and there may well be trouble brewing.

The Spring Group Meeting was held at Lacey Green on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, with Windmill WI as hosts. The talk by Mrs Susan Howe, called 'Hysterical History', had some amusing and off beat stories about various historical figures. We were also interested to hear that Mrs Howe was fortunate to be married in Westminster Abbey, where apart from Royal Weddings, very few weddings occur.

The BFWI 'Trees' day held recently at the Oak Room, High Wycombe, was attended by Judy and Nancy. There were four excellent presentations: on preserving the ancient and veteran trees at Burnham Beeches; the Woodland Trust and its tree planting scheme; the Rainforest Alliance working to save the rain forests around the world, and a scheme at Farnham Common to set up a community orchard.

The WI committee had a successful meeting and lunch with members from our twin, Napton on the Hill, in Warwickshire. It is hoped that in October they will come down to visit us, and we will take them around Hughenden Manor.

There is to be a coffee morning at the home of Beryl Gossage, on Monday, 9th May. Cost for coffee and cake is £3.

Next meeting: 19th May – Resolutions and Beetle Drive, with wine and nibbles.

### Reminders:

- 17<sup>th</sup> May Trip to National Memorial Arboretum - (contact Marion Lawrence for details).  
23<sup>rd</sup> May Ploughman's Lunch - at Jenny's home

tickets £5.50

25<sup>th</sup> May

'Food Appreciation' lunch - at the Three Horseshoes' (contact Sonja Macmillan).

**Please note:** as we are unable to get into the hall until 7.15pm to set things up, we would appreciate it if members could arrive at meetings no earlier than 7.30pm. It is important that members register at the door when they first arrive.

*Nancy Hussey*

## Naphill Neighbours

It is a beautiful time of year and Naphill looks particularly lovely with its blossom and golden daffodils in the sunshine.

On a balmy April evening we met for an illustrated talk by John Tyler, appropriately called A YEAR IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. An excellent speaker, he talked us through his beautiful slides of flora and fauna, most of which had been taken within 3 miles of Naphill.

Then, two days later we were off bright an early for A DAY IN THE NEW FOREST. The weather was fine, we had a first class guide, the scenery was beautiful, we loved the ponies, donkeys and roe deer - all together a most enjoyable outing.

At our next club meeting on Monday 9th May we will be welcoming Alan Copeland who will be entertaining us with an illustrated talk on CURIOSITIES IN THE COTSWOLDS. Tea hostesses are Jean Perfect, Margaret Cole and Kathy Parkinson.

Names will be taken at this meeting for our eagerly awaited outing on Tuesday 12th July to HIGHCLERE CASTLE - I hardly need remind you that this is the location for the TV series "Downton Abbey". The cost will be £23 for members and £25 for guests. We will leave Naphill at 9.30am.

*Hazel Vickery – 563977*

## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

Our April meeting is always very short and to the point as we have only 30 minutes to conduct the business before the start of the AGM (our meetings usually last for about an hour and a half!). It's amazing that we manage to get through the agenda in that time, but it does mean that we have no spare time to talk things through as we usually do.

Clare Christian, our wonderful Fete Organiser in Chief, came along to the start of the meeting to fill us on the arrangements. 'Health and Safety' have put their oar in regarding the procession and car parking on the Crick for the Fete. We have to employ specially trained marshalls to escort the procession along the Main Road and we should also employ umpteen specially trained car parkers to organise the parking on the Crick.

There is no way around having the procession marshalled but Clare and her committee are looking into ways we can dispense with staff for the car parking and yet still comply with the regulations. Employing all these people would obviously eat into our profits.

We are thrilled to announce that Tanya Stevens has become our new Lettings Secretary. Barbara will continue to be the point of contact until we have had the designated phone line installed into Tanya's house. Barbara has done such a wonderful job over the years and we thank her for all her dedication and hard work. Tanya hopes to be able to make use of IT to streamline the job and make the best use of technology. Thank you Tanya for stepping forward. One of her first jobs will be to supervise the visit of the funfair from the 29 June to 3 July.

Have you noticed that following the theft of the lead, the sports pavilion clock is now surrounded by smart white UPVC? It looks really good.

Our AGM followed the normal format with reports on the achievements of the year and plans for future developments. The treasurer's annual report and financial statement was presented and accepted. Our finances are on target but we have our fingers tightly crossed for decent weather for both the fete and the fireworks because the profits are so weather dependent. We have ambitious plans to develop the hall as you know and they do not come cheap. The officers and village reps were voted in unanimously with no changes. The co-opted members, Chairman and Vice Chairman are voted in at our next meeting.

Make sure you come along to the fete on the 18 June. It promises to be another great day.

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

## Fete Day 18<sup>th</sup> June 'Musicals'

Thank you to our new volunteers who joined us last month, all the extra help is much appreciated and we can always do with more. We still also need your nominations for Best Neighbour award any one can nominate just let me have the name and a reason why at The Wheel.

The organisation of this year's Fete has proved to be rather entertaining this year as we have had to deal with the new council regulations. For the Fete procession we have had to apply for a temporary road closure which assuming it is granted will take place from before Forge Road to by The Wheel. We have had to employ a specific security company to manage the closure and signage, each road along the route will have road closed signs but we will attempt to cause minimum disruption on the day. The procession starts from Forge Road at 12 noon and will move down Main Road towards The Crick as usual. We have also been informed that if we have the car parking on The Crick on the day this would also have to be manned, so we apologise now that there will be very limited car parking

if any on the day.

So on to happier things the RAF are supplying us with a Spitfire for the fly past again this year. We are also having the usual two princesses and also two princes this year all from Naphill School. The Grand Draw tickets are now available £5 for a book with some amazing prizes to be won, 1<sup>st</sup> prize £300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £150, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £50 with much more. Tickets will be available at The Wheel, Bon Ami, The Black Lion, Shear Madness (hair dressers), Leigh Lewis Options and the Post office.

What will be on the Crick?

Grand Draw	Coconut Shy	Kids Assault course
Tombolas	China Smash	Football Shoot out
Beer Tent	Sweet Stall	Strawberries&cream
Cake Stall	Bungee Run	Teas and Coffees
Archery	BBQ	National Trust
Bric-a-brac	Books	Kids Zone
Steam Engine	RAF	Competition Tent
Surf Simulator	Welly Wanging	

There will be much more than this on the day so there will be something for everyone. Please come along and join the fun and support this amazing day.

*Fete Committee*

## Naphill Fete Tombola – Request for Prizes

We would be delighted to receive any donations you can spare for the fete Tombola prizes. We have had some gifts already so huge thanks to those of you who have already donated, but we still need many more!!! Anything you can spare that would be suitable as a prize, would be much appreciated. We can be found at no. 4 Lacey Drive, off Chapel Lane. Thank you.

*Andy & Judy Pope*

## Naphill Fete Book Stall



I am looking for good quality children's books and adult paperbacks for my book stall at the Fete on June 18. If you can help please call me on 564226 or deliver them to Endsleigh, Clappins Lane, Naphill. If no-one is home just leave them on doorstep.

Many thanks.

*Pauline Pool 564226*

## Second Hand Emporium

It is now time to think about all those items in your garage, cupboards, sheds, lofts..... that you no longer want or need. We need these items (well most of them) so please donate them to the second hand emporium.

The second hand emporium is traditionally one of the most important elements of the fundraiser. In previous years it has raised over 10% of the fetes total revenue. This is a massive testament to the volunteers who help gather all the items that are donated and sell them on the day. Without the contributions from Naphill and Walter's Ash residents there would be no second hand emporium.

**Call Ian Bond now on 01494 564 824 to arrange collection or to find out where they can be dropped off.**

## Naphill Horticultural Society

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

After a very long winter, spring has finally sprung and at last the sun is shining, making our thoughts turn to the garden and making it fabulous for the summer. To help you with your plans, our **Plant Sale** this year takes place at the Village Hall on **Saturday May 21** from 9.00 – 10.30 am. This is the perfect opportunity to buy all the plants you need to make your garden flourish, weather 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. We are doing our best to provide more bedding plants! Should you be inundated with plants you have grown yourselves and be interested in having a table to sell your surplus stock, you can book one through me at a cost of just £5.

The following day, Sunday 22 May, we have a coach trip booked to the RHS Gardens at Wisley, leaving the Village Hall at 9.00 am and returning from Wisley at 4.00 pm, so we should be back in the village by 5.30pm. We do not pay for entry to the gardens, so the trip is just £7.50 per person to cover the cost of the coach. If you would like to come along, give me a call.

It is also time to start planning your exhibits for one (or both) of our shows. The shows are for all those with an interest in gardening and we welcome all entries. We have had several new exhibitors over the last couple of years who I think have been pleasantly surprised at how much fun it is, and often win prizes. In fact one of them won one of our coveted medals, so was absolutely thrilled!

You do not have to be a professional to exhibit in either of our shows. Above all exhibiting should be fun! So, to try and help you, we have put together some information and guidelines in both the schedule and on our web site to help any potential exhibitors, explaining exactly what is required for each class. You can also contact us for any advice you may require - we are all only too happy to help.

If you have exhibited previously, you should already have received your copy of this year's schedule. Alternatively, you can pick one up at the plant sale, or from Peter Davis, The Post Office or myself. If you prefer, you can download the schedule from the web site. So, no excuses - have a look and, more importantly, have a go!

Membership subscriptions are now due for those who were not at the annual dinner, and remain at £1 per person. Again you can pay at the Plant Sale or via any Committee Member.

See you all at the Plant Sale

Cathryn Carter – 563233

## Friends of Naphill Common

[www.naphillcommon.org.uk](http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk)

So far this year our working parties have focused mainly on clearing scrub from the Clumps, and the feedback from people has been wholly positive. When the National Trust have felled some of the small trees that have sprung up around the area the original shape of the Clumps will emerge even more clearly. We have made a temporary pause in our working parties during the bird nesting season but will start work on paths and the Clumps again in the summer.

If we can get permission from West Wycombe Estate and Natural England we would like to do some work on the ponds. There are seven ponds of a reasonable size on the Common – excluding Pickup's Pond at the end of Downley Road which is not within its bounds – but some are in a poor condition. Ash pond (by the side of the Broad Path H21, near the junction with H19) is the smallest and is often almost dry. The small pond with no agreed name (by the boundary with Bradenham Woods) is getting very overgrown with scrub. Shipwash Pond (hidden in the trees near Bradenham woods and by H19) was originally used to wash sheep but is badly silted up with leaves. It has a distinctive promontory projecting into it down which the sheep could be driven, as is often found in sheep washing ponds. Prestwood have a similar pond which they have restored beautifully and it would be good if we could do the same.

Daisy pond (near the top of Cookshall Lane) is very important because the rare starfruit *Damasonium alisma* was found there in the 1990s, but has not appeared since. The pond is getting badly choked with floating sweet grass *Glyceria fluitans*. Lady Horse pond (by the junction of H18 and H1) is slowly filling with leaves and would benefit from some attention. We recently removed some scrub obscuring Dew pond (by H2 and the Great Beech). Dew pond was "cleaned out" rather drastically about thirty years ago – which explains the slight mound on its eastern side. This may be a very remarkable pond. It could be the source of water for what is thought to be a Romano-British farmstead adjacent to it, which would make it about 1600 years old. A shard of Roman pottery was found in it and, had the cleaning been done more carefully, more

may have been discovered. Our recently formed Historical and Archaeological Group (HAG) may do some research here.

It is said that there were once about twenty ponds on the Common, mainly to serve the grazing livestock while, nearer the village, there were several “white railing” ponds for human use, supplementing the rain water tanks. Mains water did not reach Naphill until about 1929. The largest pond on the Common, Willow Pond, (by Bradenham Woods and H18) seems to have sides that are too steep for livestock to use, so it may have started life as a clay pit. There are pudding stones around it so it may have been a stone quarry too. Willow pond could be the long lost ‘David’s Hole’ mentioned as a boundary marker in 1736 – another job for HAG.

There will be a **Walk for Health** on Monday 16 May (Ibstone, 4 miles) and on Monday 20 June (Lane End, 5 miles). Meet at Naphill Village Hall at 10 am. (Car sharing). On Sunday 27 May there will be a **Rogation Day walk** around the boundary of the Common, starting from the Village Hall at 10.30 am. There will be a **Bat Detection Walk** on the evening of Friday 24 June; starting time to be announced. The **Mid-summer Picnic** will be on Sunday 26 June, near the Clumps and Umbrella Tree. Bring your own picnic and meet at the Common end of Forge Road at 3 pm. The local entomologist John Tyler will lead a **Mini-beast Safari** on Sunday 17 July, starting from the Village Hall at 2 pm. Children and adults will be encouraged to catch insects and have them identified by an expert. The event may take up to two hours so it might be a good idea to bring refreshments for your children. The **Fungus Foray** will be on Thursday 27 October starting from the Village hall at 10 am.

Trevor Hussey

## Naphill Tennis Club

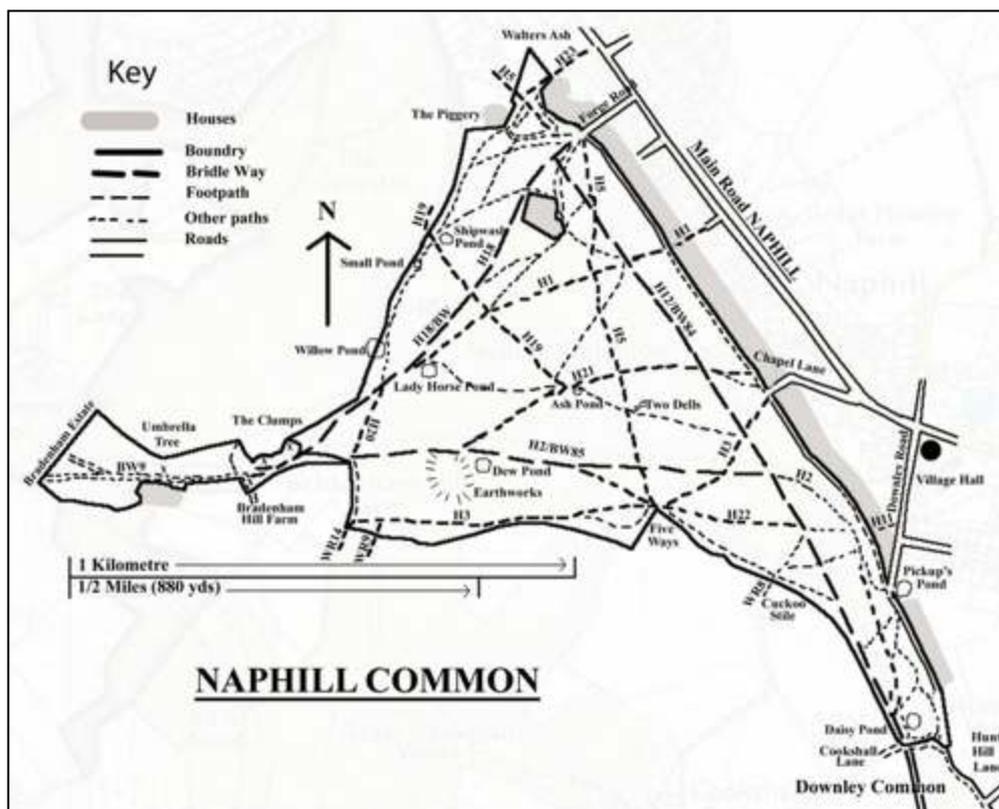
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**Like more information?**

Call our Secretary:  
Jenny Tench, 01494 565406, or  
Membership Sec:  
Sue Crooks, 01494 565406



## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Naphill Village Hall  
7.30pm NAWARA AGM.

8pm **RED KITES IN THE CHILTERNES SOARING TO SUCCESS.** Speaker. Steve Gunn attached to Chilterns Conservation Board.

Everyone welcome. Enjoy Wine, soft drinks and nibbles during the evening.

**Naphill & Walters Ash  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
AGM**



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Naphill Village Hall**  
7.30pm - AGM  
8.00pm - Steve Gunn from  
Chilterns Conservation Board giving a talk on  
**RED KITES IN THE CHILTERNES SOARING TO SUCCESS**  
All welcome, enjoy wine, soft drinks and nibbles.

Date for Diary: NAWARA Quiz Night 24<sup>th</sup> June  
with Quizmaster Ted Chapman

### Planning Applications to 14th April

- 11/05578/REN** 201 Main Road Request for extension of time limit for 08/05113/FFUL.
- 11/05592/FUL** 15 Battingswood Gardens Construction of front and side extensions
- 11/05646/FUL** 374 Main Road Walter's Ash New 2 storey extension and division of existing dwelling into 2 x 2 bed semi detached dwellings
- 11/05687/FUL** 177 Main Road Naphill Construction of single storey rear extension
- 11/05701** 21 Ash Close Walter's Ash Erection of single storey rear extension
- 11/05672/FUL** Aisling Downley Road Naphill Construction of single storey side extension
- 11/05761/MINAMD** 163 Main Road Naphill Minor amendment to 10/06859/FUL Permitted
- 11/05773/FUL** 256 Main Road Naphill Extension to side porch, first floor rear extension & alterations to windows
- 11/05494/FUL** No 3 Site RAF Air Command Walter's Ash Demolition of existing dilapidated Physical Training Centre complex and construction of replacement facility to include landscaping and small

viewing pavilion. A comprehensive application which should tidy up the existing site)

### Forthcoming Event

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – NAWARA Quiz Night with Quizmaster Ted Chapman.

# Quiz night

With popular Quizmaster  
**TED CHAPMAN**



**Teams of four**  
Tickets £8 per person  
(including delicious Chilli Con Carne or Vegetarian meal)

In aid of NAWARA Funds

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
Doors open 7pm, Quiz starts 7.30pm

Tickets in advance from  
Carol 562843, Liz 562697, Gloria 563634

### 5<sup>th</sup> MAY - ELECTION DAY

The first 4-Ward Parish Council Election for 16 Years! For the Naphill and Walter's Ash Ward we can select 4 out of our 5 candidates: Roger Beavil, Audra Byerley, Phil Conran, Peggy Ewart, Dennis Hackling.

It's really worth using your vote as local councils are now being given more powers by the government.

### Next Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May AGM

*Gloria Leflaive : 563634*

## The Wheel

The start of April has been a busy month the fantastic weather at the beginning seemed to bring the whole of Naphill and Walter's Ash out and into our garden. It was a lovely atmosphere with lots of families enjoying the sunshine. As of writing this we are hoping for the rest of April to be glorious with the Easter weekend and the Royal Wedding celebrations still to come. We will update you on those events in the June edition.

Fantastic news we have finally had the go ahead on our extension which will start on the 26 April. The extension

is going out the back of the pub and will look like a barn conversion once finished. This will give us extra dining space and also the ability to do functions (birthday parties, christening etc). Talking about food our new summer menu is now available and can be found on our web site [www.thewheelnaphill.com](http://www.thewheelnaphill.com). We have re-introduced chilli con carne, lasagne, salads and much more.

One of the reasons we love being part of this amazing village is all the support for the local businesses and it's great to have the addition of Bon Ami with its fabulous coffee, cakes and snacks all in a lovely atmosphere (I just wish I had more time to use it). It is also great news to know The Black Lion will have re-opened by the time you read this. It will be lovely to be a two pub village again and we think it's great that local people have bought it and we wish them well and look forward to working (and drinking) together.

What's coming up over the next few months?

- Quiz Night – 4 May, 18 May, 1 June, 22 June
- The Whip's Beer Festival – 13 and 14 May
- Mark's Birthday – 14 May (No doubt he'll be at The Whip's Beer Festival)
- Fete Day – 18 June
- Father's Day – 19 June
- Dog Photography Day – 16 July

Once again thanks to everyone for their support and here's to a summer to remember.

*Claire and Mark*

## The Black Lion

For those of you who have been following the progress of the Black Lion refurbishment on [www.theblackisback.com](http://www.theblackisback.com) you will be aware of the significant progress we have made. The photographs on the web site show the last four weeks work and I am sure all of you would like to know that we are planning to open on the 21 of April at 12 noon. We have a comprehensive menu along with daily specials, coffee and tea always available and a superb range of quality local cask ales. Jack, Bob, Martin and Mike look forward to welcoming you to the newly refurbished Black Lion and remember [www.theblackisback.com](http://www.theblackisback.com)

## Carcinogenic Cornflakes

If you are reading this over breakfast please don't choke.

I have always been careful of what I put in my compost heaps. Gardening books exhorted me to put newspapers in with all of the other material such as green waste from the kitchen, grass cuttings and weeds from the garden. However, I always resisted the siren calls to put in newsprint. I was suspicious of the ink. I did not know what was in the ink so I refrained from composting newspapers. I wanted my muck to be pure, unadulterated muck, not contaminated muck. I

also refrained from following the advice of other gardening experts who advocated putting cardboard sheets down on top of weeds then putting soil on top as a way of eradicating perennial weeds. I did not know what was in the cardboard. I have tried to be completely organic on my allotment and in my garden, and that meant keeping away completely from man-made products, including compost accelerators.

On the Today programme on Radio 4 on the 8 March 2011 there was an item on synthetic oils. It appears that cardboard, which is often made from recycled newspapers, contains synthetic oils from the printing inks. These synthetic oils have been found to be carcinogenic in rats and to cause internal bleeding. The report also said that the cardboard outers of packets of cereals have been found to leak the synthetic oils into the cereals through the moisture-proof inner packaging. The longer the packets of cereals remain on the shelf the worse the leaking. The average level of synthetic oils in the cereals was found to be 50 times the approved rate for those chemicals.

Bon appétit!

*Mike Mason*

## Carriage Driving - Help Wanted

Disabled lady with horse and carriage is looking for somebody to accompany her out driving. Horse kept at Spurlands End, Holmer Green. For more information telephone Jo on 01494 563449.

## Found - Pet Cockatiel

I am writing to the Naphill Gazette in the hope that I can return a lost pet to its rightful owner.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of March this year, I gave a home to a very tame but tired looking young grey Cockatiel, that was found by my parents on the roof of their house (Stocking Lane, Naphill). It had obviously flown for some distance as it looked rather distressed. I have no previous bird keeping experience whatsoever, but after some digging around online I have made the assumption that it was a male, and decided to call it 'Colin' and bought a cage etc for him to live in. My dad put up signs around the village to see if anyone had lost a bird, but we have had no response. Colin has a grey coloured body, with yellow cheeks with orange markings – his crest is a bright yellow. He is very tame, enjoys strokes on the head, and will frequently come out of the cage and fly/explore happily around my place. I have recently discovered that Colin is obsessed with white tea towels, he goes absolutely mad when he sees one – he will whistle the same tune, as if he is trying to impress it. When he comes out the cage he will fly to wherever the tea towel is put (Including a friend's head!). It was upon this discovery that made me realise even more that Colin is actually someone's pet – and the tea towel was obviously a way to build up a relationship between owner and animal. It also became apparent how much it must have really upset someone to lose their pet (As he

comes out so frequently and flies around, I am presuming a window or door may have been left open by accident...). Although I have become very attached to him, I would be really happy if I could find the real owner of 'Colin' and give him back. In my Cockatiel research, I discovered that if they escape into the open, they get bewildered and will fly until they get too tired, so he may have come from beyond Naphill and I may be onto a lost cause...but someone might know someone, or have seen an advert in Risborough, Lacey Green etc and there is every chance we can get him back to his right home!

If anyone has lost a pet Cockatiel or knows anyone who has etc then please contact me on 07545580896 or [dellboy99@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dellboy99@hotmail.co.uk)

*Jack Dell*

## Blood Donors

The next Blood Donor session will be held at the Village Hall on Friday the 13 May. Blood stocks are low at the moment so please make an appointment to give, by telephoning 0300 1232323. You can of course just "turn up" but you may have a longer wait. Your donation could be life saving, so please come along.

## Talking Heads

I am delighted to say that the Ubiquitous Touring Theatre Company is returning to Naphill with their production of Talking Heads by Alan Bennett. It promises to be a unique evening that will move and amuse you with moments that only Alan Bennett can create.

So make a date for Friday 6 May starting at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall with tickets at £8.50 including a cheese supper. The bar will be open as usual serving wine, beer and soft drinks.

Naphill Village Hall has been privileged to host many highly acclaimed performances by Ubiquitous over the years and we are thrilled to stage their latest production.

Please telephone me on 562099 to reserve your tickets.

*John Harris*

## Found - Child's Watch

Watch found in Naphill Woods. Please contact John Michell 07917 610941

## Buckinghamshire County Council on Twitter

You can now follow Buckinghamshire County Council on Twitter @buckscc.

The page has been set up to provide followers with an opportunity to gain access to more information about their local council and, in time, the information provided through Twitter will increase.

## Naphill Brownies

Those of you who patiently wait outside the Scout hut each week for your offspring to finish scouting and guiding activities will have noticed that we have had beautiful new doors fitted. The Scout and guide HQ committee manage the upkeep of the scout hut. We'd all like to say a big thank you to them. The committee usually hold their meetings in the Wheel once every 6 weeks or so. However the next one is scheduled for 16th May in the HQ building. Anyone wishing to go along and help out would be most welcome.

The light evenings at the end of term allowed us to get outside for a while and play some energetic games on the Crick. It has made us all really look forward to the summer when we can hold some of our meetings outside. This term we will be doing our agility badge which will be mostly outside.

For the last session of the spring term we treated ourselves to a trip out to cinema to see the Easter movie 'HOP'. It was a lovely light-hearted way to end the term.

We are all looking forward to the Royal Wedding at the end of this month. Since our first session after Easter is on the eve of the big day, we will be spending our first week doing Royal Wedding activities. It promises to be a lot of fun.

*Brown Owl - (Ruth Daly - 565571)*

## Little Ash Pre-School

For the two days of preschool after Easter we decided to have activities based around Easter and the Royal Wedding. The outdoor and indoor areas were decorated and included things like flags and bunting. The children participated in an Easter egg hunt and made masks to wear. There were many other crafts and activities to enjoy. The festivities were enjoyed by the children and adults alike.

We are very please to be having Pippa Hart come to take the preschool photos again this year. She will be coming in the morning on Thursday 12 May. We will do group and individual photos of the children.

*Barbara Chambers*

## Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for them to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-

paying sibling). Any queries, please call me or simply join us at any Thursday meeting at Naphill Village Hall during term time. The group runs from 1 to 3 pm. We warmly welcome newcomers for our group.

**Please note:** there will be no Mothers & Toddlers on Thursday 5th May due to the elections. However if the weather is good we will meet normal time at the play area on The Crick.

Louise Lucas – 488255

## On The Beaten Track - Chiltern Ramblings Walk 2 - Stonor Park

Southend-Stonor Park-Bosmore Park Estate-Lower Woodend Farm- Upper Woodend Farm-Southend  
CIRCULAR WALK- about 5 miles

This is a circular walk of about 5 miles, allow 2 ½ hours depending on your level of fitness. There are a couple of steep inclines but this walk takes in woodland, open vistas and even Stonor House which is open from April 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are no toilets en route. Please keep dogs on leads through Stonor Park and where there are livestock.

### Parking

Parking is available on the roadside verge of Southend Common. Southend can be approached from two directions: 1- through Wheeler End Common, Fingest and Turville Heath or 2 : via Stokenchurch, along the A40 past the Dog Rescue Centre, turn left at the Oxfordshire border sign to Christmas Common. Just past the turn to Watlington there is a road on the left to Northend. This will take you through Northend to Turville Heath then watch out for the signs to the hamlet of Southend. Turn left onto the Common and park on the worn part of the verge.

### The Walk

Walk back to the road you have just driven along and turn left. Walk along the road to a house on the right which used to be a pub called 'The Drivers'. Past the house there is a track on the right signposted Chiltern Way. Take this track and continue downhill, following the white arrows on the trees. This track will eventually veer left as you get towards the bottom of the hill. Continue to follow and it will lead through a deer gate into Stonor Park. Ensure you follow the footpath which will lead you along the top edge of the Park with magnificent views of Stonor House, the Chapel and the Italianate Garden. Carry on the footpath downhill to the deer gate which opens on to the road through Stonor village. (B480 to Henley). Turn left and walk for several metres until you see the Maidensgrove signpost on the right. Continue along the road and turn left nearly opposite this signpost into a bridleway. This is the first of the steep inclines. Follow the bridleway, the deer fencing is on your left, until you reach the top of the hill, past a pond on the other side of the fence and onto a farm track. Turn left. From the top of this ridge there are fine views looking across towards Henley and

Berkshire. This farm track will meet a lane on a bend, turn right onto the road and carry on towards cottages on your right. Just before the cottage is a stile on the left and a footpath sign. Cross the stile and head diagonally right to another stile. Follow the path towards a house, through a deer gate into Annabelles Wood, a young, mixed tree plantation. On the other side of the plantation pass through a gate and turn right onto a tarmac road. This is Bosmore Park Estate. Continue along this road, there is a stone landscaped area on your left and you will come to a pond on the right with cottages (Keepers Cottage) and converted barns on the left. Just past the last converted barn on the left there is a footpath signpost. Go through the gate into the farm and follow the path round the buildings towards the right. This will lead you across to a stile and footpath sign. Cross the stile and follow the line of telegraph poles down the field towards a gate and another stile. Go over the stile and enter the wood straight ahead by the footpath. Keep to the path (uphill) and you will come to a post and rail fence between a house on the left and paddock on the right. When you reach the road turn right.

Walk a few metres up the road to the entrance to Lower Woodend Farm on the left. Turn into the farm road and keep the buildings on your left until you reach a gate. Go through the gate and make for the stile straight ahead. There may be sheep in these fields or horses. Over the stile take the left hand track, keep to the edge of the field and listen and look out for skylarks here. Head towards a gate but follow the track to the right as you approach the gate. This will lead to a gap in the hedge. Go through the gap and turn left along a bridleway until you reach a farm road. Turn left. The farm is Upper Woodend Farm. Continue along this farm road until it comes to the main lane. Turn right. Keep on this lane for some way, eventually you will reach a fork to the left on a right hand bend. At this junction straight ahead of you is a stile and a sign post marked Kimble Farm and another sign 'single track road with passing places'. Ignore the roads and go over the stile, this is the Shakespeare Way. Walk straight ahead across the field, over another stile into a wood. Follow the track through the wood, coming to a conifer plantation on the right. Keep to the cleared trackway which will lead down to a farm track and up the other side through the woodland. This is another steep incline. Go over the stile at the top of the incline into a field and keep the hedge on your left. Ignore a stile and path further along on the left and keep to the field path until you reach the top of the field and can see a gate and stile in front of you by some cottages. Go over the stile and follow the trackway until you reach the road. Opposite you is the Chiltern Way where you started the walk down into Stonor Park. At the road turn right and this will bring you back to Southend Common.

Carole Barfoot

**Editor's Comment** - this is an abbreviated version with all Carole's fabulous descriptions removed due to space constraints, however if you would like the full walk in colour, with photos and on A4 ready to use, then please contact me and I will email it.

# Naphill Spring Dance



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Naphill & Walters Ash pre-school (reg charity 1031070)

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## 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 - 3pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45 - 8pm
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Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8 - 9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8 - 9.30pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1 - 2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday – Forge Road – Village Hall	10.30am - 12.15pm 12.15 - 12.50pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	1 - 3pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays NWA School	9.30 - 11am
	U10,11,12 Saturdays RAF Sports Field	9.30 - 11am
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays The Crick	9.30 - 11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8 - 10pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 and 10.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30am
Pilates - Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45 - 10.45am
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10am onwards
	Each Thursday (April–September)	6.30 pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April–July)	Group 1: 5pm
		Group 2: 5.45pm
		Group 3: 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April–July)	Under 7s: 9.30am
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month	8 - 10pm
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Each Tuesday	1.30 - 2.45pm

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## PIN-UP DIARY DATES

### June

- 9th Naphill Neighbours Garden Party - 2.30pm to 4.30pm (entry fee)
- 18th Village Fete - Theme "Musicals"
- 20th FONC Walk for Health (Lane End 5 miles) - meet at Village Hall 10am
- 24th FONC Bat Detection Walk - meet at Village Hall 8.30pm
- 24th Residents Association Quiz Night - Village Hall 7pm (Tickets required)
- 25th Bucks Armed Forces Day - Aylesbury Rugby Football Club
- 26th FONC Midsummer Picnic - end of Forge Road 3pm

### July

- 2nd Horticultural Society Summer Show - Village Hall 2pm
- 17th FONC "Mini Beast Safari" - meet at Village Hall 2pm
- 19th FONC Walk for Health - meet at Village Hall 10am

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<b>Brownies (Walter's Ash)</b>	Lesley Hamer	473502	Mondays 6 - 7.30pm RAF Community Cent
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<b>Pre-School (Little Ash)</b>	Debbie Conn	564037	01494 563832 (am) or 07907 102149
<b>Residents Association</b>	Gloria Leflaive	563634	<a href="mailto:glorialeflaive@msn.com">glorialeflaive@msn.com</a>
<b>School</b>	Kerenza Gwynn	562813	<a href="http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk">www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk</a>
<b>Scout Group - Naphill &amp; Hughenden</b>	Peter Byerley	565955	Beavers on Mondays & Tuesdays, Cubs on Tuesday & Wednesday Scouts on Thursday evenings
<b>Viper Explorer Scouts</b>	Nick George	562846	Friday 7:30 - 9:30pm Naphill
<b>Surgery Pharmacy</b>	Enquiries	565458	8.00am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 6.15pm
<b>Tennis Club</b>	David Fletcher	532195	<a href="mailto:david@tvemf.org">david@tvemf.org</a>
	Sue Crooks	562539	<a href="mailto:Smcr2000@aol.com">Smcr2000@aol.com</a>
<b>Village Hall Bookings</b>	Tanya Stevens	565604	<a href="mailto:stevens694@btinternet.com">stevens694@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Website</b>	Judy Whitehouse	562742	<a href="http://www.naphill.org.uk">www.naphill.org.uk</a>
<b>WI</b>	Juliet Shortall	565018	

## Editorial

June is here...The month for daylight, strawberries and of course the Village Fete! Read on through this issue to find out more about the events organised for 18 June and ways in which you can still help with contributions. The organisers and village groups that take part do an outstanding job, so let's reward them for their efforts by coming along and being a part of this fantastic day.

I would like the Gazette to include more items of interest for local children. Perhaps you could contribute a puzzle that I can reproduce, or a piece of writing or a poem that your child would like to see in print. If there is enough interest, they could have a dedicated children's page.

Please take note of the deadlines for the July edition. Regular entries should be in by 16 June. However, I have extended the deadline for Fete related input to Friday 24 June so that we can see the photos and read your articles and letters in the next issue.

*Clare Goddard 565065*  
[gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk)

## County Councillor's Report

The recent elections for District and Parish have seen the departure of many familiar faces and I wish their replacements every success with the many challenges in front of them. Many will be within the planning committee where half of the experienced members have stood down. Having been your representative on planning for the last 24 years, I will miss the challenge of trying to meet the wishes of local residents, sometimes against the very complex planning laws. However, the three District members serving the Greater Hughenden Ward are well experienced and will, I am sure, do their best to protect and enhance our environment. I will continue to serve as your County Councillor and look forward to working with them and the Parish Council.

The County Council continues its drive to stamp out fly-tipping and help from residents has reduced the number of incidents by nearly 50% since 2003/04. This has resulted in savings of over £150,000 in clearance and disposal costs in the last financial year. Persons engaged in illegal dumping, which can include garden waste deposited on woodlands and commons, can be fined up to £50,000 or imprisoned for up to six months if convicted at a Magistrates' Court. There is no limit to a fine which can be

imposed at Crown Court, and a sentence of up to 5 years imprisonment can be imposed.

Youth clubs and other activities in Buckinghamshire are poised to join the Big Society. The Cabinet has agreed to provide 25 year leases at peppercorn rents to 15 youth projects operating in council-owned premises. This move will provide the security of tenure community-led youth projects will need in the future in order to apply for external funding. The County's Youth Service provides targeted and specialist youth services, while what is known as universal youth services - clubs and other activities open to all young people - will be run by volunteers and local communities, with support from Buckinghamshire County Council during a transition period, while the newly formed committees find their feet. BCC's Youth Service will continue to work with young people through outdoor education and adventure activities, accredited schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh and Arts Award schemes, counselling, information and support, mentoring, youth councils, apprenticeships and youth work training.

Speeding through our villages is still a major concern to residents and I have been researching what other authorities do to effect traffic calming. One of the deterrents against the use of physical means, such as chicanes, has been the apparent need to increase the paraphernalia of signage and lighting. However, other road authorities do not seem to be so insistent on these intrusions into the street scene especially in the rural areas and I am trying to establish why this is the case.

I am ever hopeful that the allocation of road improvement funds to my County Division of Greater Hughenden will enable the repair and resurfacing of several roads in our villages. I am particularly keen to see quiet surface treatment to Main Road from the village hall to Coombe Lane and along Valley Road, Hughenden but at this stage I am not sure how far the budget will stretch.

Buckinghamshire Armed Forces Day is to be held at Aylesbury Rugby Football Club on Saturday 25 June. The Armed Forces Day event is being organised by Buckinghamshire County Council and a number of partners. It is a great day out for the family with many activities and attractions. However we are aware that there are many veterans\* who we may not reach so I would be extremely grateful if you could pass on the information to anyone you know who lives in

the county of Buckinghamshire and who may eligible to apply for free tickets. \* A veteran is anyone who has served in HM Armed Forces at any time, irrespective of length of service (including National Servicemen and Reservists). Members of the public can obtain tickets from the Box Office of the Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury; cost £4 per adult and £1 per child.

*Richard Pushman*

## Hughenden Parish Council

The results of the election for four councillors for the Naphill Ward were as follows:

### *Elected*

Roger Beavil	
Grimms Meadow, Walter's Ash	686
Dennis Hackling	
Warrendene Road, Hughenden Valley	646
Phil Conran	
Main Road, Walter's Ash	582
Audra Byerley	
Main Road, Walter's Ash	511

### *Not elected*

Peggy Ewart	
Downley Road, Naphill	432

You will see from the above results that I shall not be writing 'Notes from Hughenden Parish Council' in the future. I hope one of the new councillors will want to do so. Maybe I'll write about something else from time to time!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who supported me on 5 May, and in the aftermath. Serving the community on the Parish Council has given me, personally, great satisfaction over the years. Councillors make collective decisions but I hope to be remembered for the contributions I made to planning consultations and to children's playgrounds.

The retiring Council produced an Annual Report which gave a clear indication of its achievements. The Annual Parish Meeting takes place at Great Kingshill School on 24 May, providing an opportunity for parishioners to question councillors on any aspects of the Council's work. It is also a chance to meet the new Council. This year, Steve Rodrick, of the Chilterns Conservation Board, will address the meeting on latest developments on HS2. Do come!

Very best wishes for the future

*Peggy Ewart*

## A Personal Perspective

Audra Byerley, Phil Conran, Dennis Hackling and Roger Beavil each want to thank the huge numbers who voted for them as new Parish Councillors. Though independent, we each promised to listen to concerns and to fairly represent everyone in discussions. Time will be our judge.

Over the next few months I will share some personal experiences to give you a flavour of the impressions and activities as one of the new Parish Councillors.

When confronted with the question 'why don't you stand for the Parish Council', and after looking into it, I couldn't think of any really good reason to avoid putting myself forward! I was encouraged to find that locally there were three others in the same boat. The initial phase was straightforward - find a proposer and seconder - and get the paperwork to Wycombe District Council.

We shared the effort of distributing leaflets (though we still had to pay for printing costs) and my thanks go to the ten or so friends, family members and locals who gave their time freely. It was so much easier for one person to leave leaflets at 100 or so rather than 1300 homes! If you haven't 'dropped leaflets' before, the main dangers are vicious metal letterboxes and jumping dogs, either of which can snap at the tips of your fingers as you push a leaflet through.

I was also encouraged to knock on doors and have met many of you who are reading this letter. Apologies to the greater number that were either not in when I happened to go onto a particular road or to those on roads I never trudded. What was uplifting was the reception I got when I introduced myself. No one was abusive; many were supportive and nearly all had remembered the leaflets that had already been 'dropped'. Many intended voting, some using a 'postal vote'.

Everyone I saw was encouraged to give feedback on just one local issue they would like resolved. Top of the list were two items of potentially grave concern: doing something about speeding and parking (particularly at the shops). Preferably before a fatal accident occurs. I know that the Parish Council can make decisions on some things and make recommendations on others and I just hope that the new Council is going to be able to do 'something' before it is too late! I'll keep you posted in future issues of the Gazette.

Some suggestions, like dog-fouling, raise further questions; why do some dog owners not make the effort to pick it up!? With some suggestions, the answer lies in your own hands. A few said they were not happy with the decision on a planning application, yet they had never formally objected to it! Please don't leave it too late to put forward your views - just contact the Parish Council by letter or email ([hughendenpc@btconnect.com](mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com)).

One other highlight for me was on the day after polling, referred to as 'the count'. This took place at Handycross on a baking hot day. It was interesting to see the process of checking votes and announcing results, though I had to leave before those for our Parish were declared. I spent an enjoyable evening at Naphill Village Hall where a 'Talking Heads' drama was unfolding.

*Roger Beavil*

## Neighbourhood Police News

### Speeding

The Speed Indication Device (SID) and residents using the Community Speed Watch (CSW) have been deployed in several areas. The results from April are as follows:

- 4 fixed penalty tickets issued on Brimmers Hill, Widmer End
- Windmill Lane (CSW) 24 out of 43 vehicles were above the threshold and will receive a letter regarding their speed. Top speed 55 mph, average speed 35 mph.
- Copes Road, Great Kingshill (SID) monitored 24 hrs/day over 2 weeks. 7842 out of 20262 vehicles recorded above the threshold for enforcement. Average speed 33 mph.
- Warrendene Road (SID). Bright sunshine caused driving difficulties which reduced vehicle speeds dramatically. Average speed 31 mph. Seven vehicles slightly above the limit.

Naphill was scheduled to have CSW and SID within the last week of April.

T-SID has been in use in May in Widmer End, Naphill and Hughenden Valley, positioned in strategic locations that have previously been highlighted as hotspot areas for excess speed.

### Litter

There has been a marked improvement throughout the parish. With the good weather residents have cleaned up outside their homes. The main place for litter is around the common at Great Kingshill. This is mainly because the youths are gathering and leaving bottles and

fast food wrappers. This is being addressed as anti-social behaviour.

### Parking

The areas around the schools seem to have calmed down a little. Now the schools are back officers will be on hand to monitor any complaints and take necessary action if needed. Parking in general is good within the parish. The parking issue at Warrendene Road (vehicles delivering to Country Supplies) has resulted in three fixed penalty tickets being issued to the drivers.

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 0845 8505505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office. Alternatively you are welcome to send us an email at the following address:

[hughendenhazlemereandcheppingwycombenhp2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hughendenhazlemereandcheppingwycombenhp2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

[lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

[nataliehall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nataliehall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

The team would also love to hear from the community regarding any positive or negative feedback that you may have or any issues or concerns that you may wish to raise.

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham*

*Neighbourhood Specialist Officer*

## News from 'Christians in the Community

We'll be at Naphill Fete with our plants stall so come and see us and perhaps buy some plants!

*Norma Clarke*

## Naphill Evening WI

The Royal Wedding was celebrated in style at our meeting on the 21 April. The hall was decked out with flags and photographs of the happy couple and members came suitably attired in red, white and blue ensembles. The wine flowed and the President proposed a toast to Catherine and William and also to the Queen on her birthday. At the meeting the speaker, Mr Neil Rees, entertained us with his wry views and observations on life – gently mocking many things, including himself, his family and even those John Lewis shoppers. Mr Rees has also written a number of books and produced CDs, under the pseudonym A Mann. He had a ready supply, and these sold to our members like 'hot cakes'.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the plant stall that raised £32.40 for funds.

We are pleased to announce that Ginny Ratcliffe won the Annual draw for a bursary to Denman College – congratulations!

The WI is busy with preparations for Fete Day. A float is being organised and it is sure to be worth looking out for. There will be the usual tombola stall, and we welcome contributions (please bring them early to the stall). We will be selling sandwiches, cakes and drinks in the Village Hall, and any WI ladies that can spare an hour to help in the kitchen, or perhaps make a cake, please contact Joan Kearsey on 563035.

Next meeting: Birthday Party on 16 June. Mrs Purdy will be there with 'The Magic Circle Experience' – Party Programme with Tricks. Teas: Judy Blofeld, June Leith & Hazel Vickery. Flowers: Joan Kearsey.

Dates for diaries

- 19 July – Food Group – river trip with tea – open To family & friends, organised by Jessie – 562061.
- 29 July – BBQ – at the Lamphouse - open to family & friends.

Sorry, no children at the above events.

- 9 August – afternoon tea at the Lamphouse.
- 12 October – Napton WI meeting with our WI, and a visit to Hughenden Manor.

Reminder: 30 June - Games Evening with supper at the home of Valerie Pushman.

We hope to have a summer ramble - a date will be announced later.

*Nancy Hussey*

## Naphill Neighbours

The speaker Alan Copeland at the May club meeting proved very enjoyable, telling us about 'the curiosities in the Cotswolds' with digital images, both humorous and serious.

On 12 July we have an outing to Highclere Castle. The cost of the tickets will be £23 for members and £25 for guests. This includes coffee on the way down. We leave Naphill Village Hall sharp at 9am, picking up also at Forge Road. Money to be collected by 13 June meeting. The speaker will be Pamela Wright talking to us about the National Trust property Chastleton House. The tea hostesses will be Norma Clarke and Florence Pinfield.

On June 9 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm Shiela and Nigel welcome members and anyone from the

village to their garden party for a cream tea. £3.50 each with bring and buy stall. Also a raffle. If the weather prevents it in the garden it will then be in the Methodist Church Hall.

Neighbours are running their usual cake stall at the Fete on 18 June. A reminder to members for your home made cakes, please. We would also be pleased to receive cakes from anyone else who would like to bake for us. Please bring them to the stall on Fete day after 10am or beforehand to Hazel or Shiela to freeze. Thank you all very much.

*Betty Jones*

## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

We normally meet on the first Monday evening of the month but this month we seem to have been beset with bank holidays and so our meeting was delayed until the third Monday. This meant that attendance was limited. Our members have many other commitments, but there were enough of us to get through our business, maybe a little quicker than usual!

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Village Representatives and Co-opted Members were all re-elected unanimously to serve for the next year.

Although we have changed the Letting Secretary the phone number for bookings and enquiries remains the same: 565604. It is just that now it is answered by Tanya and not Barbara as the dedicated line has been transferred to Tanya's house.

You have probably noticed the speeding device operating on the Main Road for the past couple of weeks. This records the speed of every passing vehicle and the time of day. We hope that we will have access to this data in due course.

The projector screen will have to remain permanently down as the mechanism is now an obsolete model and the parts to mend it unobtainable. It sits behind the curtain and should only present a problem when accessing the loft - which now needs to be done carefully.

Next events:

The Fete on the 18 June  
Fireworks on 5 November  
Christmas Fayre on 3 December

See you at the Fete. Pray for a fine day.

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

## Fete Day

18 June at 12pm

### 'Musicals'

The Fete is here again for another year and I'm hoping that we are all praying for the weather. There is so much going on this year for all ages and everyone needs to come out and help enjoy such a great village day.

I still need best neighbour nominations as I have very few. Just a reminder this is someone in the village who has made a difference to you. They don't have to live next door to you! Please send your nomination to Claire at The Wheel.

We have had confirmation that we will get a fly past again this year which will be a Spitfire. The planned time of arrival is about 4pm but obviously this may change nearer the time.

Raffle tickets are still available around the village (The Wheel, The Black Lion, Bon Ami, Leigh Lewis, Shear Madness and Floreat). Please buy some tickets. You could win some brilliant prizes! The top prize is £300 cash and much more....too many to list.

Come and have fun and enjoy the day.

*Fete Committee*

### Naphill Fete Tombola – Request for Prizes

It's getting close now to the Fete and thanks to all who have donated prizes for the tombola. However, we are still short of prizes so please do search out anything you feel could be suitable. We would be especially grateful for bottles of wine or similar! You can drop off to us at no. 4 Lacey Drive, off Chapel Lane. Thank you.

*Andy & Judy Pope*

### Naphill Fete Book Stall

I am looking for good quality children's books and adult paperbacks for my book stall at the Fete on 18 June. If you can help please call me on 564226 or deliver them to Endsleigh, Clappins Lane, Naphill. If no-one is home just leave them on doorstep. Many thanks.

*Pauline Pool 564226*



### Second Hand Emporium

It is now time to think about all those items in your garage, cupboards, sheds, lofts..... that you no longer want or need. We need these items

(well most of them) so please donate them to the second hand emporium.

The second hand emporium is traditionally one of the most important elements of the fundraiser. In previous years it has raised over 10% of the Fete's total revenue. This is a massive testament to the volunteers who help gather all the items that are donated and sell them on the day. Without the contributions from Naphill and Walter's Ash residents there would be no second hand emporium.

*Call Ian Bond now on 01494 564 824 to arrange collection or to find out where they can be dropped off.*

### Naphill Tennis Club

#### Naphill Tennis Club

invites you to a  
**TEA & TENNIS OPEN  
AFTERNOON**

on  
Sunday 12 June at 2pm

**ALL WELCOME**

Bring your family and friends or just yourself and have a 'go' at tennis or 'outwit' the ball machine. Don't worry if you haven't played for a while, we'd love to see you!

The Tennis Club is located on the far of the playing field

Parking in Naphill Village Hall car park

Tea and cake provided – no charge

*also*

**Strawberries & Cream Stall**  
*next to the Tennis Courts*

at  
**NAPHILL FETE**

Tennis activities for all ages

New members always welcome  
For information call Jenny Tench, Secretary,  
01494 565406 or Sue Crooks, Membership  
Secretary, 01494 562539

*Jenny Tench*

## Naphill Horticultural Society

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

As I write the weather has turned rather grey and damp, which is just what the gardens need after an exceptionally warm dry spell. If only the rain would fall overnight and leave the daytime to be sunny - then we would all be happy!

Thanks to the fabulous front covers of the Gazette recently. We know that there are some very keen gardeners in the village so how about showing off your achievements at our Summer Show? "I've never seen one that size", "How do they get them like that?", "Mine are better than that!", are the sort of comments we get from people who are too shy to enter! Our Annual Summer Show takes place on Saturday 2 July and we want you all to show off what you can grow in your garden or allotment, your baking, flower arranging skills or prowess with a camera.

The list of guidelines, explaining what is required for each of the classes, seems to be very helpful so we have kept this in the schedule. The information can also be found on our web site. So, no excuses, have a go! It really is easy and most of all fun. There are always people on hand on the day who are only too happy to give advice and help.

The Children's classes were very well supported again last year and once again we are encouraging the children from Naphill & Walter's Ash School to enter. So why not get your youngsters to have a go this time? There are two classes for them to try:

1. A maze in a seed tray
2. A Vegesuarus

If you need a schedule they are available from Peter Davis (569303), the Post Office or myself. They can also be downloaded from the web site.

If you are not up to exhibiting, how about coming along and admiring others efforts? 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 (if you have any contributions to this, please let Peter know).

*Cathryn Carter 563233*

## Friends of Naphill Common

[www.naphillcommon.org.uk](http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk)

On Tuesday 10 May we held the first meeting of our History and Archaeology Group (HAG), chaired by Kevin Bennett. There was a lot of enthusiasm and we discussed a wide range of possible projects. Since Naphill Common once covered almost all of the area now occupied by the village we felt that we could explore far wider than its present boundaries. We can investigate the almost innumerable features scattered over the area, from the boundary ditches to the ancient Romano-British Farmstead (if that is what it is), WW2 tank tracks, ponds and various pits. If you have any artefacts that you have dug up in your garden or found locally we would be very keen to see them.

The historians can try to establish a "time line" for the Common as well as try to find documentary evidence for such things as the making of the Clumps, patterns of ownership, the various early encroachments and the Victorian Fair. We would like to record the memories of local people and if you have any stories to tell or photographs or documents concerning the village, please let us know.

Better still, why not get involved? If you are interested in local history and archaeology please come along; you can do as little or as much as you like. On Wednesday 1 June we are going to have our first 'event' - a casual walk over part of the Common just to see what there is of archaeological interest. We will gather at the Common end of Forge Road at 7pm for an evening walk. Please come along. If you want more information contact Kevin 568689.

- There will be a Walk for Health (Lane End, 5 miles) on Monday 20 June, Tuesday 19 July, Monday 22 August, Monday 19 September; Monday 17 October; Monday 21 November and Monday 19 December. Meet at Naphill Village Hall at 10am. Some will involve car sharing and, if you wish, a meal in a pub afterwards.
- We hope to see you at a sunny Fete on Saturday 18 June. We will have a quiz based on the Common with prizes for children.
- Don't miss our Bat Detection Walk on the evening of Friday 24 June starting from Naphill Village Hall at 8.30pm. It will be led by experts complete with bat detecting devices. With its ponds and veteran trees we hope to find some interesting species.

- The Mid-summer Picnic will be on Sunday 26 June, near the Clumps and Umbrella Tree. Bring your own picnic and meet at the Common end of Forge Road at 3pm. You will see the fruits of the labours of the working parties.

- The local entomologist John Tyler will lead a Mini-beast Safari on Sunday 17 July, starting from the Village Hall at 2pm. Children and adults will be helped and encouraged to catch insects and have them identified by an expert. The event may take up to two hours so it might be a good idea to bring refreshments for your children.

- The Fungus Foray will be on Thursday 27 October starting from the Village hall at 10am.

- We will have an Open Meeting in January 2012 at which Dr Jill Evers will give an illustrated talk on local geology, complete with specimens of local rocks and fossils. Bring along any finds you have made for her to identify. Dr Evers is the author of excellent books on local geology.

- Look out for details of our photographic competition, coming soon

*Trevor Hussey*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

### The Election

The first Hughenden Parish Council election in 16 years won us 4 new parish councillors for Naphill & Walter's Ash Ward - Roger Beavil, Audra Byerley, Phil Conran and Dennis Hackling. Such a result is rare. We congratulate them and wish them every success in their new roles.

In the Parish as a whole, 9 new councillors were elected on to a Parish Council of 15 members. It will be a whole new experience for everyone concerned. The unusually large turnout took everyone by surprise. N&WA 50.75% (1110 electors used their vote). Hughenden Valley 58.09% (912). Great Kingshill 57.3% (726). Widmer End 48.18% (780). There was no contest for the District Council seats in Greater Hughenden. Our District Councillors are David Carroll, Dory Morgan, Audrey Jones. County Councillor Richard Pushman is retiring from the District Council but continuing his County Council role. We will miss him as our representative on the WDC Planning Committee where he has been an outstandingly effective spokesman for many years. Richard will be a hard act to follow.

Naphill and Walters Ash Residents Association

# Quiz night

With popular Quizmaster

↳ **TED CHAPMAN**



Teams of four

Tickets include delicious

Chilli Con Carne or

Vegetarian meal.

Prizes, raffle and full bar.

**NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Doors open 7pm, Quiz starts 7.30pm

Tickets £8 per person from

Carol 562843, Liz 562697, Gloria 563634

### Planning Applications.

**11/05744/FUL** 172 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of front and side car port extension with first floor side extension above and rear outbuilding. (Objection. Out of keeping, over-development, overlooking of neighbours).

**11/05797/ADV** Walter's Ash Service Station, Main Road, Walter's Ash. Display of 1 internally illuminated totem sign (retrospective). (Strong objection. Contrary to AONB policy, loss of amenity to neighbours, unsuitable in a village setting, application confusing and lacking in detail).

**11/05972/FUL** Play Area, Woodcock Avenue, Walter's Ash. Erection of new play area. (Updating existing facilities).

**11/05973/FUL** Play Area. Adj. Cpls Club, RAF High Wycombe, Main Road, Walter's Ash. (Updating existing facilities).

**11/06018/FUL** (info only) Arquivo, Transmitting Stn. Stocking Lane, Hughenden Valley. (New antennae for digital services and new equipment in existing cabin on site).

### N&WA Residents Association AGM

The following were elected on to the Committee: Don Baker (Planning), Liz Conran, Phil Conran, Robert Harris, Daisy Leek, Malcolm Leflaive (Asst. Hon. Sec.), Gloria Leflaive (Hon. Sec.), Darren Lomas, Carole O'Neill (Asst. Treas.), Jill Shiu, David Talbot (Treasurer). The Chairman

and Vice Chairman will be elected at the next meeting.

Quiz Night. Friday 24 June. 7pm doors open. 7.30pm quiz starts. Naphill Village Hall. Teams of 4. Book early for an entertaining evening with popular Quiz Master Ted Chapman. There will be prizes, raffle, and full bar. Tickets £8 per head from Carol 562843, Liz 562697, Gloria 563634. Includes delicious chilli con carne or veggie meal.

Next Meeting. Thursday 8 June 2011. Naphill Village Hall. All welcome.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## The Wheel

What a wonderful day the Royal Wedding was and weren't we lucky with the weather? So many of you came and celebrated the momentous day with us that we sold out of our mini beer festival! It was great to have so many villagers enjoying the festivities and sharing picnics and BBQs; it helped make the atmosphere so special. Hopefully the Union Jacks and bunting helped give the day a special feel. It definitely looked like some of you were enjoying the day (not sure about the morning after though)! Thank you to Steve Mac who provided the live music. He was fantastic. Many of you were dancing and made Steve play well beyond the end of his set; he wasn't allowed to stop! Thank you to everyone who helped set up, the staff and all of you who were here and help make it such a brilliant day.

For those of you that don't know, we have a large glass charity jar on the back bar which was recently counted and raised £380. This has now been donated to Saunderton Lodge which is a small local charity that was originally set up as a refuge for domestic violence. They have now evolved and take in couples, families and single people from the local areas who find themselves in a situation where they have nothing to their name. The money will be swapped into vouchers for shopping or essential items and then distributed by the staff. Saunderton Lodge and ourselves would like to thank everyone who donated money to the jar as it makes a huge difference to them because they rely totally on donations. Thanks again.

Our extension is now well and truly underway. The diggers and trucks are in and working. If you haven't been in, the back garden is being transformed into a generous dining area/function room, although currently it looks more like a swimming pool! It is great to see it

starting to happen and we are really looking forward to offering you all a spacious dining area or somewhere you can book for that special occasion. It is all due to be finished for the middle of July but we will have to watch this space and help keep an eye on the builders.

The 18 June is almost here which means our Village Fete is nearly upon us. The theme this year is musicals and we will be doing our usual float so all our staff and hopefully our locals can dress up. We will be having a BBQ throughout the day and evening and Steve Mac will be back to provide the music with some rock and roll. He is due to start at 5pm (ish) once the Fete is over for another year. We hope to see you all at the Fete and then here enjoying the rest of day with a few beers and a bit of a dance.

Last but not least a reminder that the Dog Photography Day is the 16 July and you will need to start booking in your pampered pooches soon. The day will start 12pm and we will book people into specific slots. The dog has its photos done and then you get the pleasure of choosing your favourites. You can buy and take home prints on the day and possibly order place mats, mugs and much more of all your four legged friends.

All the staff at The Wheel wish you all a happy summer and we look forward to seeing you soon.

*Claire and Mark*

## The Black Lion

Its been a very busy time for the Black Lion since our opening on the 21 April and the entire team would like to thank all the people from the village for their outstanding support. We had two bank holidays and a Royal Wedding in the opening two weeks along with beautiful weather which resulted in us being very busy. We offered BBQs each weekend and our comprehensive menu including Sunday roasts proved very popular with everyone. We have now recruited extra bar staff and a second chef to assist the team in offering a speedier service to our customers. We will be changing our menu on a regular basis and hope our specials will continue to offer something different. Finally on behalf of Jack, Bob, Martin, Mike and the team thank you all for your support and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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## Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for them to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling). Any queries, please call me or simply join us at any Thursday meeting at Naphill Village Hall during term time. The group runs from 1 to 3pm. We warmly welcome newcomers for our group.

*Louise Lucas 488255*

## Hallo-ko-jack-a-ba from Lizzie Bedder

Hello or "Hallo-ko-jack-a-ba" as they say in Arawak, the tribal language of Amerindians in Orealla. I've just completed my second term and it's safe to say I'm loving it! In fact, the time remaining seems so short, after Easter it's just 15 weeks, which includes 5 weeks travelling. So seeing as I'm used to 15 week terms, it's going to fly by. I'm so glad I opted for a 12 month programme as it enables you to overcome the initial period of homesickness and really enjoy village life.

Nothing too exciting has happened this term, but I feel I have fully adapted to the laid back lifestyle, and I've made some really good friends which has made my experience. I've witnessed some Amerindian crafts such as cassava bread making, canoe making and I've learnt how to make little baskets, bowls and even a household broom from a coconut tree.

School is still a struggle, but I've come to blame the education system as opposed to myself or the kids. You cannot successfully teach a mixed ability class of 36 children English when some are up to year 9 standards and some can't read or write. Having said that, I took on an extra Biology class and I enjoy teaching them so much! It's the subject I love, with some really good students, even though sometimes they try to push me so I've had them doing press ups before... Being in a position of power can be fun!

Some of this term's highlights include driving a bulldozer through the back dam (Creolese for jungle), becoming best friends with a pet monkey, a school trip to the capital, visiting Suriname and Phagwah! Phagwah is the Hindu celebration of Spring and to celebrate, people chuck coloured flour over one another, so it gave me an excuse to have a massive water fight with coloured water with a load of the kids.



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So much fun! Although those experiences sound fun, the best part for me is just spending my days/evenings lying in a hammock with locals and gaffing, to me that's my favourite part of life.

Little moments too, like stopping off along the river and getting a fresh coconut to drink always shake me up a little, as I think wow... how is this normal to me?! It's definitely safe to say I'm coming home half Amerindian!!

*Lizzy Bedder*

## Bradenham Church & Village Fete

Bradenham Church & Village Fete, Saturday 25 June, 1.30pm - 5pm. Held in the grounds of the National Trust owned Bradenham Manor this is a traditional Fete with plenty of stalls and games for all the family. Craft stalls, wood turning demonstrations, teas & homemade cakes, Pimms on the lawn, bar, band, dog agility demonstration, pony rides, classic cars, bouncy castle, welly wanging, grand draw and much more. £2 entry (adults) includes access to the gardens and house (house tours provided). All proceeds go towards the upkeep of St Botolph's Church and this year's nominated charity Berks, Bucks & Oxon Air Ambulance. For further details, contact Len: 07989 390940.

## 'Thank you' to a Caring Village

The Pools have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the villagers of Naphill. Having put an article in a recent copy of the Gazette, telling everyone about our son Adam's plan to canoe the Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Marathon, to raise money for Florence Nightingale Hospice, where our son Simon died last year, the response from so many of you was fantastic. A very big thank you to all the kind people that donated, you have helped him raise in excess of £4400.

Adam completed the 125 mile canoe marathon in 24 hours and 3 minutes, over the four day Easter weekend, having to stop each night as he was a single handed canoeist. He was delighted with his time, having been well supported all the way by his wife Emily, his sister Heidi and her family, and us, providing him with food and drink to keep him going. Arrival at Westminster was amazing with support crews awaiting their paddlers, and visitors to London as excited as the rest of us to see the canoeists cross the finishing line amidst cheers and loud applause.



*Adam and his support team*



*Raising Money for Florence Nightingale Hospice*

*Michael & Pauline Pool*

## Adam Pools Devizes to Westminster Canoe Marathon

I just wanted to write a short thank you to all who were kind enough to sponsor me for my recent challenge. With your help, I have, so far, raised in excess of £4400 for the Florence Nightingale Hospice, smashing my target of £3000! The generosity of the residents of Naphill and Walter's Ash has astonished me when I consider that most of you don't even know me, or my brother Simon! Naphill and Walter's Ash contributions to my total are over £650! Many thanks!

I am fully recovered but actually really keen to get out in the kayak again soon and will most likely be doing some competitions this year. Who knows, perhaps I will be doing D/W again next year!

I had an objective of between 24 and 26 hours combined time for the four days. This was based upon the times I was achieving during training. However, at the beginning of the weekend I thought it would be nearer 26 hours considering the heat this Easter and that we had had no significant rain in the weeks before the race, so the river was very slow flowing and the race competitors rely on a good river flow to aid in their overall time. Also the wind picked up on day four and we ended up with wind over tide conditions and this creates rough water, making fast and smooth paddling very hard. However, I seemed to be paddling well and on numerous occasions surprised my fabulous support crew by arriving before anticipated at portages so finished in a very respectable 24 hours and 3 minutes! This placed me 29th out of 53 entries in the senior K1 class and 16th out of 34 entries in the veteran K1 (yes, I am classed as veteran!). I am very happy with that! Quite a few entries retired (6 from the K1 class) and this even included the elite paddlers of Ivan Lawler and Ben Brown who had announced their intention to challenge the record for D/W set in (would you believe it) 1979! The conditions were just too hard for a successful challenge.

So, once again, thank you for your contribution to this very worthwhile charity.

If you would still like to sponsor me, please go to <http://www.justgiving.com/Adam-Pool> as your contribution, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.

*Adam Pool*

Naphill & Walters Ash Village Fete  
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## 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	2–3pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–8pm
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Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8–9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8–9.30pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month	12.45 for 1–2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday – Forge Road	10.30am–12.15pm
	– Village Hall	12.15–12.50pm
Mothers and Toddlers	Each Thursday (term time)	1–3pm
Naphill Boys FC Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays NWA School	9.30–11am
	U10,11,12 Saturdays RAF Sports Field	9.30–11am
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays The Crick	9.30–11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	8–10pm
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Each Monday	Classes at 9.30 & 10.30am
Pilates – Sue Maynard	Each Tuesday	9.30am
Pilates – Sue Maynard	Each Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Each Thursday	5.30pm
Fitness Pilates – Pyramid H & F	Each Friday	9.45–10.45am
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month	8pm
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Each Sunday	10am onwards
	Each Tuesday	10am onwards
	Each Thursday (April – September)	6.30 pm onwards
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Each Friday (April – July)	Group 1: 5pm
		Group 2: 5.45pm
		Group 3: 6.30pm
	Saturdays (April – July)	Under 7s: 9.30am
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<b>Brownies (Walter's Ash)</b>	Lesley Hamer	473502	Mondays 6 – 7.30pm RAF Community Cent
<b>Community Police Officer</b>	Lee Turnham	736773	Shoulder No: 3146
<b>County Councillor</b>	Richard Pushman	564152	<a href="mailto:richard.pushman@btinternet.com">richard.pushman@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Cubs – Naphill</b>	Ed Atwell	563668	Tuesdays 7 – 8.30pm Scout & Guide Hut
<b>Cubs – Walter's Ash</b>	Catherine de Rouffignac	496917 (office hours)	Wednesdays 6 – 7.30pm RAF Comm. Cent
<b>District Commissioner</b>	Lesley Hamer	473502	Guides and Brownies
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## Editorial

This edition of the Gazette has been entertaining to put together with so many lovely pictures of you all at the Village Fete. It was a fantastic event with a huge variety of attractions to enjoy. Everyone involved with it should be congratulated on making it such a success. I hope you enjoy the pictures. Thank you to the photographer Ian Banks and those of you who sent in your own photos.

We have some lovely entries from local children this month. This July and August edition heralds the beginning of the summer break, so if you would like to write about something that you have particularly enjoyed this summer, please do send it in ready for the next edition in September.

I wish you all an enjoyable and (hopefully) sunny summer break.

*Clare Goddard 565065  
[gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk)*

## County Councillor's Report

Readers might remember that I reported some time ago on the switch over from analogue TV to digital which we now know will take place in September. As you will have seen on the television there is a scheme to assist the elderly and disabled with the switchover. In some areas, where this has already taken place, there has been an increase in the activities of rogue traders cold calling on the doorstep or by phone. The Switchover Help Scheme **DOES NOT** cold call. Individuals requiring assistance can either ring a free phone number 0800 40 85 900 or visit the web site – [helpscheme.co.uk](http://helpscheme.co.uk). The Switchover Help Scheme is working along with Local Trading Standards and Councils, and is being managed by a company called EAGA PLC.

There has been much anxiety about the closure of care homes run by Southern Cross. We are in regular contact with the Southern Cross Regional Manager and he has advised us that none of the homes in Buckinghamshire are on the list to either be handed back to Landlords or to be sold off, based on current information. I hope this will re-assure any readers whose relatives are receiving care from these establishments.

It was interesting to see the results of the Neighbourhood Advisory Groups, NAGs for short, recent survey of residents main concerns which largely remain unchanged, with speeding through villages remaining on top of the list. A recent speed check through Brimmers Hill at Widmer End showed that over 26,000 vehicles had passed through in a 24 hours period with over 50% being above the enforceable limit! I am awaiting the results from the recent trial on Main Road, Naphill.

The recent announcement from the new leader of the County Council, that priority is to be given to the repair of roads, means that many other plans for local schemes of signage will have to be re-appraised for priority. The ongoing review of speed limits is also being placed on hold because of the transport budget's adjustments to accommodate road repairs. I have now completed the appraisal of road schemes for my

Division of Greater Hughenden and I hope residents will see some resurfacing works taking place within the villages during the coming months. Obviously all our wishes cannot be met but there have been some priorities which needed to be done, including my long term efforts to have a "quiet" surface along Main Road from the village hall to the top of Coombe Lane.

*Richard Pushman*

## District Councillor's Report

Following the Elections on 5 May your new Greater Hughenden Councillors are Dori Morgan, David Carroll and Audrey Jones. We are here to help and support you and if you would like to talk to us about the work or services of the District Council please contact us as follows: Dori 01494 562129, David 01494 716967; Audrey 01494 563435.

We understand that the protection of the Green Belt and AONB is very important and will continue to protect it against development which would damage its special nature. We also understand that speeding and inappropriate parking concern many and we will continue to work with the County Council and local police on these issues.

*Audrey Jones*

## Hughenden Parish Council

This is the first report produced by the new Parish Councillors and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Peggy Ewart for her extensive Council contribution to Parish life over the years and, in particular, to the time she has devoted to looking after the interests of Naphill and Walter's Ash residents. As the new Councillors are finding out, the role of the Parish Councillor is already time consuming and will become more so as we move forward and proposed Government initiatives such as the Localism Bill.

The new Councillors have all been elected on the ticket of transparency, openness and communication and we would welcome any suggestions for improvements on how we ensure that N&WA residents can express any concerns and be kept informed of Council developments. As a start, you will see a display advert in the Gazette promoting our first 'surgery' on 18 July and would encourage any resident with issues where we may be able to help to come along. All four Councillors intend to be there and we will hold these on a regular basis within the two villages.

We would also like to remind people that all Council meetings are open to the public. The schedule of meeting is shown on the Council website ([www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk)), but the full Council generally meets at 8pm on the second Tuesday of every month except August when there are only planning meetings. We will keep you up to date with key decisions taken at Council meetings, but please note that minutes are posted up on the website soon after each meeting.

Some key areas of interest that came out of the meeting on 14 June:

- Planning – continued objection to the Murco Garage car wash application.

# SAY 'NO' TO HS2

The Government is consulting on the proposed High Speed Rail Link joining London and Birmingham. The favoured route goes up the Gt Missenden/Wendover valley.

If this goes ahead:

- It is expected to cost **£35bn** at today's prices - that's **nearly £1,500 for every household in the land.**
- It will **destroy vast swathes of the Chilterns** right on our doorstep.
- It will require **hundreds of thousands of lorry movements** during the 5 year period of local construction.
- It **may** save 30 minutes on the travel time but planned improvements to the current line will reduce that.
- **Both the business case and the environmental case for this project are strongly disputed.**

A possible alternative route is much closer to Naphill and Walters Ash - think of what it would mean for everything that lies in the path of this white elephant. Is the cost and destruction really worth 30 minutes or less for the relatively few who will use it?

The only way that this scheme can be stopped is through strong opposition from around the country.

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU:**

- **RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION BY THE CLOSING DATE OF 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011.**
- **WRITE TO OUR MP, DAVID LIDINGTON.**
- **GET YOUR FRIENDS ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY TO WRITE TO THEIR MPs.**

The consultation details are on [www.speenbucks.org.uk/hs2/](http://www.speenbucks.org.uk/hs2/) or you can ring 0300 321 1010 to get a free copy of the document. The website also has contact details for MPs.

*This notice has been produced by Naphill and Walters Ash Residents Association*

**REFLECTING WIDESPREAD LOCAL OPPOSITION TO HS2.**

- High Speed Rail Link (HS2) – Working party formed to formulate consultation response objecting to plans.
- Speeding – support for the Finance and Admin (F&A) committee to consider options for Vehicle Activated Sign purchase.
- Future meetings – agreement to look into holding the Council meeting in village halls once a quarter on a rotating ward basis to give greater public access.
- The Parish Clerk has submitted her resignation. The Council is therefore now starting the recruitment process and will be advertising the position.

All our contact details can be found on the Council website and we look forward to hearing from you.

*Audra Byerley, Roger Beavil,  
Phil Conran & Dennis Hackling*

## A Personal Perspective

(More personal experiences to give you a flavour of impressions and activities of just one new Parish Councillor)

Even before the election one of the first things I realised I would have to do was to find out which parts of the locality are covered by our 'Hughenden Parish Council', and specifically by the 'ward' of 'Naphill & Walter's Ash'. Perhaps you already know about such matters, but I certainly didn't! The ward includes a few houses in New Road, Walter's Ash, all the houses along Main Road (with a multitude of side roads) and finishes about half way down Coombe Lane. There are three other wards in our Parish that cover Hughenden Valley, Great Kingshill, and Widmer End.

Some of the houses on New Road lie within the Parish of Lacey Green, while the riding school and adjacent

houses are in Bradenham Parish. Various other Parishes help to surround ours: Great & Little Hampden, Great Missenden, Little Missenden, Hazlemere, Downley, and also High Wycombe (a 'Town Council')

Did you know that anyone is able to turn up to Parish Council committee meetings if they wish, to watch, listen, and perhaps raise questions during an 'open' session? Such meetings almost always take place in the Parish Council offices, which you may already know are situated at 'The Common' in Great Kingshill. Go up Cryers Hill and beyond for a mile or so and turn right onto a short road that forms the furthest boundary of the cricket ground. You will see a parking area and the council office itself. Why, do I hear some say, should I bother? One important reason is that the Parish Council spends a little under £200,000 of 'our' money each year, to try to help improve things for our locality!

Before the election, I managed stand or hover (since space was limited and no seats were available) throughout the first hour or so of a full council meeting. There was plenty of paperwork to pick up and read, for those who wished, like minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda for the evening. If you don't get in early to the 'L-shaped' area, your seating or standing position may not allow you to see what is going on, but you will certainly hear the comments made by Councillors and others.

It is extremely useful to have access to the Internet, especially for checking on the large number of email messages that appear most days, and so far at least it has been the main way to communicate with others.

Each new Councillor received a file of paperwork from our Clerk to the Council (Lynne), which contained

helpful advice about how to behave in meetings (!), policies on using email and other topics, and a 'Register of Interests' form which we had to complete to ensure that we declare in advance any potential conflict between our Parish Council activities and any outside interests.

In the September Gazette I'll continue to give you some personal impressions, including those from attending some council and committee meetings, trying to make sense of how various other bodies relate to the Parish Council, and how a reception at the RAF went.

*Roger Beavil*

## **Bradenham Parish Council**

The Parish Council had an unexciting election in May. After an uncontested election, five of the existing councillors were returned to the Parish Council. The two vacancies were quickly filled by Paul Wooster and Andrew Stubbings. The Parish Council elected Jan Pearce as its Chairman for the coming year and Ken Hale was elected as Vice-Chairman. The accounts had been signed off by the internal auditor and agreed by the Parish Council. Speeding through Bradenham village is still being pursued and the Parish Council decided to engage directly with Transport for Buckinghamshire to discuss options. We entered Bradenham village for the Best Kept Village competition and are working with the village to make it look its best. The council decided to look at developing a Parish Plan and any ideas from the residents would be much welcomed. Initial thoughts will be discussed at the July meeting. We decided to request for the road markings in the parish to be refreshed as many are worn out. The Parish Council held an extra ordinary meeting to discuss the planning application for the change of use of land by Parkwood to a permanent traveller's site. The council unanimously objected to this application; the main objections being inappropriate development in the Chilterns AONB and in the Green Belt. The Parish Council's full comments are available on the Wycombe District Council web-site. The next meeting will be Monday 11 July 2011 at 7.30pm at the cricket club, Bradenham. All residents welcome.

*Deidre Hansen*

## **Neighbourhood Police News**

### **Speeding**

The Speed Indication Device (SID) and residents using the Community Speed Watch (CSW) have been deployed in several areas.

T-Sid was located on Brimmers Hill – 24hrs/day over two week period: 13053 out of 26796 vehicles over the speed threshold. Average speed: 34 mph.

The CSW team were present on the A4128 Missenden Road at Great Kingshill on Friday 20 May. 96 out of 195 vehicles were in excess of 30 mph. Average speed 31 mph; maximum speed 50 mph.

Naphill was scheduled to have CSW and SID on 10 May but due to technical problems the day had to be postponed. However, the SID has been deployed and the results show that the average speed of the vehicles was 29 mph. T-SID has been in Naphill and Hughenden

Valley and Bucks Highways will supply the data at the end of the allocated period.

If you are interested in seeing how the device works or you are interested in becoming involved in the process please contact Natalie Hall or Lee Turnham at the address or e-mail below. We will then be able to inform you of the location and time that is appropriate to your ward.

### **Antisocial behaviour**

Miniature motorbikes, commonly known as 'mini-motos' and off-road motorcycles (including quad bikes), have become increasingly popular in the past few years and have become more prevalent within the community. The public is generally unaware of the ASB related problems that these vehicles are causing, for example, noise and danger to other road users, which is resulting in a high number of complaints being made to the police.

Users are also often confused about where they are lawfully entitled to ride. Riders wrongfully assume that they can ride them on roads or footpaths, common land, woodland or recreational parks (refer to Section 34 of Road Traffic Act 1988 for more details). The only place that these types of vehicles can be ridden is on privately owned land where the permission of the land owner has been given. However if permission is granted and the piece of land also allows access to the public, e.g., a public footpath runs through the piece of land, then the owner of the land would potentially have to comply with health and safety legislation to ensure the safety of the public. This could include the erection of signs and barriers and public liability insurance. The land owner could also face prosecution if the noise of the vehicles became an issue.

Miniature motorbikes and off-road motorcycles can therefore only be ridden on private land where the public do not have access or at an authorised race or off road track/course. The nearest location that I am aware of that caters for off road bikes is on Daws Hill Lane, Flackwell Heath, which is run by Z-Racing.

A mini-moto is classified by the Department of Transport as a motor vehicle and therefore must comply with road traffic legislation (this includes quad and moto cross bikes) if used on a road or other place to which the public has access, e.g., common land, woodland, recreational park, etc. If these types of vehicles are used at these locations then the rider could face prosecution for no insurance, not possessing a driving licence, having no road tax or MOT (refer to Road Vehicles Construction & Use Regulations 1986 for more details). Plus the vehicles could be seized by the police if the rider has been previously issued with a Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 warning.

The police therefore urge anyone who may own or is looking to purchase a mini-moto that they conduct thorough research about the relevant laws, legislation and where their vehicle can be lawfully used. This approach will hopefully reduce ASB complaints and prevent you from being prosecuted.

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 0845 8505505, and ask the police

## Meet your local Parish Councillors

The Naphill and Walter's Ash Parish Councillors invite you to their first 'surgery' to discuss any issues where the Council may be able to help.

**Monday 25 July 8pm to 9.30pm**  
**In the Scout Hut** (behind Naphill Village Hall)

operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office. Alternatively you are welcome to send us an email at the following address:

[hughendenhazlemereandcheppingwycombenhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hughendenhazlemereandcheppingwycombenhpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

[lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)  
[nataliehall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nataliehall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

The team would also love to hear from the community regarding any positive or negative feedback that you may have or any issues or concerns that you may wish to raise.

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham  
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer*

## Naphill Evening WI

The May meeting was well attended with the Vice President, Jenny Price, in charge of proceedings. We discussed and voted on two resolutions that are to go forward to the Annual Meeting in June, when a delegate from Windmill WI will represent us. The resolution on the closure of libraries was presented by Hazel Davis: "this meeting urges HM Government to maintain support for local libraries, as an essential local educational and information resource." The resolution on proposed mega farms was presented by Marion Lawrence: "this meeting abhors the practice of factory farming, particularly of large animals such as pigs and cows, and urges HM Government to ensure planning permission is not granted for such projects." After the business part of the evening we sat back and enjoyed ourselves with some wine, nibbles and a beetle drive.

Our ploughman's lunch was very enjoyable and many thanks to Jenny for hosting this event. The profit made will help with expenses incurred for the float – hopefully all the planning and hard work that goes into making Fete Day a success was not spoilt by too much of the wet stuff.

Fortunately the morning of May 21 was sunny and warm for a county ramble starting from Speen. Over 50 members and friends had a delightful walk through some beautiful Chiltern countryside to Lacey Green, and on their return enjoyed a delicious lunch in the village hall.

In May we also had an outing to the National Memorial Arboretum in Leicestershire. The journey was well worth it for such an interesting and moving experience. On the guided tour we were shown a stone wall that had been built by some WI members, and we had a group photograph taken on the adjoining seat.

Forthcoming events:

19 July – Food Appreciation Group to meet for a traditional afternoon tea at Taplow House (the proposed river trip will not now take place).

22 July – Friends and Family BBQ at the Lamphouse. Tickets from June or Beryl.

9 August – WI afternoon tea at the Lamphouse. Tickets from June or Beryl.

11 August – Food Appreciation Group – Black Lion, Naphill. Contact Juliet.

18 August – WI ramble and pub supper – details at our July meeting or contact Juliet.

Next meeting: 21 July – A Flower Arranging Demonstration – 'Midsummer Dreaming' with Mrs P. Trunkfield. Competition: a flower arrangement in an egg cup.

The Recipe Book of our members' favourite recipes is available now – price £5 (at our meetings or contact Juliet.) Also, Marion will be collecting money from members booked on the Olympic Park trip in September.

There is much to look forward to but meanwhile best wishes for happy summer holidays.

*Nancy Hussey*

## Naphill Neighbours

The weather was perfect for our garden party at Shiela and Nigel's last month. Their garden was a delight to see, especially the beautiful delphiniums – and the black clouds didn't shed their contents over Naphill until everything had been cleared away and our members and friends were safely home.

At our club meeting in June, Mrs Pamela Wright talked about Chastleton House near Chipping Norton, one of the National Trust's lesser-known properties. It is a 'fragile' Jacobean house, hardly changed over the centuries, so cannot take coach loads of visitors which is a pity as it won't be possible for our club to go there. However, it is well worth a visit.

After anxiously watching the weather forecasts in the run up to Fete Day, the promised showers and strong winds did arrive but didn't dampen the spirits – the turnout was good, the gazebo didn't blow away and our contribution to the Village Hall funds was even better than in previous years. Thank you to everyone – members and friends – who baked such an array of delicious cakes for our stall. The hamper raffle and cake stall made a grand total of £524. Well done!

On Monday 11 July, Mrs Frances Wilding will be demonstrating making marzipan fruits. Twenty five of those present will be taking part in the demonstration and the remainder will be watching. Everyone will go home with a basket of fruits. (All participants please bring a grater to the meeting). Tea hostesses are: June Belsham and Brenda Pears.

The next day, Tuesday 12 July, we will be off to visit Highclere Castle, leaving Naphill at 9am sharp.

With no August club meeting in the Village Hall, we will instead be visiting Chenies Manor on Thursday 25 August, leaving Naphill at 1pm. Tickets at £15 for members, £16 for guests to be paid for at our July club meeting. This includes a guided tour of the manor etc., followed by tea and cake.

Way ahead on Monday 12 September, Mr Jonathan Arnold will be telling us about The Parker Knowll

Antique collection. Tea hostesses will be: Anne Thomas and Jean Fortescue.

## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

For some time we have been planning a new heating and hot water system for the Hall. We need a modern, reliable and more efficient system along with cavity wall and roofing insulation. This will be very expensive so we looked for grants from various bodies. Apart from a generous offer from Hughenden Parish Council we have been unsuccessful. We have been luckier in the past but on this occasion it was not to be. We will, therefore, have to fund it ourselves and install it in stages. The large area of flat roof at the rear of the Hall is being replaced at a cost in excess of £7000. Needless to say, we are praying for a super Fete Day to help pay for these pricey projects. We have been donated a large fridge/freezer. This should be a boon for all kitchen users. An increasing number of chairs are having to be repaired. This is mainly due to a design fault in the seat screw fitting. We would ask all users, please, to lift the chairs by the small 'arms' and not by the seat. Next year is the Queen's Jubilee and if anybody has any ideas about how we can celebrate this occasion, we would be delighted to hear from them.

*Don Turner*

*Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council*

The Fete was another great village event thanks to the organising committee who worked tirelessly; all those who helped out on the day and of course all those of you who turned up to support us. It was a great success both as a fund raiser and as a social event and I felt proud to be a member of our village community.

*Sarah Bacon*

*Chair, Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council*

## Fete Day Results

Firstly, we have to be grateful to the weather! Although slightly hit and miss, we managed to get a day which was mostly sunny, which meant that everyone joined us and supported the Fete. We are very thankful to all those who braved the showers, and especially to all our devoted stall holders. The day was a lot of fun and a great success, so much so we've managed an amazing total of approximately £7000 to £7500, although we're still counting!

A huge thank you must be given to our judges, Group Captain Mark Heffron and Valerie Pushman, and of course, massive congratulations go to all our winners, which are as follows;

- Best Junior Float – Preschool for The Lion King
- Best Senior Float – WI for Sister Act
- Best Walking Tableau – Brownies for Oliver (Cup will be on its way to you soon!)
- Best Junior Fancy Dress First Prize Winners:
  - Under 5's – George McMurry
  - 5-9yrs – Holly Bunce
  - 9yrs and over – Kaitlyn Chambers
- Best Adult Fancy Dress – Richard Webb
- Best Stall – The Sweet Stall – Thanks Sheila!

- Good Neighbour Winner – Georgie Winters. The letter we received was so moving about all the support you gave to your neighbour.
- Good Neighbour Nominations – Pat Bowen, Lance & Mickey Tooney, Mark & Sarah Saunders, Trish Bowen, Mark & Claire Christian, Mark Blamey, Georgie Winters

## Dog Show Winners

- Best in Show – Boh (Maxine)
- Most Handsome Dog – Boh (Maxine)
- Prettiest Bitch- Tizzer (Nicky Hinves)
- Golden Oldies – Flash (Kevin Stilwell)
- Waggiest Tail- Linas (Hannah)
- Dog would like to take home – Boh (Maxine)

We would also like to thank Sytner who sponsored the Surf Simulator and Simon from 'Present Technology' for sponsoring the cost of the security. And again thanks goes for all the generous donations and sponsorship of various stalls. This has helped make a huge difference to the Fete this year as is much appreciated. Our apologies again to the Naphill Neighbours

*The Fete Committee*

## Second Hand Emporium

Thank you to Ian Bond and his band of helpers for organising the Second Hand Emporium. It made in the region of £1200!

## Book Stall

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who donated books and bought books. Because of you we managed to raise in excess of £580! We must also thank our willing band of helpers; Matthew, John, Rosemary, Dick, Rosie, Eileen, Alan, Christine and anyone else that we may have been too tired to notice! Despite selling so much we had many boxes of books left and they are to be sold at Bradenham Church Fete, so hopefully they will raise lots of money too. Finally, a big 'thank you' to Clare and her team for a truly fantastic Fete. We know how many problems you encountered with bureaucracy but you coped so well.

*Michael & Pauline Pool*

## Tombola

Many thanks to the wonderful generosity of the many villagers who left some very high quality gifts with us for the tombola, which was a huge success. Thanks for your contributions, which were very welcome!

*Andy & Judy Pope.*





The WI as 'Sister Act'



The Brownies as 'Oliver'



The Preschool as 'Lion King'



South Pacific!



The Fete Princes & Princesses with the judges



The Bon Ami as 'Grease'



The School as 'Oklahoma'



A musical start to the procession



Plenty of choice on the book stall



Fun and entertainment for the children



Amazing creative vegetables!



Having a smashing time...



The steam driven traction engine



Girl Guides run their own stall



Wood turning demonstration from the National Trust



Women's Institute tombola



Plants for sale from Christians in the Community



Friends of Naphill Common



Two lucky winners: Richard Webb and Linas the dog



Fraser-Morgan School of Dancing



Voted 'Best Stall': The Sweet Stall



Look at the clouds...



Ice creams (even in the rain)



RAF cyclist clocks up the miles

## Naphill Tennis Club

Our Village Fete and Wimbledon 2011 produced the winning combination of strawberries, cream and tennis! Our stall, situated next to the tennis courts, did a steady trade all afternoon and the young and not-so-young alike had great fun on the courts pitting their skills against the ball-machine. Several people expressed an interest in joining the club particularly in view of the exceptionally good subscription rates for new members.

Improvers' Coaching on Wednesday mornings – which followed on from 'Rusty Racquets' – has been a great success with the participants rapidly gaining confidence and new-found skills. Several ladies have now joined the club and will continue to play on Wednesday mornings. This session will also be open to all club members who would like to play at that time. This will be in addition to our regular club sessions on Sunday and Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings.

If you are feeling inspired after watching Wimbledon and fancy blowing the dust off your racquet, why not come and join us? For further information, just call Sue Crooks, our membership secretary, on 01494 562539 or myself on 565406. We'd love to hear from you.

*Jenny Tench*



A winning combination: tennis, strawberries & cream

## Naphill Horticultural Society

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

Well, flaming June has not exactly lived up to its reputation this year, but we do desperately need the rain – you can almost hear the garden sighing with relief after a heavy downpour. It certainly cheers me up as it means I don't have to do any watering for a change! If you have managed to keep things alive in your garden or allotment, please come and show off at our Summer Show which takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 2 July. If you have not yet got a schedule and decided what you can enter, contact Peter Davis or myself right away, or download the schedule from our website. The show opens to the public at 2pm when you can find out how well you got on and admire the other 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 3 September. The schedules cover both shows, so you can plan ahead for September if your plants and vegetables are not ready for July! Do come along and support us if you can.

Happy gardening and enjoy the summer.

*Cathryn Carter 563233*

## Nutrition and Gardening

Mike Mason has written an article on nutrition and gardening which is to be found on the Naphill Horticultural Society's website [naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk). The article is titled "Why Do We Eat?" and explains how, with our modern diet, we are not eating enough of the vital trace elements, with adverse effects on our health and increased risk of many very serious illnesses. The article explains how we can get round the problem and live happier, healthier and longer lives.

## Friends of Naphill Common

[www.naphillcommon.org.uk](http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk)

Splendid news: the Chiltern Conservation Board has succeeded in getting a Heritage Lottery Grant for a major four-year Commons Project. This will mean that they can employ a Project Officer to help promote, improve and care for all 187 commons in the Chiltern area. The money will be used for such things as volunteer training; promoting community engagement; helping management of commons; enhancing the biodiversity; managing archaeological sites; improving the understanding and awareness of our common land heritage and so on. Steve Rodrick and his team are to be congratulated for what could bring about an historic change in the condition and standing of our commons wherever the landowners are public spirited enough to cooperate.

Another piece of good news: a year ago we did some minor clearing around three of our surviving junipers. They were in a very poor state – badly overshadowed by holly and struggling to survive. However, our efforts have been rewarded. They have all put on substantial growth and the largest has produced berries for the first time in many years. What is more it looks as if it is a female (the berries are still very small) which means that we have a partner for our male bush.

June was a busy month with a Walk of Health, a stall at the Fete, a Bat Detection Walk and a Mid-summer Picnic. I write this before these events have taken place and in the hope that the weather is kind to us. Our new Historical and Archaeological Group (HAG) held its first meetings including a couple of walks on the Common led by Kevin Bennett. Assisted by the expertise of John Morris and Lyn Simmonds, we discovered enough archaeological features to keep us busy for many years. If you are interested and would like to get involved in the archaeology or in historical research please contact us.

Our next event is the Mini-beast Safari. Entomologist John Tyler will lead the expedition on Naphill Common starting from the Village Hall at 2pm on Sunday 17 July.

Adults and Children will be helped to search for insects and any other small creatures. John will identify them and tell us about their lives. The safari will take up to two hours but stay as long as you like. Bring any refreshments you think your children would like.

On Thursday 27 October we will have another Fungus Foray led by experts. We will leave the Village Hall at 10am. Previous forays have been very popular and have resulted in some interesting discoveries. We will hold an Open Meeting on the evening of Friday 25 January 2012 in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Dr Jill Evers the well-known local geologist who will give us a talk on the geology of the local area including Naphill Common. Dr Evers is the author of an excellent book: Rock Around Bucks: Rocks, Fossils and Landscapes. She has offered to identify and discuss any geological items you may have found, so bring them along.

Trevor Hussey

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

### Planning Applications to 8 June 2011

**11/05644/FUL . Retrospective.** Traveller's site. The Hedgerow, Parkwood, Ash. Change of use of the land to allow the stationing of two mobile homes and two touring caravans for use by gypsy traveller family with the creation of hard-standing, erection of single storey detached utility/day room building and installation of cesspit. *Comment:* This is a Green Belt/AONB site. The Parish Council (Bradenham), NAWARA, HVRA and the RAF are objecting on several grounds. These include – inappropriate development (which has already taken place) in GB/AONB; the precedent that will be set; planning blight; out of keeping; security issue, etc.

**11/06091/FUL** Little Oaks, Naphill Common. HA for the construction of a replacement conservatory.

**11/06104/FUL** Brackenside, Chapel Lane, Naphill. HA for the construction of roof extensions and alterations, one front and one rear dormer window in connection with new first floor living accommodation, construction of single storey rear extension, new carport to side, alterations to garage in conjunction with garage conversion and new front porch. **11/06203/FUL** 172, Main Rd., Naphill. HA for construction of first floor side extension above existing single storey extension and rear outbuilding. (Comments when new drawings available). **11/06273/FUL** 5 Louches Lane, Naphill. HA for the construction of part single storey and part two storey side and rear extension. **11/0556/FUL – Amended Version.** Manor Garage, Main Rd., Walter's Ash. Wycombe District Council is awaiting result of the Appeal on **10/07198/FUL**, Murco's 2010 application for a jet wash, before this latest application is considered by the WDC Planning Panel. The Appeal decision may take another four to six weeks. WDC can't ignore further objections to a jet wash (on planning grounds) so keep them rolling in.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

## Forest School

If you have walked through Bradenham Woods during the week you will certainly have heard the laughter and chatter coming from the Naphill & Walter's Ash school

# PLEASE HELP US!

Forest School Helpers Needed!

We need you! We need your help! Please help us!

(Matthew)

We love forest school you will love it too (Henry)

We really need some more helpers to come to

forest school otherwise we cannot go (Jonny)

At forest school we like squishing and squashing in the mud and if we have no helpers we can't go to forest

school and that will be very sad. (Arni)

It is fun but we can't go if not enough helpers come

(Alexandra)

From the Year One children

Naphill and Walter's Ash School

We go every afternoon 1-3pm

and Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am

If you would like to help at Naphill and Walter's

Ash Forest school please phone 01494 562813



children enjoying their time at Forest School. British Forest Schools have been developed and adapted from the original Swedish concept. The outdoor approach to play and learning has been recognised to have a huge impact on a child's holistic development, with children learning from their positive experiences in the natural environment. They learn how to handle risks, to use their own initiative, to solve problems and cooperate with others. The Naphill & Walter's Ash Forest School programme, taking place in the woods just ten minutes from school, runs all year round. Over the last year, not only have the children closely observed the woodland changing with the seasons, they have learned new and exciting skills. They have mastered how to lash sticks together to create their own dolls, built dens with branches and tarpaulins and have safely used full sized tools to produce materials for building creatively. Within this they have been able to explore and play imaginatively, learned the boundaries of their physical and social behaviour and grown in confidence and self-esteem.

Fully trained staff lead groups of 15 children, between the ages of four and seven. They are supported by volunteers and that is where they need your help! In order for the children to continue with these marvellous experiences they need more people to volunteer to accompany them on Forest School. Can you help? Are

you able to offer a couple of hours a week or fortnight to support Forest School? If so, please contact the school office on 01494 562813. Thank you.

To read more, take a look at the Bucks Free Press article [http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/educationnews/812816.Children\\_get\\_to\\_grips\\_with\\_Forest\\_School/](http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/educationnews/812816.Children_get_to_grips_with_Forest_School/)

## The Wheel

The last month has flown past again; each month seems to be rolling into one. The re-invention of The Wheel has been moving at a fast pace and by the time of reading this our new extension will be almost finished. We are now able to see the size of the room better and have been out buying all the furnishings. The extra dining area-come-function room is a great size and will really add something special to the pub. It will give us that much needed extra space. We are aiming to open the extension by the middle of July. A new menu and homemade specials will be in place for the opening. We are also holding an opening party on 6 August so everyone can come and see its potential as a function room.

The end of May and beginning of June has been hectic with Mark away in Turkey and Isle of Man for the TT. We would like to wish our staff member Claire Gibbs a happy 21st and Kat Dunlap happy 25th. There were so many of our customers also celebrating birthdays, way too many to mention, so happy birthday to all of you. With all these birthdays there has also been a few parties and a lot of late nights, but it's all been great fun. Amazingly on 19 June, Mark and I will have been here in the pub for five years and we would like to thank all our customers and staff for your support during the years, they seem to have gone by so quickly.

Dog Photography Day is 16 July so just to remind everyone to book your pooches in now. Nick Ridley our professional dog Photographer will be here all day, but we do need you to let us know what time you want to be here, pop in or give us a call 562210. There will also be a BBQ on during the day and the general madness of lots of dogs together.

Mark and I would like to thank Ed Coles who has worked for us for three years who is finally leaving. He has been a major part of The Wheel and has been a great team member. Thank you and good luck in your new job. Claire Gibbs is also leaving to go back and work full time for The Black Lion, so thank you for your help over the last few months. So with people leaving us, I can welcome back some old staff. Kat Dunlap, Nikki Phillips and Sarah Adkins (Saz) are all coming back to the Wheel family.

Thanks to everyone over the last five years and we hope everyone has a fabulous summer.

*Claire and Mark*

## The Black Lion

[www.theblacklionnaphill.com](http://www.theblacklionnaphill.com)

Well another month has passed and the Black Lion has continued to trade well thanks to your support. During the month we were contacted by CAMRA Aylesbury branch. This organisation is set up to campaign against

the loss of Real Ale in pubs and they had heard that we were serving four Real Ales every week. They made an appointment and took several photographs of the pub and even took photos of the team, although not Martin as he was on holiday at the time. The article appeared in the June/July issue as the cover story "The Black Lion Roars Again!", a copy of which can be found in the pub. Finally, on Fete Day the Black Lion team were on hand running the BBQ to support the village. We hope we saw you there. Thank you once again for your continued support.

*Bob, Martin, Jack, Mike and the Black Lion Team.*

## Bon Ami

Ruth and Amanda would like to thank everybody for their support and custom during our first four months, we've been thrilled with the response from local people. Our wish that 'Bon Ami' would become a 'good friend' to the local community is becoming a reality. Visit us to enjoy a cup of freshly brewed tea or coffee and choose from a selection of delicious home-made cakes and pastries, or pop in for a light lunch. It's Cream Tea Time at Bon Ami now and we've also recently started stocking Beechdean Ice Cream for those sunny days on The Crick.

A date for your diary: On Saturday 16 July we will be visited by Corinna Shepherd, a local children's author who specialises in writing books for and tutoring children coping with dyslexia. Corinna will be selling and signing her books and would love to meet local children and discuss any issues that parents may have.

Amanda and Ruth always look forward to seeing you at Bon Ami, the Naphill Coffee Shop.

*Amanda Hall*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash School

The children at Naphill and Walter's Ash School have been working with 'Creative Partnership' on various creative learning projects, such as Year 5 designing and building a labyrinth on the school field and Year 2 writing and producing an animated film called 'Lasso Louis'.

Year 6 have focused on Pirates this term to complement their production of Treasure Island on 13 and 14 July. Creative Partnership provided the school with a team of filmmakers and the children had great fun writing and producing the props and scenery for their very own pirate film (Pirates of the Caribbean eat your heart out!). The project ended with a filming session including a battle between rival pirate gangs on the school field! As part of this themed work, Year 6 have written descriptions based on being on board a pirate ship during a storm.

*Sue Hawes Year 6 Teacher*

### OCEANIC WARFARE

*As the giant of a wave towered above the lone boat, a single shard of moonlight landed upon the sea. With a roar of defiance the burly helmsman leaped to his feet and charged to the*

wheel like a lion hunting its prey. Trapped in an eternal battle between boat and the ocean, the sky darkened in recognition of the turmoil.

Surrounding the ship was a whirlpool of rage that was dyed crimson with blood of forgotten sailors. As the helmsman did combat with the great god of the sea, the rest of the brave souls on board readied themselves for the oncoming wave of attackers. Then, every pirate that rode upon the boat felt a tingling sensation like the devil himself was playing the xylophone on their spine. Suddenly, as the realisation hit them, a swarm of foam warriors swelled up from the murky depths, intent on taking their souls. With the abandonment of the crew followed an eerie silence. The battle was over

*Alex Clarke Year 6*

#### WAR OF THE SEA

The sea crashed against the defenceless boat, destroying all in its path. The dark sky lashed out electrifying bolts of light coming from all directions. Fearful of all the merciless waves, the boat was close to surrender. War torn, the boat begged for mercy trying to fight the warrior waves. The thunder roared louder than a thousand gun-shots. Fierce winds tore at the stressed sails. The salt infested tomb sucked out all left life in the terrorised boat. The waves tortured the sinking boat flying over its sails. The majestic sea was crowned victorious as the destroyed boat sunk into the sea's death-hole. Feeling more powerful than ever, the gloomy depths of the sea emerged into a final triumphant wave.

*Carys Jones Year 6*

### Naphill & Walter's Ash Preschool

Wow, I can't believe the school year is coming to an end, where does the time go? We will say goodbye to 35 children this year who will be missed very much. We wish them great success in their new school.

A few dates for your diary include: Sports Day on Friday 15 July, Teddy Bears Picnic on Wednesday 20 July, School Leavers Party on Thursday 21 July.

The preschool staff would like to thank the community for their on going support and dedication. We look forward to welcoming all our new and returning children in September. Have a wonderful and safe summer holiday!

*Barbara Chambers*



### Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for them to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling). Any queries, please call me or simply join us at any Thursday meeting at Naphill Village Hall during term time. The group runs from 1 to 3pm. Up and coming diary dates include: 22 June: making peppermint creams & coconut ice, 21 July: Teddy Bears Picnic. We warmly welcome newcomers for our group.

*Louise Lucas 488255*

### Naphill Brownies

The brownies are busy working towards their Agility Badge this term. They have amazed us with their skipping, throwing and gymnastic skills. We have also tried a bit of yoga and played several new games. We will be continuing our badge with some parachute games and a summer walk as well as a DIY fun fair to test some more skills.

We have five new brownies this term. They have settled in really quickly with the help of their brownie buddies.

We have also enjoyed making some lovely brownie key rings and original father's day cards. One week we challenged ourselves to make sky-high towers out of newspaper and masking tape. Several girls got to around the two metre mark but the tallest was 2m 20cm (7ft) high – amazing!

We are looking forward to this year's 'Musical' Fete and praying for good weather. Thanks in advance to all those who set up the Fete for us – always a great village day.

*Ruth Daly*

### Mini Rugby: High Wycombe Rugby Club

If your child (girl or boy) is in reception class or above at the start of the Autumn school term, then we would be pleased to welcome them to the new season at High Wycombe Rugby Club. The Club has a thriving youth section, kicking off on Sunday 4 September, 10am to

12pm. There is then a 4 week trial period before any subs are due. Go to [www.HWRUFC.com](http://www.HWRUFC.com) for general information about the Club. To register your interest or to find out more, contact Nathan Crinyion (minis coaching team): [ncrinyion@btinternet.com](mailto:ncrinyion@btinternet.com) or 01494562008. We look forward to seeing you at the start of next season.

*Nathan Crinyion*

## Help is at hand to switch to digital TV

TV is changing. In 2011 the traditional TV signal will be switched off in the central region and replaced with a digital TV signal. This is not a concern for most people but some may find it harder to make the switch than others. The Switchover Help Scheme has been set up by the Government and is run by the BBC. Its purpose is to make digital TV easy for older and disabled people by converting one of their televisions to digital in the run-up to digital TV switchover in their region. As trusted professionals, frontline staff may be asked for information or advice so the following information should aid you to help your patients/service users to understand the basics.

### What does the Help Scheme do?

The Switchover Help Scheme is aimed at eligible people ensuring that those who need help get it. The scheme provides:

- a digital set box
- instillation of equipment
- a new aerial (if necessary)
- 12 months aftercare

Specialist equipment is also available, where necessary.

### Who is eligible for help?

People are eligible for help if they:

- are 75 or over
- have lived in a care home for six months or more
- receive or are entitled to receive a disability living allowance
- receive an attendance or constant attendance allowance or mobility supplement
- are registered blind or partially sighted

In the run-up to switchover, every eligible person receives a Switchover Help Scheme information pack explaining the options for switching to digital.

### What are people entitled to?

Those people who are eligible will either receive the service free or will be asked to make a £40 contribution (depending on the level of benefits they receive). For more information, visit: [www.helpscheme.co.uk](http://www.helpscheme.co.uk)

## Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust

The Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust is an independent charitable trust receiving no funding from central Government or the National Lottery. Everything we need to meet our annual running costs of £2.8m comes from the public in the form of donations, fundraising, legacies and sponsorship. The helicopter is

a Eurocopter EC135 based in South Oxfordshire. It is crewed by one pilot and two paramedics, who are supported on a regular basis by a small team of dedicated doctors, and is tasked from South Central Ambulance control to respond to 999 emergencies. The Air Ambulance has a top speed of over 140 miles an hour and carries a full range of life saving equipment to enable swift medical intervention on the ground. It also has an additional seat to carry a parent or carer to accompany a sick or injured child. It has the ability to land in inaccessible places, a key asset given the many rural places across the three counties that a conventional land ambulance would struggle to reach. The Air Ambulance is frequently scrambled to attend equestrian accidents, farm incidents, walking and biking accidents, and is often tasked to attend major road incidents. The helicopter also flies into school playgrounds, sports fields, golf courses and riverside incidents, reaching any location where it is required in the fastest possible time. Our aim is to bring rapid medical attention when and where it's needed, and where necessary to transport patients to hospital to receive treatment best suited to aid their recovery.

There are many ways in which you can help us:

- Fundraising in the community
- Remembering us in your will
- Joining our Lottery
- Volunteering
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
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## Summer Tea Party

A tea party in aid of The Stroke Club and M.S. will be held at Naphill Village Hall on Wednesday 27 July from 2.30pm until 4pm. Superb cakes, big raffle prizes, gift stall etc. Your support would be very much appreciated for these worthwhile charities.

*Shiela Veysey*

## Messy Birds

In my garden I enjoy the variety of birds I get. I even feed a blackbird with some porridge. But as you will see by this photo, I have more than my fair share of pigeons and doves. They leave their visiting cards all over my patio furniture and garden seat each day which is annoying and unhealthy. Apart from drastic methods, has anyone found a secret way of escaping the increase of such birds? They nest in my neighbour's fir tree and I understand that they lay eggs many times a year.



*Bird lover, but not of the above*

## **A plea to all the dog owners in Naphill & Walter's Ash.**

We took our children to the crick recently and whilst my son was playing football with his Dad his ball landed in some dog mess, he didn't know this and went to get his ball and got the 'poo' all over his hands. On the way home to clean my son up my daughter fell over, we were still on the crick, and she landed in some more dog poo.

I don't want to alienate dog owners in this village you all have lovely dogs, but please please please remember you are not the only people to use the Crick or the pavements, children use them too.

Next time you take your dog for a walk please take a bag with you too and remove whatever your dog leaves behind.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

*Local parent*

## **Cleaner Footpaths**

A special plea, please, to the dog walkers in our area. It's great that your dogs are able to enjoy the freedom of the Common and surrounding woodland. However, I speak for many parents when I ask if you could please move your dog's mess from the paths. It is proving to be a real hazard when we use the footpaths with our young children. Thank you very much.

*A concerned parent*

## **A Bee Nuisance**

Several villagers have recently enquired why I had not contributed an article for a couple of months. The easy answer is simply lack of time. As the years roll by, the routine but vital aspects of life, gardening, general maintenance, shopping, treats seem to take longer and there is less time for other matters. I quite enjoy exercising my pen although there is always the question of a suitable topic. I can very easily write a polemical political piece but this could be too exciting and quite unacceptable in a village magazine! As treasurer of the Gazette I would write a general review of the finances of the Gazette over the years. However this sounds distinctly sleep inducing to me let alone the general public! Mind you, money is often a fascinating topic because for one reason or another it is often in short supply. Governments have no problems of course; they are experts in spending money which they actually do not have.

Fortunately we always have Nature to deal with and I have a great interest in Nature in all her varied, dynamic, viscous and lovable aspects. Of course if you look up Nature in a good dictionary, you will find a massive definition which I will certainly not set out here in detail, except to note that it is the immediate cause of all its phenomenon and is personified as a female being! Why so? Well, presumably because in addition to doing wondrous things it often poses difficult problems for Mankind in a remarkable variety of ways.

Weather is an obvious topic. Our little island is positioned in a precarious position from a weather viewpoint, between the Atlantic Ocean and the large

continent of Europe. We can be squeezed from both directions with the Atlantic providing rain and wind and the continent warm or cold air depending on the time of year. And despite all our efforts using exotic computer programming, long term forecasts are invariably highly suspect.

This year a dry February and March, a warm and dry April, a cool, dry May and a damp, cool June (to date), is a bizarre mix by any standards, providing problems at all levels, for the Government, for farmers and fruit growers and the general public. At least we don't have earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, although Iceland offers to be developing the talent for spewing volcanic ash over us, something that has not happened since before the development of civil aviation. Which just goes to show Nature always has something up her sleeve to test us. But she can be generous. Now and again we have the splendours of a clear night with a full moon and stars to work its wonders on our imagination. Is there really life somewhere up there? And if there is, I wonder what weather problems they have?

Finally a tale of two bees. As you know the humble bee does remarkable things in a hive but goes quite bonkers on a window where it always does the opposite of what the situation demands. Recently I found two large bees trapped in my greenhouse and frantically trying to find a route out. After several attempts I managed to eject the first bee, which then flew around me buzzing ferociously and obviously considering stinging me. I dodged back into the greenhouse and dealt with the second bee which was just as stupid but I persevered and ejected it. When I exited the greenhouse it buzzed around me aggressively for a few seconds but then adopted a distinctly friendly buzz and flew around me in a delightfully friendly manner. Could this particular bee have realised that I was assisting it to escape from the greenhouse? Was it saying 'thank you' and returning to its hive to tell the other chaps what a nice fellow lived at Falcon's Oak? Well it would be nice to think so!

*David Leith*

## **Lost Glasses**

My daughter lost her glasses on or near the Crick on Thursday 16 June. They are child-sized, burgundy in colour with small flowers on the arms. If you have found them, I would be very happy to get them back. Thank you!

*Karen 562294*

## **Lost Walkie Talkie**

Lost on the field during Fete Day: Black Cobra Microtalk Walkie Talkie. If found, please contact Andy Pope on 01494 564576, 4 Lacey Drive, Naphill.

*Andy 564576*

## **Speen Festival**

Speen Festival is taking place between 8 and 18 September 2011. There will be fantastic array of theatre, workshops, exhibitions and festivals. Take a look at their website for detailed information about the events: [www.speenfestival.org](http://www.speenfestival.org)

## SPEEN FESTIVAL 2011

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### **The Dreaming 8, 9, 10 September**

#### **Festival Marquee 7.30pm**

Based on A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare. The Dreaming is the magical opening for this year's festival. Fantastical family musical. (NB not recommended for under 7s). *Tickets: £10 adults, £5 for under 16s. Licensed Bar*

### **Wild Workshop Saturday 10 September**

#### **Wild About Craft**

#### **Speen Village Hall 10am - 4pm**

Traditional craft workshops for children, including papercraft (10am), buttons and beads (11am), plaiting (12 noon), patchwork pictures (2pm), knitting and pompoms (3pm). *Tickets: £2 for children ages 3-12. Accompanying adults free*

### **Surviving in Ridgley's Field 12 noon - dusk (all weathers!)**

Join us for a festive picnic lunch or tea and get stuck into some outdoor activities. *Free admission. Bring your own picnic and rug*

### **Speen Photo Shoot and Exhibition**

#### **The King William IV Pub & Restaurant**

#### **2.30pm to 5.30pm**

Run your own fun photo shoot using wild and whacky props with the help of local photography experts. *Tickets: £2*

### **Food Festival Sunday 11 September**

#### **Festival Marquee/Playing Field 11am to 4pm**

Everything for the fine food lover, including cookery demonstrations and beer and wine tastings. *Tickets: £3 adults. Under 16s free*

*Licensed bar and refreshments available*

### **Echoes of Old Village Life Sunday 11 September**

#### **Pictures, Poems & Prose**

#### **Festival Marquee 8pm**

Share an informal evening with Stuart King, local craftsman, artist and photojournalist, broadcaster and international lecturer. *Tickets: £5 adults, £3 for under 16s. Licensed bar*

### **The Elysian Singers Monday 12 September**

#### **Your Song Will Live In My Heart**

#### **Speen Chapel 8pm**

Music from one of the UK's top chamber choirs, led by musical director Sam Laughton. *Tickets: £10 (including a glass of wine & tasty nibbles). Refreshments available*

### **Young Speen Goes Wild Tuesday 13 September**

#### **Festival Marquee 4pm to 6.30pm**

How do bees make honey? What do owls eat? Join our team of local experts on safari in Speen to uncover the secrets of the natural world. *Tickets: £1 for under 11s. Adults free. Children's tea provided by The King William IV Pub & Restaurant (not included in ticket price)*

### **Wild About Speen Tuesday 13 September**

#### **Speen Village Hall 8pm**

A fascinating talk and slide show revealing the secrets of the fauna and flora in Speen and North Dean during the course of the year by local expert Peter Symonds. *Tickets: £3 adults (including a glass of wine). £2 for under 16s. Refreshments available*

### **Jazz Concert Wednesday 14 September**

#### **Johnny Mercer - A Life In Music**

#### **Festival Marquee 8pm**

An evening of jazz by the Martin Hart Quintet *Tickets: £12. Advance booking essential. Bring your own drinks*

### **Science Matters Thursday 15 September**

#### **Festival Marquee 7.30pm**

A thought-provoking debate with experts on topical science issues, including the brain, the mind and ageing, compared by Professor Barry Stickings CBE. *Tickets: £5 adults, £2 students. Refreshments available*

### **Youth Takeover Friday 16 September**

#### **Festival Marquee 7pm to 10pm**

A talented young line-up will take the Festival platform as artists, comedians, singers, video artists, dancers - performers in many different guises. You could be one of them! *Tickets: £2. Registered participants and youth organisers free. BBQ and soft drinks available (not included in ticket price). NB this is an evening presented by young adults for young adults between the ages of 13 to 25*

### **Friday Folk Friday 16 September**

#### **The King William IV Pub & Restaurant from 8pm**

Folk music at its best. *Free admission. Families welcome before 9pm. Refreshments available*

### **Teatro Unfortunato Saturday 17 September**

#### **The Mad Hatter's Tea Party!**

#### **Festival Marquee 10.30am**

For children under 10, and parents, if silly enough. *Tickets: £5 children. Adults free. Refreshments available*

### **Speen Bike Park Challenge Saturday 17 September**

#### **Speen Bike Park, Ridgley's Field 2pm - 4pm**

*Tickets: £2.50 (incl BBQ). Spectators free*

### **Cabaret Supper Saturday 17 September**

#### **Festival Marquee 6.45pm until late**

*Tickets: £25 (including a reception drink and 3 course meal). Advance booking essential. Licensed bar. Dress: Black tie 1911 or 2011*

### **Prom in the Playing Field Sunday 18 September**

#### **Festival Marquee/Playing Field 3pm**

For an entertaining afternoon of music classics and some prom style participation. *Free admission. Bring your own refreshments and rugs*

A photograph of a dirt path leading through a cornfield. A large, leafy tree is on the left, casting shade over the path. The corn plants are green and tall, filling the foreground and middle ground. In the background, there are rolling green hills under a bright sky.

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## Editorial

I have tried to hide from the fact that this is the September edition because it feels like wishing the summer away! I hope you have had an enjoyable couple of months, rain or shine. The photograph on this month's cover captures the essence late summer, as it should be! Many of you will recognise it as the field and woodland alongside Stocking Lane. Thank you to Mark Dell for providing such a wonderful image of the beauty on our doorstep.

This month I have taken the opportunity to reorganise the directories in the Gazette. I hope you find them useful. Please drop me a line if you have anything to add to them. At the back of the Gazette there is now a 'sports and fitness' page. Get in touch if you can add to this, whether as part of an organised sports club or as an individual with ideas to share about fitness.

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## Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15–7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30–6.45	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6–7.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Mondays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Lesley Hamer 473502
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ed Atwell 563668
Cubs (Walter's Ash)	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Catherine de Rouffignac 496917 (office hours)
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Mondays 2 – 3pm	Naphill Village Hall	
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30–11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10,11,12 Saturdays 9.30–11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30–11am	The Crick	
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Matt Gunnell 07738 467959
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45–8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8–9pm	Small Hall, Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety. org.uk
Line dancing	Tuesdays 8–9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo. co.uk
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday 10.30am–12.15pm 12.15–12.50pm	Forge Road Naphill Village Hall	
Mothers and Toddlers	Thursdays (term time) 1–3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Louise Lucas 488255
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	Naphill Village Hall	Shiela Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30am and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Thursdays 5.30pm		
Pilates – Sue Maynard	Tuesdays 9.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Sue Maynard
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
Fitness Pilates – Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45–10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scout Group (Naphill & Hughenden)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Peter Byerley 565955
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 10am onwards	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemg.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com
	Tuesdays 10am onwards		
	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Fridays (April–July)		
	Group 1: 5pm		
	Group 2: 5.45pm		
	Group 3: 6.30pm		
	Saturdays (April–July) Under 7's 9.30am		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8–10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30–9.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Nick George 562846
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Tuesdays 1.30–2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	
WI	Third Thursday in the month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Juliet Shortall 565018

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## PIN-UP DIARY DATES

September	
3rd	Horticultural Society Autumn Show, Village Hall 2pm
10th	Simon Patrick Family Photo Day, Bon Ami Coffee Shop, all day
30th	Macmillan World's Largest Coffee Morning, Bon Ami Coffee Shop, all day
October	
1st	Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale, Village Hall 2pm
28th	Horticultural Society Cheese & Wine Evening, Village Hall 7.30pm
November	
5th	Firework display, the Crick, from 5.30pm
December	
13th	Christmas Fayre, Naphill Village Hall

### County Councillor's Report

Writing this at the end of July because of holiday arrangements is never an easy task because of what might happen in the coming weeks before the August deadline. However, as I write this the world appears to be in a financial turmoil with inordinate debts accruing not only internationally but also in our personal and public finances. Readers will already be aware of the considerable hike in fuel prices which will affect personal budgets but I suspect there is more bad economic news yet to come. The County Council is still wrestling with the need to further reduce expenditure, administration has been slimmed down and many services have been transferred to the private sector with the council acting as the procurer of services not necessarily the provider. We are committed to ensuring that our core services remain effective and satisfactory including our care services and the care of the young and vulnerable.

More and more of our Secondary schools are opting for Academy status, running their own services from direct government grant and reducing the need for input from the local authority. With Primary schools also looking at the possibility of independence from the local authority, the question regarding economies of scale need to be considered and whether it will be economic to continue with the existing administrative arrangements from county hall.

I am hoping that by September we will see some road resurfacing/patching improvements. The time tabling for road works in Great Kingshill has had to be put back because of the proposed renewal of main water pipes along many of the roads recently dug up by the need for a gas main! It was pointless to resurface until the Utilities had completed their works.

Neighbourhood Action Groups [NAGs] reports always make interesting reading and whilst our villages are recorded as having a low incidence of crime I suspect

that this is not always a true picture as many victims of crime do not report the matter to the police. I know of two recent burglaries which have not been reported on the assumption that the police will not bother to investigate. This is not the point, as every crime must be reported so that the statistics reflect a true situation of the need for police activity in the area. Although speeding is of major concern to the public, the dumping of litter is also becoming an issue as it appears to be increasing along the roadside and on the Common. Garden trimmings and grass cuttings count as dumping when done on land not in the ownership of the resident.

Most of you will by now have had your summer holidays which I hope you have enjoyed. September is the month when some children start their schooling and many who have left start their careers, either at university or in paid employment, my best wishes to all.

*Richard Pushman*

### Greater Hughenden District Councillor's Report

We are very much looking forward to serving you and all the communities in the Greater Hughenden Ward; David as a long serving councillor, Audrey as an experienced councillor but new to Hughenden and Dory as a seasoned campaigner and new councillor.

We thought you might like to know how we are all settling in to our various roles at the start of a new Term of Office.

Audrey is Cabinet Member for the Environment; a post that she has held previously. One of the main projects for Audrey is a joint waste contract between Wycombe District Council and Chiltern District Council which will result in an increase in the variety of items collected for recycling; managed economically and efficiently.

David is Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes & Housing, a post that he has also held previously. Dory works along side David as Spokesperson for Homes & Housing and their main project is to ensure the smooth transfer of housing stock and staff to Red Kite, the tenant led housing association; this is a major project with a proposed transfer completion date in December.

Locally, we have attended Parish Council and Resident Association AGMs as well as village events and Dory also attended the opening of the 'Sculptures in the Park' exhibition at Hughenden, a joint project between the National Trust and Bucks University students – well worth a visit!

We recognise the importance of keeping in touch with local organisations so that we can be best informed about current local issues and concerns. Every year we each have a Ward Budget to spend on assisting with local projects; if you know of a local community project that needs some assistance with funding please get in touch with us. We are here to help and support you and if you would like to talk to us about any local concerns or about the work and services of Wycombe District Council please contact us.

Very best wishes from David, Audrey and Dory.

*Dory Morgan*

## Hughenden Parish Council Report

August is supposed to be a quiet month in the Council calendar, with only a Planning meeting to keep Councillors occupied. But the need for a new Clerk has kept us busy with 25 applications that had to be considered for this extremely important role. By the time you read this, the decision should have been made and we should see a new Clerk appointed after the 16 years of service given by Lynne Turner. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Lynne for her huge contribution to the Parish over the years and to wish her well in her new role as Clerk to Chepping Wycombe Parish Council.

At the July Council meeting, it was agreed that the Parish Council should step up its profile against the proposed High Speed rail link. The consultation is now closed for that, but as you will see if you visit the Council website ([hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk)) the Council has strongly objected to this as it has received overwhelming feedback from residents against it, especially as a possible alternative route goes right through the middle of the Parish.

Speeding has been highlighted as one of resident's major concerns and we have been trying to get Vehicle Activated Signs installed. However, we have had to put this on hold until the Spring as the County Highways department has refused permission for signs to go up until other trials for the type of signs we are considering have been completed.

In recognition of the more environmental nature of many areas of council responsibility – the allotments, council owned beauty spots such as Vincent's Pond and Meadow – the Services Committee has been renamed the Environment and Services Committee and has appointed Councillor John Moorby as Environmental Advisor. John used to look after the Parish's land and knows the various areas intimately. It may interest you to know that the Council owns 6 allotment sites, two of which are in our ward.

As Roger has mentioned elsewhere, the Naphill and Walter's Ash Ward Parish Councillors held their first 'surgery' towards the end of July – apologies for the confusion over dates. It was good to see the three people who turned up and who hopefully found it a useful way to get to know us and what we do. We are planning another one in November and will provide more details in the next Gazette. But hopefully we will get to meet a few more residents and hear about what you think we should do for you.

*Audra Byerley, Roger Beavil,  
Phil Conran & Dennis Hackling*

In May of this year as retiring Chairman of Hughenden Parish Council, I gave my outgoing address. It is available to read in full on the website [hughendenparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://hughendenparishcouncil.gov.uk). It pays tribute to two very long serving councillors, David Davies and John Rogers, who deserve recognition – they each worked tirelessly for about thirty years and, although they were not from Naphill/Walter's Ash, the work they did had a direct impact on the parish facilities in our villages (eg. playgrounds, allotments, Vincent's Meadow). In addition, it highlighted the need for a debate about future

development in our villages. This will become pressing when the Localism Bill becomes law. Consultations regarding planning aspects of this close in October. My address made some general points about local involvement.

My full report appears in Recent News – dated 4 July, and is also within the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting which took place on 24 May 2011.

*Peggy Ewart, Retired Chairman HPCA*

## Personal Perspective

Most Council meetings take place in the Parish Office, though we are looking at the possibility of holding one per year in each of the Wards, hopefully with a room large enough for both Councillors and anyone else to more conveniently see and hear what is going on. It is good to see the public at council meetings, and around 15 minutes is given over for them to comment on issues they would like the Council to subsequently consider. To try to keep some kind of order, anyone wanting to speak should catch the Chairman's eye and wait to be asked to speak! That process has similarities with school or college debates more than bidding at an auction, and usually starts by silently raising a hand and literally making eye to eye contact with the Chairman. The meetings typically last two hours or so, followed by a further 30 minutes or so of informal chatting.

In Hughenden Parish we have three main committees (Planning, Finance & Administration, and Environment & Services) which do the preliminary detailed work on items, and present recommendations to the full Parish Council. The first of these meets every few weeks, while it is every three months for the others, with the full Council meetings occurring mainly once a month. In some smaller Parishes, where there are fewer Councillors, the full Council is able to handle things without the need for extra committees.

At the first 'Services' committee meeting I was elected Chairman for the year, despite my not knowing much about playgrounds, allotments, or 'open spaces', etc. No-one told me in advance that, as Chairman, I would be one of four judges of the allotments competition (details of which should be found elsewhere in the Gazette). We were impressed by the obvious effort that many people put into keeping their plot in good order, particularly those where it was difficult to spot any weed at all, or where vegetables were growing in neat, straight rows! It clearly takes much dedication, time and effort to keep any allotment plot in good condition.

All the new Councillors for Naphill Ward were pleasantly surprised to be invited to the RAF's Annual Reception. Although we live only a short distance away I for one had not realised that it happens, or what takes place. It is the RAF's opportunity to say 'thank you' to people from the broad locality (people running business, those involved in charities, or representing local 'services', like the fire service, together with some from various levels of local government, etc), and especially because we help them to feel part of the community. That was a sentiment I had come across when delivering leaflets prior to the election! Drinks and a variety of hor d'oeuvres were provided, and there were plenty of opportunities to make new contacts. The

Station Commander gave a short speech, before we all went outside for the final part of the two-hour reception: an RAF band, some officers 'on parade', and a low-level fly-past by a Spitfire. The only downside of the evening was the need to stay standing for a couple of hours!

Three of the four Councillors for our Ward recently had our first 'surgery'. We want to offer everyone the chance to bring any issue to us, and chat it over, on a regular basis, probably every two or three months. That first occasion had a small number that turned up, but please watch the Gazette for details of our next one. We all feel that it is important for you to let us know about community issues that are of interest or concern to you.

*Roger Beavil*

## **Bradenham Parish Council Report**

The Parish Council had met recently. It had objected to the planning application 11/05644/FUL for change of use of land by Parkwood from agricultural use the stationing of mobile homes. After 45 years Ivor Herbert had resigned from the Parish Council. He had been Chairman for 41 of those years. The members thanked him for his lengthy service to the parish and praised his unflinching hard work and dedication over all those years. The Parish Council had had a meeting with Transport for Buckinghamshire to discuss road safety. They will now put some road safety improvements to the Parish Council for discussion at the September meeting. The Best kept Garden competition was won by Ron Smith of the The Haven. He will receive a £50 cheque from the Parish Council. The council is opposed to HS2 and will support Wycombe District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council in their opposition to HS2 The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th September 2011 at Bradenham cricket club at 7.30pm

*Deidre Hansen*

## **Neighbourhood Police News**

### **Speeding**

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 0845 8505505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office. Alternatively you are welcome to send us an email at the following address:

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[nataliehall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nataliehall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

The team would also love to hear from the community regarding any positive or negative feedback that you may have or any issues or concerns that you may wish to raise.

The Speed Indication Device (SID) and residents using the Community Speed Watch (CSW) have been deployed in several areas:

4 July: Brimmers Hill towards Hazlemere. In 30 minutes, 148 vehicles passed the device with an average speed of 30 mph; 31 vehicles speeding. 8 July: Brimmers Hill towards Hazlemere. Average speed 28

mph; 17 vehicles speeding. Speeding drivers receive letters under the Community Speed Watch Scheme.

The half yearly Speed Watch results have been published. Hughenden has fared well with a total of 180 motorists receiving letters connected to their speed. The Community speed watch in Hughenden was only launched in its current format at the start of March 2011. The monthly figures are as follows: March 62, April 18, May 42, June 35 and July 23. The figures show that the speed watch in the parish has a constant bearing on the activity between Police and residents trying to make the road network a safer place.

Please bear in mind that persons who receive Speed Watch letters are NOT given the speed in which initiated the letter. There is a threshold which is strictly adhered to. When the device is activated the initial speed is the speed recorded by the operators and not the speed as the vehicle passes the device. The speed captured is that of at least 70 metres prior to the device.

Dates have been set for the August period, the locations are yet to be established but each ward will have at least 1 SID deployment over the period. If you are interested in seeing how the device works or you are interested in becoming involved in the process please contact Natalie Hall or Lee Turnham at the above address or email. We will then be able to inform you of the location and time that is appropriate to your ward.

### **Litter**

The parish still has a problem with persons throwing litter from vehicles as they pass through. If anyone can take a registration number of the offending vehicle and pass it to the Police team, I will seek to issue the offender with a fixed penalty fine.

### **Anti-social behaviour**

Motor cycles seem to be the flavour of the month, the noise from the exhaust pipes has caused a great deal of concern to residents. Many say that the motorcycle accelerates very quickly and this, along with the noise, makes them feel unsafe. The roads policing dept at Amersham are to be made aware of this problem.

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham  
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer*

## **Naphill Evening WI**

We start on a sad note with the sudden death in July of one of our stalwart members, Hazel Davis. Hazel belonged to Naphill WI for many years, serving on the committee and as a Vice President. She was always willing to help out, and at our May meeting, made an excellent presentation regarding the resolution that urged the Government to support local libraries. Hazel was a lovely, happy lady and we shall miss her.

In July Mrs Pat Trunkfield came and gave us a most entertaining flower arranging demonstration. As Pat worked on her beautiful creations she told us many stories and jokes, and captivated us with a most delightful version of 'Midsummer's Night Dream'.

During the summer we held some money raising activities, including a Games Evening, a BBQ and a Tea Party. Many thanks to members and friends for

supporting these events, and also to those who did all the work.

The Food Appreciation Group has been out and about – to Taplow House in July for a traditional tea, and in August for dinner at the Black Lion, Naphill. On 21 September they are off to Asckett for lunch.

We much appreciate Carol Gilliam and her husband Paul for organising our August Ramble and pub supper. Hopefully the weather was fine and the participants had a jolly good time.

We are looking forward to another meeting with our twin WI, Napton on the Hill. On 12 October they will join some of our members for lunch, and a visit to Hughenden Manor.

On 6 September there is a trip to London for a tour around the Olympic site. And at our next meeting on 15 September, Jane Kaushai, Osteopath, will talk on: 'Avoiding and Treating Arthritis'. Competition: A Decorative Pill Box.

We welcome new members at any time – please don't be shy – come and try – our very friendly WI.

*Nancy Hussey*

## **Naphill Neighbours**

Way back in July half the members present at our club meeting turned their hands to creating marzipan fruits – a sticky experience! No one went home empty handed, though, as those not taking part received a basket of marzipan fruits too. The following day we were off to Highclere Castle – a chance to visit this grand house and see where the TV series 'Downton Abbey' was filmed. An added bonus was the interesting exhibition in the cellar of the castle which, 100 year ago, was the seat of the fifth Earl of Carnarvon who, with his archaeological colleague Howard Carter, famously discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen in 1922.

By the time you read this we will have had our August afternoon outing to Chenies Manor.

Looking ahead, we have booked to go to the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday 15 December for a matinee performance of A Christmas Carol Sing along. All the tickets have been taken but we will open a waiting list in case we have any cancellations nearer the date. If you would like to go on that list, please phone Hazel on 563977

Our next club meeting is on Monday 12 September when Mr Jonathan Arnold MBE will be telling us about The Parker Knoll Antique Collection. Tea hostesses will be Anne Thomas and Jean Fortesque.

*Hazel Vickery 563977*

## **Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council**

Our July meeting now seems a distant memory and will be even more so by the time that you read this hence this brief report. We reminisced about the Fete and generally concluded that it had been yet another great village occasion as I'm sure you will agree. A few odds and ends of maintenance were sorted. The piano has

been tuned, we have tried to get replacement seat pans for the broken chairs, arranged for the windows to be cleaned and the floor to be polished during the school holidays. We agreed to get extra cups and saucers as we were getting short of cups. All exciting stuff!

Next meeting we will be discussing what we plan to do to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in June 2012. A big picnic on the Crick has been suggested. What do you think?

Our next events are:

- The Firework display on the 5 November
- The Christmas Fayre on the 13 December

Make sure you have the dates in your diary.

*Sarah Bacon 563479*

*Chair, Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council.*

## **Naphill Horticultural Society**

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

### **Autumn Show**

**Saturday 3 September**

**2pm at Naphill Village Hall**

Once again, it hasn't been an easy summer for us gardeners, after a hot and dry spring, we have had to contend with cold and dry during June & July. Not surprisingly quite a few plants have got totally confused and don't know what they are meant to be doing and when!. Hopefully, lots of you have got things in the garden which have behaved themselves, and if so, we are hoping that you will come up trumps and make the Autumn Show a success. This is your big chance to show off what you have been nurturing in your gardens and allotments over the year.

We would love to see as many of you as possible at this village event, and always welcome more exhibitors – so, don't be shy, pick up a schedule and have a go. The show is meant to be fun and not the fierce competition you may think. There are flower, vegetable, cookery, photography, and handcraft classes, and of course special classes for children (in case you are looking for something to do in the last few days of the holidays!)

Once again, in the cookery section we have a class which is open to W.I members only, and this year it is for a fruit loaf – so come on ladies, the oven gauntlet has been thrown down!

As always, full details of all the classes can be found on our website, along with advice on how the stage your exhibits and handy hints for exhibitors. The schedule in printed form is available from Peter Davis, the Post Office or myself. We open to the public at 2pm, when exhibitors and visitors can come and admire the exhibits (and find out what you have won!), and have some refreshments before the ever popular auction of donated exhibits at 4pm.

Lastly, our annual Cheese & Wine evening will be on Friday 28 October. 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*

## Letter

### Naphill Horticultural Society Summer Show 2011

Although I no longer live in Naphill, I was brought up and lived in the village for 26 years and still consider it to be my home. Something I remember clearly from my childhood are the Naphill Horticultural Society shows. The glorious earthy smell of all the flowers and vegetables, tables crammed with home made cakes and jams, tiny gardens on plates (I entered once or twice) and lots of other interesting things to look at. Those were undoubtedly simpler times.

My mother still lives in Naphill and I visit her several times a month. I always try to go to the Horticultural Society shows with her. Last year I noticed how sparse the entries were and I commented how sad it was that more people did not enter. So, I thought, 'less moaning more doing!' and I decided to enter. I put in some of my home grown vegetables, a cheese and onion flan, some scones, a vase of annuals, a vase of perennials and some herbs.

Not only did I enjoy thoroughly all the planning and preparation, I loved spending time at the show with some of my ex-neighbours who I had not seen or spoken to for years. I spent a great day with my Mum doing something we both enjoyed that gave us so much to talk about. I also won several first prizes much to my surprise and delight. My cheese and onion flan was a triumph – first prize and best in category, no less.

I'd like to say to everyone who grows anything, likes baking or making jam, takes photos, knits or sews, please enter. There are loads of classes and most people will find they've got something they can put in. You don't have to be a professional, it doesn't take much time and it's thoroughly enjoyable. You will also have a really pleasant day talking to some new and very welcoming people. Don't forget to encourage your kids to enter the garden on a plate and other children's competitions.

It would be fantastic to see the Horticultural Shows bursting with entries and colour like the old days. So, do your bit for the 'Big Society' and show your support for a real old Naphill village tradition.

I've already started planning what I'm going to enter for the autumn show – see you there. I expect to have to queue to get in!

PS: I've written a piece on my blog with some photos of my entries. If you'd like to see it go to [gardendesignuk.blogspot.com](http://gardendesignuk.blogspot.com) and click on the July list of posts.

*Linsey Evans*

*If you would like a copy of Linsey's flan recipe, please contact The Editor*

### Friends of Naphill Common

[www.naphillcommon.org.uk](http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk)

We have had a middling summer. The evening of our bat walk was drizzly, so only a few brave individuals turned up, but we did eventually have a short walk and located some pipistrelles, a soprano pipistrelle (recently recognised as a separate species) and what may have

been a long-eared bat. The star of the evening was a delightful baby pipistrelle being cared for by one of the people from the Berkshire and South Bucks Bat Group. We hope for another, drier, expedition next year. It was also rather damp for our mini-beast safari but seventeen people joined in, including six children. The entomologist, John Tyler led the expedition and we found a wide range of invertebrates, ranging from moths, butterflies shield bugs and crickets to millipedes, ladybirds and spiders. I think everyone, especially the children, enjoyed the walk. Note that our membership fees enable us to pay the leaders of these events, booking the village hall, tools for work parties, and so on.

Our new Historical and Archaeological (HAG) group has met several times, under the leadership of Kevin Bennett, and has plans to undertake surveys of the Romano-British farmstead and the clumps. We also hope to get some historical research underway to try to discover more about the origins of the Common and some of its features, such as the Clumps. There are regular up-dates on our website. Please contact us if you are interested.

We are going to start our work parties again soon. Some of the paths have become very overgrown and narrow and there is still work to do near the Clumps. Recently we removed a patch of Himalayan balsam, reported to us by a member – a job we will have to repeat for several years. There will be work parties on Sundays 4 Sept; 18 Sept; 2 Oct; 18 Oct; 30 Oct; 13 Nov; 27 Nov; and 11 Dec. We meet at the Common end of Forge Road unless otherwise agreed. We use only hand tools. Please join in if you want an invigorating and useful morning.

Most of Naphill Common is owned by West Wycombe Estate and it seems likely that they are going to prepare a long term management plan for the area. As yet there are no details but we will keep the Village informed as things develop. Since the Common is an SSSI, such a plan would have to be approved by Natural England; the Forestry Commission and the Chiltern Conservation Board would also take an interest, so the Common should benefit.

Our Walks for Health continue. See page 15 for details. We have a Fungus Foray on Thursday 27 October, starting from the village hall at 10am, and led by experts from the Bucks Fungus Group. There will be an Open Meeting on Friday 27 January 2012 at which Dr Jill Eyers (an excellent speaker) will talk about geological features of the area and identify any specimens you may bring along.

*Trevor Hussey*

### Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

#### Planning Applications to 12 August 2011

**11/06365/FUL** 3 Charity Cottages, Downley Road, Naphill. HA for construction of detached single storey outbuilding/workshop. Permitted **11/06382/FUL**. 158 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of rear conservatory. **11/06566/FUL** 177 Main Road, Naphill. HA construction of freestanding oak framed carport in

front garden. (5.7m x 5m x 4.85m high, mainly brick with a tiled roof. This may be considered as out of keeping and over development in an AONB area.)  
**11/06599/FUL** 1 Church Lane, Naphill HA for construction of first floor extension. **11/06683/FUL** Amble Cottage Cherrycroft Drive, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear extension and garage conversion. **11/06764/FUL** 12 Beech Park, Walter's Ash. HA for construction of two storey side extension, two storey side/rear extension with integral garage and two storey front extension with porch at ground level. (Bradenham P C app.)

Social events. The Quiz Night on 24 June was a great success. However, we are sorry to announce that the now traditional November Rock 'n Roll Dinner Dance at the village hall, sponsored by the Residents Association, will not take place this year, but we hope it can be reinstated in the future.

Alarm Sales Scam. Bucks Trading Standards have warned against a company called Direct Response Security selling 'free monitored alarm systems'. Once the alarm is installed residents are left with a large bill for future monitoring services which they have been tricked into signing up to. If you think you have been a victim of this or similar scam, ring Consumer Direct for advice on 0808 156 2259.

Roads & Pavements. Our roads and pavements are still in a very poor condition after the last two winters. Please don't just ask the Residents Association to report dangerous places to Bucks County Council. Councils respond to pressure and numbers of complaints. So individuals sending in complaints increases the chances of having repairs done. It is easily done on the Bucks County Council website

Next Meeting: Thursday, 8 September 2011, at Naphill Village Hall.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## The Wheel

I can't believe two months have gone by already and that it is the start of another school year and the summer is drawing to a close. We have had a busy few months at The Wheel, especially with the opening of the extension or, as we like to call it, 'The Lodge'. The new room which goes out the back from the old dining area has beaten my expectations and is an amazing area. We have gained an extra 12 tables which gives us 30 extra seats. The decor is still fairly traditional and the room has a great atmosphere. If you've not come and seen it yet, please do. We are also now doing home cooked specials which, I'm happy to say, are flying out. The Lodge is also being used for functions and has already been booked for a few birthday celebrations and already we are taking Christmas bookings. We believe it is a great area for those occasions where your house isn't big enough and the village hall is a bit too big, so we hope it will be an asset to the village.

On the 6 August we held the opening party of the extension which was a great night and we would like to thank everyone who came along and joined us. The area was turned into a function room with a DJ (thanks to Tim from The Whip) some lights and an area for

dancing, of which there was quite a lot, although getting towards the end of the evening I think the beer may have been helping. We also provided a buffet for everyone to enjoy. Again thanks to everyone who came and made it such a special night.

As I am sure you are aware we were going to hold a dog photography day back in July, but unfortunately the British summer, as reliable as always, decided to test us out, and it rained all day. So unfortunately we had to postpone the day. The new date was 27 August and upon writing this it has not happened yet so I will update you next time.

Over the next few months there is more to look forward here and around the village. Our joint Beer Festival with The Whip is on 9/10 September; a list of the ales and ciders will be available in either The Whip or The Wheel. We will also have Les Roots the cheese man here on the Saturday with some live music from local band The Wedge on the Saturday evening; this will be out in the marquee as usual.

Looking forward it will be Bonfire night on the 5 November so remember to get your tickets and watch the amazing fireworks. Also not to try and scare you all but Christmas is round the corner and people have been booking the new dining area since July! So for those planning parties and Christmas dinners please can I advise everyone to book early this year? I know this seems frightening, sorry.

Once again thanks for all the loyal support over the last few months and we hope to see everyone soon. I'm sure we will see you all over the Beer Festival weekend.

*Claire and Mark*

## Bon Ami

Firstly, a huge Thank You to all of our customers who visited us on 19 July and made our Iain Rennie Big Brew Day such a success. By donating 50p from the sale of each hot drink and raffling some cakes, we managed to raise £127.

We will be holding a similar event on 30 September as part of the Macmillan World's Largest Coffee Morning, so please do come along and support us if you are able to.

Another date for your diary is Saturday 10 September when Simon Patrick, photographer, will be here for a Family Photo Day. Simon takes informal photographs against a white background and is really good with small, wriggly people. The photographs make excellent Christmas presents, so please see Amanda or Ruth if you'd like to book a session.

As I write this, looking out over the Crick, the clouds are gathering for the next shower. We don't seem to be having much sunshine, although we have made several trips to Beechdean to stock up on ice-cream, and cream teas seem to be popular whatever the weather.

As always, we look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support.

PS. The excellent W.I. Cookbook can also be purchased at Bon Ami

*Amanda Hall & Ruth Bond*



# Firework Display

Saturday 5th November

On the Crick

BBQ and bar from 5.30pm

Fire lit at 6pm

Display at 7pm approx

\*BBQ run by\* Sports Club

Pavilion Bar run by Men's Club

Mulled wine

Soup

Tickets available from\*

Post Office, Costcutters, Co-Op,

Black Lion, The Wheel, Wynyard-

Wright & Ellis or phone 562770

for large parties

Advance ticket prices:

\*£5.00 adults, £1.50 children

On the night:

\*£6.00 adults, £2 children

Under 5's free

Please note: NO sparklers allowed

## Naphill Business Network

In September I am starting a breakfast network group at Bon Ami Coffee Shop. This would give local business people an opportunity to meet up for an informal chat, tell each other what they do, share ideas/good practice and generally support one another. Unlike many of the formal groups, who charge a big subscription, it would only cost you the price of your cup of coffee and maybe a bacon roll to go with it! If you are interested in coming along or would like more information then drop me an email.

Judy Whitehouse 01494 562742  
01494 562742 [judy@judyq.demon.co.uk](mailto:judy@judyq.demon.co.uk)

## Results of the Allotment Competition

### Overall Results

- 1st Mr E Wilson (Plot 24 & 25 Walter's Ash)
- 2nd Mrs J Christmas (Plot 24b, 25b, 35 Hughenden Valley)
- 3rd= Mr D Peace (Plot 27a & 28a Windmill Lane)
- 3rd= Mr J Bryant (Plot 29 Windmill Lane)

### Best Overall Newcomer

Mrs Cooper (Plot 4, Primrose Hill)

### Louches Lane

- 1st Mr Bartholomew Plot 14a
- 2nd Mr Vickers Plot 17a
- 3rd Mr Wilkins Plot 3b/4b

### Walter's Ash

- 1st Mr Wilson Plot 24/25
- 2nd Mr Mason Plot 20b/21
- 3rd Ms Whitehouse Plot 20a

Certificates will be awarded to all winners, and the overall winner will hold the allotment trophy for the coming year.

Lynne Turner

*Editor's note: If you would like a full copy of the winners list, please let me know and I will provide a copy.*

## Summer Tea Party

Thank you to everyone who supported our tea party event in aid of the High Wycombe Stroke Club and Multiple Sclerosis. As usual we had great support from the folk in Naphill and a total of £694.45 was raised.

Shiela Veysey

## Digital UK Postcode Checker

Rita Dwyer has been in touch with some helpful information regarding the dates for the digital switchover. To find out the switchover and re tune dates for your property, log onto [www.digitaluk.co.uk](http://www.digitaluk.co.uk) and use the postcode checker. The dates for the Editor's postcode (HP14 4QB) are 8 and 22 February.

## RAF Honours Walter's Ash Resident

Walter's Ash resident, Mr Dave Brown, recently received a Commendation in recognition for service to the Station from the Station Commander at RAF High Wycombe. Mr Brown of Allen Drive, Walter's Ash, served in the Royal Air Force for 28 years before taking up post at the RAF Base as a Civil Servant for the last

15 years. The citation for the award included the following:

"The positive attitude and enthusiasm Mr Brown brings to RAF High Wycombe life is evident in his status; he continues to assist all, influence many and disappoint none".

On receiving the award, Mr Brown said, "Of all the years I have served in both the RAF and the Civil Service I still love being around the Royal Air Force."

*Flying Officer Paul Bevan, MCO*

## **Air Ambulance Berks Oxon Bucks (BOB)**

Formerly Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance, a charity that receives no funding from central government and relies entirely on sponsorship, donations and fund raising activities. It costs £125,000 a month to run the service which flies on average four missions a day. You can help by joining in their weekly lottery. Each chance costs just £1 a week and you can win up to £1,000 in the weekly prize draw. Applications Forms are available in Bon Ami Coffee Shop or from Judy Whitehouse [judy@judyg.demon.co.uk](mailto:judy@judyg.demon.co.uk) 564742. Or visit [www.tvcaa.org](http://www.tvcaa.org) for more information on other ways that you can help.

*Judy Whitehouse*

## **Hazel Davis**

We obviously live in a very caring community, this was demonstrated by the number of cards, letters and telephone calls received after the sudden death of Hazel on 4 July. They were a great comfort to me and my family and I would like to thank you all for your kindness.

*Bob Davis*

## **RAF team will cycle the length of UK in aid of charity**

TEAM 'Relentless Ride', a group of eight serving RAF personnel based at RAF High Wycombe, will cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats over 3 days in September to raise money for the RAF Benevolent Fund (RAFBF) – the RAF's leading welfare charity. Team Leader 'Dutch' Holland said, "We decided to help the RAF Benevolent Fund as they do so much to support serving and former RAF personnel and their families. Cpl William 'Charlie' Manson is a great example of that. We worked together at RAF Halton from 2005–2007. Charlie injured his lower spine during a mortar attack in Iraq and was medically discharged from the RAF. Once discharged personal attempts to find suitable housing proved unsuccessful. The RAFBF were able to provide him with a house through their Housing Trust and make a real difference to his life. This case is just one of many that the RAF Benevolent Fund takes on, and they wouldn't be able to do it without people making donations, so we're really keen to get them all the support we can."

When the ride is finished the team will auction off equipment from the event (including some excellent quality road bikes). These lots and others kindly donated will be auctioned off at The Oakeshott centre, RAF High Wycombe on 6 October 2011, with the first lot coming un-



**Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 1st 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.*

der the hammer at 7.30pm. If you want to support the team visit: [www.relentlessride.com](http://www.relentlessride.com) and follow the link to our JustGiving area or text RIDE60 and amount to 70070 eg. RIDE60 £1.

*Scott Dobson 495738  
airmann-secdatamqtsac@mod.uk*

## **The Opening of Oakeshott Hall**

On 24 June the official opening took place of 'Oakeshott Hall' at the RAF base in Walter's Ash. The hall was given the name relating to Wing Commander Alan Oakeshott. Alan had grown up in Naphill before joining the RAF in 1938. He went on to become a decorated war hero and was also credited with the idea of building Bomber Command HQ in the cover of the local beech woods.

In the last few weeks of June I was able to supply Wing Commander Paul Anderson with some history on the RAF site so had the pleasure of being invited to the opening of Oakeshott Hall. Colin Haywood, who married Alan's sister Alison, and my friend Noel Cosslett, a rear gunner on Lancasters during WWII attended with me. The event was opened by David Jason, to whom we were introduced before the ceremony. It was a memorable event.

Having done my own family history, I was able to supply Wing Commander Anderson with details of the old farmhouse which was taken by compulsory purchase order by the RAF in the 1960s. If I remember correctly it became the RAF corporal's club house. The lovely old farmhouse has recently been refurbished to be used as a recreation centre for all RAF personnel and their families. Two days before its official opening I was taken to see it and told that it was originally a forge

named 'Smithy'. Luckily, I had photos of the families that had lived in the farmhouse and census information about the working farm that enabled me to rectify their mistake.

John Smith (b. 1861) and his older brother Frederick (b. 1842) were stone cutters from a big family living at Piggotts Common off North Dean. They came to Walter's Ash where they found large stones. Both settled and married in Walter's Ash (John to Julia, Frederick to Sarah Janes). Stone cutters suffered from the dust involved with their work and John died at an early age in 1911. His son Benjamin was born after his death. In later life he did not join his brothers in the stone cutters trade but farmed from the old farmhouse. Frederick must have helped Julia to carry on the business which John had started until the sons were able to take it on. John Smith & Sons grew and employed many men and the offices only closed last year in Smith's Yard, Walter's Ash.

At the opening of Oakeshott Hall, I went over to the old farmhouse together with David Jason, Group Captain Heffron, Wing Commander Anderson, Colin Haywood and Noel Cosslett. We were greeted by the RAF personnel who are running the place and David Jason was introduced to Peter Donaldson who was an ex RAF navigator, taken prisoner of war by the Germans between 1940 and 1945. He has written a very interesting book of his experiences called 'From Heligoland to Heaven in Five Years'.

On 11 July I attended a medal presentation at Oakeshott Hall for servicemen who have served in Afghanistan. One Flight Lieutenant Booth had a medal and was mentioned in despatches. Wing Commander Anderson also obtained a medal for his WWII services as rear gunner on Lancasters, 66 years after the event. It was a memorable morning.

We are so lucky to have this liaison with the RAF in our village, which played such a great part during WWII as Bomber Command. Our village has so much history on its doorstep which I have shown over the years in my exhibitions in the Naphill village hall. Never a dull moment!

*Pam Smith*



*Pam Smith at the opening of Oakeshott Hall*

## Back in Time

Through the village web site I have been contacted by from Timothy Gilson who lived in Naphill Cottage at the end of Forge Road from 1955–1973. (There are now two houses on this site, one of which is the new Naphill Cottage). Tim lived there with his older brother, Nick, and his parents Ray and Margaret. I thought readers might like to share some of Tim's memories:

"I am a member of the family who moved into Mr and Mrs Smart's Naphill Cottage in Short Road in September 1955. The Smarts built a bungalow down the road to split the property – sadly damaged a few years later by fire.

Previous to being a cottage, the property was reported to have been an inn. I cannot confirm facts; only relate the story from recollection, as told to us by Mr Smart. The property was reputedly Elizabethan, an inn known as The Chalkpits, or the Brickmakers Arms, perhaps both at different stages. There was certainly a vast amount of broken clay pipes in the garden, where, after a 'pipe and a pint', the pipes were thrown into the inn yard, as was. The pits were in the property on the opposite (SE) side of the road. There are two houses there now, built in our time, (the last ones in the road before the Common bridleway). This area was an orchard in 1955.

After life as an inn, 'Naphill Cottage' was converted into three cottages (date unknown, possibly by mid-19th century), two of which were occupied by sisters; and then converted into a single property, I believe by Mr. Smart.

Re-naming Short Road as Forge Road by the Council annoyed the residents at the time, although it was quite appropriate (we were not consulted about the change!)

When our family was there, the old stable block still remained; also two cellars under the cottage, and a very spacious well (under the stable block – accessed from two covers – one either side of the stables). In 1955/56 we lived on well water! We put in water and sewerage in about 1956, and retiled the roof in the 1960s. We sold in March 1973 and soon afterwards, I believe, Naphill Cottage was demolished.

We were amazingly lucky to grow up here. We knew every nook of the Common. I cycled most evenings somewhere around. When I was a youngster, a bodger taught me how to track foxes and watch for badgers, and every Sunday for years we walked through the woods to attend at Bradenham Church, where I later became a server at communion services (for Rev. Freddie Kendall-Baker).

Someone kept pigs further up the road. I recall, as a youngster, running into the kitchen to call out, "Mummy, there's a pig on the front lawn". I received the usual 'mother's reply', the one all mothers keep in their armoury for when they are too busy to be troubled by such obvious nonsense. Actually the pig became two, three, then a very large number – those who had escaped and broken down our gate. Great fun for a youngster, chasing pigs, even trickier than chasing cockerels at bedtime!

Our unusual pet was an adopted brown owl, by the name of Wol. That was in 1961. It became a common

sight for people to see an over-friendly owl around the neighbourhood. Wol was last seen living in Stocking Lane in the late 60's. By knowing the right call, one could call him and he would land on one's shoulder. Perhaps Wol is still around – they have a long life span. We always worried he might be too friendly to the wrong people.

Both my brother and I were part-time deliverymen for A E Syrett & Son in our latter teens, the butchers' shop being so close. I've often recalled my days working at Syrett's. I learned a lot about meeting with people and had a brilliant grounding which helped me enormously when I started on my career (I'm a Chartered Accountant). I've always thought I owed the Syretts a lot, perhaps more than we might have thought at the time.

I also recall Pat Syrett – I used to mow lawns for a job, including Syrett family lawns. I also remember her from my time at the Naphill Youth Club – I'm afraid we were not well behaved as a gang of youths, a time of leather jackets and motor bikes! I didn't attend the local school, but attended Great Kingshill Primary at Cryer's Hill. I was, however, a member of Naphill Cub Pack in the late 50s, into 1960, (Mr Strange from Purcell's Meadow was Arkela). "Happy memories!"

My thanks also to Pam Smith who was able to provide Tim with more memories of those years, and who also confessed to him for being to blame for the change of name to Forge Road!

*Judy Whitehouse*



*Forge Cottage in 'Short Road'*

## **Cookery Demonstration & Supper**

Vegetarian writer and cook Leon Lewis is at Prestwood village hall on 22 September. The talk entitled 'From Plot to Plate' starts at 7:15pm and tickets cost £12 to include a cookery demonstration and supper (bring your own drinks). Tickets can be bought from Mary McConnell on 01494 863084 01494 863084

## **'Dragonflies' Bereavement Group**

I have been working with the Dragonflies bereavement group as a volunteer Counsellor during the last 3 years, and have a background in health and social care. This is a monthly support group for parents who have lost a child or a young adult. Dragonflies has been set up by parents who have been bereaved, and the group is a safe and friendly place to share thoughts and experiences following their loss. The

group operates free of charge and refreshments are provided during meetings – tea/coffee and cake.

Please contact Elaine Ball for more information on 01494 890157, or email her at [tomballcharity@aol.com](mailto:tomballcharity@aol.com).

*Heather Dempsey*

## **A Bit of a Pickle**

If you are planning to pickle some of your produce this year, Marianne Hillson has three spare jars of Sarson's pickling vinegar that she is happy to give away. If you have use for it please contact her on 562820.

## **A Sting in the Tale**

Monday, 25 July, unexpectedly turned out to be a very special day. It was the clouds! We don't see too many high clouds over the UK because they are usually swiftly replaced by medium level and low clouds and then rain. But on 25 July we had the novelty of blue sky with a delightful mixture of cirrus, cirrostratus and cirrocumulus clouds which persisted all day because a benevolent rise of atmospheric pressure had dissipated the rain bearing clouds. Quite a novelty for a weather watcher and delightfully scenic.

It was also a good day for my bird watching. I have previously commented on my love affair with a green woodpecker which has a penchant for eating the ants eggs in my grass. Five weeks ago, I spotted a muntjak deer at the bottom of my garden and rushed out to chase it away, unfortunately frightening my woodpecker which was busy eating ants. It didn't return for weeks and I thought that our relationship was over, so it was a real pleasure to see it again at work. It obviously has a good memory.

The summer (if indeed there was one!) is drawing to a close and now is the time wasps often become a nuisance. Until now the female wasps rally forth from their nests and eliminate many insects which are a nuisance in the garden. However, in late August, the Queen Wasp stops laying eggs and the 'workers' have to look for their sweet food elsewhere and become a nuisance in general. We have had an occasional wasp in my bedroom in the evening recently, not in an aggressive mood but looking lost. I assumed that we must have a nest in the vicinity and to my surprise and dismay I found it in the porch at the front door. Thus every time we used the front door, we walked underneath the nest!

This little wasp saga reminds me how, a few years ago, we heard a very loud banging from the kitchen. Investigation revealed four hornets frantically trying to find a way out. Fortunately I managed to get them out swiftly, despite a pounding heart!

On this recent occasion after experts had dealt with the wasps nests I adjourned to the garden wearing shorts and potted about. Then suddenly I spotted a horse fly on my left leg I flicked it off but it was too late. I now have a nasty souvenir from the horse fly. For some reason they attack me but not my wife. Why? It must be the superior quality of my blood! Mine is rhesus positive, June's is rhesus negative. Surely it is always best to be positive?

*David Leith*

# Sport and Fitness

## Naphill Tennis Club

This summer, several new members joined the club and we now have a regular session on a Wednesday morning in addition to our club mornings on Sundays and Tuesdays. Some lovely sunny Thursday evenings have added to the enjoyment of our summer evening tennis. We are always pleased to welcome more members to our club sessions and this includes the RAF and their families who are automatically club members under the RAF Group Membership Scheme. For those of you who haven't paid us a visit yet, the tennis courts are on the far side of the playing field by Naphill Post Office.

As a reminder, our club sessions take place on:

- Sundays and Tuesdays at 10 am
- Wednesdays at 9.30 am
- Thursdays at 6.30 pm (until light stops play)

Any queries on the above or for budding tennis players thinking of joining us, give me a call on 01494 565406.

*Jenny Tench*

## Mini Rugby:

### High Wycombe Rugby Club

With the World Cup almost on us, rugby mania will abound and if your child (girl or boy) is in reception class or above at the start of the Autumn school term, then we would be pleased to welcome them to the new season at High Wycombe Rugby Club. The Club has a thriving youth section, kicking off on Sunday 4th September, 10am to 12pm, although new joiners are accepted at any time throughout the season. There is a 4 week trial period before any subs are due.

Go to [www.HWRUFC.com](http://www.HWRUFC.com) for general information about the Club. To register your interest or to find out more, contact Nathan Crinyion (minis coaching team): [ncrinyion@btinternet.com](mailto:ncrinyion@btinternet.com) or 01494562008. We look forward to seeing you at the start of next season.

*Nathan Crinyion*

## Naphill FC Men's Football

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*Matt Gunnell*

## Riding for the Disabled Group:

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*Sarah Bacon 563479*

## FONC Walks for Health

All are welcome to join the Friends of Naphill Common Walks for Health led by Ron Collins. Walks will be on the following Mondays, starting from the village hall at 10am:

19 Sept; 17 Oct; 21 Nov, and 19 Dec

In 2012 all walks will be on Mondays as follows:

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*John Hamill*

## More Contributors

We would love to hear more sports and fitness news, so please get in touch if you are part of a local group who could keep us up to date with events and results. If you have fitness tips and ideas that you would like to share, please let me know!

*The Editor*



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## Editorial

As I prepare the items for the Gazette each month I'm really enjoying learning a little more about the history of Naphill and Walter's Ash. I've noticed things around the villages that would otherwise have passed me by!

I had some lovely comments about last month's cover so I asked Mark Dell to give it an autumn

feel this time. I think you'll agree that he has risen to the challenge with this wonderful photograph of acorns, 'hot off the press' as I finish the final editing of this Gazette. Thank you Mark. If you have any ideas for contributions or future Gazette covers, I would be very pleased to receive them.

Clare Goddard  
[gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk) (565065)

## Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15–7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30–6.45	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6–7.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Mondays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Lesley Hamer 473502
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ed Atwell 563668
Cubs (Walter's Ash)	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Catherine de Rouffignac 496917 (office hours)
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Mondays 2 – 3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Carolyn 712801
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30–11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10,11,12 Saturdays 9.30–11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30–11am	The Crick	
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Matt Gunnell 07738 467959
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45–8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8–9pm	Small Hall, Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety. org.uk
Line dancing	Tuesdays 8–9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo. co.uk
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday 10.30am–12.15pm 12.15–12.50pm	Forge Road Naphill Village Hall	
Mothers and Toddlers	Thursdays (term time) 1–3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Louise Lucas 488255
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	Naphill Village Hall	Shiela Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30am and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Thursdays 5.30pm		
Pilates – Sue Maynard	Tuesdays 9.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Sue Maynard
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
Fitness Pilates – Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45–10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scout Group (Naphill & Hughenden)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Peter Byerley 565955
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 10am onwards	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemg.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com
	Tuesdays 10am onwards		
	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Fridays & Saturdays (April–July)		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8–10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30–9.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Nick George 562846
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Tuesdays 1.30–2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
WI	Third Thursday in the month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Juliet Shortall 565018

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### October

- 1st** Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale, Village Hall 2pm
- 28th** Horticultural Society Cheese & Wine Evening, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 24th to 28th** Half Term

### November

- 5th** Firework display, the Crick, from 5.30pm

### December

- 3rd** Christmas Fayre, Naphill Village Hall

## County Councillor's Report

It was with sadness that I learned of the death of Joan Walker, a past Head teacher at Naphill & Walter's Ash School. Many readers will have known Joan as a warm and approachable person who was much respected for her kind but efficient management of our local school over several years. Although her initial appointment was as acting head she was subsequently confirmed in the permanent post.

As vice chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Public Health Services, I find myself in close contact with our local hospitals. There was much public concern over the closure of specialist services in the baby clinic and whilst that has moved to Stoke Mandeville there is in High Wycombe a very successful midwife led maternity unit which is proving to be very popular with new mothers whose babies are delivered there. Wycombe also retains some elective cardiac surgery, including vascular surgery and specialist stroke care. This new unit will administer immediate intervention within two hours of diagnosis. An essential treatment route if a high level of recovery is to be achieved and maintained. I recently gave a talk to Rotarians in Amersham on the subject of changes in health care and stated that the perceived reduction in wards and beds in our hospitals was a direct result of the changes to surgical techniques and the subsequent aftercare administered in day wards of our community hospitals.

September saw the presentation of awards to the winning villages of the Best Kept Village Competition. The Defra Cup, which Naphill has won four times in the past, was awarded to Stewkley. There was good evidence of community support and although it is situated on a main road their public areas were in good order and well kept. It would be nice to think that our villages might try to achieve a fifth win in 2012 the last time our villages won was in 1998.

I do have several applications for funding help from my community leaders fund and I am awaiting

confirmation of how much I will have for the current year. I suspect I will still have a balance to allocate to the communities of my Greater Hughenden Division. Please let me know before the end of November if any organisation requires financial support.

*Richard Pushman*

## Hughenden Parish Council Report

With the long hot summer now behind us, we have moved back into the normal meetings routine as we look forward to the uncertainty of what Planning Reforms and Localism might bring over the next few months. With the furore over Rural Affordable Housing last year and the current concerns over the gypsy settlement outside the RAF base, it is clear that the protection of Green Belt and AONB is a high priority in the Parish. Parish Councillors are all strongly supportive of any protective measures that can be taken – including the support of organisations such as the National Trust – but it must also ensure that it reflects the views of its electors. We would therefore like to hear any views on this to help us to understand the level of support this has throughout the Parish, so please do email any one of us using the contact details that are available at [www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk). We are also nearing decision time from the Government on the controversial HS2 high speed rail line plans. The Council is keeping close eye on this and will respond as required if the opportunity arises.

We had a busy August going through the selection process for a new Clerk and feel we have been very fortunate in appointing an excellent candidate. We would like to welcome warmly Charlotte Watts and look forward to her spending many years in this role. She comes with a wide range of very useful experiences and skills and we feel she will be a great asset to the community. If you have any issues you wish to raise with the Council over problems with playgrounds, allotments, the Garden of Rest etc, Charlotte will now be the one taking those forward.

At the Council meeting on 13 September, we had the pleasure of presenting the prizes for the best allotments. The overall winner, across all eight of our parish allotments, was Mr E Wilson from the Walter's Ash site.

We previously reported on our first 'surgery' back in July. Although we weren't having to lock the doors to stop the rush, we did have some very useful discussions with those that came. We have now set a date for our second surgery and very much hope that more will be able to come along for a chat, to meet the ward Councillors and to raise any issues where the Council may be able to help. It will be on Monday 24 October and, as before, we are holding it in the Scout Hut behind Naphill village hall from 8pm to 9.30pm.

*Audra Byerley, Roger Beavil,  
Phil Conran & Dennis Hackling*

## Personal Perspective

With Autumn upon us, though we might still be wondering where summer was, it's a time for more reflections, as a 'new boy' to the world of the Parish Council.

As my early interest was being galvanised I attended one Parish Council meeting (as a 'member of the public') and shortly after the elections in May I was present at the 'Annual Parish meeting'. The contrast between each of those and our most recent committee meetings could not be stronger, in my view. Those early meetings seemed full of acrimony and frustration. I believe that those currently involved in matters affecting us, whether current Councillors or indeed any of our 9000 residents, now look to the future not the past, and seek a spirit of co-operation.

I almost feel sorry for the young reporter from the Bucks Free Press. She attends Council meetings and I'm sure she would prefer to report on contentious issues, but is having difficulty finding any! There will inevitably at some point be some differences of opinion, but the current feeling, I'm sure, is that we will try to achieve a meeting of minds, since many of the broad goals of each of us in the Council are similar (spend 'your' money wisely and efficiently, recognise 'your' concerns regarding affordable housing on Green Belt land, try to do something about people who by-pass normal planning procedures and just place temporary or permanent living facilities wherever they wish; and let's not forget the Government's high-speed rail project!)

Sometimes, however, we have to recognise that while we can suggest and even fund things (for instance, various initiatives to try to reduce the speed at which many cars career through our parish), other levels of government (like Bucks County Council) can block our path. We will keep persisting with initiatives we believe to be right, however.

We are all slowly getting used to the interplay of different levels of local government. Hugh McCarthy, for instance, is both an elected Parish Councillor for Widmer End Ward, and faced a contested election to become a Wycombe District Councillor for its ward of Hazlemere North. Three other district councillors, for Greater Hughenden Ward, however, did not have to face a contest in May, and were returned 'unopposed'. For the sake of democracy I hope that in the future, and at whatever level, there are always enough people prepared to stand for election. Perhaps it could be 'you' the next time!

I mentioned Wycombe District Council because while much of its business is essential but not necessarily spectacular, there are on occasion some 'fireworks'. For instance, two of our Councillors recently went to one of their meetings that considered the 'travellers' occupation of land near the RAF, and I was present (again as a member of the public) when the decision was taken not to develop the Booker airfield site for housing and sports facilities.

Please don't forget that anyone from the parish can turn up to any of our own committee meetings, to see what is going on in 'your' parish!

*Roger Beavil*

## Neighbourhood Police News

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 0845 8505505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office. Alternatively you are welcome to send us an email at the following address:

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The team would also love to hear from the community regarding any positive or negative feedback that you may have or any issues or concerns that you may wish to raise.

### Speeding

The Speed Indication Device (SID) and residents using the Community Speed Watch (CSW) have been deployed in several areas:

28 July: Warrendene Road, Hughenden Valley, 10.10 am to 12pm, 175 vehicles with average speed of 28 mph. Nine vehicles in excess of the prosecution limit. 2 August: Main Road Walter's Ash, travelling towards Hughenden Valley, 3.15pm to 4pm; average speed 28 mph. Eleven vehicles in excess of the prosecution limit. 8 August: Missenden Road, Great Kingshill, travelling towards Prestwood, 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Average speed not recorded due to the volume of vehicles. 106 vehicles in excess of the prosecution limit. Please bear in mind that persons who receive Speed Watch letters are not given the speed which initiated the letter. There is a threshold which is strictly adhered to. When the device is activated the initial speed is the speed recorded by the operators and not the speed as the vehicle passes the device. The speed captured is that of at least 70 metres prior to the device.

During the last two months the Roads Policing Department have been active in the Great Kingshill area, with the following results: 26 July, four excess speed; 5 August, ten excess speed, three not wearing seat belts; 16 August, 17 fixed penalty tickets for excess speed, mobile phone use, not wearing seat belts, also an excessive tint to vehicle windows.

### Litter

The parish still has a problem with persons throwing litter from vehicles as they pass through. If anyone can take a registration number of the offending vehicle and pass it to the HNPT, I will seek to issue the offender with a fixed penalty fine.

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham  
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer*

## News from 'Christians in the Community'

There will be a coffee morning in the Naphill Methodist Church on Saturday 1 October from 10am until 12 noon. We will also have a Bring and Buy stall, cakes for sale and a raffle. We will be raising money to pay for the Christmas activities – the mince pie distribution list and the times of Christmas services delivered throughout the parish.

*Norma Clarke*

## Naphill Evening WI

We are now well and truly into autumn, how quick our summer seems to have come and gone! The next meeting on 20 October is our annual meeting when we will be voting in committee and president for the next year. We welcome the support of all our members on this occasion, and there will be time for you to have a chat and partake in a light hearted quiz.

On 27 October it is Naphill's turn to host the Group Meeting, and we are looking forward to hearing Sheila Kennedy talk to us about 'High Times at Heathrow'. If you have put your name down to attend we ask that you arrive no earlier than 7.30pm, and the meeting will start at 7.45pm.

Members from Napton on the Hill, our 'twin' WI, will be visiting Naphill on Wednesday 12 October. They will be meeting with us for a sandwich lunch at The Wheel, before going down the hill for a visit to Hughenden Manor. After that we plan to give them tea and cakes before waving farewell. Next year it will be our turn to visit them.

Our Food Appreciation Group event for October is a cream tea at The Old Tea House, Windsor End, Beaconsfield on Wednesday 26 at 3pm. Carole Teare is the organiser.

As I write, our September meeting is yet to take place, and when Nancy last wrote (she is on holiday this week) our annual ramble and pub supper was about to happen – however, it didn't! Torrential rain prevented us from the ramble – only the second time in 10 years – but we did still meet up for the pub supper at the Hit or Miss, Penn Street. And lastly, on 6 September we had a most enjoyable day in London, organised by Marion. With the services of an excellent Blue Badge Guide we had a very informative tour round the Olympic Village and surrounding area. You may recall it was a very wet day, but fortunately for us it only rained while we were on the coach.

Nancy will be back next time.

*Juliet Shortall*

## Naphill Neighbours

Our August afternoon visit to Chenies Manor House was most enjoyable. The day had started disappointingly wet, but the weather gods (Sheila

has a direct line to them) were kind and the afternoon was spent in and around this delightful house and garden in pleasant sunshine.

At our September club meeting Mr Jonathan Arnold MBE, great grandson of Frederick Parker who founded Frederick Parker & Sons in 1870, gave a most interesting and illustrated talk on the history of the business, the family, the furniture and the Frederick Parker Antique Collection which is now housed, together with archive material, in the London Metropolitan University.

Our next club meeting will be held on Monday 10 October when we will be holding our usual brief AGM after which we will be entertained by Mrs GM Gudge talking about 'The Hebrides – islands at the edge of the sea'. We will be collecting the ticket money for our outing to the Royal Albert Hall for A Christmas Carol sing-along on Thursday 15 December, so please remember to bring your cheques (£41 for members, £43 for guests) with you to the meeting. The tea hostesses will be Sheila Veysey, Valerie Pushman and Brenda Bates.

*Hazel Vickery 563977*

## Naphill village hall and Playing Field Council

### Christmas Fayre date: 3 December

First of all I must apologise for giving you the wrong date for the Christmas Fayre, a fact that has been pointed out to me several times!! It is to be held on Saturday 3 December and not on 13 December. Sorry for the confusion.

As a lot of the members of the village hall council are beyond having school age children many of them had gone away on holiday as the school holidays were over, so we were a select gathering for our September meeting which stopped us being able to discuss some items.

Our finances are healthy thanks to a good fete, and your generosity, but we have some significant expenditure in the pipeline so do pray for a fine night for the fireworks.

We took advantage of the summer holidays to get the floor polished up in the hall. It took three coats and as a result looks much more loved. We have also purchased some new crockery and so we now have 70 matching white cups and saucers.

You will have noticed how lovely the garden around the war memorial has been looking thanks to Trish Bowen who has taken it under her wing. As well as keeping the beds planted she has also arranged for the grass to be treated. Our very grateful thanks go to her. It is an area that had got to look very sad and not a fitting tribute to our war veterans.

We felt that it was unwise to discuss our ideas for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee until next month when we should have a much better attendance. We do however need to clarify our ideas as bookings for

marquees and bands will over subscribed. Hopefully we can make decisions next month.

Our next fundraisers will be The Fireworks on 5 November and then the Christmas Fayre on the 3 December. It does seem that summer is now over and winter is on the way!

*Sarah Bacon 563479*  
*Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council.*

## **Naphill Horticultural Society**

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

What a fabulous Autumn Show we had – the entries were once again incredible considering the very hot, then very dry, then wet summer we have had. We clearly have some very diligent waterers in the village!

Once again we had some new exhibitors, who now know what fun the show is and not the daunting prospect people seem to think! The buzz in the hall when the exhibitors came back to find out how their entries had fared was amazing. It was also brilliant to see that the children who entered had done so well. A huge pat on the back all round seems in order!

Whether you were an exhibitor, a viewer, or a buyer at the auction you helped to make the day a great success, so thank you.

The biggest thank you however, must go to Peter Davis, our Show Secretary, who puts so much work into organising the shows and ensuring that they run smoothly – he makes it all look so effortless, but the rest of us know that this is not the case!

Tickets (priced £9) are now available for our annual Cheese and Wine evening, which is always a popular event, and this year takes place on Friday 28 October 28 in the village hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. The evening will start with an illustrated talk by Laura Nicholas who will be telling us more about the Thames Valley & Chilterns Air Ambulance Trust, and their Open Gardens Scheme. This is a truly wonderful service that we all hope we will never need, but would be so grateful should the necessity arise. 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.

*Cathryn Carter 563233*

## **Friends of Naphill Common**

[www.naphillcommon.org.uk](http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk)

We have had some good news. Two members of the Butterfly Conservation Society have succeeded in finding three Purple Emperor butterflies on Naphill Common, two males and a female. This is, I believe, the first official recording of this rare species on our common. The two lepidopterists contacted FONC several months ago to ask if there were any sites on the common where the species might be found. Purple Emperors require a combination of sallow (pussy willow) where the females lay their eggs and

large oaks (the “master trees”) where the males patrol above the highest branches. We gave them the location of three possible sites and, on 14 July, they found them on the one nearest to The Clumps. They also recorded several other, less rare, species including Holly Blue, Red Admiral, Comma, Green-veined White, Marbled White, Meadow Brown, Large Skipper, Ringlet, Small Tortoiseshell, Small White and no less than 14 Purple Hairstreaks.

The Purple Emperor (*Apatura iris*) is our largest native butterfly and is confined to a scatter of old-established oak woodlands in the south east of England. Buckinghamshire is towards the edge of its range so we are particularly fortunate to find it on our common. It is a markedly beautiful species: the males have a rich purple sheen on the upper surface of the wings while the females are a handsome brown. Both are marked with bands of white, similar to a White Admiral butterfly. They fly in July and August. The males rarely come down to the ground but can be tempted by rotting meat or fruit. The caterpillars hatch on the sallow in late August. They are green with two (harmless) “horns” just behind their heads which they flaunt menacingly when touched. The caterpillars hibernate over winter and pupate the following year, to emerge as a butterfly in mid to late summer.

Welcome as they are, we must not let these imperial stars make us forget our, less rare, Purple Hairstreak (*Neozephyrus quercus*) butterflies. These are much smaller, but have a similar purple iridescence. They fly in July and August and favour specific oak trees, patrolling above the highest branches and chasing off other insects. They over-winter as eggs, hatching as the new oak leaves emerge. We have several sites where you can see Purple Hairstreaks including one by the Clumps and one about 100 yards down the common from the end of Downley Road. We have also seen them near the end of Forge Road.

You will have to wait until next summer to see these butterflies but, in the meantime there is our programme of events. Our Walks for Health continue, led by Ron Collins. See page 15 for details. We have a Fungus Foray on Thursday 27 October, starting from the village hall at 10am, and led by experts from the Bucks Fungus Group. There will be an Open Meeting on Friday 27 January 2012 at which Dr Jill Eyers (an excellent speaker) will talk about geological features of the area and identify any specimens you may bring along. We hope to organise a talk on the butterflies of the Common.

There will be work parties on 2 Oct; 18 Oct; 30 Oct; 13 Nov; 27 Nov; and 11 Dec. We meet at the Common end of Forge Road unless otherwise agreed and intend to clear some of the overgrown paths as well as continue our work near The Clumps. We use only hand tools. Please join in if you want an invigorating and useful morning.

*Trevor Hussey*

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

### **Planning Applications to 15 Sept. 2011**

11/06974/FUL Hogtrough Farm, Louches Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of 2-storey and single storey extensions to form new front elevation, First floor extension over existing garage, new glazed roof feature within existing roof slopes facing over new rear elevation across fields, new tiled open canopy and relocation of drive and new fencing with gates. (Concern that the extensive glazing of the South facing elevation would be unduly prominent and reflective, out of keeping with nearby buildings and the rural setting.)

11/07091/TPO Ambleside, Purssells Meadow, Naphill. Crown reduction by 15%, thinning by 10%, crown lifting to 3m above ground level to three lime trees(T1,T2 & T3).

11/06764/FUL 12 Beech Park, Walter's Ash. HA for construction of 2-storey side extension, 2-storey side/rear extension with porch at ground level. Amendment lodged with WDC on 15 September.

11/05644/FUL . Retrospective. Travellers site. The Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash. Change of use of the land to allow the stationing of two mobile homes and two touring caravans for use by gypsy traveller family with the creation of hard-standing, erection of single storey detached utility/day room building and installation of cesspit. (Originally recommended for five year temporary permission by WDC officer but refused by WDC Planning Committee). Now awaiting appeal hearing.

Murco Appeal Refused on 10/07198/FUL Walter's Ash Service Station. Change of use from car servicing and repair business to car jet wash ancillary to existing petrol filling station and associated external alterations.

Latest news – 11/05556/FUL appn. for Jet Wash – Walter's Ash Service Station– refused!

Car Crime. Police warn of increase in car crime throughout district and advise that every time you leave your car, you close windows and sunroof fully, lock doors and use steering wheel lock where possible. Leave nothing in sight. Even a coat or shopping bag encourages opportunist thieves to look further. Have tamper proof screws fitted on to number plates. Remove stereo where possible and never leave vehicle documents inside.

Burglary. Police advice is keep your back door locked and only open when you need to. Do not leave keys in your doors or window locks. Remove all keys, handbags and purses/wallets from sight.

Overgrown Hedges. BCC Highways now take legal action, after a written warning, against households who allow overgrown hedges to interfere with highway traffic and cause nuisance to neighbours.

One last thought as I look out of the window, do squirrels ever find any of those nuts they so busily bury?

Next meeting. Thursday 13 October 2011, Naphill village hall. Open to all.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## **Village Web Site**

<http://www.naphill.org.uk/>

The village web site is attracting people from around the world and especially from the USA! From the correspondence we have had, many of these are people whose relatives lived in Naphill or Walter's Ash and who are interested in finding out more about their families or the house where they lived. I have been keeping Pam Smith busy with their enquiries.

Don't forget that you can use our Local Services link to find quickly local business contact details.

We are happy to add messages about local events. If you would like to be notified when these are posted you can follow us on Twitter @naphillwa.

Finally, we are slowly building up a portfolio of local photos on our Flickr page

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/naphillwa>

Thanks to those who have already contributed. If anyone else has photos then do please add them to the group. We will shortly be adding a link from the web site to the Flickr page.

*Judy Whitehouse*

## **The Wheel**

Blimey! We've been so busy this past month we haven't noticed that autumn is nearly here! Just for starters, we had our Annual Joint Beer Festival with the Whip on the 9/10 September, selling 50+ real ales and ciders between both pubs. Dog Photography Day on the 27 August finally happened with the fantastic Nick Ridley dodging between the breaks in the weather! In total we had 27 pampered pooches taking the limelight with stunning poses and good behaviour. So we thank all customers who came, both two and four legged ones! We hope that you are all happy with your fantastic photos.

We would also like to welcome Tony our new chef to The Wheel. Tony is a well known chef in the area and will be teasing your taste buds with freshly cooked foods and specials throughout the week, with definite emphasis on game, especially as we are now in the season. We have now put together our Christmas menu which will run from 1 to 23 December which is available to collect in the pub. We are already taking bookings for Christmas, and we request that if you would like to come for a festive meal, please book in advance and early as the new dining area is already in demand!

The fireworks display is only around the corner and we are praying for decent weather. We will be selling

entry tickets along with other local businesses and on the night we will be going around with collection buckets for the firework team who continuously help raise money for this village year after year. So please come out and support your village and enjoy the display. We will have mulled wine/cider to warm you up throughout the evening! We now have two log fires, one in the front bar and one in the dining area they will be roaring away over the long winter months, to help get rid those winter chills.

We will be supporting England throughout the Rugby World Cup over the next few weeks and fingers crossed for success! We will be showing all the action, and offering a bacon bap and a beer for £5 per person, please ask in the pub for more details.

Once again a big thank you to everyone who supports The Wheel and other local businesses, we really appreciate it!

*Claire and Mark*

## Black Lion Naphill

We missed the last edition but hopefully we can undertake a brief roundup of the summer months. It seems July and August just flew past with the weather being its usual self, very average. However, the Black Lion was busy throughout that period. We completed a couple of outside functions which included a hog roast and a wedding for a local couple. The pub has continued to grow its trade and for that we are very grateful to all the local people who have and are continuing to support us. Moving to future events, we are starting a Sunday quiz from 26 September. It will be general knowledge and is £1 per person to enter, 8.30pm for a 9pm start.

Christmas: We are now taking bookings and the menu is available at the pub for you to have look at. We will be loading the menu onto the web site shortly so look out for it there as well. Takeaway menus will also be available from the 26 September.

Finally thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon.

*Bob, Martin, Mike and Jack*

## Bon Ami

We started September with our Simon Patrick Photo Day. It was a great success and we look forward to hearing/seeing our customers' portraits. If you were not able to attend please do let us know and we can put you on our reserve list for next time. We look forward to a rerun in 2012.

Our next event for your diaries is our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30 September 2011. We would love to see you all to support this day. We will be donating 50p from every hot drink sold throughout the day and also holding a cake raffle. We hope to exceed our £127 total that we raised during our Iain Rennie Coffee Morning.

We would love you to know that this Christmas Bon Ami are going to be a collection point for the



**Guides &  
Brownies  
Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 1st  
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.*

Romanian Shoe Box Appeal. We will be coordinating this initiative with Naphill & Walter's Ash school. Whilst many of us start to plan for Christmas wondering how we will 'foot the bill' if you can spare a few pounds to put together a family shoe box it would be greatly appreciated. A sample shoe box will be available at Bon Ami if you would like any ideas. We will be collecting throughout October. Also throughout October we will be again supporting Naphill & Walter's Ash school with their 'Park & Stride' campaign during 'Walk to School' month and repeating our cookie voucher offer.

During half term, Monday 24 – Friday 28 October, we will revert to our school holiday opening hours of 10am – 4pm. After half term, once the clocks have gone back, we will change to winter opening hours of Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you for a hot drink or maybe some hearty soup during the colder months.

*Amanda Hall & Ruth Bond*

## Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for them to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling). Any queries, please call me or simply join us at any Thursday meeting at Naphill village hall during term time. The



# Firework Display

**Saturday 5th November**

**On the Crick**

**BBQ and bar from 5.30pm**

**Fire lit at 6pm**

**Display at 7pm approx**

**\*BBQ run by\* Sports Club**

**Pavilion Bar run by Men's Club**

**Mulled wine**

**Soup**

**Tickets available from\***

**Post Office, Costcutters, Co-Op,**

**Black Lion, The Wheel, Wynyard-**

**Wright & Ellis or phone 562770**

**for large parties**

**Advance ticket prices:**

**\*£5.00 adults, £1.50 children**

**\*On the night:**

**\*£6.00 adults, £2 children**

**Under 5's free**

**Please note: NO sparklers allowed**

group runs from 1 to 3pm. Up and coming diary dates include:

14 October: Inflatable bouncy castle for the little ones during our normal session 1 to 3pm

15 December: Christmas party with visit from Mr Marvel, Christmas tea and a present for every child when Father Christmas pays a visit to our session.

We warmly welcome newcomers for our group.

*Louise Lucas 488255*

## Little Ash Pre-School

Little Ash would like to welcome all our new children and parents to the pre-school. The first few weeks can sometimes be difficult but we are very pleased with how quickly everyone is settling in.

During the summer holidays we have improved our outdoor play area with new grass and raised beds. One of these raised beds we would like to make into a rockery. This hopefully encourages bugs and insects for the children to be able to observe. If you have any plants that would be suitable for this area we would greatly appreciate donations. We have also included a new digging area which is a big hit with the children as they love to play in the mud.

We will be doing our road safety week after October half term again this year and all the pre-school children will receive a high-viz vest. Now that the day light hours will be getting shorter and shorter we would like to remind parents to encourage their children to wear the high-viz vests to and from school.

*Barbara Chambers 563832*

*barbarachambers@nawapre-school.*

## Naphill Brownies

It's great to be back at Brownies. We are all full of energy and enthusiasm after the summer break. We have an activity packed term planned.

Inspired by the launch of the tickets for the Paralympics next summer, we are 'working' on our Disability Awareness badge this term. We will be testing our senses and seeing how we manage when we are deprived of them for a while (blind drawing/doing tasks with only one hand...). We have two 'new' leaders who have joined the team on a more permanent basis. Thank you to Sharon and Natalie. We also have three new brownies joining us. We hope they will enjoy it as much as the rest of us. As well as our regular Thursday night meetings we have the Autumn Jumble Sale on 1 October. We hope to see you all there.

As ever the Brownie pack is full. We do operate a waiting list, but this does not always guarantee a place when girls on the list turn seven. There are often more eligible girls on the list than spaces available.

*Ruth Daly*

*ruth.daly3@btinternet.com*

## Fireworks – Can You Help?

Are you free to give some time to help out at the village fireworks display on 5 November?

This is one of the most popular fundraising events for the upkeep of the village hall and playing fields, but can only happen if enough people come forward to help on the night. So, I am looking for willing volunteers to be stewards from 5pm – 7.30 pm (ish). The duties are not very onerous, and mainly involve manning the various entry points to the playing fields taking tickets etc.

If you have previously helped out as a steward, don't panic, I will be phoning you very soon to check on your availability for this year's extravaganza, but more help is always welcome, so if feel you can help us on the night please call me.

*Ron Carter 563233*

## Memories of Joan Walker Headteacher at Naphill and Walter's Ash School: 1988–1998

We were greatly saddened to hear last week of the recent death of our former Headteacher, Joan Walker. Joan had not been in the best of health during the past few years, but on hearing the sad news, our minds went back immediately to the consummate yet deeply compassionate professional whom we had all known and greatly respected.

After an extremely successful period 'in charge' at Naphill First School, Joan was at the helm when the two schools amalgamated in 1988 and she orchestrated the formation of a new school, a new staff and an expanding roll of children with dedication, authority and compassion. A really traditional 'Headmistress', Joan poured her heart and soul into the daunting task and under her leadership, the school grew both in size and in the hearts of the local residents.

Quietly spoken, but leaving you in no doubt as to who was 'boss', she was a little like the hospital Matrons of former years: no mess was allowed, displays (with her legendary drapes) and neat working areas were a prerequisite of a good classroom and woe betide any teacher who accidentally left a cardboard box on show....! She loved everything about the school: the children, her staff, not to mention the many animals who resided there in those days before Health and Safety became such an issue; she was particularly fond of 'Josephine' the dove, who shared the courtyard for many years and truly 'ruled the roost'!

Nothing was too much trouble for Joan. She was immensely proud of the school and stood for no nonsense, yet was always ready with a sympathetic ear and the one thing she gave more freely than anything else was her time. One of her greatest gifts was her ability to relate to others, both children and adults alike and it was her mission to get to know every child and make each and every one of them feel special. Many were the occasions when (in the pre-computer age) she turned her back on her office piled

high with documents to be read, along with cups of (by now cold) black coffee, to listen to a tale from an excited child, to read one of their stories or to draw a star for excellence on the back of their hand! In times of trouble, no child, member of staff or parent would ever be turned away if they needed to talk.

Echoing the thoughts of many others, we feel sure, one of Joan's former pupils remembers the way Joan obviously knew her so well and the feeling she was given that her opinion always mattered. She also mentioned Joan's sense of humour and her distinctive chuckle! However, if ever a row was given, it was done in a quiet voice, but in such an effective way as to make the culprits realise that Joan was really disappointed in them! 'She was like your favourite Grandmother!'

Traditional, yet forward-thinking, Joan steered the school towards the 21<sup>st</sup> century, yet held fast to the traditions she felt important. The children were always encouraged to work hard, but play was not forgotten. Joan was an ardent country dance enthusiast and keen observer of all plays and performances from the children, not forgetting her great love of Christmas, complete with beautifully decorated 'over the top' tree, dripping with tinsel and ornaments! At the end of a long school day, she still found time to record the ups and downs of the life of the school in the old 'School Log', thus ensuring that the old village traditions were not allowed to die.

Joan retired in 1998, able at last to spend more time with her late husband Don and their family. On her last day and in her honour, marking her love of the colours purple and pink, the hall was decorated accordingly. 'When I am an old woman, I shall wear purple' she used to quote from the poem of that name! The 'Victorian' weathervane she donated to school still sits firmly in place on the school roof! But times change of course and having left school in such a good place, we are convinced that Joan would be thrilled to see how the school has moved on and improved even further and to witness the diverse activities enjoyed by our children.

Joan will always be remembered with love, respect and gratitude by the countless families who were lucky enough to have known her. She passed away on 31<sup>st</sup> August, which strangely, is also the day that marks the end of a school year.

Our deepest condolences go to her daughters and their families.

*Those who knew Joan at  
Naphill and Walter's Ash School.*

## Tearing up ten pound notes

Can you imagine, at the end of the month, going to the waste bin, tearing up five £10 notes and dropping them in? Every month? Yet this is the equivalent of what the average family does in the UK.

Before the Second World War we wasted 1 to 3% of our food. Now, according to Radio 4 on 22 August

2011, we waste 25%. We are really affluent now and can afford to waste a significant proportion of our hard-earned salaries or pensions. And the figure of 25% does not include vegetable and fruit peelings. Here is a true story. A pre-war lady of a certain age was invited to a friend's house for a meal, and watched very generous peelings separating themselves from their mother potatoes. "Why," she said to herself, "in those peelings there is enough for a meal for me"!

Since I grow my own, I do not wish to waste anything. So young potatoes, carrots and turnips are scrubbed rather than peeled. When I have to peel I use a device which takes off the merest lamella.

Wasting 25% of our food is obviously a catastrophe. So how can we bring to the public's attention the need to avoid waste? Why, with a competition of course. Village horticultural shows could have a class in the domestic section where, on paying an entrance fee, members of the public could be given about a pound of potatoes and invited to peel them with minimum waste. They could bring along their own peelers and take away their peeled potatoes at the end. Red-skinned potatoes could be the best so that judges could easily assess whether all the red skin had been removed to reveal the yellow flesh beneath. The use of accurate scales would be necessary to weigh the potatoes before and after to calculate the percentage of waste. The winner could receive a cup and the title "Potato Peeler of the Year". Men, women and children could compete on equal terms.

If everyone cut back their waste to 1 to 3% then the reduction in the cost of our imported food could be of the order of 10%, since 40% of our food is imported at present. In monetary terms about £12 billion is thrown away, so with 40% being imported we could cut around £4.8 billion off the cost of our imports. The need to avoid food waste is therefore of national importance. So, to maximise publicity there could be a competition on television the night before Parliament reconvenes every autumn where the prime minister challenges the leader of the opposition to a bare-knuckled potato peeling competition to see who would be best at cutting waste. The competition would be just the job to bring to the public's attention the need to avoid food waste and help our balance of payments to the tune of £4,800,000,000. But am I fantasising?

Food prices have risen a lot in recent years and are forecast to rise a lot more. We cannot afford to keep wasting 25%. Especially when one hears that 3,500,000 children die of malnutrition every year.

Please do not waste food.

*Mike Mason*

## Local Memories

From correspondence with Timothy Gibson

Back in the 1950's road names had never been replaced since being taken down during the Second

World War. So, when we started to build our bungalow on the plot we bought from Fred Putnam, the building material drivers delivering to us had to stop and ask where Short Road was. Most said, "Go to the butchers and turn left, that's Short Road."

So I spoke to our postman Mr Halsey, who was a Parish Councillor, and asked if the names of roads could be replaced. At his next meeting he discussed this and it was agreed. But he said that they had found that ours should be Forge Road, after the old forge many years before, not Short Road as it had been nick-named.

When I moved from Forge Road to Burdett Drive, Walter's Ash, I wrote an article for our gazette asking if anyone knew how Walter's Ash got its name. I had several replies but I think that over the years, when people travelled, they used landmarks such as old public houses, rows of cottages etc. en route.

I was recently walking up the main road in Walter's Ash and noticed very large ash tree being felled in my friend's garden. It had apparently become unsafe and it had shed some of its very large branches. Apparently years ago it had grown on allotments and had had notices pinned up on it. I think it was one of the last ash trees growing there. Unfortunately the old nails that had remained in the trunk were not kept. We have, as you know, the row of cottages adjacent called 'Ash Cottages' and there was also a Walter living close by. Could this have been a landmark?

Another landmark in Walter's Ash could have been the fir trees in the Main Road, one of which is still there. Next to them was a lovely old cottage called 'Firs Cottage'. It was where Major Oakeshott and his family lived. Back in the 50's or 60's it came on the market and was bought by some Irish builders who applied to have it demolished. They were not given consent. One night it was mysteriously burnt down beyond repair. On the same spot we now have Firs Flats (the old gate to the old cottage can be seen in the front hedge last time I looked).

So, were the fir trees, with the Royal Oak pub (now Bucks Fasteners) places to direct people past?

*Pam Smith*

## Meet your local Parish Councillors

We would like to invite all Naphill and Walter's Ash residents to our second 'surgery' to discuss any issues where the Council may be able to help.

**Monday 24 October  
8pm to 9.30pm**

**In the SCOUT HUT behind the  
NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL**

## You Never Know

Sunday 11 September was a significant day as we all remembered the extraordinary and devastating attack on the twin towers in New York. For me it was also a 'pottering' day in the garden, interrupted by listening to Holst's Planet Suite recorded from the Proms. Tremendous music and of special interest because Holst's musical output was quite limited and this work towers above the rest as a favourite standard of the orchestral repertoire. Holst played the trombone and always gave it a goodly share of a score!

About an hour after the female chorus had caused Neptune to pass sombrely across the musical horizon, I became aware of a pain in my left eye. To my dismay it persisted and magnified and remained constant whether the eye was open or closed. I soon realised that I could not tolerate the pain and I was whisked off to Wycombe Hospital by a helpful neighbour as I was quite unfit to drive. A telephone call to the emergency care unit just before we left gave us a prompt appointment.

On arrival I was swiftly booked in, the basic medical measures were taken and I was referred to the A&E Unit for appropriate treatment. The doctor then advised me that I had a scratch on the left eyeball. This was a great surprise because I was quite unaware of any eye problem. He sprayed it with an antibiotic and the intolerable pain vanished in a flash. It seemed quite miraculous: from crisis to normality in, so to speak, the twinkling of an eye!

It was good to be able to say that the elements of the National Health Service with which one has involvement, performed their duties pleasantly and efficiently. It does give one confidence in the future.

*David Leith*

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Since 1987 Scannappeal, a registered charity, has raised over £8m for a variety of advanced life saving medical equipment for Wycombe, Amersham and Stoke Mandeville hospitals. Currently a piece of Scannappeal funded equipment is used to diagnose or treat a local patient every ten minutes.

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Further information:

David Griggs 01844 345554

# Sport and Fitness

## Naphill Tennis Club

Our last club evening of tennis for this season took place on Thursday 15 September as, regrettably, the nights are now drawing in. We still have our regular club sessions on Sunday and Tuesday mornings + Wednesday mornings when we play throughout the year. Often the weather is better in winter than in our so-called summer!

We are always pleased to welcome more members to our club sessions and this includes the RAF and their families who are automatically club members under the RAF Group Membership Scheme. For those of you who haven't paid us a visit yet, the tennis courts are on the far side of the playing field by Naphill Post Office.

As a reminder, our club sessions take place on:

- Sundays and Tuesdays at 10 am
- Wednesdays at 9.30 am

Forthcoming events:

- Saturday 15 October – Autumn Ramble + Pub lunch
- Monday 28 November – AGM & Club Social
- Sunday 18 December – Festive tennis + mulled wine & mince pies

Any queries on the above or for budding tennis players thinking of joining us, give me a call on 01494 565406.

*Jenny Tench*

## Mini Rugby: High Wycombe Rugby Club

Thanks to all of you who brought your sons and daughters down to the Club at the start of the season. We had 42 players across the U6s and U7s, with a good contingent from Naphill & Walters Ash, but I have no plans to form a breakaway local team just yet!

It is still not too late to join us and we accept new players throughout the season, minimum reception class age. We train each Sunday, 10am to 12pm and there is a 4 week trial period before any subs are due. Go to [www.HWRUFC.com](http://www.HWRUFC.com) for general information about the Club. To register your interest or to find out more, contact Nathan Crinyion (minis coaching team): [ncrinyion@btinternet.com](mailto:ncrinyion@btinternet.com) or 01494562008.

*Nathan Crinyion*

## More Contributors

We would love to hear more sports and fitness news, so please get in touch if you are part of a local group who could keep us up to date with events and results. If you have fitness tips and ideas that you would like to share, please let the Editor know on [gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk).

## FONC Walks for Health

All are welcome to join the Friends of Naphill Common Walks for Health led by Ron Collins. Walks will be on the following Mondays, starting from the village hall at 10am:

17 Oct; 21 Nov, and 19 Dec. In 2012 all walks will be on Mondays as follows: 16 Jan; 20 Feb; 19 March; 16 April; 21 May; 18 June; 16 July; 20 Aug; 24 Sept; 15 Oct; 19 Nov, and 17 Dec

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For details of classes and private tuition, please contact me.

*Lin Williams 562037*



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## Editorial

I hope you enjoy this packed edition of the Gazette. Thank you to all the contributors for the interesting and varied content.

When I am compiling the Gazette I try to take full advantage of the electronic short-cuts available to speed up the proof reading and editing process. So, I simply do a search for Walters and switch them all to Walter's. As you will see, this raised a question

from one of last month's contributors who, quite rightly, asked why I had made the amendment. I suggested that I print her comments because it would be interesting to know how we should spell the name of our village!

Thank you to MK1 & Son for this month's striking cover shot which was taken at last year's firework display

Clare Goddard  
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## Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15–7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30–6.45	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6–7.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Mondays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Lesley Hamer 473502
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ed Atwell 563668
Cubs (Walter's Ash)	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Catherine de Rouffignac 496917 (office hours)
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Mondays 2 – 3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Carolyn 712801
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30–11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10,11,12 Saturdays 9.30–11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30–11am	The Crick	
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Matt Gunnell 07738 467959
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	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		
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Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8–9pm	Small Hall, Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety. org.uk
Line dancing	Tuesdays 8–9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo. co.uk
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday 10.30am–12.15pm 12.15–12.50pm	Forge Road Naphill Village Hall	
Mothers and Toddlers	Thursdays (term time) 1–3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Louise Lucas 488255
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	Naphill Village Hall	Shiela Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30am and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Thursdays 5.30pm		
Pilates – Sue Maynard	Tuesdays 9.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Sue Maynard
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
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Scout Group (Naphill & Hughenden)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Peter Byerley 565955
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 10am onwards	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemg.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com
	Tuesdays 10am onwards		
	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Fridays & Saturdays (April–July)		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8–10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30–9.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Nick George 562846
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Tuesdays 1.30–2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
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## County Councillor's Report

As part of my duty in respect of the Public Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, I get the opportunity of meeting the senior management of our Hospital Trusts and exchange information relevant to social care needs and the County Council's responsibilities. This month I have had the opportunity, along with other councillors, of visiting the South Central Ambulance Service at its headquarters and control centre at Bicester. One could not be other than impressed by the quiet efficiency with which the staff dealt with emergency calls.

In life threatening situations the reassuring voice of the triage nurse was most comforting to the distressed carer and I cannot speak highly enough of those who operate the emergency call centre. It was most reassuring to learn that for a cardiac arrest or stroke, 76% of calls received professional help within 8 minutes and over 90% within 15 minutes. Obviously the service relies on an immediate response from a paramedic in a car or on a motorcycle. They are equipped to fully assess the situation and apply immediate treatment to stabilise the patient. When the patient is transferred to the ambulance they receive a full intensive care treatment from a fully equipped vehicle which has very sophisticated devices to monitor and record the patient's condition and transmit the information automatically to the receiving hospital, so that on arrival the correct treatment can be immediately administered which will help to ensure a successful outcome.

The community speed watch scheme has now been operating around the area and has helped to identify those stretches of road where drivers appear to ignore the speed limits. Offending drivers have their vehicle numbers taken and upon identification, via the licensing authority at Swansea, are written to by the local police together with a caution. Persistent offenders can be prosecuted. Much of the traffic through Main Road Naphill and Walter's Ash is still in excess of the 30 mph limit which is dangerous to other road users including pedestrians. It was pointed out to me that a pedestrian hit by a car driving at 30 mph would suffer the same injuries as if they had fallen from a two storey building!

My community fund is now available and so far I have only used about 25% of my allocation. Any voluntary organisation or group who could benefit from a cash injection should let me know before the end of the year either by letter, email or telephone (564152).

*Richard Pushman*

## Bradenham Parish Council

Since the elections in May the Parish Council has met on several occasions. At the Parish Council's Annual meeting in May Jan Pearce was elected as Chairman, Ken Hale was re-elected as Vice-Chairman. Cllr Ivor Herbert has resigned from the Parish Council after 45 years, 41 years of those as Chairman. The members thanked him for his lengthy service to the parish and praised his unflinching hard work and dedication over all those years. The biggest achievements the Parish Council had under his Chairmanship were winning the 'Battle of the Bunker'; stopping all the construction traffic to build the bunker at Strike Command from going through the village and persuading the National Trust to allow the construction of a temporary track directly from the A4010 to the RAF site. They also managed to have a footpath made along the cottages in Bradenham village to protect pedestrians along the busy road and reduced the speed limit in the village from 40 mph to 30 mph. He persuaded the RAF and the National Trust to send representatives to Parish Council meetings, where they provide valuable assistance.

He has seen many railway challenges during his time; the Parish Council has always opposed plans to shatter the tranquillity of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The vacancy was duly advertised.

The Planning application 11/05644/FUL The Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash (retrospective). Change of use of the land to allow the stationing of two mobile homes and two touring caravans for the use by gypsy travelling family with creation of hard standing, erection of single storey detached utility/day room building and installation of cesspit was objected to strongly by the Parish Council. The Council had also taken the opportunity to speak at the Development Control meeting at Wycombe District Council during August, objecting to the inappropriate development in the green belt and the Chiltern Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. WDC development control committee had refused the application six to five. The refusal resulted in an appeal being requested from the Secretary of State for the Environment. He has granted an appeal hearing at which the Parish Council will be raising its objections again.

The Parish Council has also been busy with the National Trust, Sustrans and Buckinghamshire County Council looking at traffic calming in Bradenham village. There was a village meeting on 22 October.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 14 November at 7.30pm in the cricket club, Bradenham. All meetings are open to the public. The clerk can be contacted on 562254 or [clerk@bradenham.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bradenham.org.uk)

*Deidre Hansen*

## **Personal Perspective**

Recently there haven't been too many weekends where my wife and I had spare time on our hands which coincided with decent weather, but it did happen a few weeks ago. So here's one idea for those who want a gentle stroll and some fresh air for an hour or two:

We parked in the car park at the Village Hall, and turned onto Downley Road, past the Post Office. Just before the woodland at the end of that road, on the left, are Vincents Meadow and Pond. The former allows access to the public through two 'kissing gates'. It hasn't the dramatic scenery of more exotic locations, but it is local, and pleasant enough for part of a stroll or picnic in warmer weather. A small flock of sheep was there, which reduces the need for mechanical grass cutting in some months. The Pond is tidied up during winter months and was a little overgrown when we visited it. From there we skirted the woods and came to Hunts Hill Lane, came past the edge of Hughenden Manor, then walked to Louches Lane, passing the Parish allotments. A few minutes later we were back at the Car Park, and if we had done our short stroll at a different time might well have had a coffee at Bon Ami. Vincents Meadow & Pond are only part of the 'open space' facilities owned by the Parish. As and when we do further walks I'll try to give you a brief summary.

We were all very disappointed to be informed at our last Council meeting that there had been a large quantity of tyres fly-tipped at the Garden of Rest. Apart from the sad reflection on society that someone could do such a thing in a beautiful and dignified spot, the Council also had to pick up the cost of clearing this blight; and by 'Council money' remember that it comes from everyone in the Parish!

If anyone has information on this, or comments on any other issue, we would be delighted to hear from you. As one of the Parish Councillors elected in May, I'm keen that everyone knows how to make contact when the need arises. For any local issue you have a number of possible ways to get your concern across. You might, for instance, telephone the Parish Office, on 01494 715296. Alternatively you might write a letter – the office is at The Common, Great Kingshill, HP15 6EN. If you decide to pop in to the office, please note that Charlotte Watts, our new Parish Clerk, or Emma Marsden, our Clerical Assistant, will generally be

available on the following revised times: Mondays 9.30am – 1pm, Wednesdays 1pm – 6.30pm, Thursdays 9.30am – 1pm. If you have access to the Internet, you can contact us either by email or by going onto our web site.

In addition, the four Councillors for Naphill Ward are holding regular 'surgeries' with an open invitation to all Parishioners from our ward to meet us and to raise any query or to simply hear your view of a local issue, which could be to do with planning applications, speed of traffic, potholes, and so on, or issues with a wider impact, such as the Government's attempts to have a high speed rail link close to our Parish or their attempts to reduce protection to Green Belt land.

For nearly 30 years we lived in the Parish and I had no concept of how important the Parish Council is to all of us. So I hope you might also consider coming to one or more council or committee meetings, to see how we come to decisions or recommendations. Just contact the Parish Office for details of what's happening soon!

*Roger Beavil*

## **Neighbourhood Police News**

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 0845 8 505 505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office or email us.

[lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)  
[natalie.hall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:natalie.hall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

The team would also love to hear from the community regarding any positive or negative feedback that you may have or any issues or concerns that you may wish to raise.

### **Speeding**

The Speed Indication Device (SID) and residents using the Community Speed Watch (CSW) have been deployed in several areas. In September the device was used in Great Kingshill, during a week long exercise. This was to examine the results compared to that of last year (results available from the Editor on request). If you are interested in seeing how the device works or you are interested in becoming involved in the process, please contact Natalie Hall or Lee Turnham at the above address or email. We will then be able to inform you of the location and time that is appropriate to your ward.

### **Litter**

There are several individuals within the parish, who take it upon themselves to pick up litter on daily walks. This has kept down the amount of discarded paper and items considerably. If this could be relayed to other parishioners to take on a

small amount of responsibility and keep a small section clear of the litter this would aid in the reduction of litter in the community.

It is still a problem in some areas that occupants of vehicles throw fast food wrappings and paper mugs etc. from moving vehicles. If anyone sees this and is able to get a vehicle registration number, please contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team and report the facts. An officer will then take on the matter accordingly.

### **Burglary Update**

Police were asked recently about the amount of burglaries reported within 2011. Looking at the figures I can report as follows: dwelling burglary in the Hughenden Parish since 1 January 2011: seven reported. Non-dwelling (sheds/garages) in the Hughenden Parish since 1 January 2011: 20 reported. All the crime figures for the area can be accessed via the National Crime website. [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham  
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer*

### **Naphill Evening WI**

It is no wonder that us Brits are always concerned with the weather when we consider what a funny old year it has been in the UK. After a severe winter, it was an unusually warm spring, followed by a pathetic summer. But just as our thoughts were turning to Christmas at the end of September, we had a spell of glorious hot days with record breaking temperatures. Perhaps this year's erratic weather may account for the glut of fruit and nuts in the hedgerows and gardens. In particular there has been a rich bounty of apples, delicious in all those puddings and pies, and chutneys – try our own WI cookbook for recipes.

WI members seem to be always active and on the go and at our September meeting Jane Kaushai, an osteopath, gave us some simple exercises to help keep us moving – hopefully everyone has kept up the good work! At this meeting Fran Pool gave an interesting account of a photography course she attended at Denman College and the clever things that can be done to transform the photographs we take. Fran spoke encouragingly about the altogether stimulating and worthwhile experience of Denman and reminded members that there are many varied courses available.

On the 12 October, 18 members from our twin WI Napton on the Hill, Warwickshire, visited Naphill and were welcomed by a group of our members. After some refreshments at The Wheel, we spent an enjoyable afternoon at Hughenden Manor, once the home of Benjamin Disraeli. Before we looked round the house a guide told us about its history and that of its famous occupant.

Fortunately it was fine day so some of us also spent time in the lovely gardens and took a walk down to the pretty church where 'Dizzy' is buried. We returned to Naphill for some refreshing cups of tea and a mouth-watering choice of delicious cakes. It was then time for our guests to leave for home, and we look forward to seeing them next year when we visit our twin at Napton.

Autumn is upon us! Things may be slowing down in the natural world, but not with Naphill WI, busier than ever at this time of the year. October is the month for our Annual Meeting, when a new committee is formed for the coming year. The Disraeli Group Meeting was also held in October and Naphill WI hosted this event. On 17 November we will be having a talk by Jane Dunsterville called 'Somewhere over the Spectrum' – colour in the home. Our Christmas Party is on 8 December and on Saturday 3 December, we will be helping as usual at the Village Hall Christmas Fayre. There will be the usual Tombola stall and we would be grateful for any gifts – please bring them to our meeting on 17 November, or before 10am on the day.

At this time of year it is all change for the WI, and so it is for the present WI reporter to the Gazette, who is stepping down from this post. I have enjoyed writing the reports over the last couple of years, and wish my successor all the best.

*Juliet Shortall*

### **Naphill Neighbours**

Autumn is once again upon us and the trees and bushes are heavy with berries – a sure sign of a hard winter if folklore is to be believed. Now is the time of year for our AGM and at our October meeting we dealt with it, as usual, in a brief and businesslike way. The officers and committee are unchanged – Joy Stroud, Hazel Vickery, Janet Judge, Valerie Whale, Norma Clarke and Betty Jones with Shiela Rolfe at the helm as President. It had been a very successful year and the finances are sound with a healthy bank balance. That done and dusted we welcomed Mrs Juliet Gudge to the meeting and enjoyed her illustrated talk on the Hebrides.

Names were taken for our Christmas dinner on Monday 12 December and members were reminded to bring along to our November meeting bottles and cans (any contents) for our tombola at the village's Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3 December.

Our next club meeting will be on Monday 14 November when Mr Colin Oakes will tell us about his time as a postman – 'A Male in the Mail'. Tea hostesses will be Carol Armitage, Maddie Morris and Lesley Potter.

Just a reminder that we are going to the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday 15 December for a Christmas Singalong. We have one spare ticket available so please phone Hazel on 563977 for further details if you would like to join us – you don't have to be Naphill Neighbour member.

*Hazel Vickery 563977*

## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

We welcomed a new member to our meeting – Danielle Bowman – who is the RAF Community Development Officer. It is good to have a representative of the RAF back at our meetings so we can develop links to our mutual benefit. We look forward to her input at our meetings.

Having gained a new member, we were sorry to receive the resignation of Ian Bond who has found it increasingly difficult to attend our meetings with his business and family commitments. He hopes to continue on the committee for The Fete, however, so we haven't lost him altogether. Thanks for your input over the years Ian.

Hughenden Parish Council have kindly offered to donate a tree to be planted on The Crick to mark the Queen's Jubilee. We have requested that it be a Copper Beech to fill in the gap near the kissing gate on the Main Road. We had a long discussion on what the village should do to mark the Jubilee. Bearing in mind that bands and marquees will be in heavy demand and thus very pricey and the Village Hall cannot afford to subsidise the event, we mulled over what we could do that would not require tickets and admission prices. Members are coming back next month with the views of the village organisations. A grand family picnic (weather permitting) on The Crick is the current favourite with each family bringing their own food and drink and maybe with some kind of music. Any more ideas would be most welcome.

We are still going on with our plans to insulate the hall and update the heating system, but have no luck as yet with receiving any help from grant aid. Don Turner – our grants man – feels that he has done all that he can over the years and needs to hand over to a fresh person to research and chase grants for our major works. If you feel that you could help us out with this then please do get in touch with me (563479) or Don (562645) to discuss what is involved. It is an important job, so think about it, and help us out if you think you have the time.

Our next fund raisers are the Fireworks on 5 November and the Christmas Fayre on 3 December. Do come and support us, and have a good time.

*Sarah Bacon 563479*  
*Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council.*

## Naphill Horticultural Society

[www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

Seed/plant catalogues are now available.

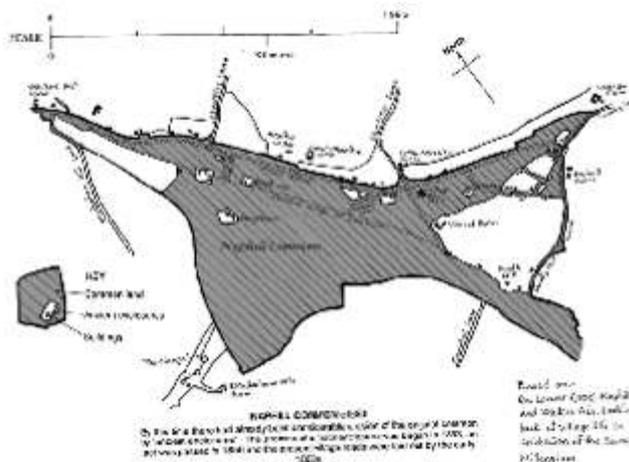
With the great autumn clear up well under way in the garden you may be thinking of ways to improve the garden next year or make it easier to manage! A great way to get inspiration is to look through a seed catalogue (it also cheers up a dull afternoon). So, to help you along, we are again running a scheme this winter to enable you to order seeds, plants, fruit canes, organic fertilizer etc. at greatly reduced prices – last year we had a 40% discount on seeds. All other items such as potatoes, fruit, fertilizer etc. are eligible for a 15% discount. 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 everyone, 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 already have had your copy through the door. Happy browsing!!

*Cathryn Carter 563233*

## Friends of Naphill Common

[www.naphillcommon.org.uk](http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk)

Our Historical and Archaeological section got underway with a number of walks on The Common to get a picture of what is there of archaeological interest. There are obvious features such as the bank and ditch enclosure reputed to be a Romano-British Farmstead, the Clumps, the WWII tank tracks and various dells, sawpits, possible charcoal making areas and the boundary bank and ditch which may be mediaeval. There are also many other bumps and hollows which are even more mysterious. Having listed these items we hope to embark on more detailed projects, surveying and recording what is there.



One project that we would like to pursue concerns the original boundary of The Common. As the map shows, before the enclosures of the 1850's The

Common was almost twice its present size. After enclosure, Main Road was laid out just inside the North East edge of The Common. We would like to trace the original boundary. There is evidence that it was marked by a bank and ditch similar to the one that still exists on western and southern edges. There are traces of this earthwork in the field (with a footpath) between Great Moseley Farm and Moseley Lodge Farm. We would like to hear from those living on that side of Main Road if they have traces of the bank and ditch across their property.

Most commons had funnel shaped exits leading to a gate so that stock could be assembled before leaving the common. Remains of this can be seen at the top of Stocking Lane marked by a hedge and line of Hornbeam trees. Hornbeams were often planted along the edges of commons, possibly to provide fodder. A local name for the tree is 'haybeech'. We know from the 1859 enclosure map that there was a gate across Stocking Lane where the hedge converges with the lane.

If you would like to get involved, either with the archaeology or the historical research, or if you have any information, old photographs etc., please contact Kevin Bennett (tel. 568689) who is leading this section. We also hope to record memories of the village and Common from some of the senior villagers, so if you would like to contribute please get in touch.

Don't forget our photographic competition. We welcome entries from adults and children: any feature connected with Naphill Common. The details are on our website and prizes will be awarded at our open meeting in January. Go to [www.naphillcommon.org.uk](http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk) for details.

We have a fungus foray on Thursday 27 October starting from the Village Hall at 10am and led by experts from the Bucks Fungus Group. Please come along for what has proved a delightful and informative stroll over the Common. Following the discovery that we have Purple Emperors on the Common, next year we hope to have a talk on butterflies and a butterfly walk. Our next working party meet at 10am at the Common end of Chapel Road on Sunday 13 November, then at the Common end of Forge Road on Sunday 27 November and 11 December, also at 10am.

Our walks for health, led by Ron Collins continue. All are welcome. Walks will be on Mondays, starting from the Village Hall at 10am: 21 November, 19 December, 16 January, 20 February, 19 March, 16 April, 21 May, 18 June, 16 July, 20 August, 24 September, 15 October, 19 November and 17 December.

Everyone is also invited to our open meeting on Friday 27 January 2012. We will announce the

winners of the photographic competition and Dr Jill Evers will give a talk on the geology of the area. Bring along any fossils or interesting stones for her to identify.

*Trevor Hussey*

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

### **Planning:**

11/07091/TPO: Ambleside, Pursells Meadow, Naphill. Crown reduction by 15%, thinning by 10%, crown lifting to 3m above ground to three lime trees. 11/07210/LBC: Coombe Farm, Coombe Lane, Naphill. (Internal structural work on a listed building. No different external features as a result).

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

While the High Wycombe area in general has one of the highest concentrations of NHW coverage in the whole country, there are a few villages that are lagging behind, and Naphill is one of them. Through the NHW scheme you can learn more about home security. You might also get a discount on your home insurance.

Since it is generally estimated that around 80% of crime can be prevented, the aim of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is to get more people to be aware of what they can do to reduce the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhood.

The areas of Naphill and Walter's Ash that do have a NHW scheme have been lucky enough to find a neighbour willing to act as coordinator, who receives information via Thames Valley Police – Community Messaging Service to pass on to neighbours. This information includes warnings about possible criminal activity in Naphill and Walter's Ash, car crime, burglaries, and doorstep crime (bogus callers and distraction burglaries). The NHW movement also provides information and advice on violent crime, robberies (theft from the person), anti-social behaviour, ways to avoid falling victim to crimes, and the reporting of crimes.

The ideal number of households for any one coordinator is between 10 and 15. However, some take on responsibility for less, and some for very many more. Those residents who would like to join the scheme should find a neighbour who is willing to act as coordinator for their particular group of households. The work involved is socially useful but not very time consuming.

New coordinators and others who want to learn more about NHW, can email Geoff Pegg, Chairman of Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Assn. on [gpccommercial@ic24.net](mailto:gpccommercial@ic24.net). If you'd like to speak to Geoff direct, let him have your phone number. Alternatively contact Neighbourhood Specialist Officer Lee Turnham on

either 01494 736773 or TVP Non-emergency number: 0845 8 505 505 or email [lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

### **Community Speed Watch**

Nearby villages are doing better than Naphill and Walter's Ash in catching speeding motorists. This is due to lack of local volunteers, willing to spend an hour or two, now and then, with a Police Community Support Officer, recording registration numbers of speeding cars. PC Lee Turnham would like to hear from new volunteers (contact details above.)

### **Budget Priorities**

Bucks CC's Consultation on Budget Priorities 2012/13. The consultation, which takes 10 minutes to complete, is available online at [www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget). It is also possible to pick up questionnaires in local libraries. For further information or additional material you can ring 0845 3708090 or email [research@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:research@buckscc.gov.uk). Time is limited for responses as closing date is 13 November 2011.

Date of next meeting: 8pm Thursday, 10 November, 2011 at Naphill Village Hall.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

### **The Wheel**

Well what a fabulous start to October and the Indian summer arrived for the final week in September. It was great to see everyone out enjoying the stunning weather in the pub garden. By the sound of things all the pubs in the area had a roaring trade and it's great to see us all being supported by the villagers.

Lots of exciting things are happening over the rest of October which we will update you on in the December edition. We have the Red Kites Scooter Club here for their annual meet which may be 100+ scooters. We hope you weren't inconvenienced and at least enjoyed all the fabulous classic scooters. We will also have held our fist pumpkin competition with children, staff (same thing) and adults bringing their pre-carved pumpkins to be judged by Ken and Vicky on 29 October for Halloween. Again we will let you know the results and possibly add some pictures.

November is now here and it's time for our amazing bonfire night, with the best display in the area. We will be selling tickets and also having our usual collection on the night for those that want to watch from the pub. Please come and support this fantastic evening and remember to wrap up warm to watch the display. We will also have mulled wine and cider and two roaring fires in the pub to help warm you up after the display.

We are holding our first Game Food Night on 9 November. Due to the high demand for game we are already fully booked. We are now looking at holding one a month so do come in and find out the next date. Game dishes will feature on a regular basis on our specials board, during the season. The majority of the game is sourced from our local shoots and they are proving to be extremely popular.

Our beautiful dining area has been well used over the last month with some great functions and birthday parties being held in the room. Our new chef (Tony) has definitely been kept busy with functions and writing the new menu. We now have our new winter menu running which includes homemade liver and bacon, Thai green curry and a homemade Stilton, mushroom and leek crumble, and our newly introduced venison burgers to mention just a few to get the taste buds going. We have also introduced a new senior citizen menu with smaller portions for those with a smaller appetite. Our new buffet menus are complete along with the Christmas menu, so please book early for Christmas as we are already getting plenty of bookings.

With December fast approaching our local Church has been in contact and their carol singing evening will be held on Tuesday 13 December at 7.45pm. Please come and join the festivities with mince pies and mulled wine. Also The Bux Vox Singers are also holding an evening on Sunday 11 December which will be a small concert with carols to be held in the new dining room.

Thanks to everyone for your custom over the last few months, and we look forward seeing you again soon.

*Claire and Mark*

### **Black Lion Naphill**

October has been an unusually pleasant month for weather with a couple of warm weekends which resulted in our patio being very busy along with our food business.

Looking forward to November, we are trying something slightly different. We will be featuring three different Guest Cask Ales per week which will be locally sourced. The Ales will be sold at a special price of £3 per pint and we will be running some different types of food alongside the ales to complement them. Come along and give us a try during the month.

Moving onto Christmas, our menus are now available to download from website or we have take away menus available in the pub. As usual our food represents tremendous value for money and this Christmas we are offering three courses for £18.95 or four Courses for £19.95. Our

Christmas menu is available from 1 to 24 December, both lunchtimes and evenings. Please reserve your tables by telephoning 01494 563176.

Our team at the Black Lion changed slightly during the month and we welcomed Tim onto our management team. You may know Tim as he worked at the Whip for the last few years and we look forward to a long and happy association with Tim at the Black Lion. Finally we would like to thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon.

*Bob, Martin, Mike and Jack*

## **Bon Ami**

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of our customers who turned out in force for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thank you for your generosity and, for those of you who had to queue for a coffee, your patience! We raised £243.62, which we were delighted with.

At the time of writing, we are still collecting the Christmas shoe boxes for Romania so another thank you to those of you who have contributed. We will let you know the final number in the next edition.

With effect from Monday 31 October, we will be switching to Winter Opening Hours of Monday – Friday, 9am – 4pm. Weekends remain the same (Saturday 10am – 3pm and Sunday 10am – 1pm).

We have now added some delicious soups to our menu, so come and join us for a warming bowl of soup and a freshly baked roll – something to keep out the winter chill.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support.

*Amanda Hall and Ruth Bond*

## **Naphill Business Network**

The Naphill Business Network has had its first meeting. We currently have 11 group members, all of whom are interested in promoting their businesses locally over a completely informal early morning coffee and chat.

New members are welcome and membership is free. If you would like to join us the next meeting will be on Wednesday 16 November at 8am at Bon Ami Coffee Shop.

*Judy Whitehouse*

*[judy@judyq.demon.co.uk](mailto:judy@judyq.demon.co.uk) 01494 562742*

## **Naphill Baby & Toddler Group**

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for them to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2 for carer and first

child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling). Any queries, please call me or simply join us at any Thursday meeting at Naphill Village Hall during term time. The group runs from 1 to 3pm.

Our Christmas party will take place on 15 December. There will be a visit from Mr Marvel, Christmas tea and a present for every child when Father Christmas pays a visit to our session.

We warmly welcome newcomers to our group.

*Louise Lucas 488255*

## **Little Ash Preschool**

Little Ash would like to thank the generous volunteers who have given up their time year after year to play the keyboard for the preschool children once a week. The children love to sing and really look forward to it each week. We are again in need of volunteers so if you or anyone you know would be able to come in to the preschool once a week, morning or afternoon, it would be much appreciated. We supply the keyboard and music so there is no need to have any equipment yourself. Please contact the preschool for more information.

During the October half term we did a Sponsored Find for the children. They were asked to find items that begin with each letter of the preschool name "Little Ash" and put the items into a shoe box. They were also allowed to show their artistic abilities by decorating their box. This is always fun for the children and a great fundraiser for the preschool.

Once again this year Little Ash preschool will be joining in a week long of fun activities and fundraising ending on the 18 November to show our support for Children in Need.

*Barbara Chambers 563832*

*[barbarachambers@nawapreschool.com](mailto:barbarachambers@nawapreschool.com)*

## **Naphill Brownies**

The term seems to be flying along. The nights have closed in on us so quickly. However, we did manage a few lovely evenings outside before the autumn caught up with us. We took rubbings of interesting textures and hunted for hidden clues around The Crick. We also played parachute games and French Cricket. We are so privileged to have such a lovely village facility (The Crick) available to us.

We are doing our 'Disability Awareness' badge this term and it has had us doing all sorts of weird and wonderful activities. We can now paint holding the brush in our toes, identify objects by touch, make sandwiches using only one hand, play football whilst sitting on chairs and much, much more.

Thank you once again to all who contributed in any way to yet another successful Jumble Sale. We had lots of help, lots of items to sell and lots of buyers. Thank you all. I am delighted to say that only a tiny amount of the leftover items ended up going to the tip, as we were able to pass on a significant amount of the excess to South Bucks Hospice and the Air Ambulance who can make money for their causes too.

The money we raise at the jumble sales allows us to keep our subs low in spite of ever increasing costs – affiliation to Girl guiding UK, rent/ maintenance of the hut etc. It allows us to offer a range of activities to the Brownies without having to charge extra.

In the next few weeks we will have enrolments for our three new Brownies, who have thrown themselves into Brownies with enthusiasm; we have the annual Remembrance Service and then before we know it we will be preparing for Christmas.

*Ruth Daly*  
[ruth.daly3@btinternet.com](mailto:ruth.daly3@btinternet.com)

## Viper Explorer Scout Unit News

The Viper Explorer Scout Unit had an exciting week at Towersey Festival this summer. As in previous years the Explorers swapped their neckerchiefs for bright orange boiler suits as we spent the week keeping Towersey free from rubbish during the festival as the Towersey Wombles.



*The Towersey Wombles*

We all arrived at the Scout Hut on Wednesday 24 August to load up the van with everything you could possibly want for camping from washing up bowls to juggling clubs. We set off for Towersey and arrived to set up camp and lounge in the sun. Thursday brought more sun and rounds of checking bins for bin bags and making sure all was ready for the days ahead.

Over the next four days we emptied bins and litter picked and had a lot of fun dressing up as silly things in the evening, one of the themes was horticulture, two of us won prizes for the best dressed. One as a flowerpot man (that was me) and the other was a giant sweetcorn. We had hired a transit van and decorated it with magnetic sheeting painted with colourful pictures and patterns, by the end of the week it was more than a little dirty! After the campers had gone home, we started the real work, litter picking the whole site. It sounds horrid, but it was quite fun to be walking in the sun, talking and joking.

On Wednesday 31 August we set off to home all feeling tired and a little bit smelly, thinking about the great week that we had just enjoyed.

Unfortunately our regular leader is stepping down from the position and we are looking for someone to step in to take the lead, if you are interested in taking up the challenge then please telephone Nick George on 01494 562846. Thank you.

Over the next few weeks we have got a fun packed programme planned including Ready Steady Cook, camping and lots of fun!

If you're between 14 and 18 years old and interested in coming along to one of our meetings, just turn up on a Friday evening at 7:30pm at the Scout Hut in Naphill (behind the Village Hall). We look forward to seeing you.

*Billy Stott*

## Remembrance Sunday

### 3 November 2011

How time flies as once more we gather together to lay our Royal British Legion Poppy wreaths around our village memorial stone. 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 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 Royal British Legion we are all still able to help and contribute to relieve their suffering.

We shall be holding our Naphill and Walter's Ash Remembrance Service in the Village Hall at 2.45pm. on Sunday 13 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 and the Royal Air Force. 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.

Before that, of course, a door to door collection will be made and I do ask you to give as generously as you are able. The village shops and pubs will also house a Royal British Legion collection tin.

This year, after being responsible for the Royal British Legion collection in Naphill and Walter's Ash for nearly thirty years, I am handing over to Julie Gibbs, (565544) but I take this opportunity to thank the many helpers who have given me help over these years.

*Valerie Pushman*  
564152

## **Naphill and Walters Ash School**

What is the J.L.T.?

This year we do not have pupil Prefects, instead we have the 'J.L.T.' This stands for Junior Leadership Team. Until this year the only leadership team we had was the 'S.L.T.', (the Senior Leadership Team, made up from teachers) we felt that a new generation of pupil leaders was needed and so was born the 'J.L.T.'

The J.L.T. consists of ten children; four House Captains, four Vice Captains, Head Girl and Head Boy. These selected few have special responsibilities including coming to school early and stamping 'Walk to School' passports, doing assemblies, showing people around the school, running school council meetings, organising fundraising events, conducting pupil interviews and generally listening to the voice of the school.

What do the J.L.T. do?

They organise events such as the 'Harvest Festival' where we sold food brought in by parents and pupils. This event raised £180. We have sent this money to 'Send a Cow' which is a charity that gives poor families in Africa a cow for milking and hope for the future.

*Polly Campanini*  
*Head Girl*

# **Naphill & Walters Ash School Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 26 November**

**11.30am - 2.30pm**

**Santa's Grotto ~ Prize Raffle**

**Tombola ~ Christmas Gifts**

**Cafe ~ Crafts**

**Plus a NEW ATTRACTION**

**Indian Head Massage!**

**Entry £1 for Adults**

**Children Go Free**

**It's Fun for All the Family**

**See You There!**

## **Walters or Walter's?**

As a teacher I suppose, I did a double take when I noticed that a spelling 'alteration' (not necessarily 'correction!') had been made to our tribute to Joan Walker last month, when 'Walters' magically became 'Walter's'.

I know this could become quite an arguing point for evermore and I'm sure everyone will have their own views. I also don't want to seem too pedantic – it's certainly never bothered me for the last twenty years or so – and it could be simply a matter of pride here, but when I saw the change, it did make me doubt my own sanity and wonder if the school's name had ever had an apostrophe!

So I asked the opinion of a former member of staff who taught for over twenty years, initially at Naphill First School and then at the present school. She gave a definite 'no' and we agreed that the school's name was and is 'Walters' – the same as one of the village signposts, although at variance with the other two.

A similar thing, I suppose, is in our address – Vincents Way. One of my friends up north used to send any letters to 'Vincent's Way'. We had an amusing dialogue about the name, but as she now emails, that's the end of that – until her Christmas card envelope arrives!

Back to 'Walters', which is probably more 'convenient' to write than 'Walter's', I don't know if that was the original reason for spelling the school's name that way or who decided on this, but the old School Log books from 1986, written in by Joan Walker, make constant mention of 'Walters Ash School'.

I certainly think that those firm advocates of 'Walter's' would absolutely refuse point blank to omit the apostrophe just because school does. At the other extreme, one comment I got when I remarked on your change of spelling was 'Oh, I never noticed!' which to my amusement, really translated as 'Does it matter?'

You may never get this resolved I suppose! I wonder when the first ever road sign went up..?

*Elspeth Banks*

### Lost Ring – Can You Help?

A plain silver ring was lost on Thursday 6 October 2011 in the Naphill area: Braeside, Lacey Drive, Chapel Lane, Downley Road and alongside Naphill Common. The ring was lost in the dark while looking for a missing cat. The cat was found, the ring was lost. It has high sentimental value. Further details of the ring can be provided to prove ownership. A reward will be given to finder. Please call 565345 or 07872009599. Thank you.

### Response to Roger Beavil's 'Personal Perspective' – October Gazette

It was a little disappointing to see Roger Beavil's comments in his 'Personal Perspective' in the October Gazette. Since he indicates he wishes to look forward, not back, perhaps he should have the benefit of the doubt about his remarks regarding the contrast between the past and the present Council meetings.

Roger attended one Council meeting prior to his election, indicating it seemed full of acrimony and frustration and he considers everything is better now. Things are certainly quieter. This is because the issue which caused the controversy, Rural Affordable Housing, has been resolved; by the previous Council after listening to local views. Over my eight years service I must have attended about 80 Council meetings, some 130 planning meetings, plus numerous other committee meetings. In all that time, Councillors conducted themselves with professionalism and integrity, showing courtesy to colleagues and the public. It was not until April 2010 that there were unpleasant scenes at Council meetings, and that was because of the reaction of some residents to an emotive issue, not because the Council itself was doing anything untoward.

## Naphill Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3rd December in the Village Hall

Doors open 1 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 could make a cake for the cake stall, or have any homemade preserves or pickles that you could donate, the Tennis Club would love to hear from you.

Also, if you are able to donate any prizes to the raffle or tombola, or even some of your time on or before the day, please, please contact me, Cathryn Carter on 563233.

Make sure you come along and have a great time.

Santa's Grotto

Mulled Wine

Refreshments

Craft Stalls

Raffle

Games

Tombola and much more

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next to Carries hairdressers.

Perhaps Roger did not intend to convey the impression in his piece that the previous Council did not believe in co-operation, etc. Nothing could be further from the truth and the record needs to be put straight. Say no more! Looking forward is definitely best, but the implied disparagement of the dedicated work of so many former councillors could not pass unchallenged.

*Peggy Ewart*

*Naphill Ward Councillor, 2003–2011*

## Our Beautiful Language

As a semi-retired technical editor, I have accumulated a few dislikes and preferences as regards the way this beautiful language of ours is used and misused. Letter writers to the broadsheets regularly vent their spleen on examples such as *at this moment in time* as if there moments outside of time.

Tautological expressions come top of my list. *Weather conditions, foot pedal, added bonus, new innovation* are typical – which mean simply *weather, pedal, bonus* and *innovation*. Next in line is the ubiquitous *on a ----- basis*, in which this missing word can be *regular, daily, weekly* and so on. Whenever I find this, I simply replace it by the appropriate adverb, so *we meet on a regular basis* becomes *we meet regularly*.

One thing that continues to surprise me is that many otherwise well-written documents still confuse *it's* and *its* when the distinction is so simple: *it's* is a contraction of *it is* and *its* means belong to it.

I'll park my hobbyhorse there for the moment and wait to see whether readers of the NAWAB decide to throw their hats/hates into the ring.

*Alan Lewis*

## The Horse Trust

Learn how to handle a horse at The Horse Trust this Autumn half term.

The Horse Trust is planning an action-packed schedule of activities during Autumn half term at its sanctuary in Speen, Buckinghamshire. The sanctuary will be open 2 – 4pm every day, except Tuesday and Wednesday, between Saturday 22 October and Sunday 30 October. On Saturday 22 and 29, staff at the sanctuary will be running a new demonstration for visitors, showing them how to handle a horse.

"We'll be showing visitors how to catch and lead a horse," said Liane Crowther, Welfare Development Manager at The Horse Trust. "We will also talk about horse behaviour and explain why horses react to things in the way that they do."

A demonstration from local farrier Jonathan Smith is planned for Friday 28 October. On Monday 24, Thursday 27 and Friday 28, staff will be running in-depth grooming demonstrations. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about why we groom horses, what brushes to use and when, as well as finding out more about the anatomy of the horse. Younger visitors will be able to take part in 'have a go at grooming' sessions for a small donation to the charity. Have a go at grooming sessions will take place on Monday, Thursday and Friday at 2.15pm and 3.15pm.

Visitors can also meet many of the sanctuary's resident horses, ponies and donkeys, including retired Merseyside Police horse Cracker, who arrived last week.

All week, the charity will be selling its new range of Christmas cards and 2012 calendar, as well as other gift items. The Horse Trust's Home of Rest for Horses is open 2 – 4pm between Thursday and Monday until 30 October. From 31 October until April 2012, the sanctuary will be reverting to its winter opening hours, which are 2 – 4pm every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Entrance to the sanctuary is free, but the charity encourages a donation of £5 per car or family to enable it to meet its running costs. With each horse costing around £10 per day to care for at the sanctuary, your donation will make a big contribution to their lifelong retirement.

## A Late Visitor

This picture was taken October in my garden!! Rather late in the year for butterflies!

*Ian Banks*



## Kicking the Bucket

Recently we were visited overnight by one of our daughters, whose sleep was disturbed by noises from the loft above her bedroom. We wondered whether the culprit was a mouse or a squirrel but when I inspected the loft I could find no sign of damage and no indication at all of what was generating the noise.

However, two days after she left, I decided to wash the car using a plastic bucket which I had left right beside the wall of the kitchen extension. When I picked it up I discovered that it was full of water and heavy. Indeed there was something in the water: to my surprise and dismay, two very dead squirrels. I wondered how such a bizarre thing could happen and whether it had anything to do with the noises in the loft. And why two squirrels?

I can understand a squirrel jumping off the roof and unfortunately landing in the small bucket. But surely two could not have jumped simultaneously and both fallen into such a limited area. Or did one jump and fall into the bucket and struggle to escape? And did the second (a brother or sister?) jump in to try and rescue it? Surely this is far too fantastic as animals do not appear to have the same emotional connections to each other as we

## The Speen Group's Christmas Market

In support of local hospices  
At the King William IV, Hampden Rd,  
Speen, HP27 ORU

Friday 11 November 11am - 4pm  
Saturday 12 November 11am - 3pm  
Cards, Gifts, Jewellery, Cakes, Raffle  
Bucks Fizz breakfast & food all day

humans have. And yet! Clearly no positive conclusions can be drawn.

There remained the disposal of the bodies. This was easy. I placed them in the middle of the lawn and soon after our cat shot into the house in a panic, looked very unsettled indeed. I looked out at the lawn: the squirrels had vanished. Clearly a couple of kites had spotted them and swept down to seize them, frightening the cat!

Since this episode we have had no further noises in the loft. Sadly the squirrels have paid dearly and I shall certainly never leave a full bucket of water beside a wall again.

*David Leith*



# SANTA SPECIALS 2011

**STEAM HAULED**

**3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th  
18th & 24th December**

Santa will be giving out presents to all children during the journey. To book phone 01844 354117 or online at [www.chinnorrailway.co.uk](http://www.chinnorrailway.co.uk)

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10.15, 11.30, 1.00, 2.15 and 3.30**

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# RAF High Wycombe NEWS

As another month draws to a close at RAF High Wycombe we look back at what has been an extremely busy late autumn period. I will focus this month on sporting achievements, charitable donations and, amongst other awards, the awarding of the Imperial Service Medal to local lady Miss Dorothy Tranter.

## Sport Matters

A physically fit Station, RAF High Wycombe can list some major achievers amongst its personnel. Flt Lt Dave Oatley is currently representing Team GB in the International Hockey Masters Tournament in Singapore. He said:

“Wearing the three lions on your chest and singing the national anthem makes you so proud”.

Further international representative sport has seen Flt Lt Laura Davies representing Great Britain in the world Duathlon championships in Spain. The “tremendous support from everybody at High Wycombe” helps balance her day job as a Flight Operations Officer with the demands of a rigorous training programme.

A rigorous training programme is certainly what is required to achieve a remarkable 4 in the World Triathlon championships as Warrant Officer Bev Childs did, a fantastic effort rewarded with such a prestigious ranking.

Lest we forget the heady days of summer, the Station Cricket team brought home a trophy for the winter cabinet in the form of the RAF Cricket Cup, seeing off stiff opposition from the team from RAF Lossiemouth (dealing with the English summer seemed to be their greatest challenge of the season!). Adding their own silverware to the Station trophy cabinet, the RAF High Wycombe Equestrian team have put Wycombe on the map by winning the Royal Air Force Equestrian Inter-Station league.

## Do You Know What the Station Motto Is?

The Station motto, Non-Sibi, roughly translates as “Not for Ourselves”. Never has this been more apparent than this month in which the Station has donated an incredible amount of money to charity. In an epic endurance event a team from the Station has recently completed a charity cycle ride from John O’Groats to Land’s End. Sergeant “Dutch” Holland came up with the concept of RelentlessRide after a colleague was injured in a mortar attack in Iraq. Corporal “Charlie” Manson suffered back injuries when he was blown out of a sentry position in a mortar attack; the RAF Benevolent Fund was able to provide him with housing to help him re-build his life after a medical

discharge from the service. This inspired Dutch to organise a non-stop relay style cycle, which the team completed in an impressive 74 hours. A huge “Congratulations” go out to all the team for their efforts as an auction following the event topped the fundraising pot to over £15,000.

Another key fundraising group is the Thursday Club, who hold charity events throughout the year and recently presented a cheque for £16,000 to the Benevolent Fund. The Club is holding a Xmas gift fair in the Officer’s Mess; all are invited to attend the event which is being held on 10 November from 1000–1430. Tickets are priced at £2 each; invites are available through Naphill post office. Tangible benefits of the work of the RAF Benevolent Fund can be found all around the site of the Station. Testament to the work of the Fund, the Red Kites nursery (RAFBF funded) was recently subject to a surprise inspection by Ofsted. The centre was the only nursery in the Bucks area to receive an “Outstanding” award this year! Added to this, new play parks will soon be opening on Kilnwood and at the rear of the Oakeshott Centre on 3 site – officially open from the 18 November 11.

Did you happen to see an old Astra painted out in LAPD colours over the last few weeks? The driver will have been Corporal Jim Collins who, with his IT team, were competing in the Screwball Rally. The race, whose rules dictate that you must enter a banger, saw the team driving across the continent in a £500 Vauxhall Astra Estate. At the end of their gruelling event they limped home into the base with not a yellow flashing light in sight! A total of just over £1,000 was donated over the period of the event, with all proceeds going to Cancer Research.

Finally on the charity front, a team more used to Cold War bunkers than sandy ones led by Corporal Johnny Carberry-Rogers organised a Golfer’s Charity day out, raising over £1,000 for the Royal Air Forces Association Wings appeal. With Wings Appeal collections on the main gate on the 15 September (and the small matter of a sponsored relay marathon) plus various other activities the station has donated over £35,000 to charity this month alone.

## Honours and Awards

Amongst those receiving recognition at our most recent honours and awards ceremony was local lady, Miss Dorothy Tranter. Dorothy started work at RAF High Wycombe in 1966 as a Civil Servant and has only just retired after 36 years and 4 months at the Station. Awarding Miss Tranter with the Imperial Service Medal, Air Chief Marshal



*Air Chief Marshal Bryant awarding Miss Tranter with the Imperial Service Medal*

Bryant was “astounded” by the length of her career and accolades given by staff.

To round off Honours and Awards it was time once again for the Station Commander, Group Captain Mark Heffron, to present his Commendations for valuable service to the Station. To qualify for this award the individual must have continually performed above and beyond their expected performance levels and show unwavering commitment to the good of the Station. Among the recipients was Mrs Netra Rai, who was commended for her efforts in maintaining

cleanliness and order in the clinical environment of the Medical and Dental Centre on station.

## Pause for Reflection

September is always a busy time in the Royal Air Force calendar, when we take time to remember “the few”. A parade and service in High Wycombe once again showed our close bond with the town and backed up the “Pause for Reflection” held on Station on Thursday 15 September. The end of the month saw an official visit from the Commander in Chief, Air Chief Marshal Bryant, to the station to officially open the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess new kitchen facility. Building works are complete after a one year programme; with the final scaffolding being removed just in time for an extremely successful Battle of Britain function.

## Looking Forward

You will be sure to see us out and about over the coming Remembrance season, paying our respects to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. We always look forward to participation in these community events and continuing to foster the tradition of the close bond between the village and the Station.

*Paul Bevan  
RAF Media Communications Officer*

# Sport and Fitness

## Naphill Men’s Football Club

### Match Reports

11 September 2011

Naphill Men’s began the new season with a solid 2–0 home victory over Hithercroft. First to react to a well worked Naphill free kick, Eddie Robinson opened the scoring from close range in the first half. Naphill goalkeeper Clinton Jackson, who had little to do all game, launched a well weighted goal kick up to the strikers. As the ball was bouncing up, the Hithercroft keeper came charging out, and David Stothard leapt gracefully and beat him to the ball, heading it over the stranded goalie and into the goal to make it 2–0, and cement the win. The highlight of the game was an acrobatic save from Clinton Jackson to protect a vital clean sheet for the home team.

Man of the Match – David Stothard

18 September 2011

Naphill Men’s continued their unbeaten run into the new season with a 2–2 draw away to Real Marlow, but it wasn’t as straight forward as the previous weeks result. Naphill created a two goal

lead in the first half, but they were the architects of their own downfall in the second. Left midfielder Phil Wingfield tapped in the first after striker Adam Ashby had run through the defence and crossed. Myles Dell then doubled the lead with an outrageous chip. However, Naphill conceded a penalty and then centre back Matthew Gunnell scored an unlucky own goal to level the contest, and leave Naphill feeling disappointed they didn’t take all three points.

Man of the Match – Myles Dell

25 September 2011

Naphill Men’s recorded two consecutive home victories in the third game of the season by beating top of the league, Jaeger Athletic 4–3 in a thrilling game at the Crick. Naphill were sluggish in the first 45 minutes, and just before half time, a Jaeger Athletic goal came from some sloppy defending. Naphill, after a firm half time talking to by team manager Richard Eteson, came out much brighter in the second half. A Mark Burnard corner was headed home by fellow defender Mark Bumpstead. The confidence from the goal paid off, as a sudden brace from the under par Oliver Gray saw Naphill with a two goal cushion, 3–1. The first,

a deflected shot from inside the box, was maybe a little lucky. No luck with the second though, smart interplay from Phil Wingfield and David Stothard released Oliver Gray into the box, and he coolly finished as the keeper came charging out. Jaeger weren't dead and buried however, scoring two goals in quick succession to draw level with five minutes remaining. Naphill were nervous, and their track record would prove why. There have been few instances, where with five minutes to go, and the scores level, Naphill have managed to hold on to a draw. Indeed it was this fault that cost Naphill so many points (23!) last season. Both teams poured forward searching for a winner, and Jaeger conceded a reckless free kick 40 yards out on the far right by line with less than a minute remaining. Naphill loaded the box, and Matthew Gunnell swung in the ball. The Jaeger defender cleared it against his own player, the ball dropping at the feet of Jay Oslar in front of goal, who calmly slotted it past the keeper to seal all three points for Naphill Men's.

Man of the Match – Jay Oslar

2 October 2011

Chris Burnard, the Naphill Men's team coach, made an admirable effort at being caretaker team manager (in Richard Etesons absence) as his side inflicted 5–0 away defeat on Wooburn Falcons in the Issac Lord Challenge Cup. Wooburn Falcons, a new team, were rooted to the foot of the Bucks Football League – 31 places below their division two opposition, and within the opening 10 minutes, the gulf of quality was clear to see. Naphill had managed to take the lead within 10 minutes, but they did not score the goal themselves, a Wooburn own goal opening the scoring. Jack Dell missed four clear cut scoring opportunities before Adam Ashby scored his first of the season after a one on one with the opposition keeper. Another well worked corner routine by Mark Burnard led to the third Naphill goal, Mark Bumpstead again heading past the keeper, 3–0 at halftime. The centre midfield partnership made sure of the win in the second half, Jack Dell finally scored a goal, finishing inside the box, and Matthew Bumpstead scoring after a fine solo run. 5–0 but Naphill rarely looked threatened.

Man of the Match – Matthew Gunnell

*Jack Dell*

## **Naphill Tennis Club**

We are always pleased to welcome new members and those looking for a 'back-to-tennis' taster. If you are looking for fresh air and exercise and having fun whilst keeping fit then come and join our relaxed friendly club sessions on Sunday and Tuesday mornings at 10am. We are there

throughout the year – weather permitting – opposite Bon Ami Coffee Shop.

We currently have several younger mums who, following our 'rusty racquets' coaching in the spring, now play regularly on a Wednesday morning at 9.30 am after dropping their little ones off at nursery/preschool. They would be delighted if more mums (and dads) could join them. Reduced rates for new members are from £20.

Forthcoming events:

Monday 28 November – AGM and Club Social, 8 pm, at The Wheel with free drink

Sunday 18 December – Festive Tennis with mulled wine and mince pies

Give me a call on 01494 565406 if you would like further information or pay us a visit.

*Jenny Tench*

## **Mini Rugby: High Wycombe Rugby Club**

Six weeks into the season and what a start! We have loads of new players and huge coaching and parental support, which all led to an impressive first away outing (Triangular vs. Slough and Chesham) where the U7 teams more than held their own and didn't lose a game in the unusually warm conditions for rugby at the start of October.

It is still not too late to join us and we accept new players throughout the season, minimum reception class age. We train each Sunday, 10am to 12pm, and there is a four week trial period before any subs are due. Go to [www.HWRUFC.com](http://www.HWRUFC.com) for general information about the Club. To register your interest or to find out more, contact Nathan Crinyion (minis coaching team): [ncrinyion@btinternet.com](mailto:ncrinyion@btinternet.com) or 01494 562008.

Date for the diary: 11 and 12 November: HWRUFC Beer Festival, which is an important event to raise funds for the Club. Got to [www.HWRUFC.com](http://www.HWRUFC.com) for more details.

*Nathan Crinyion*

## **Get Fit for BOB**

The Berks, Oxon and Bucks Air Ambulance (BOB, formerly the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance) is looking for fit people to take part in the Reading Half Marathon on Sunday 1 April 2012 to raise funds. If you are interested please visit [entry.readinghalfmarathon.com/onlinentry/](http://entry.readinghalfmarathon.com/onlinentry/) then contact [katie@tvacaa.org](mailto:katie@tvacaa.org) for sponsorship details. There is no minimum sponsorship amount but we do encourage each runner to aim for at least £150 in sponsorship. If you choose to run for us, let us know by 31 December 2011 and we will organise a visit to our helicopter as a thank you.

*The Air Ambulance Team  
(Registered charity no 1084910)*



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### DECEMBER

- 1 Tree lighting
- 3 Christmas Fayre 1pm Village Hall
- 10 Macmillan Fundraiser, 7.30pm Village Hall
- 15 Toddler's Christmas Party, 1pm V. Hall
- 19 FONC Walk for Health, 10am Village Hall
- 19 WI Open Meeting 7.45pm Village Hall  
'Women on the Home Front'

### JANUARY

- 16 FONC Walk for Health, 10am Village Hall
- 27 FONC Open Meeting, 7.30pm Village Hall

## Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15–7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30–6.45	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6–7.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Brownies (Walter's Ash)	Mondays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Lesley Hamer 473502
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Ed Atwell 563668
Cubs (Walter's Ash)	Wednesdays 6–7.30pm	RAF Community Centre	Catherine de Rouffignac 496917 (office hours)
EXTEND Gentle Exercise Class	Mondays 2 – 3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Carolyn 712801
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30–11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10,11,12 Saturdays 9.30–11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30–11am	The Crick	
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Matt Gunnell 07738 467959
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45–8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7–8.45pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8–9pm	Small Hall, Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety. org.uk
Line dancing	Tuesdays 8–9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo. co.uk
Mobile Library	Every other Wednesday 10.30am–12.15pm 12.15–12.50pm	Forge Road Naphill Village Hall	
Mothers and Toddlers	Thursdays (term time) 1–3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Louise Lucas 488255
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	Naphill Village Hall	Shiela Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30am and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Thursdays 5.30pm		
Pilates – Sue Maynard	Tuesdays 9.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Sue Maynard
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
Fitness Pilates – Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45–10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scout Group (Naphill & Hughenden)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Peter Byerley 565955
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 10am onwards	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemg.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com
	Tuesdays 10am onwards		
	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		
Tennis Club Junior Coaching	Fridays & Saturdays (April–July)		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8–10pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30–9.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Nick George 562846
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Tuesdays 1.30–2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
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## Editorial

Behind every edition of the Gazette there is a dedicated team of people working hard each month to bring the magazine to your door. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mike and Pauline Poole for their efficient organisation of the delivery rounds and the many individual deliverers who post it through your letterbox.

Behind the scenes, our treasurer, David Leith, has worked diligently for the last ten years to keep our finances in order and, as you will read in his article, he now feels that it is time for him to hand over the reins to someone else. On behalf of everyone in Naphill & Walter's Ash, thank you, David, for your commitment over the last decade.

Sue Fryer has also been committed to ensuring that the advertising element of the Gazette runs smoothly and the income from this ensures that our magazine is financially secure. Sue wishes to hand over the reins of Advertising Manager to someone else now. A very big thank you, Sue, for all that you have done over the last three years.

Judy Whitehouse and David Kidger are continuing to do a marvellous job with the website – thank you to both of them for creating something that we can be proud of.

Mark Dell has produced another fine piece for photography for our cover this month. Thank you Mark, for capturing the beauty of our surroundings.

As you can see, I am in need of two new team members! I am unable to bring you the Gazette alone, so please call David or Sue to find out more and think seriously about joining me in the New Year (contact details on page 1).

I wish you all a very joyous Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

*Clare Goddard*  
[gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk) (565065)

## County Councillor's Report

Writing these notes in mid November has seen some early morning mist before the sun has had the opportunity of clearing it away. Whilst walking our dog at around 7.30am in the morning it is amazing to see the number of car drivers, driving without lights in such murky conditions. I would suggest that one in five cars were without side or headlights switched on. See and be seen should surely be the safe option.

The three year trial where street lights were switched off at 46 locations across Buckinghamshire has now come to an end. The trial has delivered the following results: £250,000 saved over the duration of the three year trial; anticipated money savings of £430,000 over the next five years; CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction of approximately 578 tonnes per year. Our monitoring of the trial has shown that collisions overall have reduced during darkness at our sites, from 74 to 55 (-26%). The decision to either keep the lights off or switch them back on again will be taken after a period of consultation which is now underway.

Thieves are now stealing car number plates which are often used to commit other offences including speeding and petrol theft from garages. If you see anyone taking number plates off of a car please immediately phone 999 and report it. If you see anyone acting suspiciously with regards to changing number plates please contact the police on 0845 8 505 505 (or 101, see Police News below). Fit tamperproof screws or special number plates to your vehicle. 'Clutch head' screws are specifically designed to be virtually impossible to remove. They are cheap to buy and easy to fit, or contact your local crime reduction adviser on 0845 8 505 505.

A recent Ofsted report on Children's services in Buckinghamshire County Council stated that they performed excellently. This performance has been sustained from 2010 to 2011. The large majority of services, settings and institutions inspected by Ofsted were good or outstanding and few were inadequate. Almost all were good at helping young people to learn and to stay safe. Educational attainments were mostly above the national average for five, eleven, sixteen and nineteen year olds and continue to improve steadily.

Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) has been preparing for winter over the past few months. Preparations began in early October when all the gritters were serviced and the salt barns fully stocked. These vehicles and their drivers are on call 24 hours a day, enabling a fast response to changes in weather conditions and they work through the night and early into the morning. TfB has 25 gritting routes which are treated when the road surface temperature drops below one degree centigrade and a daily decision is taken on whether to grit or not, as the weather is forecast.

With Christmas and the New Year not far away I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all readers a very Happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

*Richard Pushman*

## Hughenden Parish Council

With three committees as well as monthly full Council meetings, there has been little time for Councillors to deal with issues outside of normal Council business. However, we have now found time to look at wider considerations that need more of a long term approach and to that end, the Council held its first strategy meeting in early November. Recognising the need to maintain and protect our precious environment that is under increasing threat from planning reforms, whilst at the same time developing new opportunities to benefit all parts of the Parish community, is a challenge. Council members are all agreed that we must start thinking now about how things might look in five or ten year's time. We want to help to shape the community under local control rather than have unwanted change imposed.

The first task we are undertaking is to create a Parish Profile. We will spend the next couple of months building an inventory of open spaces, amenities, businesses, agriculture, housing, medical facilities and every other aspect of the Parish to understand what we

have. This should then help us to identify gaps and opportunities on which we can consult Parish residents to establish priorities.

This will be a lengthy process, but one where the Council will be completely transparent and ensure that the Profile findings are made public – it promises to be a very interesting exercise.

Last month, Roger Beavil mentioned the fly-tipping of a load of tyres in our beautiful Garden of Rest. You might be interested to know that having these removed cost the Council £264 and we would be very grateful for any information on this crime which should be conveyed to the Parish Clerk (Charlotte Watts, [hughendenpc@btconnect.com](mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com), 715296).

Next year sees not only a small sports event in London, but the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Council has now set up a Working Party to consider and coordinate events in which the Council might be involved including a beacon and tree planting. More information will be out soon, but the Working Party is keen to get community involvement and to ensure that the Parish plays its part in celebrating 60 years since the Coronation.

The Ward Councillors held their second surgery at the end of October. With an attendance grand total of one, we did not need the Albert Hall although we did have a chance to learn a lot about Parish history. A date hasn't yet been set for the next one, but we are now looking for ideas to try and encourage more interest.

Finally, we would just like to wish everyone in the Ward a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

*Roger Beavil, Audra Byerley,  
Phil Conran, Dennis Hackling*

## **Bradenham Parish Council**

In recent months the Parish Council has been kept busy with the retrospective planning application 11/05644/FUL the Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash. Change of use of the land to allow the stationing of two mobile homes and two touring caravans for the use by a gypsy travelling family with the creation of a hard standing, erection of a single storey detached utility/day room building and the installation of a cesspit. Wycombe District Council had refused this application. The appellant has appealed to the Secretary of State who has decided that an informal hearing will be held at a date in the future. The Parish Council had objected on the grounds of inappropriate development in the Chilterns AONB and in the green belt.

The Parish Council had met with Sustrans, the National Trust and Buckinghamshire County Council to consider traffic calming measures for the village. The next meeting will be on 14 January 2012 at the Cricket Club, details to be published on the notice board. We need to consult with the wider stakeholders and all the village residents.

The Parish Council looked at ideas for celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It had also requested from Buckinghamshire County Council that they maintain the one bus service that leaves High Wycombe at 5.45pm and travels along the A4010 to Princes

Risborough. The budget for 2012/13 was reviewed and set at £5,500 and the precept was set at £5,400 for 2012/13. This is an 8% increase, but the precept had not been increased for the last three years and our actual expenditure has exceeded the precept during that time. The reserves are slowly being depleted.

The next meeting will be Monday 16 January 2012 at the Cricket Club commencing at 7.30pm. All members of the parish welcome.

*Deidre Hansen*

## **Personal Perspective**

Do you have a favourite season of the year? For me, it is probably autumn. At the time of writing, our villages are displaying bright gold, yellow and brown, there is no more than a hint of frost, and while we know that we may shortly have days when snow or ice block our paths and make both driving and walking difficult, spring will be just round the corner. Christmas and New Year are also close, and can give us a feeling of 'rebirth' and renewed hope for the future.

In a similar way, perhaps, the Parish Council seems to be looking forwards! Particularly for new Councillors such as myself we have spent much of the time since May getting used to what we can and cannot do, learning how we can improve the effectiveness of our various committees while encouraging discussion, selecting a new Clerk to the Council, and so on. All these have been essential, but recently there has been a significant change. But please don't expect all the ideas to be dealt with instantly!

The Environment and Services Committee, for instance, is looking to produce information, which will be available to anyone, about each of the open spaces, woodland, footpaths, etc that are part of Hughenden Parish. Do you have a copy of some publication that might be of help in our task?

Perhaps the most adventurous group is that of the 'Strategy Working Party'. We've had just one meeting so far, and for this (or any other group or committee) just contact the Parish Office to see when it next meets, since anyone from the Parish can attend. I call it 'adventurous' because we want to involve the whole Parish in considering where we all might be over the next 10 years! It will involve an enormous amount of time and energy, and it's worth remembering that all Parish Councillors are volunteers! So if you know of a document or map or photos, for instance, that might help our task, or if you'd simply like to volunteer some of your own time to help out, please contact the Parish Office.

While mentioning 'volunteers', if you have a few hours to help in the annual clean-up of Vincent's Pond, please let us know!

By the time you read this our Finance and Administration Committee will have held our 'Precept' meeting, roughly equivalent to other organisations working on their 'budgets' for the year to come, but there will not have been time for approval by our full council nor acceptance by Wycombe District Council, the next tier up in local government. This is a very important meeting, since it will set the financial

framework we have to bear in mind for the year that starts in April. By then we might be seeing 'green shoots' from a number of our committees, to supplement those that nature provides.

Our next Gazette won't be until the February edition, so I'd like to conclude by sending you my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

*Roger Beavil*

## Neighbourhood Police News

### Useful contacts:

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 0845 8 505 505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office or e-mail us:

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### Speeding

On 24 October, between 5.05pm and 5.45pm, the Speed Indication Device (SID) was used in Walter's Ash. Nineteen vehicles were over the speed threshold. The registered keepers of the vehicles will receive letters under the Community Speed Watch Scheme. Please bear in mind that persons who receive Speed Watch letters are NOT given the speed that initiated the letter. There is a threshold which is strictly adhered to. When the device is activated the initial speed is the speed recorded by the operators and not the speed as the vehicle passes the device. The speed captured is that of at least 70 metres prior to the device.

If you are interested in seeing how the device works or you are interested in becoming involved in the process, please contact Lee Turnham at the above address or e-mail. I will then be able to inform you of the location and time that is appropriate to your ward.

### Litter

At the NAG meeting an agreement was made that each ward within the Parish would have a litter representative. This group of people will coordinate litter picks etc within their ward, reporting back through the NAG if difficulties arise. The Parish in general is tidy but litter in hedges and on open ground is still a problem.

### Other matters

Thames Valley Police is due to go live on 14 November 2011 with 101 – the new police national single non emergency number which will replace the 0845 8 505 505 number. Calls to 101, from land lines or mobiles, will cost 15 pence per call, no matter the time of day or the duration of the call. Everyone calling the new non-emergency number will know exactly how much a call will cost, and can be assured of equal access whether they are on a pay-as-you-go mobile or a home land line. Calls will be routed to the Force in the same way as 999 calls. If a caller is using a land line the routing will be based on the caller's postcode and the call will be directed to the local police force. If a caller is using a mobile telephone, the call will be routed according to

the location of the mast from which the call is being transmitted. Calls made to 101 from another police force area that has yet to 'go live' with the new number, will hear a recorded message telling them to redial using the relevant non emergency number.

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham  
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer*

## News from 'Christians in the Community'

There will be carol singing in the local pubs on Tuesday 20 December. One group will be in the Wheel at 7.45 pm, whilst another group will be at the White Lion at the top of Cryers Hill at the same time, with the Harrow at Hughenden being visited at 8.30pm (times approximate!) Please join us!

The 'Carols by Candlelight' will be at the Naphill Village Hall on Sunday 18 December at 4pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

Next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 31 January 2012 at Church House, Hughenden Church.

Wishing you peace and joy at Christmas.

*Norma Clarke*

## Naphill Evening WI

Last month was Nancy Hussey's last press report (wrongly attributed to me, Juliet) and I would like to thank Nancy for all the interesting reports she has written on behalf of Naphill Evening WI over the last two years.

October was our Annual Meeting, and it was time for a change. I stood down as President and Jenny Price took over the reigns as our new President. Congratulations Jenny and I know you will have the support of all our members. This is a very busy time of year for all of us, November starting with the first meeting of the new Committee, when all the jobs and responsibilities for the forthcoming year are decided. On the seventh there was a committee lunch with Napton, our twin WI, held at the Bignall Park Hotel at Bicester, where we met earlier this year for the first time. Plans are now afoot for our members to visit Napton on Monday 21 May 2012, so put the date in your new diaries if you would like to go. On Remembrance Sunday Jenny laid a wreath on behalf of the WI at the Naphill Memorial Stone. It was a beautiful autumn day and the service was well attended. I hope you all enjoyed the meeting on 17 November, Jane Dunsterville was the last of the speakers in this years programme and I would like to thank Carole Teare on behalf of us all for arranging such an interesting variety of speakers and topics for 2011.

In December we start with the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3 December. If you weren't able to bring items for the tombola to our November meeting please bring them to the hall for Jenny by 9.30am on the morning. If you are unsure, three or four small items with a Christmas theme would be very much appreciated. We will also be selling our now famous Recipe Book, full of our members favourite recipes, gift wrapped for Christmas. Or, if you haven't started

festive cooking yet, there is a nice recipe for fat-free mincemeat and an easy boiled fruit cake, so go on, treat yourself to a copy and help our fundraising. On Monday 5 December it is the Food Appreciation Group's Christmas Lunch (all places taken) at Taplow House Hotel, 12.45pm for 1.15pm; then on Thursday 8 December it is our Christmas Party, doors open at 7.30pm. Carol Gilliam will be hosting a 'Sherry and Mince Pie Evening', from 7.30pm on Friday 16 December, price £3. So much to look forward to leading up to the big day and lots going on in the village, so on behalf of Naphill Evening WI, I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas Season and wish all our readers a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Dates for January: On Tuesday 10 January there will be the annual Committee lunch; Tuesday 17 January is the Food Appreciation Group's Annual Committee Meeting – if any member would like to join this committee, please let me, Juliet, know; Thursday 19 January is our next WI meeting, 7.45 in the Village Hall when subscriptions will be due at £31.50. The speaker for that evening will be Edward Dixon 'Women on the Home Front in WW1' and it is an 'open' meeting, so all are welcome. The competition will be any war memorabilia. If you are thinking of joining or wondering what WI is like, come along as a visitor for 50p and see what we are about. Tea hostesses will be Marlene Mason, Margaret Pearce and Marion Lovell. Then on Tuesday 24 January there will be a Food Appreciation Group lunch (a snack or more – your choice) at The

Whip, organiser Joan Kearsey, so please contact her if you would like to go. See you all soon,

*Juliet Shortall*

## Naphill Neighbours

We enjoyed a light hearted talk about his life as a postman entitled 'A Male in the Mail' given by Colin Oakes at our November club meeting.

Our president, Sheila Rolfe, thanked the members for their support (in the form of bottles and cans!) for our tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre. If anyone has forgotten their contribution – it's not too late to hand it in to Sheila or Hazel.

We meet again on Monday 12 December for our traditional Christmas dinner and entertainment. Once again you are asked to arrive at the Village Hall between 6.30pm and 6.45pm for this festive get together.

Within days of this event we will be boarding the coach at the Village Hall on Thursday 15 December to take us to the Royal Albert Hall for A Christmas Carol Sing-along. The coach leaves at 12.15pm and the concert begins at 2.30pm. Afterwards we expect to be back in Naphill at about 7pm, traffic permitting.

Just a reminder to put a note in your diary for Monday 9 January 2012 when David Church will be giving us an illustrated talk on The Bucks County Museum. Tea hostesses will be Margaret Pearce and Norma Clarke.

Wishing all our members, friends and families a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, peaceful New Year.

*Hazel Vickery 563977*

## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

My heartfelt thanks go to all who were involved in the Fireworks, those who beavered away providing the display and those who turned up on the night in their hundreds, making it such a success financially. The display just gets better and better every year and this year's crowd seemed the biggest ever. Not many villages of our size benefit from such a great professional display. Many congratulations to all involved.

At long, long last the hedge that forms the boundary between The Crick and The Glebe has been cut. I apologise to the residents in The Glebe that it has taken so long, but there seemed to have been crossed wires with our contractors who finally said they couldn't do the job so an alternative had to be found. I hope that the result has been worth the wait. It certainly looks so much neater.

We are having issues with the blue chairs in the Hall. When they are continually picked up by the front and back, the seat becomes unfixed from the frame. Could you please pick them up by the sides of the seat when you are in the Hall, this should keep them intact and safe.

We have several big projects on our maintenance list and need to apply for grants to help us fund them. If you have the time to help us chase up grants we would



love to hear from you. Don Turner has done the job for several years and is ready to hand it over. Think about it and do let us know if you can help.

The boxes will be going out into the village shops and pubs for the Christmas Tree Lights. The tree is due to be lit from the 1 December, and doesn't it make our Christmas? The replacement bulbs, electricity and insurance for the climbers who place the lights in the tree all cost so please do donate so we can continue to light the tree.

Do make sure you come along to the Christmas Fayre on 3 December. We will have all the usual stalls, Santa, the Grand Draw and of course the mulled wine. It should be another great day.

Other dates we have for your diary are:

- The Quiz on 24 February 2012
  - The Big Picnic Lunch on the Crick for the Queen's Jubilee on the 3 June 2012
- The Summer Fete on the 23 June 2012

Have a great Christmas and I wish you all the very best for 2012.

*Sarah Bacon 563479*

*Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council*

*Christmas Fayre Book Stall*  
*Good quality children's books and*  
*adult's novels needed.*  
*Phone Sally on 562281 or leave in the*  
*front porch of Woodside, Forge Rd*

## **The Village Hall Quiz**

### **Friday 24 February 2012**

The annual Village Hall Quiz will be held on Friday 24 February 2012. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The entrance fee of £8 includes a Ploughman's and Clive's Bar will be available as usual. Teams of four (or more if you are willing to forgo the chance of walking off with a prize). As well as prizes the winning table has bragging rights which last for one year.

This is a great fun evening. The questions are not too hard and the Question Master has to be very brave to tell the jokes that he does. Make a note of it in your diary now and 'phone Ted Chapman on 563034 to book your table. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Ted Chapman*

## **Naphill Horticultural Society**

[naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

Our recent Cheese and Wine evening was a huge success. The evening started with a very informative talk by Laura Nicholas from the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust on the vital service they provide and how they raise funds to support it. Very few of us were aware that they get no Government funding, and therefore rely solely on donations to keep going. Their Open Gardens Scheme runs from May to the middle of September each year, so I will keep you updated with next year's launch, as I'm sure lots of us

would love to support them by visiting a garden or two during the summer. For those of you who like statistics, they got through 16,000 tea bags and 9,000 slices of cake were cut last year! Once again, the cheese and pate buffet was demolished in record time!!

Talking of garden visits, if anyone is interested in visiting the RHS 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 give me a call.

Our next event is the Annual Dinner on Friday 9 March 2012. 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 563233*

## **Friends of Naphill Common**

[naphillcommon.org.uk](http://naphillcommon.org.uk)

Our Fungus Foray went ahead despite discouraging weather. The fungi were hard to find this year because the weather had not been suited to them, but that made the hunt just as enjoyable. As before, we were dazzled by the expertise of Derek Schafer and his colleagues from the Bucks Fungus Group. Of course, since that day the weather has encouraged the fungi to appear throughout the Common. After an absence of two or three years the *Hericium erinaceum* is just beginning to grow on the Great Beech next to Dew Pond, so if you want to see a real rarity – and a beautiful fungus – stroll over to the tree and go to the side away from the pond and look up to about fifteen feet high on the trunk. At the time of writing it is tennis ball size, but by the time the Gazette appears it will probably be as big as a football. It is like Boris Johnson's hair only tidier.

I hope you have noticed the paths that our working party have cleared at the end of Chapel Road. They make access to the Common much more convenient. Recent working parties have also surveyed the WWII tank tracks, remains of which wind their way along the southern edge of the Common and are most conspicuous from Cuckoo Style almost to Five Ways. Several people have come forward and told us about how they worked at the Broom and Wade factory in High Wycombe where the Churchill Tanks were repaired, and one lady told us how her father test drove the tanks on Naphill Common. She added that while walking up Coombe Hill to meet her father who was going to give them a ride on the tank, her mother, brother and her were offered a lift in a large black car carrying 'Bomber' Harris. Apparently, the tank ride was exhilarating.

Anyone with a camera can enter our 'My Naphill Common' photographic competition. Take a photo of any aspect of the Common that interests you. There will be prizes for the best picture and for the best by someone under 16. Entries must be in (by email) by 31 December 2011. See our website for the details. The winning photograph will also appear on the front of the Gazette.

Our walks for health, led by Ron Collins, all start from the Village Hall at 10am on the following Mondays: 19 December 2011, then in 2012: 16 January; 20 February; 19 March; 16 April; 21 May; 18 June; 16 July; 20 August; 24 September; 15 October; 19 November, and 17 December. Everyone is welcome and you will find the company very friendly.

Everyone is also invited to our open meeting in the Village Hall on Friday 27 January 2012, starting at 7.30pm. We will announce the winners of the photographic competition and Dr Jill Eyers will give a talk on the geology of the area. Bring along any fossils or interesting stones for her to identify. Jill is renowned as a good and interesting speaker.

*Trevor Hussey*

## **Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Association**

Planning: Planning Applications to 8 November 2011: 11/07343/FUL The Beeches, Purssells Meadow, Naphill. HA for construction of two storey side extension with link to existing garage to be part converted to living accommodation. 11/07260/FUL 19 Battingswood Gardens, Naphill. HA for single storey side and rear extension and construction of detached garage, erection of 2m fence to side (retrospective). (Alternative to scheme permitted under 10/05404/FUL). 11/07449/FUL 15 Beech Park, Walter's Ash. HA for construction of first floor side extension, single storey rear extension, single storey rear extension and alterations to roof of existing garage. 11/07514/FUL Hillbrow, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of roof extensions and alterations to create additional first floor living accommodation.

Dog Fouling: Reports indicate that this is a growing problem throughout the Parish and is of course a particular danger to young children. Please read Lyn Ryan's article towards the end of the Gazette.

Co-op Burglary. Yet another appalling incident on 31 October when staff were assaulted. Ash Close is a convenient place from which to observe the store. In the past, suspected thieves were challenged in Ash Close and threatened with police. They made a rapid departure – but if you see anyone acting suspiciously it's safer to ring 999!

Speeding along Main Road – 30 mph Stickers for wheelie-bins. Those who have observed the well positioned Vehicle Activated Sign on Naphill Main Road, will be aware that the majority of vehicles travelling along that stretch of road exceed the 30mph speed limit. After dusk the number can reach over 90% – I've counted! Apart from the shopping area in Walter's Ash this is a familiar pattern throughout Main Road and New Road. You may have seen 30mph stickers on dustbins in other areas. I guess they are approximately 24 x 24cm, red on a white background, and fluorescent. NAWARA is hoping to obtain 500 stickers, in the first instance, through Neighbourhood Action Group. They may cost as little as 50p each. The idea is to have one on each of the black and green bins, on roads that experience speeding traffic, or better still, one on both sides of the bin. Every week on

bin collection days, and the previous evenings, the 30mph stickers will act as prominent reminder. In other villages where there is wide use of the stickers, we are told the effect is to substantially reduce vehicle speeds. If you are able to help with this much needed initiative, by offering stickers to a dozen or two houses near your home, and collecting the money, preferably on weekends, please give me your contact details on 563634 or [glorialeflaive@msn.com](mailto:glorialeflaive@msn.com).

Committee Vacancy: If you can spare a couple of hours a month (not August) and would like to take part in NAWARA committee work, please contact me.

Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 15 December 2011. A week later than usual.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

## **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from The Wheel**

[thewheelnaphill.com](http://thewheelnaphill.com)

Mark and I would like to thank all our customers for supporting us over the last year, especially with all the building works. We also need to say a huge thank you to all our staff, who have all worked really hard over the year and have adapted fantastically to all the changes. We couldn't have done it without you!

Just a couple of updates for December and January. The Carol singing has changed dates to Tuesday 20 December. Those of you who were considering booking for Christmas will need to book very soon as many dates are now fully booked. Opening times over Christmas will be as follows: Christmas Eve 12pm – 12 am, Christmas Day 12pm – 2.30pm, Boxing Day 6pm – 10.30pm, New Years Eve 12pm – 1am (tickets only) and New Year's Day 6pm – 10.30pm. These may vary so please do check in the pub. We will be doing the Barrel Draw again this year so come in and take a guess on how many barrels of ale we have sold this year it could be worth over £200. The normal Christmas draw will also be happening. Currently there is nothing booked in during January although we are looking at having another Game Menu night as the last one was such a success, dates will be advertised in the pub when confirmed.

It's been an eventful few weeks with lots happening. Firstly we had the Red Kites Scooter Club's annual meet which was amazing with over 230 scooters attending. It was a fantastic sight seeing them all come down Main Road towards the pub in a very long line! They were so lucky with the weather which meant the numbers increased a lot. The noise and smell was fantastic from all the classic scooters. We hope you all enjoyed the day and you can find the pictures on our Facebook page.

Halloween was another great success. We had 30 lovely hand carved pumpkins, and lots of people turned up in fancy dress. Ken and Vicky had a really hard time judging the event but eventually gave five prizes out for the children's section and two in the adult section. The Chambers' family won three prizes in total with some

amazing designs. Ed Coles won the other adult one and Chloe's pumpkin went missing on the night, it was R2D2 from Star Wars, and information on its whereabouts would be gratefully received!

The Wheel customers and staff have joined 'Movember' this month which helps raise awareness and money for prostate cancer. We have 15 (Mo Bros) men all growing moustaches for the month, and some are already looking impressive others not so much! If you would like to donate money for their efforts please pop in and see Mark.

Bonfire Night was an amazing evening and weren't we lucky with the weather? The turnout was the best we've seen in the six years we've been here! Our pub was the busiest ever and we hope people didn't have to wait too long at the bar, and we apologise for having to move on to plastic glasses. Thank you to everyone who donated to our collection bucket which raised £290, and a bigger thank you to our locals who ended up helping us throughout the evening, it was much appreciated!

I think that's everything updated! Once again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the staff at The Wheel. Here's to 2012!

*Claire and Mark*

## **Black Lion Naphill**

[blacklionnaphill.com](http://blacklionnaphill.com)

A busy month during November which saw the Black Lion team operate the BBQ at the Firework evening on the Crick, we also sponsored the Bar along with the Wheel. At the pub we have been selling Local Cask Ale at £3 per pint and it's fair to say the local people have appreciated the different ales available. Christmas is just around the corner and we will be starting our Christmas Menu from 1 December until the 24 December. You can still book either by phone or on our website, menus are also available to be downloaded from the website or a take away menu can be collected from the pub. We will be putting further details of forthcoming events on our website including New Year's eve and our Christmas Opening times.

So for now it only remains for us to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Thank you all for your support

*Bob, Martin, Mike and Jack*

## **Bon Ami**

Firstly we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who so kindly took the time to put together a shoe box for the 'Romanian Families Appeal'. We collected 57 in total. Another big thank you to Clare Strange who very kindly delivered all the shoe boxes to Haddenham for us.

Meanwhile at Bon Ami our customers seem to be enjoying our new range of soups that we have now introduced for the colder months.

Since we opened we have accumulated many items of lost property. If you have lost something on or near the Crick we may have it! Do call in and see.

It is exciting that we are now in Advent and that 'Christmas is coming'. We have Village Hall Christmas Fayre draw tickets for sale if you wish to purchase some.

Talking of Christmas Amanda and I have decided to close Bon Ami from Monday 19 December – Tuesday 3 January 2012. We hope you understand that we would like to spend the festive period with our families who have been so supportive to us since we opened in February. We have almost forgotten what they look like! We would therefore like to invite you to join us for a free mince pie with every hot drink purchased on Sunday 18 December; we do hope you can come.

Thank you to all of our customers for their continued support. We hope you have a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2012.

*Amanda Hall and Ruth Bond*

## **Shear Madness Barbers**

Shear Madness Barbers wish to thank Naphill and Walters School who did a fantastic firework picture display for the shop last month. We also had all the shops involved in Pyjama Day for Children in Need which went really well. Santa will be in his grotto at Shear Madness on Saturday 17 December from 12 – 2pm. But most of all Shear Madness Barbers want to wish all our customers old and new a very Happy Christmas. We would also like to thank you for all your support over the last nine months.

*Lynn and Mandy*

## **Naphill Business Network**

We are a group of friendly local business people who are interested in supporting one another and looking out for business opportunities for each other. The next business network meeting will be at 8am on Wednesday 14 December at Bon Ami. Membership is free and all local business people are welcome. If you would like to know more then do please get in touch.

*Judy Whitehouse*

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## **Naphill Baby and Toddler Group**

We are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for them to meet over tea and biscuits while the children play. Admission price per session: £2 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling). Any queries, please call me or simply join us at any Thursday meeting at Naphill Village Hall during term time. The group runs from 1pm to 3pm.

Don't forget Toddler's Christmas Party on Thursday 15 December 1pm – 3pm. Party to include Mr. Marvel, a Christmas tea and every child will receive a present when Father Christmas visits the playgroup. There is a £7.50 charge for this event. Looking forward to seeing you there!

In next month's Gazette keep a look out for the list of exciting events planned for Mothers and Toddlers throughout 2012.

## Little Ash Preschool

The half term Sponsored Find, held in October, was a huge success with over £360 raised. This money goes towards much needed preschool equipment and we wish to thank everyone who participated.

Little Ash is coming up to a very busy time of year. In December the children will participate in the Nativity performance and have a Christmas party at preschool. The Nativity will be held on 14 December at 10am. This is always a wonderful event and the children love dressing up in their costumes. There will be tea, coffee and mince pies available and we will be holding a raffle so please join us.

The Christmas Party is to be held on 15 December at 9am. Little Ash is very excited to be having Father Christmas visit that day who be handing out presents to the children. On behalf of all of us at Little Ash we wish you all the best this holiday season. See you in the New Year.

*Barbara Chambers 563832  
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## Naphill Brownies

Our new Brownies have been enrolled and thrown themselves into Brownie activities with enthusiasm having already achieved their first badge – ‘Disability awareness badge’ along with the rest of the girls. It’s amazing how quiet Brownies become when we play a game with earplugs in – nobody squeals or shouts out – bliss!

An increasing number of the girls are taking on the challenge of working on Brownie badges on their own, outside the normal Brownie sessions. We have been delighted to see some of the wonderful things they have been doing. We have seen beautiful hand-made toys and crafts; tasted yummy cakes (taste-testing is always necessary) and heard lovely musical pieces. Many have worked on badges with their instructors at dancing, music, riding and swimming lessons. Well done to all for taking the initiative.

During Brownie sessions we have been playing outside in the dark, cooking, painting and doing some Christmas crafts.

As we head towards Christmas we look forward to the Hughsden District Brownies and Guide Christmas concert with all the other local groups. We are also very excited about our up-and-coming Christmas outing. We have been fundraising so that we can go on a Brownie trip to Build-a-Bear. This will be a fantastic way to round off our term.

*Ruth Daly [ruth.daly3@btinternet.com](mailto:ruth.daly3@btinternet.com)*

## Fireworks

Despite the dire weather warnings and the slight shower of rain at 4pm, the weather was just right for the display. The cloud base lifted and the air was clear. We were lucky!

We spent a little more on the display this year and more was automated which meant that there were no gaps in the display firings. Which was probably why it was just over 30 minutes rather than closer to 40. It also makes it safer for our firers.

The bonfire was as large as ever, however disappointingly some people who deposited wood etc, managed to spread it out across the football pitches more than ever this year. Some people drove over the markers we put out and we had a complaint from the U18 youth team manager a week before the display as follows:

“Before the game could kick-off, I had to clear the pitch of pallets and sundry debris that had been used for bicycle ramps, but the worst part was that the bonfire itself had been stacked so badly that the roped off area had disappeared completely. Buried under tons of bushes, branches and general detritus, I had to locate and remove the four-foot iron markers and clear the sideline / corner flag to make the pitch side safe before we could play.”

Obviously we cannot monitor the bonfire continuously for a week, and it is a shame that a few people spoil it for others.

However, the event was a great success and my thanks to everyone who helped out at the event including all the firing party, the bar staff, BBQ staff, those on the mulled wine, soup, neck ropes, the marshals, stewards, first aiders, electrician, bonfire builders, and the RAF without whom this event would not happen. Everyone is a volunteer. We even had the RAF Station Commander come and light the bonfire.



*RAF Station Commander lighting the bonfire at the Fireworks display.*

My thanks also go to the Post Office, Cost Cutters, Co-op, Wynard Wight & Ellis, the Wheel, and the Black Lion for selling the tickets prior to the event at no charge to us. The sales were a bit slow this year but there was a huge crowd at the event, at least as big as last year. The profit is in the region of £8,250 which will go to Village Hall funds, and I will be recommending that the Village Hall Council makes a donation to the RAF Benevolent Fund as in previous years.

We had only 2 minor injuries this year, and they were dealt with speedily by our first aiders. So a highly successful and safe event. There were also a couple of sparkler incidents that were quickly dealt with.

Although we had many helpers, it does tend to be the same people every year, so I would like to welcome anybody new who would like to help in future years.

Every little bit counts, so please get in contact with me if you think that you help next year.

I am not sure if we can improve on this year, although we will try and make next year an equally resounding success.

*Andrew Wilmot, Chairman  
2011 Naphill Fireworks Committee*

## Remembrance Day Service

Our Village Hall was packed once again for the Naphill and Walter's Ash Service of Remembrance. All our organisations were represented and their wreaths laid at the Memorial Stone. It is pleasing to see that this community event involves all ages and is so well supported. Our thanks to the Rev. Mike Hill for conducting the service and to all who contributed to the collection of £290.93 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

*Valerie Pushman*

## Village Website

More and more people are now using the village web site [www.naphill.org.uk](http://www.naphill.org.uk). In the last month we have averaged 28 visitors each day but on 5 November 195 people came to the web site (guess what they were looking for!). Each person stays an average of three minutes and looks at three pages. Roughly one fifth of the visitors are looking at the calendar of events so please take this as a reminder to everyone to actually send me your events for publication (at the moment I am mostly picking them up from the Gazette and I might miss some).

People are visiting our site from all over the world but especially from the USA. We also now have 33 people following us on Twitter.

The latest addition is a link to the village Flickr photo album. This can be found on the left of the Home Screen and in the right hand navigation pane on all the other pages. It is an open album so anyone can add their photos to Flickr and make them available for others to see.

Other planned developments:

I am currently trying to get myself added onto the Thames Valley Police 'ringmaster' messaging system so that I can put any relevant police messages in the News section.

David Kidger, our fabulous volunteer webmaster, is working with Tanya Stevens to produce a separate section for Village Hall bookings which will hopefully include photos of the Village Hall facilities together with a booking calendar.

David is also working on adding the Gazette archives to the site.

*Judy Whitehouse 562742  
[judy@judyq.demon.co.uk](mailto:judy@judyq.demon.co.uk)*

## Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

By the time you read this, the Christmas tree should be lit up and cheering us all on the dark evenings. I'm sure we all feel the stresses of the day fade when we see

the tree looking so wonderful on our way home. However, we all know that energy prices are soaring, so we are asking you to dig deep to help cover the running costs and the all-important insurance for the brave chaps, led by Mike Mason, who climb the tree each year to put the lights in place and take them down again in January – often in not very clement weather. If you would like to make a contribution, collecting tins are in all the local shops and pubs, so please, donate what you can.

Enjoy the lights and have a very Happy Christmas!

*Cathryn Carter*

## Fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support

On 10 December there will be a fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support at Village Hall. The theme for the evening is black and white. Think tux and little black dress or let your imagination run wild! Anything from a penguin to a nun or just black jeans and a white t-shirt. There will be a delicious, freshly cooked, fish and chip supper and a pud! Live music courtesy of the festival headlining Dog Roses. Music and dancing until 12am all for only £20! Book a couple of tickets or put together a table. Youngsters welcome but, year 11 and up only. Tickets from Deborah Hayes 01494 565616 or [d\\_hayes@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:d_hayes@tiscali.co.uk) Saturday 10 December 2011 7.30pm till midnight. Venue: Naphill Village Hall, Main Road, Naphill, HP14 4SX

*Deborah Hayes*

## Why Compost?

Between 2000 and 2010, approximately 57,000 compost bins were distributed to residents in Bucks, diverting 7,300 tonnes per annum of green waste from landfill. This has saved approximately £440,000 per year in this county alone which, at this time of government spending cuts, is money needed elsewhere. 57,000 compost bins may sound a lot but this number represents only a fraction of the households producing biodegradable waste.

In landfill, organic matter decomposes without oxygen. This produces methane which is well known to be a powerful greenhouse gas which contributes towards climate change. Once lost into landfill, organic matter cannot be returned to the land from whence it came, thus contributing to poor soil health and land degradation.

Although it is often the case that out of sight is out of mind, we do need to take responsibility for our rubbish. Composting provides an excellent solution to much of the problem. It avoids the production of gases, as home composting (rather than landfill) is aerobic and therefore does not produce methane. Home composting helps reduce the need for new landfill sites and completes the waste chain right there in our gardens.

What if you do not have a garden? No problem! Compost bins work just as well on tarmac or paving slabs and will produce wonderful compost with which you can fill your tubs, hanging baskets and flower pots.

Wormeries are smaller composters and are clean and tidy and can easily be kept indoors (for more information about these go to [www.wigglywiggles.co.uk](http://www.wigglywiggles.co.uk)).

There are a few simple things to remember when composting:

- Aim for a 50/50 mix of 'greens and browns'
- Greens are soft, sappy materials such as kitchen waste, grass clippings and tea bags.
- Browns are dry fibrous materials such as scrunched up paper, torn cardboard, dry leaves and small woody prunings.
- Site your bin in a sunny place with easy access, so that you will use it often as this will deter vermin visiting.
- Don't add cooked food waste, meat, fish or dairy.
- Speed up the composting process by turning the compost heap or mixing it around in the bin with a broom handle or garden fork.
- If the contents of your compost bin are wet and slimy add more 'browns' and if it looks dry and as if nothing much has happened, add more 'greens'

For more information about home composting and free compost courses go to; [www.bucksinfo.net/recycleforbuckinghamshire/home-composting/](http://www.bucksinfo.net/recycleforbuckinghamshire/home-composting/). Happy Composting!

Alexandra Gray

## A Little Bit of History?

The Enclosure Map of 1862 shows most of what is now Walter's Ash as 'Naphill'. The only occasion the name Walter's Ash features is on an arrow on Main Road pointing in the direction of Lacey Green and indicating 'to Walter's Ash'. The arrow is situated on the map about where the petrol station is today. All the land was called The Common in those days and the task of the Enclosure Commissioners was to divide up the Naphill part of The Common into parcels of land which were either given to residents or sold. The Friends of Naphill Common (FONC) have a new Historical and Archaeological section. Perhaps they could find out when, and for what reason, all that part of Naphill up to Clappins Lane and the southern boundary of the allotments was ceded to Walter's Ash. Meanwhile, in the absence of facts, perhaps one can speculate...

'Twas a rosy dawn when the hordes of Walter's Ashians swept out of the north to invade the peaceful pastures of Naphill. The men of Naphill were roused from their slumbers by the horrifying cries of the invaders, and leaped to defend their homeland. But the Walter's Ashians were too strong, covered with woad, and had the element of surprise. The Naphillians were forced back to the banking along Clappins Lane where they defended the line with ferocity and honour. They hurled flints from on high and even the thick skulls of the Walter's Ashians provided no adequate defence. At the end of the day a truce was called and it was agreed that the new frontier should be Clappins Lane and the southern boundary of the allotments. The Walter's Ashians carried off the women from that part of Naphill re-baptised Walter's Ash. The truce remains to this day. The descendants of the warriors are all around us.

So, what do you think, FONC Historical and Archaeological section? Can you improve on this version of history?

Mike Mason

## Walter's or Walters?

Regarding the question raised last month, I support the Editor's spelling. It has been Walter's Ash on Ordnance Survey 1¼ and 1 inch maps for many decades, also on an older 1897 map. On that basis, it has been spelt Walter's Ash for well over 100 years.

Local use of apostrophes varies. The OS map shows Princes Risborough, Flowers Bottom and Cryers Hill, but also Bryant's Bottom, Hunt's Hill and Walter's Ash. Old forms like Napple, Hitchingdon and Bradnam have gone, but not Walter's Ash. Some councils have started to omit apostrophes, but in Walter's Ash it was re-affirmed at the Public Inquiry into the Wycombe local plan ca 1990 and it is used in WDC's current plan.

Malcolm Leflaive

## Our Beautiful Language (Part 2)

It was very refreshing to read the letter from Alan Lewis 'as regards the way this beautiful language of ours is used and misused'. This immediately moved me to write about one of my pet hates regarding the variations of this very phrase *as regards* (which Alan used correctly). *As regards*, *regarding* and *with regard to*, all have the same meaning, which is *concerning* or *about*. However the last of these three terms is very often incorrectly expressed as *with regards to*. This phrase with the extra *s* has a completely different meaning. It is what is said, for example, at the end of a letter when the writer wishes to send greetings or regards to someone, often expressed as *with kind regards to ...*. So, it's probably best to stick to the version *regarding*, then you can't go wrong.

However, my real pet hate, heard so often now on radio and television, is the use of the word *I* in a context where it should be *me*. While it is correct to say *my wife and I would like to invite you to our party*, it is incorrect to say *you promised my wife and I that you would come*. The word *I* does not automatically follow the word *and*, as some people seem to think, rather it is the position in the sentence that decides whether *I* or *me* should be used. This can easily be decided by splitting up the sentence. *My wife would like to....*, and *I would like to....*, and therefore the sentence quite correctly should be *my wife and I would like to....*. On the other hand we have *you promised my wife...* , and *you promised me (not I)....*. Thus the correct form here is *you promised my wife and me....*. Similarly *me* should be used after a preposition such as *to* or *for*. Thus we have *please send your reply to my wife and me*, and *it is not possible for my wife and me (not I) to understand*.

So, between you and me (not I), with regard (without an s) to these phrases, I'll park my hobby horse there for now, like Alan said, and wait to see what other readers have to say.

Name withheld

## Is Your Dog Causing Neighbours' Children to Suffer?

Earlier this year Hughenden NAG circulated a questionnaire to residents in the parish which invited local concerns which residents would like to be addressed. One of the issues which arose was dog fouling. Here is an extract from article containing important facts produced by Keep Britain Tidy organisation.



“Dog fouling is the most offensive type of litter on our streets and it is consistently raised as a public concern. In 2008 the UK dog population was estimated to be 7.3 million, with dogs producing approximately 1,000 tonnes of excrement each day.

Dog fouling is not only unpleasant it is dangerous. The biggest threat to public health from dog excrement is toxocariasis. Toxocariasis is an infection of the roundworm *toxocara canis*. The eggs of the parasite can be found in soil or sand contaminated with faeces and if swallowed, result in infection that lasts between six and 24 months. Symptoms include eye disorders, vague ache, dizziness, nausea, asthma and epileptic fits. Often the eggs are ingested when passed to the

mouth by the hands, but this can also occur through contact with dogs or other inanimate objects including the wheels of toys and the soles of shoes. Infected soil samples are often found in play areas and as a result, toxocariasis most commonly affects children between 18 months and five years. It is the the responsibility of the dog owner or the person in charge of the dog to clear up any dog foul left by their dog. If you fail to clean up after your dog you can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice, or if the case goes to court a fine of up to £1000. The regulations state specifically, that being unaware that the dog has fouled, or not having a suitable means of removing the faeces is not a reasonable excuse for failing to clean up after your dog.”

In Hughenden we are provided with dedicated ‘doggie bins’ and most of our dog owners are responsible and do clear up after their pets. If a bin is not located nearby it is the dog owner’s responsibility to take the dog’s mess home for disposal. However, there are some who hang the bags on nearby bushes and we would like to see this practice cease.

This is certainly not a campaign against dogs. It is a plea to those dog owners who do not see the wider picture. We would like to see ALL dog owners giving consideration to others and acting responsibly by clearing up after their pets not only on the streets but also in the countryside.

Lyn Ryan

## Can you help us to help others?

*Snow is fun when you're young  
or have four legs but...*

Not everyone in your community is able to get out and about in the snow. In heavy snow, our home carers can't always reach vulnerable people. Can you help?

- Can you help clear snow from a driveway or path when our home carers can't reach someone?
- Or do you have a 4x4 vehicle and can help drive our home carers where they are needed?

*If you can help, please let us know.*

Please tell us your name, town/village and contact details and if you can help with simple snow clearance or whether you have a 4x4.

Email [locality-services@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:locality-services@buckscc.gov.uk)  
or telephone 01296 383409

*Worried about clearing snow? Don't be.*

The Government has produced advice on how to clear snow safely. The most important thing to remember is you won't be in trouble for clearing snow sensibly (eg use salt and sand to melt snow, rather than hot water which will turn to ice). Go to: [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) and type 'snow code' into the search facility

## Wasps, Weather and Wondering

I hope that you will forgive me for mentioning our striped friends again. I say friends because, on balance, wasps are quite useful. However, the peculiar weather this autumn has tended to emphasise the nuisance element. We were on holiday for the second half of October and while extracting our luggage from and returning it to the loft I found myself on both occasions dealing with four wasps. This is strange stuff for the time of year. It became even stranger when I was stung by a wasp whilst clearing dead tomato plants from the greenhouse, on 6 November, my birthday! How ridiculous.

As I rubbed my left hand I wondered whether this was nature dropping a hint to me that now I am on the

wrong side 86, the time has come to review plans for the future. I note that I have been treasurer of the Gazette for over 10 years so it really is time I handed over to a younger 'adder-upper'. So with effect from 1 February 2012 I hope a dynamic new treasurer will watch over the financial affairs of what really is a first class village asset, the Gazette.

*David Leith*

P.S. What an enormous crop of apples we all had this autumn. I have one very old and large tree in the rear garden which deposited masses of apples which I counted. I gave up at one thousand seven hundred! The fecundity of nature is renowned but I am quite sure that next year the crop will be countable on the fingers of one hand.



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## CAROL EVENING



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17th Dec  
7.00p.m.

To Book: call 01844 354117

## MINCE PIE SPECIALS

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# Sport and Fitness

## Naphill Men's Football Club

### Match Reports

9 October

Naphill won their fourth game out of five played as they showed a strong and determined performance to sweep aside Red Lion Rangers 4-1 away, placing themselves at the top of the second division with a game in hand over their closest rivals, Lacey Green. Myles Dell, the youngest member of the Naphill team, managed to divert the cross goal bound to make it 1-0 to Naphill. The game was wrapped up with Adam Ashby delivering a looping cross to the back post where super sub Eddie Robinson, barely on for a few minutes, managed to ghost in and smash the ball in, final score 4-1.

Man of the Match – Myles Dell

23 October

Another game, another win for Naphill Men's, who seem to be in great form in the league and in the cup competitions. This week, they travelled to Windsor to knock out Windsor Spartans from the Berkshire League, out of the Berks and Bucks Cup. Extra time was perhaps the most entertaining part of the game. Eddie Robinson came on, and in identical fashion to the previous week, scored with a sudden brace of goals in five minutes. The sudden burst of goals took the wind out of Windsor's sails, who were then reduced to ten men, and they couldn't muster a comeback, 3-1 final score.

Man of the Match – Eddie Robinson

30 October

Naphill Men's made it a fourth consecutive away win this season with a 3-0 win over Wycombe Marsh in the second round of the Issac Lords Challenge Cup. The lads have now collected six wins and one draw in seven games, scoring a massive 23 goals in all competitions. However, Naphill were not at all convincing and chances fizzled out. Wycombe Marsh, although a league below Naphill, soon looked like the team that were in control. The second half was little better in the standard of football but Naphill had made hard work of it and left it late to secure the 3-0 win.

Man of the Match – Adam Ashby

6 November

Naphill's fantastic progress in the first seven games of the season finally came to an end as they were beaten by Downley Albion 2-1 away from home in the league. After consistently scoring

results in the league and cup competitions, it was disappointing to see their unbeaten streak end against a gritty opposition in a game littered with fouls, especially when Naphill had enough chances to come away with a point or all three. A first half in which Naphill dominated possession and attempts at goal, was swung into chaos when Downley took the lead half way through. However, the blues couldn't find an opening to score, trudging off the field at full time losing 2-1, and losing their unbeaten record.

Man of the Match – Mark Bumpstead

*Jack Dell*

## Naphill Tennis Club

Forthcoming events:

Monday 28 November – AGM and Club Social, 8pm, at The Wheel. First round of drinks is 'on the club'. Do come and tell us what you want for the 2011/2012 tennis season. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible and potential members are also most welcome.

Sunday 18 December – Festive Tennis with mulled wine and mince pies. Start time 11am. To be followed by pot-luck lunch. If staying for lunch, please bring a dish to share. Non-playing 'other-halves' most welcome.

Reminder, during January/February, Sunday morning club sessions will start at 1pm instead of the usual 10am. For further information, give me a call on 01494 565406.

*Jenny Tench*

## Mini Rugby:

### High Wycombe Rugby Club

I can't believe we are almost half way through the season already! At half-time I can report that my age group (the U7s) is thriving, having won more games than lost. The young players are already demonstrating some effective core rugby skills and it is a pleasure working with them. I am also pleased to report that Walter's Ash and Naphill is well represented, both in terms of players and coaches. My thanks to them all.

It is still never too late to join us and we accept new players throughout the season, minimum reception class age. We train each Sunday, 10am to 12pm, and there is a four week trial period before any subs are due. Go to [www.HWRUFC.com](http://www.HWRUFC.com) for general information about the Club. To register your interest or to find out more, contact Nathan Crinyion: [ncrinyion@btinternet.com](mailto:ncrinyion@btinternet.com) or 01494 562008.

*Nathan Crinyion*

# RAF High Wycombe NEWS

## Did anybody see the TV crews around the Station on 26 October?

If not it is probably because the Station is not only well hidden from the eye but also because we are in fact split into three working sites.

In the late thirties the Air Ministry were faced with the problem of where to hide Bomber Command.

“Why not amongst the Beech Woods of the Chiltern hills?” suggested a young Alan Oakeshott. Alan had grown up in Naphill and understood that the site would fulfil the needs of the Air Ministry:

Close to London, good transport links to the city, hidden from the air and easily blended into the surrounding villages.

After close inspection by government teams and in-depth Air Reconnaissance the site was agreed in 1938 and Project Southdown, the construction of a base for Bomber Command was born.

In an effort to both confuse the enemy and assist the GPO, RAF Stations were always named after the closest mainline railway station; at the time of Project Southdown, High Wycombe pipped Princes Risborough by a mile – RAF High Wycombe was born.

The idea of three sites was quite purposeful, the present No 3 site, from where I look out of my office window today, was designed to look like the industrial area of a small town, with larger buildings representing the factories one would associate with such an area. As we move to the top of the hill we come to the Officer's Mess, quite unique in the RAF in that it was purposefully designed to look like a country Manor with its grounds and outbuildings. Of particular interest is No 1 site, the site you will all recognise by the Hurricane and Spitfire Gate Guardians.

Buildings on this site were well disguised; the boiler room and old Station garage were designed in cruciform shape to resemble a church from the air, a tower was even included that can still be seen to this day. What can't be seen is the network of tunnels running from the Old Operations bunker to various Office blocks around the Station – one can imagine the lot of the guard, working in a dimly lit tunnel on a dark and cold November day, counting down the hours for his shift to end. The bunker was some fifty feet below ground and reinforced with various layers of both earth and concrete; enough to survive a direct hit from the enemy's bombers.

This bunker was enough to see the Station through to the 1980's when the current bunker was constructed to Cold War standards. The Station is working hard to preserve its heritage from the days of Bomber Command and we get many requests to come and visit the bunkers from local residents and ex-servicemen and women. Unfortunately we are not able to give access to the bunkers for various reasons; however, I will endeavour to keep everybody updated on our heritage work.



*Guarding The Bunker*

There we are readers, a brief history of the Station complete. I now take you back to my original question. Did you see the Remembrance special edition of Who Wants to be a Millionaire, featuring our own Sgt Derek 'Dutch' Holland? You may recall from previous editions of the Gazette that Dutch led a team of cyclists from John O'Groats to Lands End and succeeded in raising over £15,000 for the fund. His appearance on Who Wants to be a Millionaire has now allowed him to up that total to a massive £65,000. If you saw the show you may have noticed parts of Station life being used in a piece of footage about the work of the Benevolent Fund and Sgt Holland.

As we now look forward to Christmas I must mention the extremely successful Christmas gift fair held by the Thursday Club in the Officer's Mess. The event was well attended by all, it was excellent to see so many of our local friends coming along to have a look at the goods on offer. As always, this was in all in aid of charity, with over £3,000 raised on the day – our congratulations again to the Thursday Club and all the hard work they do over the year.

My final thoughts turn to those away from family and friends over the Christmas period. The RAF offers its personnel a great deal by way of employment and lifestyle but in return we understand that things are expected of us. That is sometimes difficult to explain to family and friends as you kiss them goodbye prior to serving abroad for Christmas so my particular thoughts are with those who are spending their Christmas away from loved ones. As a Station, we are doing all we can to support those servicemen and women and their families with various events and I would encourage all to have a look in the Hive. The Community Development Officer, Dani Bowman has led her team into putting together some incredible activities in the run up to Christmas.

From all at RAF High Wycombe, to all in our local community, thank you for your continuing support over 2011 and I wish you all a very merry Christmas.

*Paul Bevan  
RAF Media Communications Officer*