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20 FONC Walk for Health, 10am Village Hall
13 – 17 Half Term holidays
24 Village Hall Quiz, 7pm Village Hall

MARCH

- 6 Parish Council Surgery, 8pm, The Wheel
19 FONC Walk for Health, 10am 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
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		07974 121081
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		elainetuckeret@aol.com
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
Pilates – Catrina Gray	Wednesdays 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Catrina Gray 07908 810489
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Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaise 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scout Group (Naphill & Hughenden)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Peter Byerley 565955
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	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
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Editorial

Here we are in 2012, an important year for the country and, as you will read further on, plenty of opportunities to make the events memorable more locally. Teams of people are already at work planning and organising our celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee and Olympic themed fete.

I really enjoyed the Christmas tree lights this year but I was unaware, until I read Mike Mason's article on page 14, of the origins of our magnificent tree. Do have a read; he makes an inspiring suggestion about commemorating a local hero.

I would like to wish Bon Ami a very happy first Birthday. Read more about their birthday celebrations on page 12.

This month's cover shot was taken just a few days ago, behind Stocking Lane as the sun rose, on a cold and frosty morning. Thank you to Mark of MK1 for getting up so early to take this beautiful picture! Look out next month for FONC's photography competition winner on the cover of the Gazette.

We are delighted to welcome Ian Banks to the Gazette team. He has volunteered to take over as treasurer from David Leith. Thank you Ian. We are still looking for an Advertising Manager. Please do give Sue Fryer a call on 564530 so that she can tell you what's involved. Advertising is a crucial part of the Gazette – it keeps it financially viable and provides us all with a comprehensive directory of local businesses and trades.

And finally, a personal thank you from me to the kind person who found my pink purse and handed it into the Post Office. You made my day!

*Clare Goddard 565065
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'Tempus Fugit'

It is high time we introduced a whiff of Latin to raise the tone of the Gazette, so there is! And how time has flown. It really does not seem like 14 years since I took over as treasurer but a glance at the records shows a change of writing in 1998: the positive proof! And I depart leaving the Gazette financially strong. Certainly the advance of the computer age has led to a drastic fall in the sales of newspapers but village magazines appear to be flourishing especially in lively villages such as Naphill and Walter's Ash. Long may this continue.

So I say farewell with the good news that the cost of the Gazette for 2012 remains at £3 for the year (ten copies). I now look forward to reading future issues of the Gazette appreciating the work going on behind the scenes, both to produce it and deliver it to the discriminating villagers who purchase and read it!

David Leith

County Councillor's Report

I wanted to start my monthly report by wishing all readers a very happy and healthy New Year, which

of course I do, but the Government's announcement that HS2 will go ahead came as a bitter disappointment to me and the many thousands who had campaigned against this High Speed rail line through the Chiltern Hills. The County Council had the unanimous support of members in leading the campaign against the proposed route. It was thought that the money involved would be better spent on enhancing the present network. If a small portion of the capital cost could be allocated to transport improvements across the counties, we could eradicate the bad road surfaces and potholes and have a road and rail network of which to be proud. We must all hope that commonsense will ultimately prevail.

As I have reported on several occasions, fly tipping and illegal dumping are one of the more serious crimes that despoil our countryside, but Enforcement Officers have a new weapon in the war against those who dump their waste in the wrong places. They are making use of a new, innovative tool in the campaign against illegal dumping by using an ultra-violet spray, SelectaDOT, which permanently marks large piles of building rubble, household waste or tyres. This weather-resistant spray, which contains UV markers and 10,000 microdots per canister, sticks to the waste. The pin-head sized microdots are printed with a unique identification number registered to Buckinghamshire County Council which means the rubble can be identified as coming from a particular location. This new technology is going to be a very useful addition to our range of enforcement methods, particularly when dealing with those who have dumped waste previously or are already being investigated. However, we can't be everywhere and we still need members of the public who witness anyone carrying out these offences to come forward and report what they have seen - almost half of our convictions are as a result of witnesses reporting incidents to us. Anyone who sees illegal dumping of waste in Buckinghamshire can report it on the Illegal Dumping Reporting hotline on 0845 330 1856 or via the Council's website:

bucksc.gov.uk/bcc/waste/ea_Report_illegal_dumping.page

An increasing number of gully grates are being stolen from drains across Buckinghamshire. Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) has received reports from across the north of the county that thieves are stealing the grates at a cost to the local community. These are not only costing money to the community as TfB has to replace them, but on higher speed roads the thefts could result in crashes and injuries, especially at night and to users of two wheeled vehicles. The replacement of the grates diverts TfB's crews from other high priority work, using time and resources that are required elsewhere. Thieves will be prosecuted, so if you witness any thefts, please call the police non-emergency number – 101.

On a happier note plans are well ahead for the forthcoming Olympics with Buckinghamshire being a host county with the Rowing Lake at Dorney and the

Paralympics at Stoke Mandeville. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee is being marked in many communities with street parties and beacons in many villages. I do hope that such events will happen locally and that the weather will be kind.

I still have some money in my Community Leaders Fund. I have supported the Widmer End School and the Naphill Luncheon Club but will have to close my list by the end of February. If any village group or organisation requires some financial support to get something started which is useful to the community, please contact me on 564152. If you are not sure if your venture qualifies for support do get in touch with me and we can discuss it.

Richard Pushman

District Councillor Report

Your District Councillors, David Carroll, Audrey Jones and Dory Morgan hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

We continue to keep in touch with and work alongside village groups, residents associations and the Parish Council so that we are kept up to date regarding local issues. If, however, there are any matters that concern you and you would like our assistance please get in touch (details at the end of this article).

We are extremely disappointed with the announcement that the Government is going to push ahead with the plans to develop HS2. We have continued to lobby against the proposal and, as members of the Aylesbury Constituency, voted to withhold funding to central office in protest. There is still a long way to go yet; the introduction of a Bill to Parliament is not expected until late 2013 and there are likely to be several challenges under judicial review. WDC has joined forces with several other local authorities to mount a challenge.

On a more positive note, we are pleased that the tenant led transfer of the WDC housing stock to Red Kite has been achieved. This allows the tenants to take control of their own destiny and gives them a budget of £105m over five years to make improvements to their homes; the knock on effect of this will be the creation of more employment in the district.

*David Carroll 716967, Audrey Jones 563435,
Dory Morgan 562129*

Hughenden Parish Council

Every so often, a year comes along which has the potential to be momentous and 2012 may well be one of those years. With both the Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee to celebrate, it should be a summer to remember and the Parish Council will certainly be doing its bit to encourage events to mark the Jubilee in particular. But as a Council, we will also have other things to consider which may well have a

significant impact on the Parish. Against a backdrop of global economic turmoil, the finances of the Council may not seem significant. But they are crucial in maintaining local quality of life and this year, we will be especially focusing on longer term objectives for the community as well and maintaining your amenities and environment. We therefore hope we will be able to engage more fully with Parish residents to gather ideas and priorities for the future. However, we will also see the final implementation of the Government's Localism Bill. Although this has been published, we have yet to see the detail and as always, the devil will be in the detail. We will also see the Planning Laws change and combined, they have the potential to create the biggest upheaval to community politics for years. This will be a challenging time for the Parish Council, but one we are all looking forward to. Finally, we are planning another of our Councillor 'surgeries' on 6 March where we hope to meet anyone who may have an issue the Council can help with or may just wish to have a chat. As an added incentive, The Wheel pub has very kindly agreed to host this and we will be there from 8–9.30pm.

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

Personal Perspective

My best wishes for the New Year to every reader of the Gazette. When I started some musings of a new Parish Councillor shortly after last year's elections, I had no idea of how much time might be spent on Parish matters. Although the only obligation is to attend the mainly monthly full Council meeting, we all seem to put in much more effort, in a variety of ways. I found it surprising that I needed a break from things over the Christmas and New Year period, although we didn't have a holiday. Luckily there were not many meetings that needed attending, and even the sheer quantity of email messages slackened off significantly. My regular sporting activities, badminton and volleyball, were also discontinued over the period. All this has given me plenty of time to metaphorically recharge batteries.

Most of us have seen on television or read in the papers that the Coalition Government have given their backing to the next stage of creating HS2 – the proposed High Speed rail link, initially between London and Birmingham. Everyone on Hughenden Parish Council believes that the Government's business case is over-optimistic and the environmental harm is under-stated. It does, however, reinforce the fact that any Parish Council has control over only certain issues that affect a locality, though we can try to influence other bodies, like national Government or NGOs (non-governmental organisations). In the case of HS2 we will continue to ask those who make the ultimate decision to reconsider the facts that have been presented to them by organisations like the Chilterns Conservation Board and HS2 Action Alliance.

We had an influx of District Councillors at our last Council meeting. Normally one of our own Parish Councillors, Hugh McCarthy, attends and gives insights into decisions being taken at District Council level, since he also represents the WDC ward of Hazlemere North. In addition to him, on that one evening, we also saw Dory Morgan and David Carroll, the latter being Deputy Leader of WDC; they are two of the three District Councillors for the ward of Greater Hughenden. It gave them a chance to comment on a few issues, including HS2, and for some questions to be asked of them. Please remember that every Parishioner can come along to any of the Parish meetings, simply to observe, or to raise a comment.

You will see elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette a forward notice of our next ward 'surgery', on Tuesday 6 March. All of the Councillors from the Naphill & Walter's Ash 'ward' aim to be present. We will be in the restaurant area in The Wheel between 8pm and 9.30pm, and we will be there just to say 'hello' or to try to answer any local query you might have. We may not be able to respond fully on the night, but we will try to resolve your question, even if it takes more time.

Roger Beavil

Neighbourhood Police News

Useful contacts:

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the NEW non-emergency number, 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office or email us.

lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or daton.beckford@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. On 1 December 2011 19 vehicles were over threshold. The registered keepers of these 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 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.

Hughenden Community Speed Watch (CSW) produced 640 letters in 2011. Motorists are getting the message that it is unacceptable to exceed the speed limit, but the minority still break the law.

Road Related Deaths

On the BBC News website there is a link enabling you to view the number of road related deaths that have occurred in Great Britain between 1999 – 2010. The website allows you to view the data by entering your postcode. If you then zoom in and click on the orange circles you can obtain more specific data, e.g. time, date, location of incident:
bbc.co.uk/news/uk-15975720

Litter

With the holidays over there may be areas that have received reduced waste collections from the local authority. This may cause extra litter to be around. Please help with the collection of small pieces and place them in bins. Alternatively please contact the local council and report such matters.

The Parish is still having problems with litter being thrown from moving vehicles. Please supply details of the vehicle to the police team. Action will be taken. If you see any large amounts of litter or waste, please call either the Neighbourhood Team or Trading Standards at Aylesbury.

Anti-social Behaviour

Information is still being received that individuals from High Wycombe are attending the car park at Hughenden Manor. They are using the car park to wheel spin and race their vehicles around. There has been a decrease in this activity due to targeted patrols from the Neighbourhood Team. Two individuals have been arrested following an incident within the lower car park area. The local operation will continue to run.

On Wednesday the 14 December at 9.30pm two males were parked up in the lower car park at Hughenden Manor. A very strong smell of cannabis was coming from the vehicle the driver was found in possession of a small bag of cannabis and given a £80 ticket.

Other Matters

Thames Valley Police went 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.

As you are aware, Natalie has now left the neighbourhood team for pastures new. You will see the new posters around the Parish with the photograph of the new Community Officer, Daton Beckford. He has joined us from the Chepping Wycombe area. Daton has been a community officer for around four years.

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer*

Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning to 8 January 2012

11/07744/FUL: 9 The Orchard, Naphill. HA for 1st floor rear extension and alterations. **11/07713/VCDN.** Le Flaine (no connection!) Business Centre, Church Lane, Naphill. Variation of Condition 5 (given under W91/5889/FF) to change hours of usage to 0730 – 2030 Mon – Fri, 0800 – 1700 Sats, no Sundays or Bank Holidays. (Concern over extra traffic on well-used footpath and extra noise for neighbours.)

11/07728/FUL: Little Ash School, N&WA School, Kilnwood, Walter's Ash. Erection of free-standing cantilever type canopy to cover paved pedestrian section. **11/07728/FUL:** Hogtrough Farm, Louches Lane, Naphill. HA for detached garage with garden store and log store. (Green Belt/AONB site. Original integral garage was converted in house extension)

11/07945/FUL. Rear of Ernville, Downley Road, Naphill. Erection of 1 x 4 Bedroom house to rear of Ernville. (Concern over back garden development. Inadequate space on shared driveway for additional vehicles.) **11/07948/FUL.** 326 Main Road, Walter's Ash. HA for demolition of existing rear extension and detached garage, and construction of part single storey, part two storey side and rear extension.

The Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash.

Informal Hearing: 1 February 2012 in WDC Committee Room 1. Planning Inspector to consider Appeal by Travellers against WDC refusal of their planning application 11/05644/FUL for permanent encampment on Green Belt/AONB field adjacent to the boundary fence of RAF Air Command.

Land for a lay-by adjacent to Co-op. NAWARA is in further discussions with MoD, Co-op management and Highways on creation of a lay-by adjacent to the Co-op to ease some of the parking problems.

Litter. Concern was expressed at a recent Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meeting about the level of litter in the Parish. We have less litter problems, at present, than other parts of the Parish, but in order to maintain high standards NAG suggests residents might like to ensure the area in front of, and around each property, is kept free from

rubbish. Many householders already do this. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

A request has also been made of the Co-op to help in this 'litter-free-village' initiative by picking up the rubbish, including package-strapping, that appears in their car park.

Overflowing litter bins can be reported to the HPC Clerk (on 715296) or direct to WDC Waste and Cleansing (on 421209) who will have them emptied.

Youth Facilities. David Jarman of NAG is in touch with Dani Bowman, RAF Community Development Officer, regarding possible use of youth facilities at RAF Naphill. There are various sessions for young people during the afternoon. The oldest group 11+ meet from 6pm – 8pm on Mondays. Civilians would need an RAF sponsor to enter the site. Further details will soon be available.

Date of next meeting. 8pm, Thursday, 9 February, Naphill Village Hall

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

May I belatedly wish you all a very Happy New Year, and may it bring good health and happiness to you and your family. Prosperity is unlikely, but you never know.

Our first new year's resolution was to try and get an Internet connection into the Village Hall and this is being investigated, so watch this space. This should not only be helpful for our current hall users but it should be an attractive service for new potential hirers. Fingers crossed it isn't too complicated or pricey.

The work on the roof insulation is booked in for half term week – 13 to 19 February –when the hall has fewer users. If this does upset your booking then we apologise but the work needs doing urgently to maximise the effects of the heating and thus keep our bills down. It will be good to get it done.

The police are trying to clamp down on litter being thrown out of cars. If you see this, then do try to make a note of the car registration number and inform the police. They have a new non-emergency number which is 101. This is designed to take non 999 calls. It can recognise your land line number or work out the position of your mobile phone and put you in touch with the most local police officer to deal with your call. Make a note of the number.

We have at last fixed the stairs up to the loft above the stage and have found a large heavy duty Gazebo which is surplus to our requirements and is thus for sale. If you are interested then do contact us.

Weren't the Christmas Tree lights brilliant again? I just hate it when they have to be turned off. The team did a brilliant job – yet again – in arranging them in such a way that they stood up to the strong

gale force winds that we suffered in the New Year and didn't seem to move at all. Our thanks and congratulations go to them all.

I would also like to thank John Gibbs who used his District Councillors fund to help provide the new goal posts for the Junior Football Club. These are a great improvement for them. Many thanks.

We have plans for significant improvements to the Hall and hope that we are able to progress several of them in 2012. Do please support your Hall and come along to our fund raising events. The next one is the quiz on 24 February. We then have The Big Lunch to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 3 June, followed by The Fete on 23 June. Get those dates in your diary now and come and support us, and have fun.

Sarah Bacon 563479

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Fete Day 2012

23 June: Olympics Theme

The team is back in full swing and organising our Village Fete. The theme this year will be the Olympics and the date is 23 June. We realise this is late this year but the Queen's Diamond Jubilee has meant we needed to move it back so the celebrations don't clash. So we apologise for any inconvenience but please note the date in your diary now.

Please start thinking about the book stall, bric-a-brac stall, tombola and many other stalls that we need donations for. Your help is what make the day such a success. We are also looking for extra volunteers to help so please contact Claire at The Wheel or email us at nwafete@hotmail.com if you want to be part of this dynamic team and help put something back into the village.

We would love to go above and beyond the success we had last year.

The Fete Committee.

Church Services at St Botolph's Bradenham

There is usually an 11 o'clock service on each of the four Sundays in the month. If there is a fifth Sunday this may be held in another church in the Benefice. Services in February are as follows:

5 February 11am Eucharist

12 February 11am Eucharist

19 February 11am Eucharist

26 February 11am Matins

Ash Wednesday – 22 February – Special Service at St Botolph's at 7pm for all congregations in the Benefice. (other churches are : St Lawrence with St Paul, West Wycombe, St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge, St Mary's, Radnage)

The Rector of the Benefice is Revd. Nigel Lacey. He may be contacted on 529988

Peggy Ewart

News from 'Christians in the Community'

Dear friends – we are all so busy that it has been very difficult to re-arrange the meeting from the 31 January to Tuesday 7 February but I hope some of us can make this meeting at the Naphill Methodist Church at 7.30pm. I've tried to arrange this meeting over two weeks and at Church House but in the end have decided that it will be held on the 7th at Naphill Methodist's.

God bless

Norma Clarke

Naphill Evening WI

A few years ago, one of our WI speakers said "Try saying 'Yes' rather than 'No'. You may find that you actually enjoy the challenge." So here I am after saying "Yes" to writing the report for the Gazette.

At the time of writing we have recently enjoyed our Christmas Party, which included a delicious three-course meal with coffee and mints. When we arrived we were ushered into the rear hall and served fizzy, mulled cranberry juice with nibbles. We were then allowed into the main hall, which had been completely transformed with tables laid with white cloths and flower arrangements with candles and the biggest crackers I have seen in a long time. The committee served us with wine, which had so kindly been donated by Jessie Higham to celebrate her special birthday earlier in the year. (Unfortunately, Jessie had to go home unwell and missed our enjoyment.)

Special thanks were given to Marion Lawrence for organising the excellent catering, as well as congratulations to Sally Woodbridge, who won the cup for the most competition entries. Jenny Price told us of the success of the Christmas Fayre. At the end of the evening, the flower arrangements were added to the raffle prizes and Jenny wished us all a Very Happy Christmas.

Then there was the Sherry and Mince Pie evening with the Carols (Carole O'Neill and me) on 16 December. Snow last year, blizzards this year, but I hope a good evening was had by all who came

Meet your local Parish Councillors

We would like to invite all Naphill and Walter's Ash residents to our next 'surgery' to discuss any issues where the Council may be able to help.

**TUESDAY 6 MARCH 8pm – 9pm
in THE WHEEL pub**

(including quite a few of our men folk).

Our first meeting of 2012 will be on 19 January and will be a talk on Women on the Home Front in WWI. This will be an Open Meeting.

A couple of dates for the Food Appreciation Group are: Wednesday 29 February – tea at Hildreth's Garden Centre Cafe, organiser Jo Keatch and Monday 26 March – evening meal at The Spade Oak, Bourne End, organiser Jessie Higham.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Carol Gilliam

Naphill Neighbours

The Christmas festivities are over and we are into the New Year. We all enjoyed our traditional meal on 12 December and we were well entertained by Ann Swaithe. The Christmas Carol Singalong at the Royal Albert Hall was great fun and the atmosphere was wonderful.

Our first meeting took place on 9 January when we had a very interesting talk by David Church about the Bucks County Museum in Aylesbury, which was accompanied by slides.

Our President, Sheila Rolfe, informed our members of the trips we have planned for the year. On Friday 27 April, there will be a day trip to Exbury Gardens in Hampshire, a lovely spot on the Beaulieu Estuary, then on Wednesday 4 July, we will spend the day at Althorp, the family home of the Princess of Wales and on Thursday 23 August, there will be a half day trip to Broughton Castle. If you are interested in any of these trips, make sure you make a note of the dates in your diaries.

Our meeting this month is on Monday 13 February when Peggy Verral will speak on 'Thomas Cavan and The Foundling Hospital'. Tea hostesses will be Shirley Clark, Jean Perfect, Margaret Cole and Kathy Parkinson. We look forward to welcoming you on the night.

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Our next event is our 'Dinner and Entertainment' evening on Friday 9 March.

Doors open at 7.15pm and we will have the usual wine and soft drinks bar. Tickets are now available and cost just £15, including a glass of wine and Society Membership for 2012. So if you would like to join us in the Village Hall for this popular event, give me a call.

The menu will be a choice of:

Chicken, Leek and Parsley Pie or Beef Stroganoff or Mushroom Strudel (vegetarian), all served with New Potatoes with Butter, Peas with Garlic and Bacon and Roasted Vegetables.

And for dessert either Steamed Treacle Pudding and Custard or Chocolate Caramel Terrine with a Tia Maria Sauce

Tea and Coffee will follow. I am delighted to say that Voice Versa are returning to entertain us after dinner, so we should be in for a good night. Members and non-members are all very welcome, but I must have final numbers and menu choices by 2 March. Tickets always sell fast – so don't wait to be invited, just pick up the phone!

Finally, an early reminder that on Monday 19 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.

See you all on 9 March.

Cathryn Carter 563233

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

We are looking forward to a busy year ahead. By the time this appears our Open Meeting and AGM will be over and our new committee will have begun to assemble a programme of events for the coming months. I can't anticipate what will be decided but it is likely to include another Mini-beast Safari, a bat identification walk, a butterfly walk to try to spot our purple emperors and several other events including, of course, our popular monthly Walks for Health. A full list will soon appear on our web site and notice boards, and it will be in next month's Gazette. Congratulations again to the winners of the photographic competition.

We will hold working parties on the first and third Sunday each month, starting at 10 am., usually gathering at the Common end of Forge Road. These will continue until mid-March when we stop so as to avoid disturbing nesting birds. We will clear more paths and continue with the work on the Clumps. Please come and join in the work. I feel sure that those who have seen the effect of clearing the paths on to the Common from the end of Chapel Lane will agree that great improvements can be made by an hour or two of invigorating work.

Our Historical and Archaeological Group (HAG) will continue its work investigating various aspects of the Common's past. We have already surveyed what remains of the WW2 tank tracks and assembled a collection of photographs and documents concerned with the building and repair of the Churchill tanks at the Broom and Wade factory in High Wycombe. We hope to enrich this study with recordings of some local people's memories. There are many other aspects of the history and archaeology of the Common, including the Clumps and the Romano-British (?) farmstead, that are waiting to be explored, so if you would like to join in please contact Kevin Bennett (tel. 568689) who is heading the group.

As we have mentioned before, the West Wycombe Estate, who own most of the Common, has tentative

plans to undertake some management activities. These may include some scrub clearance and tree felling, but also care of the veteran trees and other features. The Forestry Commission, Natural England and the Chiltern Conservation Board, together with the Estate's agents, Wessex Woodland Management, are all involved in the planning. The Friends of Naphill Common are watching these proposals closely and, at the request of the group, have already produced a long list of significant features that need to be protected if any felling takes place, together with a detailed map. We will keep you informed as the scheme develops.

Our walks for health, led by Ron Collins, all start from the Village Hall at 10am on the following Mondays: 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. The rest of our programme will appear soon.

We are lucky to have one of the biggest and best commons in the Chilterns: something that has helped to shape and characterise our village. It is important that we protect and improve it for everyone's enjoyment; now and for future generations. These are tough times, but there are good reasons for optimism. The Chiltern Conservation Board's Chiltern Commons Project is now well underway with the aim of enhancing all of the commons in the Chiltern area, and voluntary groups such as ours can do a lot, armed only with a genuine concern for our environment, clear thinking and enthusiasm. Why not join in?

Trevor Hussey

Naphill Tennis Club

Sunday morning club sessions start at 1 pm during January/February. In case of frost on the courts earlier in the day. Chance for a 'lie-in' did I hear you say? However, Tuesday and Wednesday club sessions remain the same with the usual 10am start.

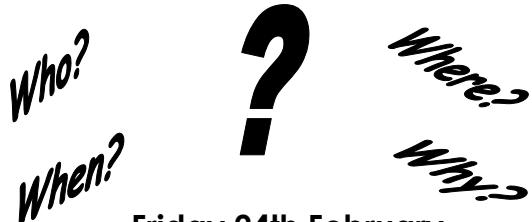
Our 'Festive Tennis with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies' just before Christmas was a great success and was followed by a 'Bring and Share Lunch' in the club-house for those able to stay. Non-playing spouses and partners also joined us.

We are now enjoying the (so far) mild winter and have had a good turn-out of players at club sessions. Is it perhaps an urge to shed a few calories after all those mince-pies or the chance to enjoy a little fresh air and exercise as Red Kites wheel overhead? One recent lady visitor was obviously impressed as she's now joined the club!

Remember, Naphill Tennis Club functions all the year round. If you are in doubt about the weather or would like more information on our activities, please call me on 01494 565406.

Jenny Tench

NAPHILL Village Hall Quiz



Friday 24th 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)

Happy New Year from The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

Mark, Claire and all the staff would like to wish everyone in Naphill and Walter's Ash a very happy and prosperous New Year. We hope that everyone had a fabulous festive season. We had a brilliant month with lots of Christmas parties and bookings which meant our new restaurant area was very well used by locals and companies and it helped to make the festive season extra special. We also had the ability to hold carol singing in the new area and for the first time had a real Christmas tree. Santa joined us again this year and was in his normal state over his very busy period.

The Christmas draw was held as usual and the prizes were 1st – £250, 2nd – £120 and 3rd – £62 I'm pleased to say that all prizes were won by locals. The Barrel sweep total was 1044 firkin barrels over the year and was won by Alan who got £174. Those regular customers with dogs will know that unfortunately our dogs got kennel cough over the Christmas period which meant no one could come in with their dogs. Thankfully we are now clear and back to being a dog friendly pub again, so back to normal.

We would like to congratulate Mark and Sarah on the birth on Emily and Emma and Dave on the birth of Rebecca. We welcome them to the world and the pub as new regulars. In January we also held two

game nights again with a specific menu in the new restaurant and for the first time we held Burns Night. I will update you on how it went in the next edition as we have booked some bag pipes and organised the addressing of the haggis which will be read by Jim one of our locals from High Wycombe Rugby Club.

So what have we got coming up over the next few months?

- Senior citizens menu available alongside our specials board and normal menu
- Lunchtime deals
- Fish nights are planned in the restaurant
- Valentine's Day 14 February: specific menu for the restaurant
- Start of the 6 Nations Rugby: 4 February through to March
- St Patricks Day celebrations on 17 March
- Mothers Day: 18 March (book early)
- Beer Festival: 13 – 14 April

We have lots planned again this year so please come and join us. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Claire and Mark

Black Lion Naphill

blacklionnaphill.com

Happy New Year from the Black Lion Team and thank you once again for your continued support and custom over Christmas and New Year. Our Christmas meals proved very popular and we were very busy for the entire December period. But now that we have taken down the decorations it's time to move onto 2012.

What an exciting programme we have lined up for everyone, starting with our Sunday Quiz nights running every fortnight from 8 January. The Quiz will alternate between general knowledge and music. Saturday 28 January is our Charity Race Night when we will be donating half of the proceeds to the local sports clubs of Naphill and Walter's Ash and Lacey Green. The evening starts at 7.30pm and we will be serving a special menu to complement the evening's racing. You can reserve a table by phoning 01494 563176. If you are a local Business, why not sponsor a horse or become a Race Sponsor and promote your company whilst supporting the sports clubs of the local villages?

Moving onto February we will be launching our new menu with lots of new and exciting meals available. Also following the success of our November Cask Ale Month we have decided to run another Cask Ale month for February.

If all that wasn't enough, we have more! A completely new and original early evening food promotion called 'Beat the Clock'. The promotion will run throughout February, Monday to Thursday between 5pm and 6.30pm. We will be operating a special menu during that time and you will pay whatever time the clock says at the time of your

order, so if you order your meal at 5.17pm you pay £5.17 but if you order the same item at say 6.15pm you pay £6.15. So the earlier you dine the less you pay. Saves mum cooking for the kids after a hard day's work or just treat yourself to an early evening meal. That's all for now, but just a final note to thank the entire villages of Naphill, Walter's Ash and Lacey Green for their continued support. It really is very much appreciated.

Bob, Martin, Jack, Tim and Mike plus all of the team

Bon Ami is One Year Old!

Happy Birthday!

Firstly Happy New Year to everyone. We hope you all had a very Happy Christmas time.

Can you believe it, Bon Ami is one year old! We celebrate the anniversary of our opening on 2 February. In many ways the year has rushed by. Although it's been hard work Amanda and I have thoroughly enjoyed the year. It is so lovely to meet all of you and to feel part of our community. Please join us, if you are able, to share our birthday cake on 2 February.

We also look forward to Valentine's Day when we will ensure we have some topical cakes in our cabinet.

Amanda Hall and Ruth Bond

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.

Naphill Mother and Toddler Group Events 2012

- 19 January Hand and Footprint painting: Let's get messy!
- 23 February Biscuit Decorating: Getting creative with icing and decorating those biscuits.
- 22 March Making Easter Cards: Decorating cards and bunnies etc
- 29 March 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.
- 17 May Queen's Jubilee: Making and decorating crowns to help us celebrate on the big day.
- 21 June Cookery: Making peppermint creams.
- 19 July Teddy Bears Picnic: A normal toddlers afternoon and depending on the weather tea with our teddies in the garden.
- 20 September Photographer: Barbara from Ann Satham photography will be with us for mums to pop in and have their children photographed.

- 17 October Halloween celebrations: Come and join us for some spooky fun.
- 15 November Bouncy Fun: Something a little bit different with a bouncy inflatable for the little ones to play on.
- 20 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 the playgroup. There will be a £7.50 charge for this party.

Louise Lucas 488255

Little Ash Preschool

We had a wonderful Nativity performance and Christmas party in December which all the children loved. We are now back into a routine at preschool and are very pleased to have a few new children starting this term.

As always we are very grateful to the parents and volunteers in the community who offer their assistance throughout the year. We would like to especially thank Manor Garage who have sponsored our high-viz vests again this year. Their continued support is very much appreciated. We would like to remind parents to have children wear their high-viz vests to and from the preschool.

Please help us with fundraising by doing your shopping with easyfundraising.org.uk. Use 'Naphill Preschool'.

Barbara Chambers 563832

barbarachambers@nawapreschool.com

Scout & Guide HQ Fundraising Quiz Night

Run by the Viper Explorer Scouts
to raise money for HQ Maintenance
& group equipment

Friday 24 February at 7:30, questions start 7:45
in the Scout & Guide HQ,
behind Naphill Village Hall

Tickets £10, hot supper included
Bring your own drink and nibbles
Raffle on the night

For tickets or further information
contact Nick George at
nick.george40@virgin.net
or 01494 562846

Donation of raffle prizes will be welcomed

Naphill Brownies

Happy New Year everyone.

2012 is looking like being an exciting year, what with the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics. The Guiding and Scouting Organisations have plenty of plans in the making for those of us involved, so we are looking forward to an action-packed year.

We Brownies are starting the year off with a look at 'World Cultures'. We shall be trying crafts and activities from a variety of countries around the world. This ties in nicely with Chinese New Year at the end of January and World Thinking Day on 22 February which has us thinking of all the Brownies and Guides the 145 countries around the world where there are Guides and Girl Scouts.

We are delighted to welcome a new adult helper, Ellie to our team. She has joined us this term along with five new Brownies. We hope they will all enjoy Brownies as much as the rest of us

Ruth Daly

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Michael George Woodley

Wendy would like to thank neighbours and friends for their messages of sympathy and support on the sad loss of Michael.

Fireworks

The fireworks display seems like a long time ago now, however I would like to correct an omission. In my article in the last Gazette regarding the fireworks I omitted to thank the two village pubs, The Wheel and The Black Lion, for their sponsorship of the beer for the event. So a belated thanks to you both.

*Andrew Wilmot, Chairman
2011 Naphill Fireworks Committee*

Naphill Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

The lead climber, once more, was Mike Leggett. He was ably assisted up the tree by Tom Oxnard – the extra pair of hands proving most useful. Mark Blamey of Lacey Green drove the cherry picker and he was assisted on high by Stephen Fountain of Widmer End. David Greenwood and Kevin Oxnard were at the top of a tall ladder for some time, David to tie up the ends of the garlands and Kevin to untie them. The team on the ground was Gary Putnam of Holmer Green, John Harris, Ron Collins, Terry Aldridge, Peter Brown, Peter Davis, Henry Oxnard, Glenn Gavin and myself. One innovation this time was that we put the 800 bulbs into the 20 garlands in the Village Hall the evening before we put the lights up. Working on a long line of tables in the warm with the sleeves covering the sockets softened by the heat made the task much easier.

We put up the lights on the 26 November and took them down on the 7 January. We were blessed with good weather for the time of year and things went smoothly, with great relief all round. When the garlands and bulbs were checked and tested afterwards it was found that there was some damage caused by the gales, but it was not too serious.

We must express our gratitude to Arbourotech Services Ltd of Downley Road who provided the cherry picker at no charge. The cherry picker is a key item, reducing the strain on the climbers at the top of the tree and reducing damage to the garlands and bulbs, which are placed in position rather than being hauled up through the branches. We must also express our gratitude to Mike Leggett who ascended the tree on three more occasions to adjust the garlands so that they were evenly spaced and the display made as good as possible. And to John Harris who helped with the lights for the 25th time. It certainly helps to have a team containing many members who are very experienced. Thanks must also be given to Claire from The Wheel who brought out a tray of sandwiches which were very much appreciated, to Marlène Mason who provided the freshly-cooked mince pies and coffee, to Cathryn Carter who distributed the collection boxes throughout the villages and to you, the public, who made generous contributions to the cost of the lights.

The tree was 75 years old in 2011. It was a gift of Dilly Knox who lived in Walter's Ash. He was a code-breaker extraordinaire. Together with another code-breaker he decoded the Zimmerman telegram in the First World War – which had the result that the USA entered the war, victory was gained and the carnage was brought to an end earlier than might have been expected. In the Second World War he worked at Bletchley Park and decoded the Enigma machine, helping to ensure victory and shortening that war also. He died of cancer in 1943 and is buried in woods near to his house. His family did not know what his profession was because of the need for secrecy. We now know and it might be a good idea for his memory to be honoured by a plaque or statue at the Village Hall, in tribute to the man who probably did more than anyone else to ensure victory in two World Wars and to end the carnage. I'm just floating the idea. What do you think?

Mike Mason
mike.mason@rya-online.net 563225

Thank You to the Christmas Lights Team

Weren't the lights spectacular again this year? So many people have commented on how wonderful they looked, and how the tree reminds them of a giant Christmas pudding! I was amazed at how well they stood up to the fierce winds we had at the end of December.

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.

The biggest thanks go to everyone who contributed towards the lights by putting a donation in one of the boxes that were in all the local pubs and businesses. Even with the current economic situation people were incredibly generous and the total in the boxes this year was a fantastic £380.15, which goes a long way towards the running costs and insurance for Mike and his team.

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

Cathryn Carter

Village Website

Over the Christmas and New Year we have made a few amendments to the village web site to make it easier to find information. The heading 'Village Life' now lists all the local clubs and organisations, with brief information and contact details. Under 'Local Business' you will find the search facility for everyone who advertises in the Gazette. So, for example, if you type in plumber you will get details of everyone who advertises plumbing services. 'Useful Links' is a listing of places to visit, local interest groups, transport information, local council contacts, sports and leisure and general information and advice. To get items added or amended please contact me judy@judyq.demon.co.uk.

I would like to thank David Kidger from Squidge Inc. (squidgeinc.com) website development and production for once again volunteering his time on behalf of the village. I would also like to thank djguk47 and Thorskeggja for the lovely photos they have posted on our Flickr group. You can view these from the link on our home page naphill.org.uk.

Please do send me any diary dates for the village calendar and news items that you want posted on the site. These need to be a maximum of 140 characters. To be made aware of news items you can follow us on [@naphillwa](https://twitter.com/naphillwa).

Judy Whitehouse 562742

Blood Donation

The Blood Donor team will be at the Village Hall on the following dates in 2012:

- 16 March
- 25 May
- 29 June
- 7 September
- 19 October

It is recommended that you make an appointment by calling 0300 123 23 23 or visit blood.co.uk. If you turn up on the day without an appointment you may face quite a long wait.

Bob Davis 563846

From the family of Rose Alabaster

Rose Alabaster sadly passed away on 25 November 2011. Rose had lived on Main Road, Naphill for 56 years. She moved to Naphill from Ealing and over the years had seen many changes in the village.

At first she was unsure of her new life in the 'country', pushing her new baby out in the pram along the grass verge; no busy Main Road to contend with then! But she soon grew to love this village and the familiar faces that she so enjoyed and was reminiscent of.

She was married to her beloved Cliff for 60 years. They had met whilst both working at Hoovers in Perivale and eventually moved out to the 'sticks' of Naphill. Their three children Robert, Caroline and Sara grew up in Naphill, two of whom were born at home at the bungalow on Main Road. She saw her children through three village schools starting at the original Naphill Church School, Louches Lane, Naphill First School, Pursells Meadow and then Naphill and Walters Ash school. A founder member of Naphill Neighbours and an active participant of other Village Hall activities, she thoroughly enjoyed her exercise class there in later years. She was also very appreciative of the annually lit village Christmas tree.

Rose was a much adored wife, Mum, Nanna and Great-Nanna and the cornerstone of our family. A lovely lady, who will be sorely missed.

A Watery History

Back to Friday 6 January. It was a dry and calm day following the previous days of high winds and the doggy walkers were out in great numbers walking in Hughenden Park, near the Church area. My daughter and her friend were amongst them when they witnessed one of the very large trees split in two and crash to the ground creating a thunderous noise. Luckily no one was near it (see the photo, which I took two days after). Now I wonder what caused this sad happening? Was it previously affected by lightning at some time or, given that it has been a dry year (it's sad to see our Hughenden stream dried up), perhaps the tree lacked water? Perhaps the National Trust will give us a reason why this large tree crashed down because the trunk looked quite healthy. I have recently been reading the Hughenden Church monthly Parish Magazine for September 1898, which I was given. The following was reported by the Parish Council:

'The Brands Fee Committee of the Parish Council decided to take advantage of the dry weather to have



Fallen tree in
Hughenden Park

Cryer's Hill pond cleared out; work which is much needed. This has now been done thoroughly and when the long expected rain comes there will be plenty of room for water. The pond will not stand in need of further attention for years to come. The drought all through last month, the continued dry weather and the want of water on the hills has caused very great inconvenience. Even the wells in the valley have threatened to run dry and not for many years have the springs been known to be so low. So far as is possible water has been sent up to Naphill but the fact that there is no water in the stream in the park has made it a more difficult matter than usual. The Parish is much indebted to Mr Kimber for the free use of the pump at Church Farm. As we write these lines the rain seems to be coming at last; may it continue?

January 1899. For the third year in succession, January has been a mild month. The rainfall, however, was largely in excess of the average and the springs in consequence have begun to rise. For the past two months a good many wells in the valley have been dry and just after Christmas it was found necessary to sink the well at the alms-houses to the extent of nearly four feet.'

So, going back 110 years, there was a great shortage of water and the Hughenden stream dried up. Today we take our water supply for granted. We turn our taps on and have daily showers and are perhaps wasteful with it. The population is growing, putting more drain on our resources, so perhaps we should be more careful with it in many ways. For example, turning off the tap whilst cleaning our teeth. We are so lucky. To think how our ancestors suffered and experienced the water shortages in those past years. I started this article on the tree crashing in the park so must mention what a wonderful sight our village tree has been again this Christmas. Thanks to Mike Mason and his team who make this possible every year. Thanks also to Dilly Knox (of Bletchley Park fame) for donating it to the village. His history has been in the Village History Exhibitions that I have held in the Village Hall.

Wednesday 11 January 2012: Have had a report on TV warning of a water shortage in the South of England due to the dry seasons that we have had ...

Pam Smith

Coles & Blackwell

May I take this opportunity to add to many plaudits and compliments that are frequently directed at Coles & Blackwell.

When my car required attention immediately before the Christmas holiday, it came as no surprise to receive the usual high level of courtesy and service. However, the subsequent offer of back-up if required to ensure that I could continue to make daily visits to see my wife in hospital over the Christmas period, was far beyond anything that I could reasonably expect.

Whilst I did not need to take any advantage of the offer, the kind and sincere reassurance was priceless. To the management of Coles & Blackwell, many thanks.

Tony Bowler

Our Beautiful Language part 3

The misuse of 'me' in Part 2 gives me a useful link to one of my own hobby horses. One often hears "me and 'im" as in "me and 'im was just mucking about". One should never put oneself first. That does not mean it is better to say "im and me was just mucking about". "He and I were just mucking about" is what is required here.

This use of 'was' instead of 'were' illustrates the difficulty some have with the treatment of singular and plural. If the word 'and' or a number is used it usually (but not always) follows that the verb needs the plural form. Thus it is wrong to say "ice and snow is moving eastwards". Either "ice and snow are moving..." or "a band of ice and snow is moving...". Sadly it is also the case that those who ought to know better can frequently be heard to say for instance "There is two problems!" rather than "There are two problems". If one watches tennis on TV one is almost bound to hear "Those kind of strokes" instead of "those kinds of stroke" or "that kind of stroke".

Quantities also cause confusion. If a quantity is singular as in sun, sand, sugar, beer etc. then the quantity is the amount. If on the other hand something is theoretically countable then the quantity is a number. So:

"a number of people" not, as often heard, "an amount of people". If you have drunk them, it is "a number of beers".

A smaller amount is less. A smaller number is fewer. There are not 'less people'. There are 'fewer people'.

Paul Ceurvorst.

Bêtes Noires

'Name Withheld' issued a challenge for readers to list their language Bêtes Noires. I have a few and I am sure most readers will have a few of their own. Three simple ones first:

1. The expression 'one pence'. Pence is the plural of penny, so one penny or two or more pence. Even Victoria Hollings on the BBC 6 O'clock News on Sunday the 8th made that error.
2. The miss use of myriad. There are myriad stars in the sky. Yes, but there are myriads of stars in the sky. Definitely NO. Myriad is an adjective like many, who ever would say there are manys of stars in the sky?
3. The mixing up of 'comprising' and 'consisting of'. It seems many people do not know which to use so compromise with 'comprising of' There is no circumstance when this is correct.



Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale

Saturday 3rd March Naphill Village Hall 2pm

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

No furniture or electrical goods please.

The real hobby horse, which prompted me to put ink-jet to paper, is the mathematically incorrect use of 'times more' when in fact they mean 'times as much'. Three times more is actually four times as much. For example, once more, is a total of twice, or two times as much. Even more mathematically incorrect is the negative. How often have you heard someone say something like 'three times less'? This is a complete nonsense. Once less leaves zero, so 'three times less' is actually minus two! I can only assume that they mean 'one third'. Any alternative suggestions?

Richard Field

Alarmist Article

I completely agree that dog owners need to clear up after their dogs. Nonetheless, I feel that the article 'Is your dog causing neighbours' children to suffer' in the December – January Gazette was potentially alarmist for parents. The bulk of the article was an extract from an article by Keep Britain Tidy and whilst it readily quotes statistics about the number of dogs in the UK and the tonnage of dog excrement produced each day, it fails to mention the rather important fact that Toxocariasis is a rare condition, with an average of 10 cases occurring each year in England. Due to advances in medicine, longer term health complications are now extremely rare. (www.nhs.uk)

Lyn Ryan states that this is not a campaign against dogs yet no mention is made either of the fact that toxocariasis is also caught from cat and fox

excrement. My neighbours have never offered to come into my garden and clear up after their cats. It is not just dog owners who need to see the wider picture.

Caroline Allen

Scannappeal

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New Game Launch

Naphill boy Daniel DaRocha of Toxic Games has launched a new game – check out his web site toxicgames.co.uk and download game qube-game.com

RAF High Wycombe NEWS

May I start by wishing all of our readers a Happy New Year from all at RAF High Wycombe.

Things are already busy at what we like to think is the Premier Station in the RAF; RAF Coningsby and Marham may have their fast jets, RAF Benson has its helicopters but it's here where the support network starts – a beautiful little piece of the Chilterns that we call home. Considering the administrative unit of RAF High Wycombe has approximately two hundred personnel to support a headquarters staff of over two thousand it is no surprise we are proud of what we achieve.

An RAF Station is much like a local village or community, and as such we enjoy similar things to the community on our return to work after the Christmas break. The gym is busy, tea bars are full of biscuits and boxes of chocolates left over from the Christmas break and there is at least one office that I have noticed with an errant bauble hanging in that hard to reach place – no doubt it will remain there until the Christmas festivities start again at the end of the year.

So, if an RAF Station is so similar to the community, what is the talk of the town this January?

2012 is the year of the London Olympics, a great year for Great Britain and a real chance to showcase what we have to offer. Over 7,000 Service Personnel will be involved in the Games in one way or another – a fine example of the diversity of employment we are always ready to undertake. I have no doubt our Physical Training Instructors are sitting in their tea bar already (chocolate and biscuits free zone) hatching plans for some dastardly event that will stretch us to our physical limit whilst they stand on the side lines looking handsome and toned.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations will be also be at the forefront of our calendars; an excellent opportunity to celebrate the pomp and ceremony of being British. Our Community Development Officer, Danielle Bowman, is already hatching plans to celebrate the Jubilee with a families party; we will of course be looking forward to helping the community of Naphill throughout the year with their own celebrations.

Paul Bevan
RAF Media Communications Officer

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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
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
Pilates – Catrina Gray	Wednesdays 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Catrina Gray 07908 810489
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 Leflaise 563634 glorialefraise@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	Richard Adams 07782 328148. richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Tuesdays 1.30–2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
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Collections	£ 2,002.00	£ 2,598.80	Computer	£ 68.18	£ 32.99
Small Adverts	£ 624.00	£ 768.00	Postage	£ 35.00	£ 19.36
Donations	£ 510.00	£ 557.00	Petrol	£ 45.00	£ 40.00
Interest	£ 1.37	£ 0.86	Phone	£ 10.00	£ 2.10
Total	£ 8,849.37	£ 9,192.66	Total	£ 8,063.81	£ 8,275.94
			Surplus	£ 785.56	£ 916.72

Editorial

Congratulations to the FONC photography competition winners! I am delighted to be able to use the photograph taken by Sheila Bottomley, the main competition winner, for our front cover.

I would like to thank Alan Lewis for stepping forward as the new Advertising Manager for the Gazette. His contact details can be found on page one. Thank you to the departing Advertising Manager, Sue Fryer, for the time you have given to the Gazette.

If you are a child and you have a piece of work that you would like to see in the Gazette, please send it in – pictures, stories, photographs are all welcome.

Clare Goddard 565065
gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk

Treasurer's Annual Report

The accounts for last year show that the Gazette remains financially healthy. Income from adverts was higher overall but unfortunately the amount collected in subscriptions was down by 20%. Printing costs were slightly down as well, but with the potential rise in the cost of paper, this cost will rise this year. Other costs were up on the previous year, but this was because some costs for the previous year were not claimed until last year.

I would like to thank my predecessor for his excellent stewardship of the finances and his accounting records.

Ian Banks

County Councillor's Report

In the UK we throw away one third of the food we buy: we cook or prepare too much, we half-finish food, or we let it go off, says the Love Food Hate Waste campaign. Recruitment has just started for volunteer Community Food Champions to spread the 'love food hate waste' message around their communities, and to encourage residents to 'eat local' and 'grow your own'. February marked the start of a recruitment drive by the county and District

Councils to build a corps of volunteer Community Energy Champions to help residents save money and improve the environment.

Also on the horizon is a Waste Partnership 'Love Where You Live' campaign to encourage pride in people's communities, with an emphasis on attitudes towards litter and action against litter. Buckinghamshire Councils spent £4 million collecting around 6,500 tonnes of litter in 2010/11, which cost the County Council another £500,000 in disposal and landfill tax.

It's going to be easier to get a bus to Stoke Mandeville Hospital and from Aylesbury to Princes Risborough and High Wycombe thanks to changes being brought in to the bus network in the Vale. From 5 February, there are going to be small changes to timetables designed to improve reliability. The alterations are based on information on actual running times from the Real Time Information System and include a new higher frequency of services on Arriva's Line 300 to cope with demand. Line 300, is one of Buckinghamshire's most popular routes and services will now run up to every fifteen minutes on weekdays. Between Aylesbury to Princes Risborough, most journeys will now run direct along the A4010 via Little Kimble.

I have now completed the distribution of my Community Leaders Fund and have supported the

PIN-UP DIARY DATES

MARCH

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| 2 | WI Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm, £2 |
| 6 | Parish Council Surgery, 8pm, The Wheel |
| 9 | Horticultural Society Annual Dinner, Village Hall, 7.15pm, £15 |
| 19 | FONC Walk for Health, 10am Village Hall |
| 19 | Horticultural Society AGM, Small Village Hall, 8pm |

Widmer End School Association in their funding of the Adventure Trail and school library fund, the Naphill Luncheon Club, The Friends of Naphill Common, Risborough Junior Golf instruction and the Widmer End 'Big Picnic' in support of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. I have also made money available for the Broad Band initiative at Naphill Village Hall, and special school readers for Naphill and Walters Ash school. All these projects are supporting volunteers in their work for the general community within my County Division and I thank all those organisers for their dedication and hard work.

Richard Pushman

Hughenden Parish Council

I have recently been wondering how long you can be in a job and still call yourself 'new'? I've now been Clerk to Hughenden Parish Council for five months and there is still so much to learn that I am sure I will remain the 'new' Clerk for some time yet. I have come into a Council with many brand new Councillors too, so it has been great that we are all still learning together. To help us get to know each other a little better we recently had a bit of a 'team building session' clearing out Vincent's Pond in Naphill. This is owned and maintained by the Parish Council and it needed some attention to help protect the Great Crested Newts we have in it. It was fantastic to see Councillors getting well and truly stuck into their Parish, though the smell of the sludge and weed we pulled out is still lingering in my nostrils!

As with so many Councils, HPC was determined to make sure it kept its budget to the same level this year. In fact, when it came to deciding what we would need in 2012/13 the Council has managed to come in a little lower than last year but is confident it will still maintain the same level of service. The Councillors are also all keen to ensure that we involve the people who use our services in helping us find savings and better ways of doing things. We are particularly keen at the moment to hear from anyone of our allotment tenants on how they think we can reduce the cost of providing the allotments which are currently heavily subsidised by the Council. If you're an allotment tenant with an idea please email me on hughendenpc@btconnect.com or call 01494 715296.

*Charlotte Watts
Clerk of the Council*

Hughenden Parish Councillor's Report

We are pleased to be able to announce that the Parish Council has been successful in obtaining a grant of £5,000 from the North West Chilterns Local Area Forum to help set up a Vehicle Activated Sign system. You are likely to have seen the one next to the Louches Lane allotments which brightly flashes a '30 – Slow Down' warning if any car approaches above that speed. These types of sign are in use all

over the country and have proved an effective measure in changing people's behaviour when it comes to speeding in rural areas. Of course, they will not change the mentality of those who have no respect for speed limits and treat Main Road as a drag strip, but they are proven to make people think more about their speed and to lead to an overall fall in average speeds. The Council has now set up a Working Party to consider which equipment will be best suited to its needs as the intention is to obtain two such signs and then move them around the villages. Generally, they are battery operated, so they will need community support to help with changing and charging the batteries. We will also have to abide by Bucks County Council Highways constraints to ensure they are safely operated and sited. The Council will be working closely with NAG on this project as they have been extremely active with speed reduction, in particular, through the operation of the Community Speedwatch programme.

We have previously mentioned that the Council has set up a Jubilee Working Party. This has now met and agreed a number of actions that can be seen in the minutes of 14 February Council meeting. These include the purchase of a large amount of bunting and trees with commemorative stones for the wards and the erection of a flagpole to fly a Union Jack and County flag. We expect widespread celebrations throughout the Parish on this day and hope everyone gets the chance to join in.

Finally, we just want to mention the Vincent's Pond project. Five Councillors and the Clerk got together on a recent Sunday and spent half a day cleaning up the pond. This received good coverage in the Bucks Free Press and we would recommend that people go and have a look to see the difference and enjoy the amenity.

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

Personal Perspective

Regular readers of this column will know that I'm trying to give a feel for what you might expect if you come to a Parish meeting, decide to seek election at some point in the future, or wish to get involved in some other way. We all have to juggle our time, for family and friends, work, Church, leisure interests, and so on. Being involved in Parish affairs means that we have more spinning plates or batons in the air than previously.

Meetings regularly last several hours, before which we have to read through significant quantities of reports. One requirement of a Councillor is to remain mentally active even at 11pm! But it needs the agreement of those assembled to extend a meeting beyond 10.30pm; sometimes we defer something to the next scheduled meeting and occasionally we try to get diaries together to squeeze in some additional (or 'extraordinary') meeting. We regularly use three sub-committees, each with fewer participants than at

Full Council, which can spend more time discussing the detail of some aspect of Parish life, again which you can attend if you wish. Their recommendations eventually come to Full Council for approval, rejection or amendment.

At our most recent Full Council meeting, for instance, we looked at a variety of topics. A summary of correspondence received since the last meeting was given, including subscription requests. Time was spent hearing the background involved in possible legal implications relating to 'allotments for the labouring poor'. We considered how the Parish could help in a 'community contingency plan'. Road safety issues dominated for a while. A variety of reports were given, from various committees and working parties, as well as from those who had attended meetings of 'outside bodies', and recommendations considered.

Where necessary some confidential items are considered without members of the public being present: for instance, when considering remuneration details or financial implications of contractors to the Parish. Occasionally we come across a situation where an issue would otherwise have to be considered by more than one of these sub-committees before being presented to Full Council and where a more sensible approach is to simply use Full Council for both the detailed work and final conclusions.

I've mentioned 'working parties' before, which can contain any number of interested people, drawn from Councillors and from members of outside bodies. Their detailed work on a particular topic will usually involve small numbers, and they report to one of our various committees. We will see results from these bodies over time, and their scope is already wide-ranging, including road safety, an improved Parish web site, an overall strategy for the next 10 years, celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee, and so on. I'm sure I'm not the only one who would have liked to have been part of a particular working party, but we all recognise that the background and enthusiasm of someone else might be equally strong and that every additional person on such a group will probably slow down the communication process.

You will be pleased to know that a working party for Vincent's Pond met recently at the Pond, and helped to clear much of the weeds. I'd particularly like to thank those Councillors from other Wards and our Parish Clerk, and partner, who gave up their time for this task. We hope the newts appreciated it. Our Clerk will be trying to get one or more voluntary organisations to complete the work.

Finally, please remember that you can meet with any of our Ward Councillors on Tuesday 6 March at the Wheel Inn, any time between 8pm and 9.30pm. You might just want to say, "Hello", or you might have an issue you want to discuss. We'll be in the restaurant area.

Roger Beavil

Bradenham Parish Council

Bradenham Parish Council met on 16 January 2012. Arabella Grandage was co-opted as a new Councillor. Arabella lives in Bradenham village.

The traffic calming issue in Bradenham is high on the agenda. Sustrans have been working on this project; two workshops had been organised by Sustrans involving the community. The first workshop was held on 22 October, the second on 14 January.

At the second workshop traffic calming suggestions put forward at the first workshop were presented. Three suggestions had been put forward and attendees were asked to show their preference for the proposals. The second workshop was very successful, 30–40 people attended. The Chairman thanked Cllr Austin for all his hard work on this. Cllr Austin had expressed his thanks to Cheryl Edwards and Cllr Grandage for their assistance in organising the days.

Sustrans is due to report to the Parish Council soon with the preferred option. It is the intention to do a street mock-up of the preferred option on 25 February. At this stage the work is being funded by the Design Council.

Following submissions by the Parish Council and interested parties Buckinghamshire County Council have maintained the daily 17.45 bus service from High Wycombe to Princes Risborough. It now runs as the 321 service.

The hearing into the planning appeal (APP/K0425/11/A/2159978/NWF) for the change of use of land to provide for gypsy/travellers including the stationing of two mobile homes and two touring caravans etc at the Hedgerow, Parkwood was started on 1 February, but the appellant made a submission to have the matter heard at a Public Enquiry. This was granted, so we are now waiting to hear when the enquiry will take place. All information is available on the Planning Inspectorate Website under the appeal number.

The National Trust informed us that the date of the village fete will be 16 June 2012.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was discussed and after debating various options it was decided that the Parish Council would like to donate two new trees to the village to commemorate this event.

The Council decided that it would progress with a Parish plan. Councillor Jones has taken this up.

Our next meeting will be on 12 March 2012 at 7.30pm at the Cricket Club. All welcome.

The clerk can be contacted on:
clerk@bradenham.org.uk or on 01494 562254.

*Deirdre Hansen
Clerk to the Council*

Neighbourhood Police News

Useful contacts:

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the new non-emergency number, 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office or email us.

lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or daton.beckford@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

There was no Community Speed Watch for January. It will run in Naphill on the afternoon 1 February. If you are interested in seeing how the device works or you are interested in becoming involved in the process, please contact Daton Beckford or Lee Turnham. We will then be able to inform you of the location and time that is appropriate to your ward.

Crime Within the Parish

An attempt was made to break into the Hughenden Shop. A Sat Nav was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in Church Lane Naphill. A handbag was stolen from a vehicle in Battingswood Gardens Naphill.

Other Matters

Can you help identify or locate some of Thames Valley Police's most Wanted Criminals? If so please take a look at wanted.crimestoppers-uk.org

Is My Home Safe?

Officers have made contact with the various junior schools in the Hughenden Parish to see if they would participate in a home security initiative. Every school that has been approached has agreed to participate. So far Great Kingshill and Widmer End have completed the questionnaire. Other schools are either in the process of being consulted or will be participating in the next few weeks.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics

For more information about planning, obtaining permission etc. for a street party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee or the Olympics please contact Bucks County Council:
buckscc.gov.uk/assets/content/bcc/docs/london2012/celebration_toolkit.pdf

PC 3146 Lee Turnham
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer

Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning

To 8 February: **12/05171/FUL HA** for the construction of single storey front extension.
12/05145/FUL Briarwood, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HA

for erection of single storey rear/side extensions, new entrance portico, with handrail to front, insertion of two rear dormer windows and velux roof lights to front and rear in connection with loft conversion. (Objection: Chilterns Design Guide does not appear to have been followed.)

APP/K0425/11/A/2159978/NWF Appeal by Mr Patrick Murphy against WDC refusal of retrospective application.

11/05644/FUL for change of use of land to allow two mobile homes and two touring caravans for use by gypsy travelling family with creation of hard standing, erection of single storey detached utility/day room building and installation of cess pit, on field at The Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash in Green Belt and AONB (adjacent to RAF Air Command boundary fence). The informal appeal hearing on 1 February was stopped after an application by counsel for Mr Murphy for a full Public Inquiry, to allow cross-examination of (a) District Councillors who rejected the application at the WDC Planning Panel last August, (b) officials who provided background to the case, including the Environmental Officer, (c) the RAF regarding security concerns, and (d) Bradenham Parish Council and our Residents Association. The demand for a Public Inquiry carried the threat of referral to the European Court of Human Rights. They said 'ethnicity' was a significant factor in objections to the application, and that the 1058 signatories to the local Petition should have had 'better sense'. The Inspector required this to be withdrawn, as it slandered people not present to defend their decisions. After legal arguments, the Inspector controversially changed procedure to a full Public Inquiry (at much greater public expense), perhaps in March, with barristers to represent District Council and Appellant, Mr Murphy. WDC's reasons for refusal included: Inappropriate development in the Green Belt, serious detrimental impact on the openness and rural amenities of the Green Belt; fails to conserve or enhance the scenic beauty, special character and appearance of the Chilterns AONB; and that the special circumstances put forward to justify the proposals, do not outweigh the serious harm to the green belt. Contrary to seven Local Plan and Core Strategy policies. Local objections are on these grounds, not on ethnicity or prejudice.

Plans Rejected

11/07945/FUL Rear of Ernville, Downley Rd., Naphill. Erection of a 4 Bedroom house. **11/07713/VCDN**. Leflaise (no connection) Business Centre, Church Lane, Naphill. Increase in hours of usage.

Highway Improvements

Highways have promised to re-paint the faded road markings at the junction of Bradenham Woods Lane and Main Road, Walter's Ash and to repair the kerb outside the Co-op at Walter's Ash. The worst sections of Hunts Hill Lane have now been well resurfaced.

Date of Next Meeting

8pm Thursday 8 March, 2012. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaine 563634

Fete Day 2012 Saturday 23 June 'Olympics'

With the fete just over three months away the committee are deep into the organising of the event – we are planning an Olympic theme with a twist! We have new stalls and games booked and the old favourites returning.

Calling all who may have a half a day or a few hours to spare on the 22 or 23 June! We need all hands on deck for the set-up and running of stalls and activities on the day.

It is probably a good time to start thinking about your Olympic costumes and who you could nominate as 'Best Neighbour'. The tombola and bric-a-brac will also soon be collecting your unwanted items which are all received with great thanks. Any offers of donations, grand draw prizes and volunteers please contact us at nwafete@hotmail.co.uk or call in to see Claire at the Wheel. We hope to hear from you soon!

The Fete Committee

Claire, Kat, Barbara, Sarah, Andy and Ian

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

As I write this we have the men working on the insulation of the Hall. At last we will have the roof and the walls insulated which should save us in fuel bills and keep the Hall warmer. Fingers crossed that it all goes smoothly. With the weather we have been experiencing over the past few winters it seems timely.

Naphill and Walters Ash School have asked us if they could use the Hall as an assembly and collection point should they ever need to evacuate their building. This eventuality has never been needed so far but they do need to have procedures in place just in case, and we have agreed to this. It is quite a walk from the school, but the Hall is a central point in the village and there is car parking space for parents to come and pick up their children as well as plenty of space in the Hall for the children.

It has been pointed out that people have been putting their bags of dog 'waste' into the bin in the play area. There is a bin specifically for dog 'waste' on the Crick opposite the Wheel. This is designed for the job and emptied regularly. It was placed halfway along the hedge by the Main Road so that it would be convenient for all dog walkers, whichever way they approached the Crick. Please make use of this bin and don't put your dog bags into a bin that is used by children.

We are continuing to investigate installing Broadband

into the Hall so that all Hall users can take advantage of it. It has not been easy to find someone able to work in such a complex building, they are used to domestic installations, but we are making progress. Thanks to Judy Whitehouse for her hard work in pursuing this.

Our next fund raiser will be Ted's quiz on the 24 February. Should be another really good evening despite Ted's jokes.

Plans are underway for the Big Lunch for the Queens Jubilee on the 3 June. Book the date and get out your Union Jacks.

The fete is on the 23 June with an Olympic theme, so get out your running shorts for that one. Do come along if you can and support us, and maybe have some fun into the bargain.

Sarah Bacon
Chairman, Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

Tombola Prizes

Although the summer may seem a while off, the Fete Committee have already kicked off planning for the 2012 fete. Could we please ask you to start looking out anything you can spare for the Tombola prizes. Any prizes would be very much appreciated! We can be found at no. 4 Lacey Drive, off Chapel Lane. Thank you.

Andy and Judy Pope.

Services at St. Botolph's, Bradenham

Unfortunately, snow prevented the usual Sunday service taking place on 5 February. The Curate, Rev. Linda Richardson, was unable to get to the church from Radnage. The Verger, Les Sinfield, and his wife, Dorothy, the Organist, could not dig themselves out of their home either. The Rector, Rev. Nigel Lacey, took the Service on 12 February and, as snow is thawing as I write on 13 February, let us hope the rotas will now be back to routine.

Services for March are as follows:

4 March – Eucharist

18 March – Mothering Sunday – Eucharist

11 March Eucharist

25 March – Matins

Peggy Ewart

Meet your local Parish Councillors

We would like to invite all Naphill and Walter's Ash residents to our third 'surgery' to discuss any issues where the Council may be able to help.

**TUESDAY 6 MARCH 8pm - 9.30pm
In The Wheel pub**

Naphill Evening WI

I have just walked home in freezing conditions from June Lynch's house, but this morning reminded me of what I like best about WI – warmth and friendship. Thank you June for organising the coffee morning. It was lovely to be offered a toasted tea cake to warm us up. Thanks also to your two helpers, Beryl and Margaret.

It was also good to all meet up for our January meeting when our speaker was Mr Edward Dixon on Women on the Home Front in WWI. Mr Dixon gave us an insight into how the war broke down some of the class barriers and also raised awareness that women could do jobs that had previously only been done by men.

At our February meeting we will hear about Natural History in a Bucks Garden, followed by 'Singing Bowls' on 15 March.

Don't forget the Food Appreciation Group dates: Wednesday 29 February – tea at Hildreths Garden Centre Cafe, organiser Jo Keattch and Monday 26 March – evening meal at The Spade Oak, Bourne End, organiser Jessie Higham.

We are also having a Bingo Evening on 2 March – 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. Entry is only £2 and everyone is welcome, so please come along.

Carol Gilliam

Naphill Neighbours

Despite the wintry conditions in the week preceding our February meeting, 32 of our members arrived at the Village Hall to hear our guest, Peggy Verrall, give a talk on 'Thomas Coram and the Foundling Hospital'. Mrs. Verrall proved to be an accomplished speaker and well versed on her subject. The talk was accompanied by a power-point presentation, which made it all the more interesting, and there was an opportunity to ask questions afterwards.

We are now taking names for our first outing of the year which takes place on Friday, 27 April, to Exbury Gardens in Hampshire. This should be a lovely colourful day out as the rhododendrons and azaleas should be in flower, along with other spring flowers. The cost of this trip is £21.50 for members and £23.50 for guests. The price includes coach fare, entrance to the gardens and an excursion on the Exbury Gardens Railway. If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please telephone Sheila Rolfe (562888) or Hazel Vickery (563977); don't miss out on an opportunity to visit these gardens. The coach leaves the Village Hall at 9 am, with one extra pick-up at Forge Road.

Our meeting this month is on Monday, 12 March, when Mr Neil Rees will speak to us on the subject of 'King Zog of Albania'. Tea hostesses will be Valerie Pushman, Peggy Ewart, Brenda Bates and Betty Leaver. We look forward to seeing you all on the night.

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

If you have not yet booked to come along to our annual dinner on 9 March, pick up the phone immediately – I might just be able to squeeze you in!!

After dinner we will be entertained once again by Voice Versa, whose repertoire ranges from Early Music to modern arrangements of popular standards and everything in between. Humour plays an important part in their programmes, so they include songs by such masters as Noel Coward, Cole Porter and Flanders and Swann. 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 recent harsh weather. Fear not! Our Plant Sale this year is on 19 May and 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 19 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

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

Our Open meeting and AGM were a great success. Over seventy people were there to listen to a lively and fascinating talk on the geology of the area by Dr Jill Evers. Several people expressed an interest in joining in a geological exploration on the Common and we hope that Jill will lead such an exercise later in the year.

Congratulations to the winners of our photographic competition. There were twenty five entries so the following can be proud of their efforts:

- Under 16's winner: Emily Creaser
- Highly commended: Molly Gunn
- Commended: Lewis Hussey, Matthew Creaser, Maisie Gunn and Harriet Slade.
- Main competition winner: Sheila Bottomley
- Highly commended: Patrick Gunn
- Commended: Chloe Wells, Margaret Wagner, Eleanor Thorn and Nicola Hinves

The winning picture can be seen on the cover of this edition of the Gazette.

You may have noticed that several trees near the Clumps have been marked with a red dot by the National Trust. The main idea is to fell some of the

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young trees that have grown up around the Clumps so that the Clumps can be made more visible. We want to retain as many of the trees actually on the Clumps as possible but, unfortunately, a few are diseased and will be either pollarded or felled. The pollarding will be done soon but the felling will take place in August or September. We have already removed a lot of holly from the area and hope to clear more in the next few months. It has been suggested that we hold a Mid-summer Event, jointly with the National Trust, at which we burn all the accumulated holly brash.

The last work party in January had to be cancelled because of the snow but we hope to meet on the first and third Sunday of each month, starting from the Common end of Forge Road at 10am. We will divide our activities between the Clumps and clearing paths near the main entrances to the Common. If you have seen what we achieved near the end of Chapel Lane, I am sure you will agree that it is a great improvement. Volunteers are welcome.

Our Walks for Health, led by Ron Collins, all start from the Village Hall at 10am on the following Mondays: 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.

The rest of our programme will appear as soon as we can confirm details with those who will lead the

events. We hope to include a butterfly walk and talk to celebrate the discovery of purple emperor butterflies on the Common. There will also be a bat walk, another mini-beast safari and, of course Jill's geology survey. We also hope to organise a survey of our ponds to find out what organisms they contain and see how the ponds can be preserved and improved.

Trevor Hussey

Naphill Tennis Club

In spite of recent snowfalls which curtailed tennis for a couple of weeks, Valentine's Day saw several intrepid members sweeping the last vestiges of snow from the courts before indulging in a most enjoyable morning of tennis. A coffee to follow, together with some very edible mince pies left over from Christmas, rounded off a good start to the day.

Our 2012 Annual Newsletter with details of club activities and membership subscriptions will be sent to members early March. If anyone else would like information on the tennis club, then please do contact me on 01494 565406. We have another programme this year of FREE Rusty Racquets coaching starting 2 May for both members and non-members. If you haven't played tennis for some years but fancy trying it again then this is your chance!

Our subscriptions remain extremely good value for money with no increase from last year and a special reduced rate for new members. You are welcome to 'come and try before you buy'.

Jenny Tench

Black Lion Naphill

blacklionnaphill.com

With the worst of the winter snow behind us we can direct our thoughts to better weather and lighter evenings. Our Beat the clock menu proved very popular throughout February especially during Half Term.

Our new menu is now operating with a number of different and exciting dishes for everyone to try. A date for your diary is Mothering Sunday on 18 March. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

On the 21 April the Black Lion celebrates being open for one year under our ownership and we will be holding a special weekend of events. The weekend also celebrates one of our manager's birthdays, so we are combining together to provide a weekend full of entertainment with something for all the family.

Finally we ran our first Race Night on 29 January in aid of the local sports clubs in the two villages of Naphill and Lacy Green. The evening was very successful, raising over £400 for the local clubs and certainly something we shall be repeating again. As usual we would like to finish by thanking the people

from the local villages for their continued support. It is much appreciated.

Bob, Martin, Jack, Tim and Mike plus all of the team

Bon Ami

I hope that by the time you read this the icy pavements and car parks are a memory. It has been quite scary observing from Bon Ami everyone slipping and sliding in the car park.

Thank you to everyone who visited us on our first birthday and for all of your cards and good wishes; even a special balloon.

For sometime now Amanda and I have realised that being open seven days a week is not really sustainable. Therefore like many other small businesses we have decided to close one day a week and so with effect from 1 March 2012 we will be closed on Thursdays. We do hope that if you currently visit us on a Thursday that this is not too inconvenient for you.

With Mothering Sunday on 18 of this month why not treat your mum to coffee and a delicious cake on the day?

Thank you, as always, for your custom.

Amanda Hall and Ruth Bond

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.

Louise Lucas 488255

Little Ash Preschool

Zoolab came for a visit this term in January. They brought many interesting creatures including: a snake, a rabbit, a spider, a cockroach, a white rat and a millipede. The children love seeing the animals and having a chance to touch them if they wished. We hope to have them back again in the summer term.

The cold weather has definitely arrived and the children were very pleased with the snow we received in February. They built a snowman which can still be seen in our playground.

We are having a new canopy built at the front of the preschool which will look like a big umbrella. This will allow parents and children to stand under it when it rains or snows. The building will begin during half term and will hopefully be done by the end of February.

Barbara Chambers 563832

barbarachambers@nawapreschool.com

Naphill Brownies

The Brownies have been busy working on their 'World Cultures' badge. We have done games, crafts, songs and activities from a variety of different countries. We have made Swedish Peace doves, Viennese masks, Chinese paper dragons and tried Japanese braiding. We have sung songs about china, sent postcards to Guide/Brownie packs in 24 different American states and are learning to speak a little French (thanks to one of our parents).

The recent cold spell brought us fantastic clear skies. So we took the opportunity to pop out and take a look at the night sky. We can now all spot 'The Big Dipper' (the pan-shaped bit of the Great bear), Cassiopeia (the wonky 'W' or 'M') and Orion (the hunter).

In the next couple of weeks, we are looking forward to Thinking Day on the 22 Feb, and enrolling our new Brownies (1 March). This term our enrolment evening is being planned and prepared entirely by our older girls (to finish off their Brownie Adventure badge). It will be interesting to see what improvements the girls come up with.

*Ruth Daly
ruth.daly3@btinternet.com*

The Viper Explorer Scouts Unit

Explorer Scouts is for 14 – 18 year old boys and girls, and meets on Friday evenings from 7:30pm in the Naphill Scout and Guide HQ. The unit now has a new leader, Richard Adams, who took over from Nick George at the start of the year. Anyone interested in joining or offering occasional adult help should contact Richard by email richard@dams.me.uk or phone 07782 328148.

Scout & Guide HQ Fundraising Quiz Night

Due to a clash of dates the Scout and Guide HQ Fundraising Quiz Night has now been moved to Friday 16 March, at 7:30pm with questions starting at 7:45 pm. It will take place in the Scout and Guide HQ, behind Naphill Village Hall. It is run by the Viper Explorer Scouts to raise money for HQ Maintenance and group equipment. Tickets cost £10; hot supper included. Bring your own drink and nibbles. There will be a raffle on the night. For tickets or further information contact Nick George at nick.george40@virgin.net or 01494 562846. Donations of raffle prizes are welcomed.

Sapling Childcare Before and After School Club

Do you have children at Naphill and Walters Ash School or Pre School? Do you need a little bit more time at the start or end of the school day?

Sapling Childcare Before and After School Club is a small before and after school club recently opened at RAF High Wycombe 3 Site in the Oakeshott Centre,

next to the cafe @3. We are only a few yards walk from the school gates. You will find us by walking through the bollards opposite the school, past the building and car park on your right and we are on the left as you enter the play park.

My name is Sue and working with me are Wendy and Dani. We are all mums and know the dilemma you have when choosing where to leave your precious child while you go to work. We are also RAF wives so understand that sometimes daddy or mummy has to go away and how difficult it can be for young children. Between us we have many years of experience working with children as childminders, teaching, cub and scout leading and helping at Sunday School as well as bringing up our own children. We have also undergone lots of formal training in first aid and childcare so that Ofsted could register our setting.

Saplings is a small group offering a warm friendly environment. We are Ofsted registered to look after 15 children age 3 to 11 years. We are very flexible because you can book one session, all ten weekly sessions or just every now and then. You don't have to go to work to use our before or after school club. If you just need that extra bit of time to do your shopping or get your hair done, let us do the school run for you.

Opening times and prices:

Our mornings start at 7:45 am and cost £4 per session.

For the after school session we offer a two-tier tariff.

Tier one: Pick up by 5:30 pm – £7

Tier two pick up by 6pm – £8.50.

During the morning session we offer breakfast and a cold or warm drink. After school we offer a light snack and a drink. You can also order something from the cafe next door if you would like your child to have a more substantial meal.

We aim to theme each week, rotating our games and toys to keep things interesting for all involved. We have a comfortable carpeted area where we play and a private gated outside area where we play ball games, use the chalk board, ride on toys (for the younger ones) and just run around. Our main door opens onto the new play park where we go as a treat. We have story time and help is also on hand for reading or homework.

If you would like to find out more call Sue on 07970265460 or email saplingchildcare@yahoo.com. We are always happy to meet you at a time that suits you.

Sue Wood

Mini Rugby – High Wycombe Rugby Unit Football Club

Before the white stuff came the second half of the season was going well, with successful fixtures away to Windsor and then against Chesham at home. The

U7s have also had the honour of representing their Club during the half-time rugby challenges at the last three Wasps games at Adams Park. Playing on such a major rugby stage has been a great experience for the players and as usual they stepped up to the occasion. With the snow gone we are now looking forward to playing again and starting to prepare for the busy close to the season. As ever, my thanks goes to the players and to the parents for bringing them along in such numbers. The Naphill and Walter's Ash area contingent at the Club remains strong and it is never too late to join us, even at this stage of the season. Please get in touch for more information. Nathan Crinyon ncrinyon@btinternet.com 07956520129.

Nathan Crinyon

Good Home Wanted for Two Corn Snakes

Can anyone give a good home to my son's two corn snakes? They are both about seven years old, live happily together and come complete with their own vivarium. One is orange with red/brown saddle markings and the other is a snow corn. My son has reluctantly agreed to part with them before he leaves home, but only to someone local. To find out more or to come and meet them in person then contact me on judy@judyq.demon.co.uk or call 562742

Our Beautiful Language

Under the heading Our Beautiful Language you have published letters from correspondents pointing out their objections to the way some of us use the English language. I would like to point out to these self appointed guardians of our language that there is no correct way to write or speak English. Our beautiful language is beautiful because it is our language, the language of the English speaking peoples world wide. It is what we have made it, it has evolved over centuries, it has absorbed words from many sources, new words appear, words go out of use sometime to reappear at a later time, spellings change, meanings change, pronunciations differ. Try reading Chaucer today without an interpreter. Look at the stilted language, as we today see it, of some authors, especially of text books, as recently as the 1930's.

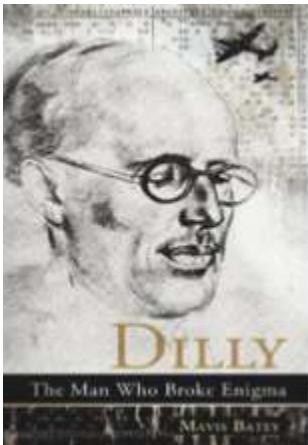
There is no authority to tell us how English should be used. There have been suggestions that one should be established. As long ago as 1712 Jonathan Swift proposed an academy of English. More recently in 1997 Professor John Honey proposed a National Language Authority to regulate English Language Use. His authority, formed of scholars, novelists, the editor of the Oxford English Dictionary and professional writers would issue directives on the use of words and phrases and such like. He would allow all split infinitives and dangling participles, whatever they may be, because they are now in common use by 'educated' people. What was once an error could be accepted – but only by the consensus of

'educated' opinion. What condescension! All such proposals have sensibly been ignored.

Your readers need not be intimidated by those who try to tell us how to use our language, whose efforts, if successful, would be an obstacle to further development; they have no more authority to do so than wot me has.

Stafford Dobson

Dilly Knox and the Enigma



On reading the February Gazette and the article which Mike Mason submitted, I think it is a wonderful idea to put a plaque in our village to honour Dilly Knox, code-breaker extraordinaire at Bletchley Park during World War II.

When I was exhibiting items given to me by Joan Knox, wife of Dilly's son Christopher, in my village exhibition, I was contacted, through Bletchley Park, by Mavis Batey. Mavis, now in her mid-nineties, is the author of 'Dilly – The Man Who Broke Enigmas'. We all now know how secret the work was at Bletchley Park and hear that the work they did there shortened the war by two years. Christopher Knox said his father gave more to England than he could really afford. He became very ill but carried on the work from home with Alan Turin visiting him. He died at home, aged 58.

Mavis Batey has been interviewed on TV and for newspaper articles about Dilly's achievements. I will list a few from her book:

1884: Alfred Dillwyn Knox (Dilly) was born in Oxford. He was sent to Summerfields Prep school in Oxford and later became a scholar at Kings College Cambridge, reading classics.

In 1914, at the outbreak of World War I, he tried to enlist as a military dispatch rider but his eyesight failed him. So in 1915 he joined the Admiralty Room 40 Code-breaking Section. Dilly decided to continue as a code breaker through peacetime in the newly formed Government Code and Cypher Section (GC & CS).

1920/21: Dilly married Olive Roddam (his Room 40 secretary) and bought his house, Cournswood, on

Clappins Lane, Walter's Ash along with 40 acres of land.

By 1938 when Germany annexed Austria Admiral Hugh Sinclair, the SIS Chief, bought Bletchley Park as a war station for SIS and GC & CS. GC & CS moved there in August 1939 and Dilly was put in charge of the research station in the cottage, assisted by three university educated engineers including Alan Turin and three female clerks. There they worked on experimental electro-magnetic code-breaking, leading to the creation of 'The Bombe'.

1940: The first German Enigma message was broken in the cottage. Dilly invented 'CILLIS' to speed up the code breaking process and solve the weather codes.

In 1941 the cottage broke the details of Italian navy plans for the Battle of Matapan, leading to British success.

In October 1941 Dilly broke the Abwehr Lobster Enigma, which allowed the SIS to monitor the German Secret Service messages. This was vital to feed false information to the German High Command about Allied intentions during invasions of North Africa and Italy and most particular D-Day Normandy landings.

Very little was known about Dilly's code breaking achievements until the publication of Penelope Fitzgerald's enchanting book 'The Knox Brothers' in 1977. She interviewed various experts, including Mavis Batey and Peter Twinn who was the first professional mathematician to join the Government Code and Cypher Section (GC & CS).

Knowing that he was a sick man, Dilly pushed himself to the utmost to overcome the problems of the Enigma variations. He died with his job completed. Mavis Batey spoke to him of his Enigma success and has affectionate memories of a brilliant, humane, intuitive, if eccentric genius with an unfailing sense of humour, loyalty and fair play. Dilly's achievements are so numerous; he was indeed a very clever man.

In his young days he announced to his father (a bishop) that he was agnostic. Hence when he died at Cournswood, he requested that he be buried in his woodland, which he had planted with his two sons, Oliver and Christopher.

The tree that he gave to the village came from his woodland in 1937 in celebration of the coronation of King George and Elizabeth. When Phyllis Smith (a cousin in my family) was crowned the Village Beauty Queen by Coningsby Disraeli's wife, they planted the tree together. There was a plaque under the tree at that time, which has since vanished.

Another connection with the tree happened in 1964. The Naphill Tennis Club Chairman, Don Ing, organised a Christmas Eve dance. He had an electrical shop in Desborough Road, High Wycombe, so he brought some lights over to decorate the tree.

Don and his wife Iris later left their two young sons in the care of his family whilst they went on a skiing holiday in Switzerland. The plane they were on crashed at Innsbrooke, killing all on board. Their two sons lost their parents and were brought up by Rose and Arthur Busby whom they knew so well.

So, the tree lighting is also a memorial to Don and Iris. Don was the first person to light up our tree for Christmas.

Thank you Mike Mason, Mike Leggett and your team for lighting up our tree.

Pam Smith

Dilly Knox Commemoration

Once again Naphill's Christmas tree was stunning. Like a beacon on the return from a cold and heavy working day. Our gratitude should go to all those who worked so hard and contributed to something that makes the village truly unique at Christmas. I am sure that through the Gazette I read that Dilly Knox had contributed the tree, but I did not make the appropriate connections.

As already said, Alfred Dillwyn 'Dilly' Knox was regarded as one of this country's greatest code breakers. Decoding the Zimmerman telegraph, offering financial and all other support to Mexico to attack the USA during the early stages of the First World War. This changed the outcome of the Great War. His unique mathematical and code breaking skills were starting to prove invaluable to the Nation.

Breaking the initial commercial Enigma machine and following iterations significantly changed the outcome of WW2. A subject that would need a separate contribution to do his works anything like justice.

Most people working at Bletchley Park were sworn to lifelong secrecy. For many their work was never recognised at a personal, national or for some, international level. A few were recognised many, many years later. Many people went to their graves without outside knowledge of their contribution to the National good. Dilly was appointed to the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG). Facts are short, but I believe it was when he was dying from lymph cancer in 1943. I am unsure if this was ever disclosed outside of his family.

There is now a plaque to Dilly at Bletchley but of very poor quality. I feel very strongly that as a part of our community, gifting the Christmas tree and his unsung historical contribution, Dilly should be commemorated with a significant form of recognition. Maybe a raised plaque under the tree would be suitable.

Richard

War Horse Documentary Filmed at The Horse Trust

A film crew spent a day at equine sanctuary The Horse Trust filming a documentary on the use of horses in World War 1, for the documentary

programme 'War Horse – The True Story' that was aired on Channel 4 on 4 February. The documentary, produced by Testimony Films, covered the role and welfare of horses in World War 1, and contrasted it with the present day use of horses in the military. Almost a million horses fought on the Western Front during the war, yet only about 60,000 returned to Britain, the rest either perished in the war, were sold in France as work horses, or were simply sold to French butchers.

'War Horse – The True Story' covered The Horse Trust's role in improving the welfare of horses during the war. The charity, which was then known as The Home of Rest for Horses, provided the first motorised horse ambulance to transport wounded horses in France from the front line during the First World War. According to the charity's 1916 Annual Report, in two years this ambulance travelled around 13,000 miles and carried in excess of 1,000 injured horses. It was the first of its kind worldwide, was so successful that the War Office commissioned additional horse ambulances. By the end of the war, 14 of these vehicles were in operation in France.

The first equine war veteran retired to The Horse Trust's Home of Rest for Horses in 1919 was San Toy, a horse that had served in both the Boer and First World Wars and was joined by a number of other WWI Veterans including Roger. Roger's story was truly remarkable. A German Cavalry horse, thought to have been a German Officer's Charger, Roger was found rider-less on the battlefield during the infamous battle of the Somme by a British Army Officer who caught him, got him to safety and at the end of the war brought him back to England to retire to the Home of Rest.

"The hard work and sacrifice of horses in the Great War is all to easily forgotten, overshadowed by the tragic deaths of nearly a million men of Britain and her Empire on the Western Front. And yet the war could not have been fought without those brave and dependable animals who suffered daily hardships every bit as much as the soldiers they served," said George Pagliero, Director of Testimony Films. "In all that inhumanity there were those who never forgot; those who campaigned tirelessly to raise funds for equine welfare even while the guns were still blazing; terrific work that gave wounded horses a chance of survival in the hell that was the Great War. This work is continued by The Horse Trust to the present day and is something they can rightly be proud of."

The documentary crew also filmed a World War 1 wagon being pulled by horses in the fields at the Home of Rest for Horses to demonstrate the strain and impact this work would have had on the horses during the war. The wagon was provided by the Royal Logistics Corps Museum in Camberley, while the horses – two black Dutch Friesian horses called Harry and Major – were provided by Funeral Directors T Cribb & Sons. These funeral horses were chosen as they are approximately the same size as

the draught horses that would have pulled carts in World War 1 battlefields.

"We're really excited to have been featured in this documentary on the welfare of horses in the First World War. As the oldest horse charity in the world, we have been focusing on the welfare of horses for 125 years," said Jeanette Allen, Chief Executive of The Horse Trust. "We hope this documentary will raise awareness of the vital role that working horses play – both in the past and present day – and the importance of safeguarding their welfare."

The Horse Trust depends on the support of the public to offer retirement to working horses. It costs the charity an average of £12 per day to look after each horse at the sanctuary, which includes the costs of grooms, forage, farriery and veterinary care. To donate to The Horse Trust, please visit horsetrust.org.uk, or contact the charity on 01494 488 464 or info@horsetrust.org.uk

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Are you worried about the cold this winter? ...don't let your worries spiral out of control.

Winter can be a worrying time for many people. You may be worried about how you are going to keep your home warm with rising fuel costs. You may be worried about how a friend or relative is coping, or you may be worried about rising debts. Whatever your circumstances, you are not alone. As many as 20% of people living in the local area are unable to heat their homes at a temperature that is sufficient to maintain their health and well-being due to rising fuel costs and expensive energy tariffs.

But help is at hand. You may be able to cut your fuel costs by up to 20% by changing your energy supplier. You may be entitled to specific benefits or grants to help with keeping warm in winter or improving insulation in your home. And you may be able to get immediate help from a range of organisations if you are ill or need additional support at home.

Your Citizens Advice Bureau is working with a number of organisations across Buckinghamshire to

offer free, independent and confidential advice to anyone who is unsure or confused about the choices available to them and other financial help, such as the Warm Home Discount Scheme or the Winter Fuel Payment – available to almost everyone over the age of 60.

So, if you are worried about the rising cost of heating your home don't let your worries spiral out of control. Get all the support available to help keep you and your family warm this winter by calling Chiltern CAB on 0845 0920137 for free, independent and confidential advice or drop in to your local office. Outreach appointments can also be made at Prestwood and Amersham GP Surgeries, and Chalfont St Peter Surgery offers a 'drop-in' service.

Alternatively, you can now contact trained advisers at Chilterns Citizens Advice via email. Chiltern CAB has launched a brand new website [.chilterncab.org.uk](http://chilterncab.org.uk) with a special email service for when you need help and advice at the touch of a button.

Horses, Heroes and Hounds – A Family Fun Day

The Horse Trust in Speen, the oldest horse charity in the UK, is organising a fundraising event with Hounds for Heroes, who provide specially trained assistance dogs for disabled military and emergency services men and women.

The event will be a countryside themed day of activity at our magnificent horse sanctuary in the Chiltern Hills, Buckinghamshire. It will take place on Sunday 6 May from 11am – 5pm. There will be a strong military focus with participation from the RAF, Army, Navy and the Marines. It will be a fantastic family fun day with a countryside theme. There will be a licensed bar, various animal displays, activities for the whole family, food and drink and local business stalls.

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RAF High Wycombe NEWS

As we move into the Spring the piles of left over Christmas goodies has now disappeared (diets no longer required!) and one now has a chance of getting on an exercise machine in the gym – life is settling back into routine here at RAF High Wycombe. As our annual routine commences so does that of our local parishes – planning is already afoot for the Naphill fete 2012 and the Station will again be looking to support a great annual community event.

Last month I mentioned the fact that we are expected to be prepared to undertake a wide diversity of employment within the Royal Air Force. A lot of this employment is voluntary, giving the individual the opportunity to enhance and develop new skills whilst showing management the capacity for career development. These “Secondary Duties” range from running and assisting with Station Clubs and societies to volunteering for charity work in the community.

One charity scheme that is firmly supported by staff at RAF High Wycombe is the South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) Co-Responder scheme.

The scheme exists to provide trained medical personnel to deliver immediate response to emergency patients in our local area.

Group Captain Mark Heffron, Station Commander of Royal Air Force High Wycombe, recently spent an evening with 2 of the volunteers and was involved in a dramatic blue light drive to Bledlow Ridge in order to reach an elderly patient with breathing difficulties.

Riding alongside the Station’s Co-Responder scheme co-ordinator Corporal Emma Nixon (Medic) and Corporal Nick Harrison (Driver), the team were assigned by South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) control centre to the first job of their evening shift and after a short blue light drive arrived in Bledlow Ridge.

The patient, a female in her late 80's, was having difficulty breathing and Group Captain Heffron

witnessed the crew taking observations whilst administering Oxygen therapy and reassuring the patient. They then assisted an ambulance crew, who had arrived to back up the Co-Responder team and transfer the patient to the ambulance.

Just minutes later, the crew were allocated to their second job of the evening. In Aston Clinton the crew were called to a pregnant female in her late 20's, suffering abdominal pains. Arriving on scene the crew took observations whilst administering pain relief using Entonox until an ambulance crew arrived to back up the team.



Cpl Nick Harrison explains the emergency response vehicle systems to Group Captain Heffron.

Group Captain Heffron said, “It is amazing to witness the dedicated professionalism these volunteers display whilst completing life saving tasks; all in their own time after their normal day's work for the Royal Air Force”.

Footnote: RAF High Wycombe assists with the provision of 105 Military Co-Responders assist the South Central Ambulance Service working in teams of 2 (1 x Medic and 1 x Driver). These teams provide Emergency Medical Assistance to the wider community and can be deployed to anywhere in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire and Oxfordshire.

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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
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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
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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 & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemg.org
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	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		Jenny Tench 565406 jenny@tench.me.uk
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	Richard Adams 07782 328148. richard@dams.me.uk
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Editorial

As I walked to school with my children today the sky was clear, blue and cloudless; the sun was warm and the blossom was beautiful. So, I am inspired to use a photograph that was taken in our garden last year by my husband, Robin. It captures the feeling of Spring. I hope you like it too.

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County Councillor's Report

Just recently there has been an increase in press speculation about the safety of older drivers and if not a risk to other drivers, are they because of age, a risk to themselves. Although I would not wish to open political speculation on this sensitive subject it is one which I suspect is of interest to many readers. Being amongst those who fall into the category of older drivers, I looked up the insurance statistics and they make interesting reading.

The Institute of Advanced Motorists [IAM] analysed the rates of death and serious injury in road accidents according to age group. In 2010 – the most recent year for which statistics are available – the average rate of drivers killed or seriously injured (KSI) on the roads across all age groups was 0.18 for every 1,000 licence holders. The highest risk group was drivers aged between 17 and 19 with a KSI rate of 0.98 per 1,000. Motorists aged between 20 and 24 had a rate of 0.45 per thousand, while the KSI rate for the over 80s was 0.33 per thousand. The safest age group was drivers in their sixties, who had a typical KSI rate of 0.09 per 1,000 licence holders. Having said that, I do wonder how many collisions are caused by frustration and risk taking when driving behind a motorist along the A4010 who does not exceed 28 MPH even along the derestricted stretches of road.

Yet again Thames Valley Police are reminding us about the increase in crimes related to theft of metals. Living as we do, in a rural location, it is tempting for metal thieves to function in our area because of the perceived reduced risk of being spotted whilst going about their nefarious deeds. Conversely, living in a rural location we are less exposed to criminality – as demonstrated by the Crime Statistics. We can all help by being vigilant and reporting any suspicious circumstances which we might experience or observe and where possible, putting our vehicle away in a locked garage or behind locked gates or in a location which is either permanently or intermittently lit. Garden tools and machinery should also be kept in a locked garage or shed.

Some readers will be aware that the Waste Recycling Group (WRG) have been awarded the new

management and transport contract for the county's ten household waste recycling centres, which will come into place on 1 April. From that date, the sites will open an hour later and have fixed summer and winter opening hours. From 1 April – 30 September summer opening times will be in place and all the sites will operate from 9am – 6pm. From the 1 October – 31 March, winter opening hours will be in place and the sites will operate from 9am – 5pm. This follows the traffic counter data gathered during the consultation phase of the project, which showed that the lowest customer usage time period was between 8am and 9am daily across the week. The recycling centres will continue to close on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. The second change will be an improved re-use service, which will include a shop at the High Heavens, High Wycombe site and Aston Clinton, near Aylesbury, site. Materials suitable for re-use will be collected from the county's recycling centres and sold at these two shops. WRG will also provide an improved customer experience, with 'meet and greet' attendants available to help unload waste and to ensure items are recycled and re-used. Users of the sites will also notice new signage and improved layouts of recycling containers.

Richard Pushman

Hughenden parish councillor's Report

The internet has become the most widely used form of communication and virtually every organisation now has its own website. For a parish council, it is an easy way to provide information to the community although with it, comes the double edged sword of emails – since becoming a Councillor, I have received over 600 emails from the Parish Clerk alone. But it is easy to lose sight of the fact that not everyone has access to the internet and that even those that do must be able to find what they want easily and quickly. The parish council has had an effective website for some time now, but we feel it could be better. It has been very much one way traffic, giving local residents little opportunity to raise queries or submit things of interest. We are therefore launching a new website from 1 April that will give us more flexibility to add relevant information and to enable more interaction. Initially it will contain largely the same information as the current site, but it should be easier to navigate and will include new items such as signposts to local facilities. Now we have this

PIN-UP DIARY DATES

APRIL

- 2 Village Hall & Playing Fields Council AGM. Village Hall. 8pm
- 4 Short guided walk around Naphill. Meet Village Hall. 10.30am.
- 16 "Walk for Health". Meet Village Hall. 10am.
- 17 "Let's Talk Health". Amersham Free Church 6.30pm - 8.30pm. See NWARA article.
- 21 Evans plus Evans Magic Evening. Village Hall. 7.30pm. Tickets £10.
- 28 Coffee Morning. Methodist Chapel Hall. 10am - 12pm

flexibility, we are particularly keen to get suggestions as to what to include on the site, recognising that they need to meet certain criteria such as relevance, demand, interest, inoffensiveness etc. Please do email one of us with your suggestions. At present, the site is used very little and we really want to make it more relevant and useful. However, we must not forget those that are not on the internet and any suggestions would be welcomed as to how we can improve non-internet communication as well.

On the subject of communication, we have now had three councillor 'surgeries', the latest being at The Wheel in March. In all, we have had three people attend with no one coming to the last one. We had hoped that the opportunity for Wheel hospitality would be an added attraction, but alas, we were left talking to each other! We will be running another one in a couple of months, but any suggestions on a format that might be more appealing would be gratefully received. Mind you, we have also seen a fall off in public attendance at Council meetings, so perhaps it is just that there is nothing controversial at the moment.

We are delighted to be able to report that the Council has agreed to provide funding to the Village Hall to support the heating system upgrade. A total of £7,000 has been agreed in principle.

Plans are progressing with the Jubilee celebrations and the Council has bought vast quantities of bunting to distribute around the wards. Plans are also being completed for the provision of a Jubilee tree to each ward as well as commemorative stones that will be decorated by local school children.

Finally, it was with great sadness that we heard about the passing of Phil Crawshaw, a previous Councillor and stalwart of the local community. He will be greatly missed and our deep condolences go to his family.

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

Personal Perspective

I don't think I'm overly impatient but some recent events have made me feel quite frustrated, and they highlight the limitations we can all experience at some time.

The first example has been going on for many months and is something we are all aware of: the Government's continuing commitment to the High Speed 2 rail link. I'm frustrated partly because, in the view of many, its potential benefits continue to be over-stated and likely economic or business disadvantages do not seem to be given fair weight in the arguments that have raged locally and nationally. I'm particularly frustrated, though, because each of the three largest political parties supports the HS2 proposals and I wonder who on earth we could turn to at a General Election to get a fairer appraisal of the project. In the end I resign myself to thinking that, whatever the final outcome, and however decisions have been taken, it follows some kind of 'democratic' process.

A frustration of a different kind has come with regard to a local issue. For years most residents of Walter's Ash have been concerned with the accident potential that comes from inappropriate parking at or near the Co-operative store. I'm frustrated that the Highways people seem to give less attention to concerns where there have not yet been any deaths. I'm frustrated that it has been many years since public meetings were held on the issue, with no action taken (yet) on better parking spaces or in determining ways in which the Co-op can be restrained from having delivery vehicles blocking the pathway or sticking out onto the road. On a personal note I'm frustrated that an offer to help with discussions on the issues was received politely, but not taken up. Again, I have to recognise that others, over several years, have been involved, and might not appreciate the offer of help at this stage.

On a more positive note, I'd like to thank Claire and Mark at The Wheel for allowing the Ward Councillors to hold our latest 'surgery', a kind of Open Forum, in pleasant surroundings. I was particularly pleased to be able to chat to a number of locals who raised issues such as the continuing spate of potholes on many of our roads, and the sense (or not) of doing temporary repairs rather than properly dealing with the matter. If you have an issue, about potholes or anything else, let our Clerk, Charlotte, know about it by phoning 715296. Alternatively, come along to the 'public speaking' section of our Council meetings, or ask us to raise the issue with the responsible authority, such as Wycombe District or Bucks County Council, if we are unable to take direct action ourselves.

Roger Beavil

Bradenham parish council

Many of you will have noticed the closure of Bradenham Woods Lane on Saturday 3 March. It had been closed so that we could mock up the road in Bradenham Village to what it might look like if we put a number of traffic calming proposals in place.

We could not remove the existing centre white lines, nor could we install boulders at both ends of the village, but we used straw bales to show planted areas, painted the road in places to show what a different coloured road surface would do and what block paving /kerbing in the road might look like. We looked at what would have the most effect. The weather was not helpful, but luckily by the end of the morning the sun came out. We held a small street party with an Olympic theme. There was tea, cakes and prizes for all. The road was only closed for two hours and by 2pm everything was tidied and cleared away again. We had assistance from the RAF police to close off the road, which was very much appreciated and proved to be very helpful. The RAF was thanked at the meeting for their assistance. Once we have received the full report from Sustrans the parish council will look at the next steps.

Councillor Jones had presented the councillors with a draft parish plan and they will comment on it before the next meeting. He had put a lot of time into the

production and was thanked for his efforts. It is the intention to discuss the draft plan at the next meeting. Teif Jones will then put the final plan together before discussing it with Wycombe District Council. If you would like to see the draft plan please contact the clerk.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 14 May at the Cricket club. We will start at 7.30pm with the Annual Parish Meeting, this will be followed by the Annual parish council meeting and finally we will hold our Ordinary Meeting. All parishioners welcome.

*Deirdre Hansen
Clerk to the Council*

Neighbourhood Police News

Useful contacts:

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the new non-emergency number, 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office or email us. lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or daton.beckford@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

In February in Naphill 14 drivers were in excess of the threshold and will receive letters under the Community Speed Watch Scheme. The latest CSW in Naphill took place on the morning of 13 March.

Crime Within the Parish

A storage facility was broken into and food stuffs were stolen at Hughenden Village Hall. A vehicle was broken into and tools stolen, Main Road Naphill. A vehicle was scratched and damaged along Main Road Naphill. A handbag was stolen from a vehicle in Louches Lane Naphill

A young male has been arrested and dealt with, following thefts from vehicles and burglaries to outbuildings. He has subsequently asked for numerous other offences to be taken into consideration.

Can you help identify or locate some of Thames Valley Police's most Wanted Criminals? If so please take a look at wanted.crimestoppers-uk.org

'Is My Home Safe'

There was a good response from the initiative, three winners have been informed and will be attending the High Wycombe Police station on Saturday 3 March. They will be meeting the area Superintendent and have a guided tour of the police station.

Queens Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.

If you are considering arranging a street party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee or the Olympics then please follow the attached link for more information about planning, obtaining permission etc. buckscc.gov.uk/assets/content/bcc/docs/london2012/celebration_toolkit.pdf

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer*

Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning to 6 March 2012. The lowest number of applications we have ever had in this area.

12/05353/FUL Burdett House, Burdett Drive, Walter's Ash. HA for the construction of a single and two storey side extension.

APP/K0425/11/A/21 5997/NWF Appeal by Travellers against WDC refusal of application for change of use of field near Air Command boundary fence in Walter's Ash. Public Inquiry Tuesday 29 May, 2012. 10am in the WDC Council Chamber. See earlier report in March edition.

Healthcare. We are told that The Health and Social Care Bill seeks to promote health services where patients have more power, where the focus is on healthcare outcomes and quality standards, and where frontline professionals are given much greater freedoms and a strong leadership role.

At the WDC Localism Meeting on 13 March attended by our Residents Association, local groups were asked to encourage patients and public to attend meetings with their new Clinical Commissioning Groups to understand how the groups work.

At the heart of these changes in southern Bucks is the Chiltern Clinical Commissioning Group, comprising 33 practices divided into four geographical localities. The Amersham and Chesham Locality covers GP Practices in Amersham, Chesham, Hughenden Valley, Prestwood, Little Chalfont.

The GPs want to work with patients in the locality to design and provide the best available healthcare to meet patients' needs. It is hoped that the first meeting of our Locality Group in Amersham will be very well attended. Details below.

"Let's Talk Health" 6.30pm – 8.30pm Tuesday 17 April 2012, at Amersham Free Church, Woodside Road, Amersham, HP6 6AJ. Meeting open to all patients and public.

For further details contact Chiltern Clinical Commissioning Group on 01494 734554

Date of next meeting. 8pm Thursday, 12 April 2012. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaise 563634

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

Our Council meeting was held in a very snug, fully insulated Village Hall. Such an improvement. The next stage of our project is the updating of the hot water system. It has been a long, frustrating few years but we are, at last, getting somewhere.

Ted's Quiz Night was a roaring success and was nicely rounded off with the presentation by Sarah, our Chairman, of a glass tankard to John Harris for his 25 years sterling work on the Christmas Tree Lights. Well done, John, and thank you.

The other good news is that we have found a replacement for Hazel Vickery who is soon to stand

down. Judy Whitehouse will take over Hilary's mantle, as Secretary, as of the May Council Meeting. A hard act to follow.

Tickets for the Evans plus Evans Magic Evening on 21 April 2012 are selling well so, if you are considering going, you need to get yours as soon as possible.

Our AGM takes place at 8pm on 2 April. We would love to see more villagers in attendance. You don't have to get involved but you might be interested in our efforts to run the Village Hall and Playing Fields over the last 12 months and join us for drinks and nibbles afterwards.

Don Turner Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

Fete Day 2012: Saturday 23 June 'Olympics'

As we are sure you are all aware the fete is on the 23 June with a theme of the Olympics. We have nearly finished contacting all the stall holders and we have made the arrangements for the new attractions. The programme has a facelift and we hope it will be a useful source of information for fete day and adverts for local companies. We still welcome anyone to contact us if they would like to advertise.

Our Olympic twist is our Septathlon! Entry is £1 for a score card to record your results in the seven events. The medal ceremony will be at 3.30pm to decorate our top three competitors in each age group with gold, silver and bronze medals. We hope that lots of people will find their competitive edge and strive to win gold!

We are calling for extra helpers!!! Before fete day: Fete programme delivery and selling grand draw tickets.

On fete day: Bucking Bronco, Inflatable Assault Course, Gladiator, Kids Bouncy Castle, Standing Long Jump (part of Septathlon), Timed 50m sprint (part of Septathlon). car parking (to assist the car parking officials).

Another call for best neighbour nominees please – a trophy is waiting for them!

Any offers of donations, grand draw prizes and volunteers please contact us at nwafete@hotmail.co.uk or call in to see Claire at the Wheel. We hope to hear from you soon!

The fete committee Claire, Kat, Barbara, Sarah, Andy and Ian

Services at St. Botolph's, Bradenham

1 April Palm Sunday – 11am Eucharist
6 April Good Friday – 11am Stations of the Cross
8 April Easter Day – 11am Eucharist
15 April – 11am Eucharist
22 April – 11am Matins
29 April: No service at St Botolph's. There will be a Benefice Service at St Mary's, Radnage

Peggy Ewart

Tombola Prizes

Although the summer may seem a while off, the Fete Committee have already kicked off planning for the

2012 fete. Could we please ask you to start looking out anything you can spare for the Tombola prizes. Any prizes would be very much appreciated! We can be found at no. 4 Lacey Drive, off Chapel Lane. Thank you.

Andy and Judy Pope

Christians in the Community

Dear friends

For Christians, Holy Week and Easter is the most important week of the Christian year. It is when we remember where the story of Jesus, the story that we celebrated at Christmas with his birth in Bethlehem, was all leading. On Good Friday we will remember that Jesus Christ has entered into the worst of the world, its pain and suffering and its death. On Easter Sunday we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. On that day the great cry of Christians will be 'The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed Alleluia'. Do come and celebrate this good news at one of the services through Holy Week and Good Friday and then on Easter Sunday itself. And on behalf of the churches in Hughenden Valley and Naphill we wish you a very Happy Easter.

Rev Mike Hill, Minister, Naphill Methodist Church.
Rev Simon Cronk, Vicar at St. Michael and All Angels Hughenden.

During the last two weeks of March our Easter Card, containing full details of all the services taking place in Hughenden Valley and Naphill, has been delivered

Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Jubilee Picnic
Sunday 3rd June

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AT THE CRICK and VILLAGE HALL

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throughout the villages. There are services of quiet reflection and services of celebration and we hope some of you will join us at this very special time.

Another date for your diary later in the month is on Saturday, 28 April, when we will be holding a coffee morning in the Methodist Chapel Hall from 10 am to 12 noon. Coffee, tea and cake will be on offer and we will have a 'Bring and Buy Stall' and raffle. Come along for light refreshments, to meet a friend or just to engage with the wider community. We look forward to welcoming you.

Yvonne Cook

Naphill WI

Wicked. According to my granddaughter this means "cool". I am sure all of us who went to see the show on 21 February would agree, although I think we would describe it as a fantastic show and very entertaining. The costumes were amazing. Thank you Marion for again organising a really great evening.

We met in the small hall for our February meeting, which was rather cosy. Mrs Hulbert, showed us delightful slides of the wildlife and flowers in her garden throughout the year. It was very interesting to be told the names of the many birds that visited her. The March talk is entitled "Singing Bowls" – I wonder what that will be about.

Our Bingo evening on 2 March was great fun and Dennis Lynch provided much amusement as our Bingo caller. Some of us had never played Bingo before but I think all who attended had a jolly good time. The hot dogs in the interval were delicious too.

Several members visited Denman, the WI College at Marcham, near Abingdon, on 13 March. It was a beautiful spring day and the grounds of the College were looking at their best. We seemed to be eating the whole day. We had coffee and home-made biscuits on arrival, followed by a delicious lunch, and then after an informative tour of the house and some of the guest bedrooms, we had scones and cream before heading home!

The next event to look forward to will be the group meeting on 22 March at Flackwell Heath WI.

Carol Gilliam

Naphill Neighbours

The guest speaker at our March meeting was Mr Neil Rees who gave a talk on 'King Zog of Albania', who spent some years in exile at Parmoor House in Freith during the Second World War. Mr Rees had a great sense of humour and his talk was peppered with little anecdotes, which made it a very light hearted evening. He obviously knew descendants of King Zog and had travelled to Albania for all his background information. It was a very interesting talk.

If you are joining us on the outing to Exbury Gardens on Friday, 27 April, and you haven't already paid, this becomes payable by our April meeting at the latest. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 9am, with one extra pick-up at Forge Road.

At this meeting we will also be taking names for our outing to Althorp, the Spencer family home in Northamptonshire, which takes place on Wednesday, 4 July. The cost including coach fare and entrance fee will be £20.50 for members and £22.50 for guests.

Our meeting this month is on Monday, 16 April, when Mr Alan Copeland will speak on "Curiosities in the Cotswolds". Tea hostesses will be Brenda Pears, June Kaye and Nancy Hussey. The Committee wishes you all a very Happy Easter and looks forward to seeing you on the 16th.

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Our recent Annual Dinner marked the start of the Society's year, and, once again the evening was a huge success with 75 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 Voice Versa who gave us a wonderful selection of pieces to suit all tastes. The dig at Murdoch's press went down particularly well! A massive thank you goes to Lucy, Voice Versa, and all of you who came along on the night. I'm sure that everyone who was there would agree that the whole event was most enjoyable.

Judging by the hum of lawnmowers in the last week, the gardening year is now well under way, so it is time to remind you of our annual Plant Sale which takes place on Saturday 19 May, 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 the spares 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

naphillcommon.org.uk

Our programme is shaping up and it is going to be a busy year. Chris Miller has generously offered to lead short walks around Naphill. They will take place on Wednesdays: 4 April, 2 May and 6 June, and will continue on the first Wednesday of the month if the first three prove popular. Walks will start from Naphill Village Hall at 10.30am and will last about an hour, so the distances will be between two and three miles. Ron Collins will continue leading the longer "walks for health". These will all start from the Village Hall at 10am on the following Mondays: 16 April; 21 May; 18 June; 16 July; 20 August, 24 September; 15 October; 19 November and 17 December. Everyone is welcome to either or both of these walks, whether you are a member of FONC or not. All are free and you will find the company very friendly. Our work parties (also free!) take place on the first and third Sunday of each month.

We hope to run a geology project starting in May but

require permission from the land owner and Natural England. Anyone interested in the geology of our locality, especially the Common, is invited to join this major geology project led by Dr Jill Evers. It is intended to begin with an indoor meeting in Naphill Village Hall on Sunday 13 May, when Jill will explain some basic geology and the techniques we can use to investigate our area. This, we hope, will be followed by two or three field trips during which we will explore the geological features on Naphill Common. We will be looking at the soils, the sarsen and pudding stones, and trying to discover why the various pits and dells were dug. Come and discover how to do geological work and then practice it on the Common. Details of times and dates will be in the next Gazette, on posters, on our website and members will find them in our next newsletter.

There may be a small charge.

Hoping for better weather than last year, there will be another evening walk to search for bats on Friday 15 June led by Bridget Parslow. Bridget and her colleagues are very informative about these enigmatic creatures and, by using bat detectors, we should be able to identify several species on the Common and even find out what they are doing.

Following the discovery last year of the rare and beautiful purple emperor butterflies on Naphill Common, the butterfly expert Dennis Dell will lead a walk on Wednesday 4 July in the hope of spotting some. These insects are elusive but with luck we will see them, maybe with binoculars since the males generally fly above the oaks, while the females are generally lower down on the willow bushes. There will, of course be other woodland species to see.

John Tyler has agreed to lead another mini-beast safari on Sunday 22 July. We welcome parents to bring their children to hunt for insects and other mini-beasts, which John will identify. There will be nets and trays available, and all creatures will afterwards be set free.

The pond expert, Tony Marshall has just completed a survey of Downley's ponds, which included discovering crested newts in Manning's Pond. We hope to get permission for him to begin a survey of the seven main ponds on Naphill Common in February 2013, and what Downley has, surely we have better.

Our Historical and Archaeological Group (HAG) has been busy. Members are invited to a day of woodland archaeology on Wednesday 18th April led by John Morris. Meet at Bradenham cricket pavilion at 10am for a briefing, followed by a trip to the Common to explore some of its archaeology. Booking is required as we have to limit numbers to about 16 and make a charge of £10. Contact Kevin Bennett (01494 568689) if you are interested.

On the 3 May the archaeology team from the Risborough Countryside group very generously came for a day and undertook a geophysical survey of the purported Romano-British Farmstead. It is claimed to be a 'D' shaped enclosure but the bank and ditch fades out on one side, so we set out to try to trace its original position. The team surveyed two twenty metre squares on the likely path of the ditch and found significant traces on one of them. The survey method is entirely undamaging and we hope to extend it in future. Our investigation into the testing of tanks on the Common

during WW2 is continuing with interviews of local people who may remember what happened. If anyone has relevant memories, documents or photographs please contact Kevin Bennett.

We have plans for a mid-summer bonfire to dispose of all the holly brash removed from the Clumps, and hope to be joined by people from the National Trust and the Downley Common Preservation Society.

Details of all these activities will appear later. All of our events cost money, especially the archaeology, geology and pond surveys. Much of this is covered by our member's subscriptions and a small charge in some cases, but we would like to thank Rachel Sanderson of the Chiltern Commons Project and Richard Pushman from the County Council for their financial help.

Finally, Margie McGregor, who many may remember as Margaret McCue, has an art exhibition at the Compleat Angler in Marlow on 6 May. Margie very generously gave £500 to FONC and we wish her exhibition every success.

Trevor Hussey

Naphill Tennis Club

Our 2012 Annual Newsletter with details of club activities and membership subscriptions is now available. If you would like information on the tennis club, then please do contact me on 01494 565406 or email jenny@tench.me.uk and I'll send you a copy.

This season, we are repeating the success of last year's free Rusty Racquets coaching for both members and non-members. If you haven't played tennis for



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Jenny Tench

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

I would like to start by apologising for our article not being in the March edition. This was due to a technical hitch on my behalf and not sending it properly. Sorry to everyone who's been in and mentioned that we missed it!

Mark and I have finally managed to have ourselves a well deserved break in the Peak District at the start of February. We had a fabulous time walking through the mountains with the dogs. We also enjoyed the atmosphere of all the local pubs and enjoyed watching the start of the RBS Six Nations! We would like thank Chloe for looking after the pub all week, and the rest of the staff.

We would also like to thank everyone who tipped the staff over the festive period. The generosity of our customers was outstanding. Thank you all very much.

We used that money to celebrate Christmas on the 12 February (yes, we know it was late, but Christmas and New Year is busy for us). We partied the night away at the Black Lion with a concoction of alcohol and various silly games. Congratulations to Alan and Ryan for winning the first Wheel Challenge Cup. Many thanks to Helen Leigh-Dugmore and Chris Childs for looking after the pub for us, and to Nikki and Kat for organizing everything on the night! It was great being able to celebrate as a whole team. Thank you all again!

Burn's Night on 25 January went down like a storm! It was the first year we have celebrated this event, and what a cracking night it was. Our guests were greeted by Robert who was playing his bagpipes and many thanks to Ian Murder for a great show in addressing the Haggis. Tony our chef, worked exceedingly hard to create a traditional Scottish menu and produce the authentic taste of Scotland, adding to the evenings atmosphere. We would like to thank everyone who participated with the speeches to the Laddies and Lassies, and making extra effort for dressing up in your kilts and relevant attire. You all looked fantastic!

Throughout February and March we showed all of the RBS Six Nations rugby games in the front bar and also celebrated St Patrick's day with lots of Guinness while England vs Ireland was shown.

So what's in store over the next few weeks?

- On 13 – 14 April, it's Beer Festival Weekend!
- April – New summer menu
- St George's Day Celebrations will be held on 24 April with a special menu so please book early.
- 2 – 5 June – Diamond Jubilee celebrations
- 17 June – Fathers Day
- 23 June – Fete Day

During Beer Festival weekend there will be a fine selection of ales from local breweries both new and old. On the Saturday Les Roots will be here selling his beautiful cheese and James Henton will be playing live music in the front garden marquee.

We are planning to have more themed menu evenings, however dates have not yet been confirmed, so please double check our blackboards for upcoming events and special evenings! We will also be changing the normal menu in the middle of April and our fabulous chef has been trialing lots of new fantastic dishes, which Mark and I have been tasting and now have to make some very difficult choices!

Thanks to all our customers, old and new for your continued support towards your local village pub, and we hope to see you soon!

Claire and Mark

Bon Ami

My goodness – where does the time go! It only seems like yesterday when a mince pie was the order of the day and here we are serving toasted Hot Cross Buns and scrummy Easter cupcakes.

It's so lovely to look out on the Crick and watch the spring gradually taking over, and with it, the rhubarb beginning to appear on the allotment – it's almost time for Rhubarb cake. We have had several requests for

our Rhubarb cake so watch this space – or should I say, keep an eye on the cake cabinet.

Many thanks to all our regular customers who have been so understanding and supportive with regard to our closing on Thursdays – it really makes a difference.

Over the Easter period, we will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday – open Easter Saturday as usual.

As always, we look forward to welcoming you at Bon Ami and thank you all for your continued support.

Amanda Hall and Ruth Bond

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.

On Thursday 22 March we will be making Easter cards for all the family. Also, don't forget the Toddler's Easter Party on Thursday 29 March 1 – 3pm, to include a special tea and Easter egg hunt

Louise Lucas 488255

Little Ash Preschool

Well spring is definitely in the air! The children love the warmer weather and have been able to use our outdoor play area and garden much more this month. We have also been busy making Mother's Day baskets and Easter treats. Unlike other years when we have made Mother's Day cards we decided to make a flower arrangement instead. This included some artificial roses and some wonderful foliage. We hope the Mums enjoyed their arrangements.

The canopy at the front of the Preschool is now finished and is the perfect size to keep all the parents and children dry on wet days.

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Art Week at Naphill & Walters Ash School

For one special week in February, Naphill and Walters Ash School became a buzzing hive of creativity when we had an art week based on the famous picture by Verruchio 'Tobias and the Angel'. Every year group used this same picture as a starting point and then used their imaginations to develop their own art work. Year one made a fabulous angel hotel out of card board complete with fairy lights and even a penthouse suite! Year two based their work on the box in the angel's hand whilst year three travelled through different landscapes and painted 3D scenes. Studying different countries along the journey, was year four's artistic focus; year five designed sparkly fish and sculptured hands that were made of papier mache. Last, but not least, year six designed and sewed a backing for the piano with colourful, glimmering angels. The week

culminated in an amazing exhibition of everyone's artwork in the school hall. All of the teachers thought that it was the best that the hall had looked in years! Year six also wrote superb poems on the theme of angels.

Polly Campanini, Head Girl

Angel

Shadowing my every move,
Wandering, watching, waiting,
Like a carbon copy of me,
He is my tracing paper,
But also my guide.

He guides me through calm waters,
He paves the way through rough,
Helping me,
Testing my enemies,
He is my guide through life,
He is my guardian Angel.

By Harry Sinclair

Angel

When I'm alone,
He's there,
Like a force field protecting me,
From the evil in the world.

He is my shelter
When life is a storm,
He is my shield
When life is a battle.

He fights for me,
Protects me,
Watches over me,
Him, my secret angel.

By Katie Curtis

Angel

Always there,
Always here,
Like a comforting hug from a friend,
A feather bed to fall in,
A mother to protect you everywhere,
The signpost to guide you through life,
A blanket to wrap around you,
A blanket to keep you warm,
Always there,
Always here.

By Phoebe Cotes

Sapling Childcare

We have had some cold days this month so hot chocolate and toasted sandwiches have been popular at snack time. We said goodbye to one of the children who has now moved to Belgium and hello to some new friends who have joined us.

Our craft table is always busy. February saw Pancake Day when we tasted pancakes with a variety of different toppings. On St David's Day on 1 March we made daffodils and St David's flags, and the children have been busy making Mother's Day cards and flowers ready for Mother's Day on March 18th. We are now looking forward to Easter and cake decorating.

The play park is always a favourite of both the boys and girls, and now that the weather is starting to warm up we have been out there a few times.

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Naphill Brownies

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who donated jumble; helped out on the day or turned out to buy at our recent Jumble Sale. We are always amazed at how supportive everyone is. This really is a great village to be part of. We raised over £700 which will be split between the Brownies and the Guides. Having just paid £735 to Girlguiding UK for our annual brownie subs, you will appreciate just how valuable the jumble sale money is to us. It allows us to keep our fees reasonable, making guiding available to all.

This term we have been truly international as we work on our 'World Cultures Badge'. In recent weeks we have done Indian hand painting and French cooking (tartes aux pommes). We took part in an international postcard exchange receiving postcards from Brownie and Guide units from places ranging from Alaska to Vietnam, Hawaii to South Africa. It has been fun to find out about what they do at Guides/Girl-scouts and about the places where they live. In a couple of week's time, to finish off our badge, we will be trying some 'Egyptian Belly Dancing'! I might have to take a camera for that one.

Our new Brownies have now been enrolled and officially joined the Girlguiding family. They all made their Brownie promise beautifully. We were very proud of them. Our older girls planned the enrolments from start to finish – doing invitations to the parents, taking the new girls through their promise and planning entertainment and refreshments on the night. They made some well-considered changes to the usual programme and we will definitely use them in the future. Well done.

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Mini Rugby – High Wycombe Rugby .

We are almost at the season close and it is great to see the hard work of the players and coaches over the year now paying off. Two successful U7s fixtures in the last month away to Hemel and then home against Reading saw much quicker ball handling and an improving defence. Well done to everyone, not least our ever strong Walter's Ash and Naphill contingent.

We have a busy end of season to look forward to, with tournaments at RGS, Marlow and Aylesbury. Two U7 teams will also get the honour of a final run out at Adams Park on 5 May during the last Wasps home game of the season. Season ends with our fun day and awards presentation on 6 May.

All the age groups are now starting to think ahead towards next season and recruiting new players. We accept children of all ages from reception age and look out for some pre-season taster sessions during the summer term (dates to follow). To register interest or for more information please contact Nathan Crinyon at ncrinyon@btinternet.com or 07956520129.

Nathan Crinyon

Happy Birthday to...

Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear allotment, happy birthday to you! That will

be the song I shall be singing on 4 August 2012, and what a birthday – the 150th! Yes, the allotment gardens at Walter's Ash and Naphill will have been in continuous use for 150 years on 4 August. But who owned the land previously? I have uncovered a fascinating history.

In 1862 the Inclosure Commissioners were awarding various parcels of land on Naphill Common. Previously the land was common land and local people could graze their livestock, cultivate crops etc. The Inclosure Commissioners awarded plots without charge to people who already had some link with a particular plot and other plots were sold. That, of course, left out the labouring poor, so two parcels of land in our area were set aside to provide allotments for them.

In the County Archives Research Network in Aylesbury I found the very large and unique Inclosure Map which identified the two parcels, numbered 129 for the Walter's Ash allotments and 55 for the Naphill allotments. Linked to the Inclosure Map was an enormous bundle of parchment sheets which was the unique handwritten Award Document, spelling out who was awarded each plot of land. The wording of 150 years ago is fascinating, and I have carefully copied it, with the original spelling, capital letters and punctuation as follows:

"And I have also set out and do hereby set out and allot and award unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor all that piece or parcel of land numbered 129 on the said map part 1 containing two acres to be held by them and their successors in Trust as an Allotment for the labouring poor of the said parish of Hughenden subject nevertheless to and chargeable with a clear Rent Charge of Two pounds which said sum does not exceed the net annual value of the said Allotment in its present condition And I declare the same to be of the value of such number of Imperial Bushels and decimal parts of an Imperial Bushel of Wheat Barley and Oats as hereinafter set forth that is to say:

price per Bushel	Bushels and decimal £ s d	parts
Wheat	- 7 0¼	1.89911
Barley	- 3 11½	3.36842
Oats	- 2 9	4.84848

And I direct that the Fences of such Allotment on all sides shall from time to time be repaired and maintained by and at the expense of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish for the time being"

"and I further set out allot and award the said Two Rent Charges amounting together to £4.10.0 payable out of the Allotments for the labouring poor numbered respectively 55 and 129 on the said map Part 1 and for Benjamin Disraeli aforesaid"

The wording given above amounts to the birth certificate of the two allotment gardens.

Please note that a Rent Charge was payable to Benjamin Disraeli, the future prime minister, who lived at Hughenden Manor and probably owned the land prior to it being awarded to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor. The area of plot 129 was about

RULES & REGULATIONS

RESPECTING THE
Garden Allotments for Labouring Poor
IN THE
PARISH OF HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

1. The Rent of *Four Shillings*, to commence from 29th September, 1895, and to be paid Quarterly, if demanded. Each person is to find a responsible party who will become security for Payment of the Rent.
2. The whole of the Lands to be kept Clean and properly Manured.
 3. One Half of the Lands to be Planted with Vegetables or Fallow every year.
 4. The remaining One Half part may be Cropped with White Straw Crops, but not to take more than One White Straw Crop in succession from any of the Lands.
 5. No part of the Lands are to be Cultivated on the Sabbath.
 6. If any Tenant should commit any theft, or be guilty of any disorderly or improper conduct, or not Cultivate his Allotment in a proper manner, and a Certificate, signed by two respectable Ratepayers of the Parish, or by two Members of the Parish Council, is produced, certifying to any of the above, such Tenant shall be required to give up his or her Allotment on the 29th September next succeeding the production of such Certificate.
 7. If the Tenants should be called upon at any time by the Allotment Wardens to give up their Allotments (except for the causes before mentioned) they are to be paid for any interest they may have in the Land, Manure, or Crops; the amount to be ascertained by Three Members of the Parish Council, whose decision shall be final.
 8. The Tenant to Cultivate the Garden Ground by the Spade or Fork, and not to use Horses, Mules, or Donkeys thereon, or allow them or any other animals at any time to come on the Ground for feeding or for any other purpose whatsoever.
 9. Not to erect any Pigsty or any other Building on the land, except with the full consent of the Parish Council, in writing.
 10. To avoid Trespassing, and not to Damage any of the Crops, or any other part of the Allotment Parish Gardens.
 11. Not to Underlet or Part with the Possession of the Ground, or any part thereof.
 12. The Tenant shall have the right at any time of giving to the Parish Council, in writing, One Month's notice of his intention to give up Possession of his Allotment. The same right to be exercised on the part of the Parish Council.
 13. On leaving the Parish, the tenant shall give up possession of his or her Allotment Garden, on the following Lady Day, or at Michaelmas, which ever period shall fall first after removal.
 14. That if the Rent received upon the letting of any Garden by the Allotment Wardens shall at any time be in arrear for Forty Days, or if at any time during the Tenancy, being not less than Three Calendar Months after the commencement thereof, it shall appear to the Allotment Wardens that the Occupier of such Garden shall not have duly observed the Terms and Conditions of his or her Tenancy, or shall have gone to reside more than one mile out of the Parish, then, and in every such case, the Allotment Wardens shall serve a notice upon such Occupier, or in case he or she shall have gone to reside out of the Parish shall affix the same to the door of the Church of the Parish, determining the Tenancy at the expiration of One Month after such notice shall have been so Served or Affixed, and therupon such tenancy shall be determined accordingly.

We, the undersigned Allotment Wardens for the said Parish of Hughenden, hereby agree to let, and Benjamin Disraeli, James Gomm, hereby agrees to take Garden No. 2; containing Acre, Rods, 20 Poles, situated at Naphill forming part of Allotment No. 55, on the Award Plan of the same Parish, upon the Terms and Conditions herein contained.

Dated the 28 Day of Oct. 1896

R. T. Child

Allotment
Wardens.

W. E. Allan

Tenant of
Garden No.

X The mark of James Gomm

I, hereby undertake and agree to become responsible for payment of the Rent herein mentioned as it becomes due.

Witness to signature of the said

R. T. Child

two acres and similar plots were sold for about £50 by the Inclosure Commissioners. The rent payable to Benjamin Disraeli was £2 pa for plot 129, which represented a return of about 4% – for ever. Not a bad return for a relatively low risk investment.

It is interesting to see that the annual value of allotment 129 was measured by the crops of wheat, barley and oats which could have been grown on the land. It would appear that soil quality as well as area of the plot was taken into account when assessing the amount of crops which could be grown on the allotments.

The land was awarded by the Inclosure Commissioners to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor and

their successors in trust. For the next 32 years the Church administered the allotments. Then came the 1894 Local Government Act which transferred the powers, duties and liabilities of the Churchwardens to parish councils – and our present system of local administration came into being. The parish council administered the allotments. For a few years the parish council continued to use the Churchwardens' stationery for allotment tenancy agreements. As an example, please see the tenancy agreement of James Gomm who took plot 2 of the Naphill allotments (numbered 55) on 28th October 1896. (References to "parish council" in that document mean the ecclesiastical parish council.) His plot, like most of the others, measured 20 poles (mine measures 15 poles). He could not sign his name so made an "X" which was witnessed by one of the allotment wardens. He could not read yet was signing a legal document, so I hope someone read out to him that he was not to work on the Sabbath! And the rest! It makes fascinating reading and is a record of the social conditions of the time. In the modern era we can send emails as an extremely rapid method of communication. In those days, as indicated in the tenancy agreement, one affixed a notice to the door of the Church and expected the addressee to come along and read it!

One of the allotment wardens was Mr William Edward Allan, a rich farmer of Walter's Ash. He was also the parish constable. Re Regulation 2, woe betide those who did not keep their allotment plots properly manured! When he retired as parish constable he pointed out that his handcuffs had become defective, so new ones were purchased and he was allowed to keep the old ones. I

bet those old handcuffs could tell a few tales! Re Regulations 3 and 4, the allotment holders in those days must have grown cereal crops as well as fruit and vegetables, something I have never seen. Re Regulation 1, the rents are still due on 29 September each year – it is good to see that some traditions are still maintained.

For me it is fascinating to think that others have toiled on my allotment plot since 1862. Perhaps in another 150 years someone will be working my plot. I hope so. Good gardening!

Mike Mason

Shear Madness Barbers

Shear Madness was opened on 12 March last year by 'The Blues Brothers' We had arrived and certainly woke the village up. In June we set up a stall at Naphill village fete offering coloured hair spraying and hair pieces, the first fete we have done whilst running the shop at the same time!

Then came the rubber ducks! We sponsored a duck for a local charity and went along to the event, however the stream had dried up so ping pong balls and watering cans were used instead. Feeling somewhat cheated out of our sponsor money we stole a rubber duck and put it above a mirror in the shop. Customers wanted to take 'Trevor' the duck on their holidays and they would then come back with other ducks. We have around 46 now and they have very exciting lives. Some have been to TV shows, one is out in South Africa, others have been scuba diving, kite surfing, wing walking, to the Brit Awards and most were away celebrating Christmas with customers. We even got Suggs from Madness and Timmy Mallet involved with the ducks. We have had to buy extra shelves and even a phone box to keep them in.

In November we held a firework picture competition for the younger children at Naphill & Walters Ash School. The winner received a gift and a trophy donated by Woodhall Trophy Shop. We then held a pyjama day for Children in Need and with one days notice managed to get all the staff from The Co-op, Manor Garage, Leigh Lewis Opticians, Woodhall Trophy Shop and, of course, us to dress up in nightwear for the day. We managed to raise £180.

Many locals grew November taches for charity which we then shaved off for them in the Wheel Pub at the end of November. And we also had Santa in his grotto in the shop in December.

So far this year we have entered a Shear Madness team into the Swatk Connor Endurance Race held at Brean Sands which involves travelling as many miles as you can in three hours on either a kite board or kite buggy.

We managed to lose a pancake race to Manor Garage due to Mandy's cheating, but won the Whiteleaf Dog Training Club Christmas Quiz, and won!

We have had a fun first year and would like to thank all our customers, old and new, for supporting us throughout.

Lynn and Mandy

Tribute to Philip Crawshaw, M.B.E.

On Sunday 4 March our village community lost a much respected stalwart in the passing of Phil Crawshaw. At his funeral on Friday 9th March we learned, from the oration of a long standing friend, just how much Phil had contributed in his service life to the Royal Air Force for which he was awarded the M.B.E. Phil was a superb pilot, trained in Rhodesia now Zimbabwe, and one of the first to fly the Meteor jet fighter. He was the Chief Flying Instructor at RAF Henlow from March 1957 to November 1959. He and his family moved to RAF Strike Command in the early 70's and he purchased the

family home, Little Russet, Parkside in 1975 where he lived until his death. I first met Phil and his family in 1980 when he began to take a keen interest in local affairs, first with the local Conservative Group then Hughenden parish council where his wise counsel and considerable experience made him a much respected member. He also served as a Naphill & Walters Ash School Governor for four years.

He was a stalwart of St Boltoph's Church, Bradenham, where he served as both Secretary and Treasurer up until the last weeks of his life. He also did most of those small maintenance jobs and was never too busy not to help with events such as Bradenham and Naphill Fêtes or any task requested of him.

Phil was an essentially practical man, always able to make a broken machine work including his cars. Rarely throwing anything away which might have an extended use and lovingly maintaining the church clock which he wound up every week. This necessitated climbing the tower and winding up one hundredweight weights for the clock and another for the chimes! Although he was relieved of this task some 4 years ago when the manual winding was changed to an electric motor, nevertheless the twice yearly hour change demanded the tower to be climbed and Phil did this until recent months.

Born in Yorkshire Phil had all the attributes of that county in his blood. He was forthright and came straight to the point but he had an attractive charm which won him many friends.

Our thoughts and prayers must be with Dorothy, his wife of 56 years and his four daughters and grandchildren. Phil was a devoted family man, a good friend and a champion of the community in which he lived and served. His like are not easily found and never replaced, we will sadly miss him.

Richard Pushman

Shrimp tons of Naphill

I am prompted to write this article because Naphill can boast of another famous person: Jean Shrimpton, 'The Shrimp'. Jean has recently been in the papers and there have been pictures in the TV Times. David Bailey, the photographer, took many photos of Jean and they were, at one time, a couple. Jean made the headlines many times in her modelling days so, in later years, she avoided publicity. Recently however, with Jean's permission, David directed a TV programme about her.

Her great grandparents William Shrimpton and Etty Betts, from Penn, had four sons and three daughters. They lived at one time in Walnut Tree Cottages which, I am told, was built in three stages. The first cottage was built in the 1790s and the other two were added in the early 1800s. William Shrimpton advertised as a farrier and general smithy at the bottom of Downley Road, Naphill, where he had his blacksmith's business. Hence the old pub called 'Blacksmith's'. It is no longer a pub but a private house. He allowed his son to be an apprentice wheelwright to Percy Baldwin who had a foundry at the bottom of Forge Road. The son's name was Ernest Edward Shrimpton (1888 - 1976) and he married Ethel Nicholls (1891 - 1983). His nickname

was 'Titch Shrimpton'. They were married on 12 April 1913 at Hughenden Church. Titch served in World War 1 in the Royal Ordnance Corps. In his married life he played the big base drum in our village brass band and he was also interviewed in a programme which came to our village called 'Have a Go', by Wilfred Pickles.

They had a family: Gladys, Edward (Ted), and Beryl. Ted was Jean Shrimpton's father. Beryl married John Styles from Downley who played for Naphill cricket team until moving to Holmer Green. Beryl died in October 2011 and Jean arranged the funeral. Ted and his wife, Peggy, lived in Coombe Lane, Naphill. They had Jean, Christine and, much later, Dan. Ted had a very successful building and decorating business with offices in Oxford Road, High Wycombe. When he retired he bought a farm in Burnham. On his death his son Dan ran the farm.

'The Shrimp' married and had a hotel with her husband and they had a son, Thaddeus. When he left home they sold the Cornish business and they live more locally.

I was told, by the way, that there was a 'highway man' living in Penn sometime ago. A very interesting family.

Pam Smith

Brief Encounter

17 February 2012 – Princes Risborough Car Park

It was a lovely Spring like day and I had just returned to my car having walked along the High Street to do some shopping. I have a yellow car with a cartoon character of a little girl on it. When I arrived at my car, I noticed the car next to me contained a young woman in the driving seat, plus three excited little boys in the back, all laughing and chatting. Suddenly the rear window was wound down and this lovely cheeky little face appeared.

"We are all laughing at that picture on your car" he said. "Is it real?" A little taken aback and not quite understanding what he was asking, I replied "Well, I drew it and then had it made into a sticker and put it on my car. I've got another, smaller one, on the other side." "Have you? Can I see it?" "It's on the other side and I'm afraid you can't see it from where you are." "She's got a funny face, hasn't she?" "Yes," I said, "She has, hasn't she?" (I'd never really thought about it before). Then all three of them started jumping up and down and gabbling away and shouting out. One of the other ones was asking me something which I couldn't quite figure out – but – Mr. Cheeky number one suddenly piped up "He says – have you any children?" (I didn't quite see the relevance of this question, but I answered anyway – after all it's only polite) "Yes," I said. "I have two girls who are all grown up and five grandchildren who are all taller than me. Three girls and two boys." There was a 'visual' sort of Oh! emanating from within the car whilst they digested this information. Then the conversation seemed to trail off, so I said "Well, it's been lovely talking to you. I'm afraid I have to go now, but I must say I would be very happy to have three little boys like you as my children." "Bye Bye to you." A chorus of "Byeee" came from the car. I drove away amidst lovely smiles and waves. This encounter really made my day. What delightful children who were not too shy to talk to me and ask questions. I smiled all the way home. Their Mum must be very proud of them.

Jacqueline Armstrong

The Queen's English*

Of course, Stafford Dobson is correct in saying that it's impossible to prevent a language's grammar and the meaning of words changing: to try to do so would be to emulate King Canute. However, this does not mean that there can be no such thing as good and bad English at any particular time. Language is about communication and without clarity there is inevitably a risk of misunderstanding. Even a missing comma can alter meaning as in "He was an ill, educated man" and "He was an ill educated man".

Equally it is important to know what words mean. When priests and nuns take a vow of celibacy, it is a promise not to marry, since celibate means unmarried. Now, thanks largely to the media, being celibate can mean abstaining from sex: as a result, no one can now be sure what is meant. Similarly, if I were on trial, I would prefer every juror to be disinterested, i.e. impartial, rather than uninterested, i.e. couldn't care less. Yet the words are regularly confused.

As an observer but not necessarily an opponent of such changes, I find there are two very different developments. On the one hand, texting on mobiles is leading to shorthand such as "c u l8r" – which arguably could lead to a generation who believe this is the correct way to write. At the same time, and direct contrast, the language is being peppered with unnecessary prepositions in phrases such as "meet up with" for "meet", "listen up" for "listen" and "miss out on" for "miss". Redundant prefixes, too, are creeping in: not so many years ago I would have ordered some new furniture but today it seems I must pre-order it.

Finally, if – as Mr Dobson suggests – there is no correct way to write or speak English, perhaps we should lobby the government to sack all English teachers and so help ease the education budget in the recession.

* Yes, she is

Alan Lewis

Spring into Action

As the days become longer and the daffodils flower, the sun shines brightly into our rooms and, oh dear, just look at that dust! Although Quentin Crisp the author is reputed to have said that dust gets no thicker after three years, most of us prefer not to test that theory. We all have standards we like to maintain but sometimes we just can't physically manage the house and garden like we used to when we were younger. For anyone who wants a bit of extra help at home, you can ring Age UK Bucks and ask about the Help at Home service. There are cleaners, shopping help, gardeners, handymen, and even hairdressers, computer tutors, therapeutic massage ladies, and the toe nail cutting team. All will visit at home, at a reasonable price, and at a day a time to suit.

Age UK Bucks will also help with welfare benefits advice, befriending visits, any information and advice needed by an older person, and rural day care. Ring 01296 431911 Monday to Friday 9 – 4pm Age UK Bucks, 145 Meadowcroft, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 9HH Registered charity no. 1139423

RAF High Wycombe NEWS

As the premier station in the RAF, people are queuing up to visit us – this month I will focus on a couple of recent visits that give a flavour of some of these visits to the Station.

The High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Mr James Naylor was at RAF High Wycombe in March to present Medals to Servicemen and women based at the unit.

The High Sheriff was given a tour of the RAF base's facilities prior to presiding over the Honours and Awards ceremony in the Station's Oakeshott Centre. Included in the tour of the Station was a visit to the newly renovated Harris Room; ACM Sir Arthur Harris' wartime office.



High Sheriff, James Naylor Esq with the recipients of various Honours and Awards.

Awards presented by the High Sheriff included Operational Service Medals and Commendations for servicemen involved in both Afghanistan and Air Operations over Libya. He also had the honour to present a Meritorious Service Medal to Warrant Officer Bev Childs. This special and limited medal is only awarded to those who have completed "good, faithful, valuable and meritorious service, with conduct judged to be irreproachable throughout". Warrant Officer Childs has not only contributed in the professional area, in her illustrious career she has

also represented Great Britain in many athletics event and been a pioneer in UK and RAF Triathlon.

Speaking after the ceremony, the High Sheriff said:

"In the past the High Sheriff was charged with raising armies for the queen.....It is a great pleasure and privilege to be here today rewarding those people for the service they have given."

In another visit to the Station, Princes Risborough man Mr Andy Weller was lucky enough to take on the role of RAF Station Commander for a morning.

Andy won the experience in a charity auction held at the RAF Base late last year, where he bid a considerable sum for the prize that saw him tour the base and accompany the CO, Group Captain Mark Heffron, on his rounds of inspections.

After a brief presentation in the Station Commander's office, Andy was whisked off to meet characters from the European Air Group, the Fire Section and the Royal Air Force Regiment.

Whilst at the fire section Andy was treated to an exercise scenario that saw him fitted out in Fire-fighter's Breathing apparatus. He was then part of a three man team sent into a simulator to rescue a 'casualty'. Emerging from the smoke filled room with the fireman's dummy in his arms, Andy certainly looked the part and was fascinated by the experience, saying:

"you can really gain an appreciation for what these guys go through in these situations"

Moving on to spend some time with the RAF Regiment, Andy was put through his paces as he attempted to be top marksman on the rifle firing simulator. Andy last shot a rifle at school and was keen to improve on past performance:

"My teachers told me that I would never hit a target because of my poor eyesight – popping the glasses on today certainly did the trick!"

After the tour of the camp, Andy was invited as a guest to the Honours and Awards ceremony, taking great pleasure in witnessing the presentation of medals to servicemen.

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Naphill & Walters Ash School	Kerenza Gwynn	562813	nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk
Pharmacy	Enquiries	565458	8.00am–2.30pm and 1.30pm–6.15pm
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Prescription Collection	Penny Leggett	562866	
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	Celia Duncan	564230	
	Nancy Hussey	563767	
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	PC Daton Beckford	Ask for Hazlemere Police Office	daton.beckford@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
Village Hall Bookings	Tanya Stevens	565604	stevens694@btinternet.com
Website	Judy Whitehouse	562742	naphill.org.uk judyq.demon.co.uk

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	Sheila 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
Pilates – Catrina Gray	Wednesdays 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Catrina Gray 07908 810489
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 Leflaise 563634 glorialefraise@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Curtis 562779 naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemg.org
	Wednesdays 9.30am		Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com
	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		Jenny Tench 565406 jenny@tench.me.uk
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	Richard Adams 07782 328148. richard@dams.me.uk
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	Jenny Price 563001

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Editorial

The next few months will be busy as we head towards the big events of the year, both locally and nationally. May's front cover has been put together using pictures from the Silver and Golden Jubilees. Perhaps you recognise a younger version of yourself? The Diamond Jubilee 'Big Picnic' is taking place on 3 June on the Crick. See page 8 for more details and come along! Thank you to Norma Clarke, Sarah Fisher and Ian Banks for helping me to create this cover picture.

Read on to learn more about the latest addition to the Naphill website. The archive is fascinating and it's well worth a look. I had a look at the April 1965 edition which included a long article from the Village Hall and Playing Fields Council. They had started extending and improving the kitchen and made a note of the fact that "refreshments can now be served direct into the Hall instead of the hitherto unsatisfactory method of via the entrance to the ladies lavatories!" How things have moved on ...

Preparations for the village fete are well underway and the committee are doing a fantastic job . There are many different ways in which you can do your bit to make it a success – have a look at their article on page 9.

Clare Goddard 565065
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County Councillor's Report

The County Council's concern that the cost of High Speed rail is not justified has been supported by the Department for Transport, who have recently revealed that the latest updated 'Benefits Cost Ratio' i.e. the value for money for each pound of taxpayers' money invested in the scheme, has now been revised down for the fourth time. The 'Benefit Cost Ratio' for Phase 1 between London to the West Midlands has declined from an original forecast in January 2010 of a return of 2.4 for every pound invested to only 1.2 now. The County Council leader Martin Tett, who is also chairman of the 51m Alliance of 19 local authorities opposed to HS2 said, "That this latest analysis proves that we have been right all along. Our prime objection has always been that you need a really good business case to compensate for doing so much damage to the environment. This confirms that HS2 has a catastrophically poor return for taxpayers". We must hope that commonsense prevails and that this environmentally damaging and costly scheme will be put aside.

Residents who still use oil for heating purposes might be interested in a scheme being promoted as Community Oil Buying launched by Community Impact Bucks at the start of January which is going from strength to strength with members in 19 communities around the county. On the 30 March the price paid by members was 60.3p per litre, which compares very well to the highest price we were quoted of 74p per litre and an average price of 65p

per litre. So if you do buy oil and don't already get the benefit of buying in bulk, why not consider becoming a member. If your community doesn't already have a co-ordinator, why not volunteer? The time commitment is small, the benefits are large – and don't forget co-ordinators can join the scheme for free. More information is available on Community Impact Bucks or their phone 0845 389 0389.

The fear of crime and anti-social behaviour still top residents' main concerns in a recent Mori Poll conducted on behalf of the County Council. Not unsurprisingly the state of our roads was close behind. Perceptions of crime do not always reflect the police perspective of crime reporting. Too often I hear of residents being victims of petty crime and sometimes burglary but not bothering to report it to the police. Is it any wonder that our villages are regarded as safe havens and do not warrant a too overt police presence?

The month of May heralds summer, let us hope that the sun shines with some showers of rain to keep the garden growing!

Richard Pushman

News From Your District Councillors

We are pleased to announce that our Ward Budgets for 2011/2012 have been allocated to the following:

- Library project at Widmer End School
- Chiller repair at Hughenden Community Shop
- Building improvements to the North Dean Memorial Hall

Our Ward Budgets for 2012/2013 will be available to allocate in the summer. Suggestions of community projects that need assistance would be most welcome.

As Cabinet Member for Environment Audrey is working towards a joint waste contract with Chiltern District Council. This will save money as well as add kerbside glass collection to the WDC recycling programme and it is hoped that the joint service will be up and running in the spring of 2013.

PIN-UP DIARY DATES

MAY

2nd	Short Walk for Health. Meet at Village Hall. 10.30am
2nd & 9th	Rusty Racquets. Naphill Tennis Club. 9.30am
3rd & 10th	Rusty Racquets. Naphill Tennis Club. 7pm
13th	The Geology of Naphill Common. Village Hall. 10am to 3.30pm
19th	Horticultural Society Plant Sale. Village Hall. 9am to 10.30am
21st	Walk for Health. Meet at Village Hall. 10am

David, as Cabinet Member for Homes and Housing, and Dory, as Spokesperson for the same, are looking into providing additional housing for the homeless. There are several options and research is under way to see which are the most viable in terms of finance and planning.

Local residents and Wycombe Sports Centre users recently attended exhibitions to find out more about the facilities that Wycombe District Council is proposing for the new sports and leisure centre that will be built at Handy Cross. The exhibition outlined the Council's proposal for the facilities that will be included in the new sports and leisure centre, as well as the proposals to relocate the running track and synthetic turf pitches. The proposed facilities mix includes: an eight lane 50m pool; a 20m by 8m learner pool; fun water for toddlers; a 150 station gym; dance studios; a 12 court sports hall; two squash courts; a health suite; two party or meeting rooms; a soft play area and a cafe and vending area.

We continue to keep in touch with and work alongside village groups, residents associations and the Parish Council so that we are kept up to date regarding local issues. If, however there are any matters that concern you and you would like our assistance please get in touch.

As we approach the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics we know that many of you will be celebrating and cheering on Team GB. We wish you all a jubilant and fun-filled summer.

With best wishes,

*David Carroll 716967, Audrey Jones 563435
Dory Morgan 562129*

A Personal Perspective

I'm not the only Parish Councillor who wants to pass on some 'personal perspectives' concerning the role of a Parish Councillor, so I'd encourage you, for this month's Gazette, to read the article called 'Being a Parish Councillor', by Audra Byerley

Roger Beavil

Being a Parish Councillor

As a new Parish Councillor I have learnt a lot about what our local parish is responsible for. For those who are not familiar with Hughenden Parish Council, there are full council meetings which all of the Parish Councillors attend every month and then there are three committees.

Environment and Services meet four times a year as do Finance and Administration. And finally Planning have the largest commitment in terms of time as they meet every three weeks to discuss and advise Wycombe District Council on planning applications in the parish.

I am a member of the Environment and Services committee. We look after the general maintenance of the area we all live in, including the playgrounds and

the allotments. We make decisions about our green spaces and how we use them.

As a mother I have a particular interest in the playgrounds and consequently this has also led me into becoming a member of the Naphill Village Hall committee. These meetings also take place once a month and involve a large group of dedicated people. This team are involved in organising village events as well as planning long term projects and solving more immediate problems to provide the village with a fantastic facility.

There is so much that goes on in Naphill and Walter's Ash that we all benefit from which I had not fully appreciated until I became a Parish Councillor. Those people who frequently write in the Gazette are usually those that are offering the village so much. We are fortunate to have a truly rich community spirit.

So why am I writing this? You may have been reading Roger Beavil's articles in the Gazette 'A Personal Perspective' every month and the news from your four Naphill and Walter's Ash councillors namely Roger, Phil Conran, Dennis Hackling and myself.

We would like to know what the people of Naphill and Walter's Ash want for their local area. No litter, no dog fouling, no speeding and a Jubilee Celebration! But have we missed something?

It would be great to hear about what matters to you. I think we all want to keep our village as much as possible the way it is; maybe removing the litter, encouraging careful parking around the small shops to reduce traffic problems, but what is the vision of the people?

If you have any great ideas, or just a what if ... or a maybe we could ... we would like to hear from you. You may be a young person who would like to get involved in your community? We have the Brownie, Guide and Scout groups which provide fantastic activities and life skills for our young people. Have you any other ideas?

Are there any changes or facilities that you would like to see in the parish that you live in? Please contact your Parish Councillors or The Clerk at Hughenden Parish Council to give your views/ ideas.

If any members of the parish are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor in the future please contact us as we would be happy to share our experiences and offer any help/advice in how to get involved.

Many thanks.

Audra Byerley

Neighbourhood Police News

Useful contacts:

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the new non-emergency number, 101, and ask the police

operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office or email us.
lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or daton.beckford@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 April SID deployment in Naphill was cancelled due to police operations.

Road death in Great Kingshill

As many of the Hughenden Parish are aware, there has been great Police activity within the Great Kingshill area. A 23 year old male tragically lost his life following an incident on Cockpit Road. There has been great speculation as to the circumstances. The rumour factory has been working overtime. There is a full press release in the Bucks Free Press, however, if anyone within the community has any information what so ever could they please call the non emergency telephone number and report it. Your information could be a vital part of the jigsaw. The vehicle involved did not stop at the scene. Police are seeking a **silver saloon car** with possible front end damage. If you know of a silver vehicle that has recently had front collision damage please let the Police know, we will make the necessary enquiries.

Crime within the Parish

A father living in Kilnwood, Walter's Ash returned to his house following what appeared to have been a party, to find damage to his house and belongings.

Details of a bank account were accessed by unknown means and monies withdrawn without authority from a resident in Naphill.

Copper piping and other materials were stolen from a garden in Cockpit Close, Great Kingshill. A handbag and its contents were stolen from within the Uplands Conference centre, Cryers Hill. A burglary took place at a house on the Warrendene Road, Hughenden Valley and electrical items were stolen. Benches and tables were displaced and locks stolen from the Hughenden village shop.

Queens Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.

If you are considering arranging a street party to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee or the Olympics then please follow the attached link for more information about planning, obtaining permission etc. buckscc.gov.uk/assets/content/bcc/docs/london2012/celebration_toolkit.pdf

PC 3146 Lee Turnham
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer

Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning to 9 April 2012: **12/05600/FUL** Teheran, 242 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of

detached garage to front. **12/05622/FUL** Old Quarries, New Road, Walters Ash. Householder application for construction of pitched roof to existing flat roofed detached garage and cladding of exterior with oak boarding (part retrospective). **12/05563/FUL** Campion Cottage, 172 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of 1st floor rear extension above existing single storey extension, and rear outbuilding. (Objection. Loss of amenity to neighbours)

12/05845/VCDN Le Flaine Business Park, Church Lane, Naphill. Variation of condition granted under appeal W/91/5889/FF to longer hours of usage permitted to 0700-2000 Mon to Fri 0800-1700 Sat. No Sundays or Bank Holidays. (This is a new application after refusal of previous application for longer hours of usage from 0730-2030 Mon to Fri and 0800-1700 Sat. (The same local objections are likely to apply.). **12/05846/FUL** Marden, Pursells Meadow, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey side and rear extension and associated external alterations.

HNAG. Traffic Calming. NAWARA has requested, through HNAG, that further consideration be given to installing a permanent illuminated sign, possibly a Vehicle Activated Sign, to slow down traffic approaching the bend north of the Co-op, from the Lacey Green direction. The matter will be discussed again at the next HNAG meeting in April.

Mobile Phones/Drivers. There have been further problems with coach drivers using mobile phones while their coaches are moving. HNAG requested that village magazines report this and advise residents who witness such an incident to let PC Lee Turnham know the number of the coach. Phone 101. Very recently the driver of a large fuel tanker was seen busy on his mobile phone as he drove through Hughenden Valley.

Date of next meeting. 8pm Thursday, 11 May 2012. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaine 563634

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

Our April meeting is always very short. We start earlier than normal at 7.30 pm but have to be finished by 8 pm. to start the AGM. This concentrates our minds and we wonder why the other meetings last so much longer! However it is a bit of a gallop.

We have decided not to light a beacon in the village to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. However, if any other group would like to organise it then they are very welcome. There seemed no obvious place to have it and with the light evenings it could not be lit until 10 pm thus the numbers wanting to attend would be limited. It is a shame but we will instead have to make sure that we all come along and enjoy The Big Picnic on the Crick on Sunday 3 June to celebrate the Jubilee. Dress code is Kings and Queens for the children and your favourite outfit from

the last 60 years for the adults. I'm sure there will be plenty of red white and blue and Union Jacks flying. Bring along your picnic (no barbeques) and garden games and join in the fun. More details next month.

Our junior football teams have been doing exceptionally well and we congratulate them. The under 13's have won their league and the 11 and 15 year olds are top of their league at the time of writing. Many congratulations to all concerned.

Hughenden Parish Council have agreed to give us a grant to cover 20% of the cost of the insulation of the Hall which was completed during the last half term. Our thanks go to them.

Our next big fundraiser will be the Fete on the 23 June. Do make sure you are there and pray for fine weather.

Another date for you is that John Harris has booked the Ubiquitous Touring Theatre Company to perform in the Village Hall on the 27 October. It seems a long way away from now but lets hope that we get some decent summer weather in the interim .

The AGM followed the usual format with annual reports from both the Chairman and the Treasurer. Our finances are currently in good shape but of course we have plenty of plans to develop the hall and repairs and replacements to pay for. It all adds up. Fixing the water leak has made a significant difference to our water charges, and hopefully the recent insulation will help our energy bills. We are very dependent on all our fundraisers and especially on fine weather for both the Fete and the Fireworks. Ken Wright, our treasurer was re-elected as Treasurer for the forthcoming year as was Tanya Stevens as the Lettings Secretary. Hazel Vickery is retiring as our Secretary after about 20 years. She will be sorely missed but Judy Whitehouse has agreed to take her place and we wish her luck in the role and thank her for taking it on. Judy's place as a Village Representative has been filled by Peggy Ewart. The other village representatives, Sarah Bacon, Daisy Leek, Valerie Pushman, Jenny Price and Andrew Wilmot were all re-elected.

Pam Smith, our font of information about all the village history is standing down as the representative of Hughenden Parish Church and her place will be taken by Norma Clarke.

John Harris was re-appointed as the Independent Examiner of our accounts.

Next month the Chairman and Vice Chairman are appointed and unfortunately I can't see any changes there. Watch this space!

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

Fete Day 2012: Saturday 23 June – 'Olympics'

We are well on the way to completing everything for the day, the team have been meeting monthly and now only have a month left!

To start with though, due to unforeseen circumstances, the football club will no longer be able to do the BBQ at the fete. We would firstly like to thank the club for the many years that they have volunteered their time to the fete, and secondly they have been one of the biggest money generators of the day over many years and will be sadly missed. So once again a "Big Thank You" goes to all of you.

As you will understand from the above lines we are now desperately looking for volunteers to run the BBQ. If you are a local group or team that can take on the challenge and standards set by the football club we would love to hear from you as soon as possible, otherwise there will be no BBQ.

The grand Draw has been going well with lots of donations. Here is a list of a few prizes so that you can ensure you get your tickets. These will be sold at the local pubs, Bon Ami and Floreat.

- Cash prizes
- Lots of family tickets for local attractions and museums
- The snow centre
- Meal vouchers from various pubs and restaurants
- Cinema tickets
- Wine and beer
- Various other vouchers

As we have had to contact the council again this year with regards to the road closure I would be very grateful if you could contact me if you are entering a float or a walking tableau as we are required to give them a list for 'Health and Safety'.

We need everyone to start thinking about what we might use on the day, before you have your spring clean! Please think of us before you throw anything out.

- Broken china – for the china smash stall
- Books
- Bric-a-brac
- Grand Draw prizes
- Tombola Prizes

We are calling for extra helpers for the following, please contact Claire at The Wheel

- Fete Programme Delivery
- Selling Grand Draw Tickets
- Bucking Bronco
- Inflatable Assault Course
- Gladiator
- Kids Bouncy Castle
- Standing Long Jump
- Timed 50m Sprint
- Car Parking (to assist with car parking officials)

Another call for best neighbour nominees please (we haven't had any as yet). Don't forget this person does not need to be your actual neighbour but someone who has helped you or our wonderful villages – a trophy is waiting for them!

Any offers of donations, grand draw prizes and volunteers please contact us at

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*The Fete Committee Claire, Kat,
Barbara, Sarah, Andy and Ian*

Parking for the JUBILEE PICNIC EVENT on the Crick – Sunday 3 June 1pm

As parking is limited it will be on a first come first served basis. If you are able to walk to the Crick then please do. Many thanks

The Jubilee Committee

Services at St. Botolph's, Bradenham

6 May 11am Eucharist and baptism Revd. Veronica Beaumont

13 May 11am Eucharist Revd. Nigel Lacey

20 May 11am Eucharist Revd. Linda Richardson

27 May: Pentecost – no services in the Benefice. There is a special 'Love Wycombe Service' at Frogmoor at 11am, supported by churches of all denominations throughout the Wycombe area. This will be in a 'Songs of Praise' format with music, old and new. A variety of refreshments will be available.

Peggy Ewart

Tombola Prizes

Now Easter has come and gone, the summer is rapidly approaching and so far we only have three tombola prizes so please, please start looking out

anything you can give for the tombola...all prizes are very much appreciated! We can be found at no. 4 Lacey Drive, off Chapel Lane. Thank you for your generosity.

Andy and Judy Pope

Christians in the Community

Judging by the numbers in Hughenden Church on Easter Sunday I like to think that the number of cards delivered in the parish, some 2,000 plus, had something to do with it – but perhaps not!!

Our next social will be the coffee morning on the 28 April at the Naphill Methodist Church and of course we will be selling plants at the Naphill Fete on 23 June. And if you are a gardener now is the time to pot up the extra plants that have appeared in your garden and let Yvonne Cook who is organising our stall this year know.

Next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 6 June at Church House, Hughenden Church. Everyone welcome

Norma Clarke 563116

Naphill Evening WI

Our 'Singing Bowls' talk by Kate Miller on 15 March was most interesting and unusual. Kate brought along quite a large number of round metal bowls in varying sizes and when rubbed around the edge with a stick wrapped in a velvet type material they did indeed 'sing'. The bowls originated in the Himalayas and Nepal and were purported to affect ones chakra. A few of us were invited to the front and to just tap the edge of our bowl when we felt we wanted to. Most interesting.

SECOND HAND EMPORIUM 23 June - Fete Day

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 Walters 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.**

On 22 March, quite a few members attended the Spring Group Meeting hosted by Flackwell Heath when the talk was on "Policing then and now".

On 13 April, quite a few members attended the Annual Council Meeting at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury. The main guest speaker was Adam Henson, one of the Countryfile presenters. The Aylesbury bus that morning was full to bursting with WI members going to the event. I'm sure the bus driver must have wondered what was going on as the noise level was much higher than usual!

On 19 April the subject for our meeting will be "Murders in 19th Century Bucks". This is an Open Meeting, so we hope to welcome some husbands and friends. Before we know it, it will be the Resolutions Meeting which is usually interesting and allows us to voice our opinions on this year's NFWI resolutions.

The Food Appreciation Group met for an evening meal on 26 March and lunches are planned for 26 April and 29 May. Do contact Juliet if you would like to go along to either of these. Also planned is a traditional afternoon tea on Wednesday, 25 July; details in due course.

By the time you read this we will all hopefully have had a pleasant Easter break.

Carol Gilliam

Naphill Neighbours

Our meeting in April took place a week later than usual, owing to the Easter Bank Holiday. At the time of writing this, we still look forward to hearing our guest speaker, Mr Alan Copeland, speak on "Curiosities in the Cotswolds", so more about that next month.

If you have put your name on the list for our trip to Althorp, taking place on Wednesday, 4 July, payment should be made this month. The cost for members is £20.50 and for guests £22.50. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 9am with one extra pick up point at Forge Road. We will be leaving Althorp for home at 4pm.

Looking ahead to Fete Day on Saturday, 23 June, we will be organising our usual Cake Stall and would appreciate contributions of homemade cakes, biscuits and preserves. As in previous years there will be a Hamper raffle. This year we would like to arrange a rota so that two ladies will circulate the Fete with the Hamper, in a wheelbarrow, for 30 minutes at a time selling tickets. Obviously the more volunteers we have the less tiring it will be and it gives everyone a chance to enjoy the afternoon. So give that some thought and put your name forward if you think you could help in this way. It will be very much appreciated.

Our meeting this month is on Monday, 14 May, when we will have a talk on "The Wycombe Pioneers of Progress" by a representative of The High Wycombe Society. Tea hostesses will be Eileen O'Neill, Judy

Blofeld and Nancy Hussey. We look forward to seeing you all on the night.

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

As I write, the April showers have at last arrived and saved the garden from drying out, spring has finally sprung and the sun is shining, making our thoughts turn to making the garden look fabulous for the summer. To help you with your plans, our Plant Sale this year takes place at the Village Hall on Saturday 19 May from 9 – 10.30am. This is the perfect opportunity to buy all the plants you need to make your garden flourish, whether you think you may need drought tolerant or water loving plants!. There is always a good range of flowers, vegetables, herbs and some shrubs, all locally grown and at very reasonable prices, so do come along and have a look. 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.

It is also time to start planning your exhibits for one (or both) of our shows. The shows are for anyone with an interest in gardening and we welcome all entries. We have had several new exhibitors over the last couple of years who have been surprised at how much fun it is, and often win prizes.

You do not have to be a professional to exhibit in our shows; the main thing is that 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 website, 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 website. 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.

Lastly, you may or may not be aware that we are affiliated to the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) who have just introduced an exclusive membership offer for Affiliated Societies, giving you the opportunity to become an individual member of the RHS from just £35.70 (normally £51). In addition to the usual benefits you will also receive a £5 RHS shop/plant sale voucher. We, as a society, also benefit as the RHS will donate £5 per new

membership to us. If you would like further information, or an application form, please give me a call. If you are already a member of the RHS this offer unfortunately does not apply.

See you all at the Plant Sale

Cathryn Carter 563233

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

Are you interested in geology? Dr Jill Evers, who is an inspired and inspiring teacher, is offering a short course on the geology of Naphill Common. It will begin with an indoor session on Sunday 13 May in the Village Hall, 10 am till 3.30 pm. We will supply coffee and tea but bring your own lunch. You can learn about the skills and techniques of a geologist and how to identify various soil and rock types etc. All are welcome, free of charge. The indoor session will be followed by two field trips to the Common so that you can practice your skills. These will be on Saturday 2 June and Sunday 10th June. Both will start from the Village Hall car park at 10am. Again, they are free.

On the evening of 15 June we will have a bat walk led by Bridget Parslow. Electronic bat detectors will be available and, if the weather is kind, we hope to find some unusual species around some of the ancient trees on the Common.

On Wednesday 4 July, three experts from the butterfly Conservation Society will lead a walk to try to see the rare and beautiful purple emperor butterfly, recently discovered on the Common. The males fly high over the oaks, so bring binoculars, but the females are more accommodating and fly low around the sallow (pussy willow) bushes. These are elusive insects but we have a good chance of seeing some. In any case there will be other species to spot, such as purple hairstreaks, speckled woods, holly blues and so on. Note that we start from the Common end of Forge Road at 10.30 am and will return by around 12.30 pm. There is limited parking so I hope most people will arrive on foot.

Last year John Tyler's Mini-beast Safari proved popular, so he is returning on Sunday 22 July to lead another. The children will be helped to catch insects and John will identify them and answer the many questions that youngsters ask. We will gather at Naphill Village Hall car park at 2 pm and the walk will take up to two hours, but you can leave when it suits you and your children.

Our Historical and Archaeological Group (HAG) is progressing well. We have already amassed a lot of information about the Churchill Tanks that were built and repaired at the Broom and Wade factory in High Wycombe, and tested on Naphill Common. Some of our members have been trained to record people's memories and recording sessions will begin soon. If you have any memories concerning Naphill Common, whether about the tanks, the fairs, sports,

scout or guide meetings or anything else of interest, please get in touch with Kevin Bennett (Tel. 568689). The group is also studying the Romano-British (?) farmstead and hope to undertake a survey soon.

Chris Miller is continuing his short walks for health. They will take place on the first Wednesday of the month, so there will be one on 2 May, 6 June and 4 July (which will most probably be combined with the butterfly walk). Except for the 4 July, the short walks will start from Naphill Village Hall at 10.30am and will last about an hour, so the distances will be between two and three miles. Ron Collins will continue leading the longer walks for health. These will all start from the Village Hall at 10am on the following Mondays: 21 May; 18 June; 16 July; 20 August, 24 September; 15 October; 19 November, and 17 December. Everyone is welcome to either or both of these walks, whether you are a member of FONC or not. All are free and you will find the company very friendly.

I hope you have noticed the path clearing our working parties have carried out. Now that the rain, and hence mud, has returned I think people will see the value of wider tracks. You may also notice that the National Trust has begun work on some of the diseased trees around the Clumps. By the autumn we hope to have an information board nearby so that you can see what our joint project aims to achieve.

Trevor Hussey

Naphill Tennis Club



Our First Evening of club tennis of the new season started well on 12 April with excellent weather and a good turnout. Our programme for the next few weeks is as follows:

- Friday 20 April – **Junior Coaching** begins
- Saturday 21 April – **Under 7s club** begins
- Wednesday 2 & 9 May, 9.30 am – **Rusty Racquets***
- Thursday 3 & 10 May, 7 pm – **Rusty Racquets***
- May/June – **Improvers' Coaching**
- Sunday 1 July – **Tennis Club Open Day**

**Rusty Racquets is FREE for members and non-members and is intended for those who haven't played for some years but wish to brush up their skills!*

The above is in addition to our normal club sessions on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings. For further information, please phone the club secretary on 01494 565406 or email jenny@tench.me.uk. We should love to see you at our **Rusty Racquets'** coaching so why not come along to the club (far side of Naphill football field) and have some fun?

Jenny Tench

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

I wonder how many people reading this did see our A-Board at the top of the car park last month? For those who didn't, we are very surprised! Mark came up with a small phrase which caused an internet sensation! With the whole fiasco of the petrol pumps crisis, and the carnage caused by panicking consumers at our local petrol station and other neighbouring outlets, we wrote "Beer Shortages Soon. Please Panic Buy." Feeling quite pleased with it, we posted a picture of our A-board onto our Facebook page. Within the space of nine hours, the picture had gone viral on the Internet. The picture hit 1.8 million people worldwide on Facebook, and a further 22,000 re-Tweets on Twitter. The same image was 'Shared', 'Liked' and 're-Tweeted' by some of the world's most influential politicians. With members of our own Parliament and members of the European Parliament sharing our moment of humour and sarcasm! The pub was mentioned on national and local radio, national and local papers, trade press publications, various marketing web sites, as well as other publications on the Internet. Other pubs, bars and even coffee shops nationally, copied our sign within a few days. However we are proud to say that we did the original sign.

While all of this was happening I was on holiday and came back to the madness, but would like to thank Mark and all the staff for all their hard work while I was away. I'm pleased to say I also made it back this year for the Beer Festival! This year we had 18 barrels all from local breweries and ciders from Radnage, Somerset and Cornwall. A cracking couple of days were had by all, and for those of you who turned up on the Saturday evening when we had drunk the marquee dry... Try the Friday night next time! We would like to thank James Henton for the music, which was enjoyed by all as usual. We apologise that there was no Cheeseman as unfortunately Les Roots has retired but we hopefully will have someone new for the September Beer Festival.

Our summer menu is now in full swing, with some new tasty dishes from our chef Tony. To mention a few; Nachos, Cauliflower Bake, Pate, Salads, our infamous Stack Burgers and something 'Big and Tasty' on the horizon! Hopefully we will have a great summer where you can enjoy these delicious meals out in the front garden or the beautiful new patio garden out the back.

The Wheel would also like to wish The Black Lion a Very Happy 1st Birthday and hope that the celebrations were a great success. It is great to have the pub back so that the village has two great pubs to drink and eat in.

What's coming up next?

2 – 5 June – Diamond Jubilee weekend
17 June – Fathers Day

23 June – Fete Day (Olympics) and Live Music

27 July – London 2012 Olympics

Once again thanks to all our customers for their support and the staff for all the hard work as usual.

Claire and Mark

Black Lion

Happy First Anniversary!

blacklionnaphill.com

It's hard to believe but we have now owned and operated the Black Lion for a year. On the 21 April, we celebrated the event by erecting a Marquee in the garden and supplied live music and a Hog Roast. During the daytime there was a bouncy castle, face painting, tug of war and a penalty shootout competition. On Sunday 22nd we held a special Black Lion Quiz.

Our new menu has been very well received and we have recruited another chef (Gary) who started with us on 3 April. Gary is looking to enhance our specials menu and having sampled some of his food recently I can recommend his specials wholeheartedly. The budget did exactly as we thought with beer prices increasing to our customers. Wine also increased and we now understand we can look forward to another Government duty increase in August!

Our fortnightly quiz continues to be popular and we are alternating the evenings with either music or general knowledge. The evenings are always advertised on our A Boards so look out for the next one and we hope to see you there.

That's all from the team but as always thank you all for your continued support.

Bob, Martin, Mike, Jack and Tim

Bon Ami

We hope you have all had a good Easter and now that the clocks have sprung forward are enjoying the nights getting longer. As a result of the lighter evenings, and a couple of requests, Bon Ami will now stay open until 4.30pm on weekdays that we are open.

We are looking forward to the Queen's birthday and pending Diamond Jubilee celebrations. We will step up our patriotic look very soon.

We have now restocked with Beechdean ice creams so look forward to seeing you soaking up the sun and cooling off with one very soon.

Thank you, as always, for your continued custom.

Amanda Hall and Ruth Bond

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.

Louise Lucas 488255

Sapling Childcare

I have now completed all of my training as required by Ofsted so Dani has left us to start her own venture in childminding. We say hello to new staff members; Denise in the mornings, Carron, who some of you will know from Guides, in the afternoons and Emily, who is also a dinner lady at school.

Our group is growing with some new children from school and some from Little Ash Pre School.

Breakfast favourite this month has been croissants and hot chocolate.

With the sunshine we spend more time playing outside after school and less time inside. We still had time to make flowers and cards for Mothers Day, but the best was eating the Easter cakes we had decorated with icing and chocolate eggs.

April is here and with it we are looking forward to warmer weather and more outside play. This month we celebrated St George's Day with flags and stories of dragons and princesses.

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Naphill Brownies

Don't you just love these light evenings. At Brownies we look forward to being able to get out and enjoy the summer evenings for games and challenges on the crick and spending time out and about in the local area.

The Spring term finished on a high with our Egyptian belly dancing evening and a games night out on the Crick with egg-hunt.

The belly dancing was great. Tina-Louise from the 'Tina-Louise School of Egyptian Belly Dancing' came in and gave us a fabulous demonstration, taught us about the history and traditions of belly-dancing and about the movements involved. She then led us as we had a go (with varying success). The girls were able to try on some costumes and have a go with some of the props. It was a fun and educational evening.

This half term we will be having a go at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Challenge badge. So will be doing all things related to the number 60, diamonds and the Queen.

Ruth Daly ruth.daly3@btinternet.com

Mini Rugby – High Wycombe Rugby

The season draws to a close at a manic pace with back-to-back fixtures, culminating with a last run out for the U7s at Adams Park on 5 May during Wasps v Newcastle, followed by the Club Funday and Awards on 6 May.

U7s season review – great player numbers (30+ players), nine coaches, ten friendly fixtures, three tournaments and four matches at Adams Park. The U7s have won more games than lost and as a Club, the youth section has done well across its age groups. My thanks to all the U7 players, parents and coaches, especially the ever strong Naphill and Walter's Ash contingent.

Recruitment is starting now for all age groups for next season. We start taking players – girls and boys – from Reception Class age upwards. Training will begin in early September, every Sunday, 10am to 12pm. There is a four week free trial period before any subscriptions are due, plus a sibling reduction.

Summer early evening free taster sessions – for six weeks from 13 June there will be weekly early Wednesday evening one hour taster sessions.

For more details on joining the Club and to register your interest, please contact Nathan Crinyion on 07956520129 or ncrinyion@btinternet.com. Club website is HWRUFC.com.

Nathan Crinyion

Letter to the Editor

In the past I have been a regular critic of the excessive precept rises made by the Parish Council. I am delighted to see that the new team we elected last year have succeeded in reducing the precept by 2%. Well done.

David Frost 564466

Squadron Leader Philip Crawshaw – Special Thanks

Dorothy and her daughters, Jan, Fiona, Ali and Pippa, would like to pass on their thanks for all the support and kind words of sympathy from their friends and neighbours after the passing of their much loved husband and father, Philip Crawshaw on 4 March 2012. Phil very much enjoyed being part of such a special and close community and we have seen over the last few weeks that he will be sadly missed by us all.

Missing Words and Letters

I have noticed that certain words are falling out of use to be replaced by invented uses of others such as the verb "to look". Why do people say for example "He looks to be the favourite". You cannot "look to be" anything. You can "appear" or "seem" to be but these words are used less often. Similarly, you can now hear something like "He is looking to turn the

company round". Looking surely implies use of the eyes. How can anyone use eyes to save a company? What happened to "hopes, plans, aims, intends, wishes"?

The missing letter virus is spreading. We have long heard "plice" numbers are being increased or cut. They are now "coordinating" their activities. and dealing with "clamities". Lovers of antiques are sometimes "lectors" or building their "lections". The newest contraction comes from Whitehall where the powers that be are busy trying to encourage others to "crate" jobs. Does any reader have an explanation?

One word which, rather than falling out of use is now overused is "anticipate" but it is not used correctly. It seems to be preferred to "expect" but the two words have different meanings. To anticipate is to take action because of an expectation. Thus a tennis player moves to a spot where he expects his opponent to put the ball. That is anticipation. Once you get engaged you can expect to get married. If you anticipate marriage you are being naughty!

Paul Ceurvorst

My Memories of the Coronation

Extract from a letter to my granddaughter:

Dear Emily,

At the time of the Coronation in 1952 I was very young and still going to school. Each school was allocated a very few tickets to go to London and stand in a special place to watch the Coronation procession pass by.

We were allowed two tickets per class. We had to put all the names of the children in a hat and draw out two names. Imagine my delight when first of all my name came out and then, by a really lucky chance, my best friend's name came out as well! Wow, were we excited – not 'arf !!!

The day dawned – nice and wet and horrible – but that didn't matter. In fact, I don't even remember it raining very much but people on the television, now, are saying how wet it was. We were all taken to London by coach and had to stand in this special place, but I can't remember exactly where. I couldn't see very well, but, as I was one of the shortest children there, the teacher told me to come forward and stand in the front row – wasn't I lucky?

We were given hats and flags to wave (just like on the television today) but one of my abiding memories was being given an orange drink called 'Kia Ora' in a 'carton' which I thought was wonderful. I had never had anything like it before. I was also given an ice 'lolly on a stick' (I think it was probably an Orange Maid) – trust me to remember things relating to my tummy.

The excitement in the crowd was electric and I can still recall the overwhelming thrill and surge of happy and exhilarating emotion I felt inside when the

Queen's Golden Coach passed by. The loud jangling noise of the horse's harnesses, the clacking of their hooves and the brilliantly coloured liveries of the men walking alongside, together with the cheering and shouting of the crowd, all added to this magical event. The Queen looked so beautiful. Her dress and tiara were so sparkly and fairytale and the reflections all around seemed to bounce off her and the Golden Coach and create a feeling of unreality. (Strangely, though, especially for a thirteen year old, I do recall looking at her and thinking she had such 'wonderful skin'. – how odd) We cheered and cheered until we were hoarse and I cheered as loudly as anyone. I can't remember anything else much about the day, but that moment will stay with me forever, as it has done for the last fifty years.

Afterwards we all had to write compositions about the Coronation and do some drawings. I know I did some appalling drawings of the Orb and Sceptre but my composition (together with the awful drawings) was sent forward to the local council and I won an award for it in the District competition. I had to go to London to receive my prize, but I can't remember what that was now – poor old Grandma.

Of course, in those days, most people did not have televisions and even if they did they were in black and white. If you wanted to see the Coronation you all gathered together in one house to watch it. There was a great community spirit and everyone had lots of fun. Afterwards they made coloured films of the Coronation which were shown in all the local cinemas and we all got heartily sick of seeing it again and again every time we went to the pictures.

I hope these memories help you with your project. Have a happy time until we see you again.

Grandma

Much Ado in the Garden

"There has been much ado in the garden here this afternoon. Upon hearing the news of your freely-nesting robins, Richard has lodged a complaint with the red-breasted fraternity in our garden. We have two 'Delux Red-Breast Starter Homes' which were not cheap, but we have no nesting robins. The Great Robins Union of Britain (GRUB) flew to defence of their members and issued a counter-complaint saying that their members had never been issued with formal notification of the requirement to nest only in official boxes.

There has been much Twittering as a result of all this, as you might imagine, and clearly word has got out to their feathered brethren who are chirping on that if the robins back down, who knows where it will end and they'll all be forced to bring up their kids in 'little boxes that all look the same'. A representative of the Naphill branch of CLAWS, the Cats Love A-Wandering Society, threw a crumb of comfort by pouncing on the opportunity to get behind the birds and, after much mew-sing, said they agreed that



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birds should not be holed up in small boxes with limited access.

The Dogs Union of Naphill's Committee Executive (DUNCE) said they didn't know what all the fuss was about as their members had been forced to live in boxes for years and added that if there was any fuss to be made, their members had the right to it first.

We are hoping that agreement with all parties will be reached before nightfall when it is feared that, if left unresolved, the local, and currently very active bats will join the affray. They have successfully rejected the 'Luxury Night-Fliers Penthouse' for the last 5 years. The man in the shop who sold it to Richard said that the customers who were buying these models were completely batty but clearly the chap didn't know what he was talking about.

Anyway, early indications are that Richard is going to withdraw his complaint for the sake of good-neighbourly relations and, in any case, we don't want a visit from the local beak. He has, however, made it known that he has no intention of letting the original manufacturer of the 'Delux Red-Breast Starter home' worm his way out of this one."

Caroline Allen

Sefton Passes onto Greener Pastures at The Horse Trust

The Horse Trust is very sad to report that ex Household Cavalry, Sefton was quietly put to sleep at the sanctuary on Tuesday 27th March.

Sefton was retired from the Household Cavalry, Knightsbridge to the Home of Rest for Horses in 2005. He was proud to bear the name of his famous predecessor, the horse so badly injured in the Hyde Park Bombing on 20 July 1982 who lived at The Home of Rest for Horses for ten years until his death in 1993. Sefton had always been "full of beans" and despite all the grooms efforts to keep him slim he survived quite happily on fresh air and was on a constant diet."

To help support the continuing work of The Horse Trust and the care of the 92 horses, ponies and donkeys in their care please visit horsetrust.org.uk or telephone 01494 488464

Hughenden Church Teas

Why not come and sample our home-made cakes with a cup of tea or coffee whilst enjoying the views from the historic Church House in Hughenden Park.

Starting Easter Sunday and open every Sunday and Bank Holidays until end of October

2.15 – 5.15pm

Midweek group teas by prior arrangement

RAF High Wycombe NEWS

RAF High Wycombe Train with Bucks Emergency Services

In a new move to improve partnerships between the RAF Station and our Emergency Services colleagues, 30 personnel from the RAF Base recently visited Marlow Fire Station in order to exercise the Station's response to a major incident.

Keith Carmichael, manager of Marlow Fire Station's Incident Command Training and Assessment unit, welcomed everybody to the state of the art facility and briefed the assembly of RAF, South Central Ambulance Service and Thames Valley Police. Taking over the running of the Exercise from an RAF perspective, Squadron Leader Andy Brown said:

"This will test our ability to respond as a Station whilst facilitating access for the Emergency Services. The lessons identified from this exercise will help us to respond to a major incident in a more coherent and effective manner."

This was conducted using Marlow Fire Services' "Hydra" training system. Named after the mythological creature of many heads, the system pits multiple syndicates against a developing scenario.

Today's scenario was a suspected fire in the underground bunker at the RAF base. The RAF personnel split into 3 syndicates, watched closely by Bucks Fire Service, Thames Valley Police and South Central Ambulance Service.

The exercise starts with a pre-recorded radio broadcast from Wycombe FM setting the scene for the day. Imaginations are immediately sparked as the presenter tells us that the date is the 13 December – heavy snow and black ice are forecast.

A video clip plays. A fire alarm can be clearly heard in the background as a member of staff briefs the fact that there is a suspected fire in the bunker and a number of personnel are unaccounted for. As the RAF Fire team arrive they are briefed that there is smoke reported in bunker and five people are refusing to exit. They deploy Breathing Apparatus teams to clear the building.

In a syndicate room further down the corridor of the Marlow facility the pressure mounts on RAF Security staff as they discuss command strategy and control of entry to bunker. They prepare for a sustained effort and the potential arrival of multiple emergency services vehicles in a confined area.

At this stage of the exercise Group Captain Mark Heffron, the RAF Stn Cdr said:

"Each syndicate is acting independently at this point of the exercise. As the scenario develops, I expect

to see more interaction between the key personalities and some surprises which will test and challenge our people". As the exercise is paused for purposes of feedback the volume in each syndicate room raises noticeably; excitement builds as teams really start to get involved. Testing questions spark debate and reasoned responses - it is clear that well trained professionals are now utilising years of experience to quickly deal with a rapidly changing scenario.

Phase two of the exercise sees the Station Executive Officers tested in their management of the situation - they ask similar questions to those placed earlier by the various subject matter experts and then start to look at a wider audience, "which external agencies may need to be involved should the situation develop further?"

It is quickly obvious that the RAF station will not be acting alone should the situation grow. RAF Air Command and Bucks Local Authority assets are put on standby as plans for a situation room are quickly drawn up. The Station Emergency Response Plan is consulted. This document has been compiled as a major incident management guide and is the result of extensive collaboration between staff at the RAF base and Bucks Local Authority Emergency services.

Inevitably the situation escalates. The temptation of management is to surround themselves with a team of experts but they are acutely aware that the situation room will quickly become ineffective if allowed to be overpopulated. It is clear that the Emergency Response Plan is an effective management tool and assists the team in seeing the situation to its logical conclusion.

Wing Commander Sarah Rea, leading the response from the Station Executives, is clearly enthused by the training facility, "This is a thoroughly enjoyable experience and it is useful to see how everybody works together, testing our plans to see how we respond on such circumstances.....it is a real privilege to be able to utilise Marlow's infrastructure and enhance understanding between the RAF and Emergency Services".

Summarising the exercise, Squadron Leader Andy Brown said:

'The use of this excellent training facility has allowed RAF High Wycombe to benefit from the many advantages of an interactive simulation exercise; the resultant Post-Exercise Report will be invaluable in helping us to evolve a more robust Emergency Response Plan. However, a huge thank you must go to Keith Carmichael and his team for the excellent level of support they have provided over the last few months, which has ultimately led to this Exercise being such a resounding success'.

NAPHILL & WALTER'S ASH GAZETTE



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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
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45–8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		07974 121081
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		elainetuckeret@aol.com
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	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
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	Thursdays 5.30pm		
Pilates – Sue Maynard	Tuesdays 9.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Sue Maynard
Pilates – Catrina Gray	Wednesdays 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Catrina Gray 07908 810489
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 Leflaise 563634 glorialefraise@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Curtis 562779 naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemg.org
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	Thursdays (April–Sept) 6.30pm		Jenny Tench 565406 jenny@tench.me.uk
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	Richard Adams 07782 328148. richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Tuesdays 1.30–2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
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Editorial

June couldn't be busier! The month is packed with events, and the Gazette is full-to-bursting! The cover illustrates some local sports in action – with plenty more opportunities for you to demonstrate your skill at the fete on 23 June! Thanks to Ian Banks, Andy Davison and Judy Whitehouse for supplying photos. I hope you have a wonderful month with plenty of sunshine to enjoy all that is on offer.

Please note that the deadline for July/August is 30 June. This is to enable people to report back on the Jubilee celebrations and the fete before the next edition. If you have any photos that you would like me to include, please email them to me by that date. This extended deadline also means that your July/August copy will arrive a couple of weeks later than usual.

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Naphill & Walters Ash Web Site

We are pleased to announce a new Gazette Archive feature on the village web site. If you go to www.naphill.org.uk and select the Gazette entry from the top menu you now have the option to pick Archive. Just pick a year and you will be shown all the Gazettes we have available for this year in electronic format, with an option to Download. Downloading will display the Gazette (cover and contents but not adverts) in .pdf format. Once again this is the work of our webmaster David Kidger of Squidge Inc website development www.squidgeinc.com. Thank you David.

The archive starts in March 1937 and goes up to 1974 with a gap between issue 35 in May 1940 and issue 34 (sic) in August 1953 due to wartime paper shortages. These were scanned a while back from the old paper copies held at the Village Hall. There are also a few gaps where hard copy editions were missing from the collection so if you can fill any of these gaps I would be delighted to borrow your copy to scan and return. We have also included more recent editions from 2002 onwards which were produced electronically. As Gazette funds permit we intend to have more editions scanned and made available online.

Usage of the web site is increasing and we also have 46 followers on Twitter including David Liddington MP. If you would like to follow us and get the latest village announcements on Twitter then you will find us @naphillwa.

We have also started using the News section for non-commercial for sale/wanted notices so if there is anything you wish to advertise, or any events you would like added to the diary then just drop me an email or call, details below.

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County Councillor's Report

The responsibilities of the County Council cover a wide ranging supply of services to the public, from transportation, buses and roads through to social care for both the young and the elderly. Budget restraints have lead to major changes as to how these are provided. No longer do we have direct provision by our own labour force doing the necessary daily tasks under direct management control but by appointing specialist service providers from the private sector. These services are monitored by County Council officers and in the main the services work efficiently even though they are more remote from individual Councillors having a direct input. What local Councillors can do, is to monitor or investigate particular public or individual concerns and report on what can and cannot be done to solve them. Many solutions require funding and that is where the difficulties begin! In these times of financial restraint it becomes more difficult to meet public expectations. We can read weekly, in the press, about 'home to school transport', 'pot hole' repairs, lack of 'road resurfacing' and 'bus services' to name but a few of the items which appear frequently in my postbag!

Abuse of the elderly is not a subject readily apparent in our community but I am assured that there are several hundred incidents reported and investigated in the communities of Prince Risborough and the surrounding parishes, including Hughenden. The County Council has an officer within social services, who is dedicated to investigating these complaints and in providing solutions. If any reader is aware of this problem please let me know and I can put them in touch with a specialist officer who will discreetly investigate the concern.

As vice chairman of the Buckinghamshire Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, HOSC for short, I have been much involved in recent months, by the proposals to change the healthcare arrangements for our hospitals in the county. Recommendations have been made to the National Health Service that a 24 hour emergency service should be provided at Wycombe Hospital and we await the outcome of the

PIN-UP DIARY DATES

JUNE

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| 3rd | Jubilee Picnic. 1pm. The Crick |
| 2nd & 10th | Geology of The Common. FONC. 10am. Village Hall |
| 6th | Short Walk for Health. Meet at Village Hall. 10.30am |
| 6th & 13th | Improvers Coaching. Naphill Tennis Club. 9.30am |
| 15th | Bat Walk. FONC. 8pm. Village Hall |
| 18th | Walk for Health. Meet at Village Hall. 10am |
| 23rd | Village Fete. 12pm. The Crick. |

consultations now taking place. There will be a dedicated 24 hour stroke emergency at Wycombe along with emergency cardiac treatment. Amongst other specialist services proposed in Wycombe will be a breast cancer unit. These important services will ensure the future of Wycombe Hospital as a viable and valuable part of local healthcare.

Richard Pushman

Hughenden Parish Councillor Report

Part of the role of a Councillor is to serve on 'outside' bodies that have local government and community interests. For instance, there is Council representation on the Village Hall Committees, Residents Associations, Neighbourhood Action Group, the Association of Local Councils and others both within and outside the Parish. The idea is that we then have input to strategic change but we also are able to provide a voice for these groups on the Council.

The North West Chilterns Local Area Forum (NWCLAF) is one of many such bodies and covers the area around Princes Risborough down towards Wycombe, taking in around 10 parish areas. Its prime purpose is to provide a link between Bucks County Council and both Parishes and local community groups to provide information, support and occasionally, funding. As a BCC body, it gets a budget which this year, has been sharply cut, but still has around £50k to distribute for things like Road Safety and this is the budget that provided the £5k grant to HPC for the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) project we have mentioned before. NWCLAF is admirably chaired by that well known Naphill resident, Richard Pushman, and it provides a forum for community projects to inform Parish Councils of new developments and initiatives.

A recent meeting saw one that was particularly interesting. The Princes Risborough Day Care Centre has been under threat of closure under a review by BCC of needs and funding. However, after much well publicised effort by the local community and in particular, local BCC Councillor Carl Etholen, its future has been secured under the auspices of Social Enterprise made up of various groups including Risborough Town Council and local community groups.

From 1 June, in addition to providing Day Care services for the elderly, clients with learning disabilities, and mental health issues, the Princes Centre will be a place to benefit the whole Community in and around Princes Risborough. There will be a cafeteria during the weekdays where people can socialise and enjoy a coffee with friends and family, or have a good hot lunch at very competitive prices. The main hall can be hired for functions during evenings and at weekends and local Groups can hold meetings at the Centre. The Social Enterprise has set up a fund to raise capital to purchase the freehold with a target of £300k and is

seeking help in organising fund raising events. More information is available on 01844 340177 or by emailing Carl on cetholen@buckscc.gov.uk. They are very keen to ensure that those with care needs are aware of its availability and can make full use of its facilities.

Coming back to HPC matters, there are a couple of things that should be mentioned. First, it has been agreed that the Finance & Administration and Environment & Services will, from now on, meet every two months instead of three. This is to enable issues to be discussed and resolved more quickly and also to avoid some of the late nights we have been enduring with meetings not finishing until 11pm. A new schedule of meetings will soon be available on the revamped website.

Secondly, the VAS project mentioned earlier has been waiting for implementation guidance from BCC to make sure we don't fall off a ladder. This has now been provided and we hope to soon be able to order two units which will be added to the one already available which is in use next to the Louches Lane allotments and which, you might be interested to know, has been triggered a staggering quarter of a million times since it was installed 6 months ago. It is difficult to measure its success, but the general view is that despite the fact that many people still pass it at over 30mph, it does reduce average speeds. The question is, do you slow down when you see it flashing?

Finally, the Jubilee is nearly upon us and we all hope that the weather will go back to justifying the hose pipe ban for the long bank holiday weekend. Hopefully everyone will be able to join in something to celebrate this historic occasion.

Phil Conran

A Personal Perspective

It's been just a year since the election for Parish Councillors, and it's useful to be reminded from time to time about the need to avoid or explain various 'jargon' words or phrases that sometimes creep into Gazette contributions.

The term 'precept' for instance, was mentioned in a short article that was actually complimentary of the Parish Council. What 'precept' refers to is the amount of money we request to be passed from Bucks County Council (BCC) to Hughenden Parish Council (HPC). The phrase 'succeeded in reducing the precept by 2%' might now be clearer to many more readers, since it indicates that we have succeeded in asking BCC for less than in the previous year.

The initials 'SID' and 'VAS' and 'NAG' are often bandied about in the Gazette, and sometimes it is difficult for those not involved in various 'community' groups to instantly remember what they relate to. Unfortunately, the first of those can be referred to as 'Speed Indication Device' or 'Speed Indicator Device' or 'Speed Indicator Display'! 'VAS' is similar, and means 'Vehicle Activated Sign'. Don't worry about

the detail: the messages they give ('slow down' or what your speed is or should be), are useful if your foot has inadvertently slipped on the accelerator. You may be pleased to know that we will shortly be seeing more of these around the whole Parish.

As for 'NAG', that refers to the Neighbourhood Action Group that among other issues looks at speeding and road safety in general, and in particular at where SID or VAS units can best be sited within the Parish. NAG, along with many other groups, rely on the time given by volunteers. If you would like to consider sharing some of your time, go to our Parish website (hughendenparishcouncil) and select 'Your community' then 'Neighbourhood Action Group' itself. If you haven't easy access to the Internet, telephone our Clerk, Charlotte, on 715296, regarding any Parish issue.

Speeding is, of course, just one of several matters that are important to us. Another is the business of pot holes. On other occasions we've all been reminded that we can contact 'BCC' to report any large or otherwise dangerous pot-hole. So I now share with you what happened a few weeks ago when I attempted to report the large number of pot holes on Coombe Lane. I started, with the website 'www.buckscc.gov.uk', from where I spotted three separate ways to lodge a report. Unfortunately, there was something wrong with the website since for the best part of a week I simply got a message saying that they recognised that there was an error! I'm not put off by such things, however, and discovered a telephone number to report a road safety issue (0845 2302882), but unfortunately no one replied by the time my patience had expired. I then spotted an option to send an email to 'Transport for Bucks': tfb@buckscc.gov.uk, and sent them a message. Confirmation of the message came the next day, with a follow-up several days after that. At the time of writing this article I can say that yesterday there were indeed road repairers out on Coombe Lane, which may or may not have been because of my attempts to let them know about the situation. Nor do I yet know how successful they have been in making repairs that last!

My purpose in covering this anecdote is not to scare you off from reporting road problems (or crime, or anything else for that matter), but its reverse. Web sites are rarely out of action (or, in jargon, 'down') for a week. Be patient if you cannot get your message across first time. If you are attempting it via the Internet see if anyone else you know is prepared to try on your behalf, since you might have a problem with your own computer! BCC suggest, in any case, that we try the following web page for reporting future pot-holes: 'www.buckscc.gov.uk', then use '/bcc/transport/ea_report_problem.page'

Roger Beavil

Bradenham Parish Council

At its Annual Parish Council meeting Bradenham Parish Council elected Jan Pearce as Chairman and

Hughenden Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

To be held at NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH

SCHOOL - 8pm on Tuesday 29th May 2012

Your chance to question **your** Parish Council
on any subject.

Guest Speaker – Jerry Unsworth, Head of Planning & Sustainability Wycombe District Council,

"How might the Localism Act and the National Planning Policy Framework affect Hughenden Parish?"

Teif Jones as Vice-Chairman. Ken Hale had decided not to stand as Vice-chairman again. He was thanked by the Chairman for all the work he had undertaken over the years. The meeting discussed the report from Sustrans "Bradenham DIY Streets". Some of the solutions had been tested in the village in March. Most of the suggestions were welcomed and agreed on, only the proposed "traffic islands" on Bradenham Woods Lane were queried. The next step is to meet with Buckinghamshire County Council and discuss the proposals with them. We hope to be able to show the plans at the Village Fete on 16 June. The Parish Plan was discussed and adopted at the meeting. Teif Jones was thanked for all the work he had done on this. If you would like to see a copy please contact the clerk.

The accounts for the year 2011–12 were approved. We had income of £5,077 and expenditure of £5,376.

The Parish Council's risks were considered and will be discussed in detail at the next meeting. The public enquiry on the appeal of the Hedgerow for a change of use of agricultural land to allow the stationing of two mobile homes and two touring caravans for use by gypsy travelling family will start on 22 May at Wycombe District Council Offices.

We have entered Bradenham village in the Best Kept Garden competition, please note judging in the village will take place during June. KEEP IT TIDY! Thank you. We aim to tidy the area around the pond before June.

The next meeting will be Monday 9 July at Bradenham Cricket Club.

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

Neighbourhood Police News

Useful contacts:

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the new non-emergency number, 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office or email us.

lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or daton.beckford@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.

Road Death in Great Kingshill – Update

A 71 year old man from High Wycombe has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by careless driving and failing to stop at the scene of an accident. He has been released on bail until 7 June. Police have also seized a vehicle in connection with the investigation. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Road Death Investigation Team based at Bicester via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

PC 3146 Lee Turnham
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer

Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning: 12/05902/FUL Murco Petrol Filling Station, Main Road, Walter's Ash. Change of use from B1 (car servicing and repairs) to a sui generis use and erection of jet wash ancillary to the adjacent Murco Petrol Filling Station. (Objection. Similar to previous application which was refused on appeal but with major alteration showing entrance and exit through same door off Main Road. This could lead to severe parking problems in an already busy area. Noise problem not resolved. No evidence of high demand for jetwash. Proven demand for existing car servicing business.) An impressive number of objections have been registered with WDC. A date for a decision is not yet known.

12/05936/FUL. Fernlands, Chapel Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of 2-storey front/side/rear extension and associated external and internal alterations. (Objection. Conflict with Local Plan Guidelines in terms of Design, Protecting Amenity, and Appearance.)

12/06073/FUL 15 Vincents Way, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey side extension to form en-suite shower room/wc.

Public Inquiry. 22 May 2012

APP/K0425/11/A/2159978/NWF Appeal by Mr Patrick Murphy against WDC refusal of retrospective application **11/05644/FUL** for change of use of land to allow two mobile homes and two touring caravans for use by gypsy travelling family with creation of hard standing, erection of single storey detached utility/day room building and installation of cess pit, on field at **The Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash** in Green Belt and AONB (adjacent to RAF Air Command boundary fence). NAWARA representative will have attended this Inquiry and put its case before the Inspector, together with the petition signed by 1058 people.

Donation of land by RAF High Wycombe and Ministry of Defence: RAF/MoD have kindly reaffirmed their earlier offer to dedicate a strip of their

land to BCC Highways, adjacent to the Co-op, if it will help the community by easing parking problems. Their generous offer is contingent on funds being raised for a lay-by.

Date of next meeting: 8pm Thursday 14 June 2012 at Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaine 563634

Deliverers Needed

After very many years of dedicated delivering of the Naphill & Walters Ash Gazette, David Leith is moving from the area so is unable to continue with his round. Firstly we would like to say a big 'thank you' to David and wish him and June happiness in their new home.

This leaves us with the problem of finding someone to take on his good work. Being one of the bigger rounds, we are quite prepared to split it in two. So, can you help? Remember, it is only ten months of the year, we deliver the required number of copies to your door and, once a year we also deliver a collection box for the annual subs. Please give us a call if you think you would like to help and we can discuss any points you wish to clarify.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Mike & Pauline Pool 564226

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

You will have read in last month's Gazette of the need for more help with the Fete. This is the major fund raiser for our Village Hall and we are very dependent on its success. Please help out if you possibly can. The committee put in hours and hours of work on your behalf so do support them if you can by spreading the load. It is a great day so do do your bit if you can.

We are continuing to get costings and plans for the memorial to Dilly Knox the significant code breaker who lived down Clappins Lane. If you would like to contribute to his memorial then do please get in contact with me on 563479 or Mike Mason on 563225.

Our May meeting is when we elect the chairman and vice chairman and the co-opted members of the council. The members voted unanimously to reinstate us all.

If you missed the recent Magic Show in the Hall you missed a treat. It was very professional and very entertaining. If we can persuade them to repeat it in the near future then do make sure you get a ticket. We must thank Evans and Evans, the magicians, who performed for a greatly reduced fee, and to all those who organised the evening, the bar and the food. It was another great occasion and fund raiser for the hall.

By the time you read this we will hopefully have sorted out the hot water supply throughout the hall. You should be able to do all your washing up in hot water. Fingers crossed.

Celebrating the



Adult's
Fancy Dress Theme
Favourite Outfit
from the
50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s

PARADE
1:30 pm

The Jubilee Picnic Sunday 3rd June

Children's
Fancy Dress Theme
Kings and Queens

STARTS AT
1pm

Please Bring Your Own
Picnic, Drinks
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NO BBQs

AT THE CRICK and VILLAGE HALL

Come Along Whatever the Weather

SECOND HAND EMPORIUM

23 June - Fete Day

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 Walters 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.

It was agreed to install a simple broadband link on to the stage area in the hall and find out exactly what coverage that would give us through the building. We had two quotes with several ideas which ranged from a very complex installation to this simple one and we decided to try the simple option before we spent out unnecessarily. We'll see if that is sufficient.

You may have noticed that the flagpole outside the hall had come to the end of its natural life and finally gave up the ghost last month. We hope to have the replacement up in time for the Queen's Jubilee and the Fete.

At the end of our meeting we had to say goodbye to two members who between them had given 75 years of service to the Village Hall Council. Hazel Vickery, has been a member of the council for 28 years, over 20 of them as secretary, and Pam Smith has been a member for 47 years. We thanked them for all their years of service, presented each of them with a plant to put in their garden as a momento of their time with us and wished them a happy retirement. I am sure that they will both continue to play an active part in our village life so it wasn't really a farewell.

Our next event is The Big Picnic Lunch for the Queen's Jubilee on the Crick on the 3 June. Do please come along and join us, bring your picnic, your garden games, your Union Flags, and dress up in your favourite outfit from the past 60 years, and bring the children dressed up as kings and queens. If the weather continues as it is at the time of writing, cold wet and windy, we will move into the Hall. Whatever the weather it should be great.

Then – it will be the Fete. See you there.

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

Parking for JUBILEE PICNIC EVENT at The Crick Sunday 3rd June 1pm

As parking is limited it will be on a first come first served basis. If you are able to walk to the Crick then please do. Many thanks

The Jubilee Committee

Fete Day 2012: Saturday 23 June – 'Olympics'

The Fete is only weeks away and I hope everyone has their fingers crossed for some amazing summer weather. The fete committee have worked hard this year with so much to deal with and deserve a huge thank you from myself as this event is not possible without the whole team.

We have had some hurdles to overcome this year and have seen the village come together to help solve the problems. Although we have had a number of people volunteering to run some of the new stalls we do still need more of you, it's only one day and is a fabulously rewarding day to be involved with. Please contact Claire at The Wheel if you want to help.

The Heptathlon

As you should all know the theme is Olympics, we have added an extra event to the day's proceedings which is the heptathlon. There will be seven stalls taking part in the event and all you need to do is buy a challenge card for your age group from the competition tent. Each of the stalls will score your card accordingly with the results being calculated. At the end of the day there will be a full medal ceremony for each group wining Bronze, Silver and Gold. Hope to see everyone taking part!

Please can everyone still help us with the following donations?

- Tombola Prizes
- Broken china – for the china smash stall
- Books
- Bric-a-brac
- Grand Draw prizes

Lastly I hope everyone comes out to support the Fete and enjoys all the festivities. Don't forget to buy your grand draw tickets from the The Black Lion, The Wheel, Bon Ami and Floreat. Thanks for all the support

The Fete Committee

Naphill Fete Book Stall



I am looking for good quality children's books and adult paperbacks for my book stall at the Fete on 23 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

Tombola Prizes

The 2012 Village Fete is rapidly approaching and we are still several hundred prizes short for the tombola! Anything you can give for the tombola would be very much appreciated. Please pop something extra into your shopping trolley this week – it all helps! Please drop it in to us at 4 Lacey Drive, off Chapel Lane. Thank you for your generosity.

Andy and Judy Pope

News from Christians in the Community

Because the fete is later this year, lots of our members are away on holiday but Yvonne Cook is running the plants stall so don't forget to come and have a look around and, of course, to buy. If you have plants to donate Yvonne can be contacted on 563960.

Rev. Mike Hills of Naphill Methodist Church is on sabbatical, and Rev. Simon Cronk has taken on the extra job of Area Dean , so we are struggling a little but the next meeting will be at Church House, Hughenden on Wednesday 6 June – all welcome.

Norma Clarke 563116

Services at St. Botolph's, Bradenham

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| 3 June | Eucharist, 11am |
| 10 June | Eucharist, 11am |
| 17 June | St Botolph's Patronal Eucharist, 11am |
| 24 June | Matins, 11am |

Peggy Ewart

Naphill Evening WI

"Murders in 19th Century Bucks" was the title of our talk on 19 April. Mr Woodley gave a most interesting account of some of our local gruesome crimes.

Surprise, surprise. The weather was not very good for Jenny's Ploughman's Lunch on 23 April but everyone had a good time all the same and the food was up to its usual high standard.

Saturday, 12 May – what is happening? The sun is shining for the first time in weeks and we are hosting a County Ramble for the Buckinghamshire Federation on WIs. Nancy and her husband planned and organised the walk and Sally persuaded several members to cook shepherds pies and create some tasty deserts for the ramblers' lunch when they returned to the Village Hall. It was such a lovely day after all the dreary weather, that the walkers waited outside until called in for their lunch. Well done to Nancy and Sally. It really was a very successful day and I am sure everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

17 May will be our Resolutions Meeting and on 21 May some of our members are taking a trip to Napton WI, who came to see us last year and would like to 'twin' with us. Before we know it, it will be our Birthday Party on 21 June when hopefully summer will have arrived.

Carol Gilliam

Naphill Neighbours

When we invited Mr Alan Copeland along to our April meeting to speak on that beautiful area often referred to as 'the chocolate box part of England', it was like welcoming back an old friend as we have had other talks by him which have never disappointed us. His power point presentation and commentary on "Curiosities in the Cotswolds" was thoroughly enjoyable.

At our May meeting we had a very interesting talk on "The Pioneers of Progress" by Jackie Kay of the High Wycombe Society. She acquainted our membership with the endeavours of Charles Walter Rafferty to give recognition to 18 lesser-known manufacturers, pioneer educators, writers of books about Wycombe and founders of public services. In 1911, five stained glass windows were installed in the Red Room at High Wycombe Town Hall, since renamed The Oak Room; a gift of Charles Walter Rafferty and his family. The central window has the theme "Progress" and was the main subject of her talk. The other four windows commemorate John Hampden, William Penn, Edmund Burke and Benjamin Disraeli.

Our outing to Exbury Gardens on Friday, 27 April, was enjoyed by all who went. We drove through some very inclement weather on the way but on arrival, after a short shower, the sun broke through. The colour in the gardens from the rhododendrons and azaleas was beautiful and we were also fortunate enough to catch the camellias still in flower.

Our next outing is to Althorp on Wednesday, 4 July. There are still a few seats available on the coach at a cost of £20.50 for members and £22.50 for guests. We leave the Village Hall at 9am with one more pick-up point at Forge Road. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to be included. 'Phone Sheila Rolfe (562888) or Hazel Vickery (563977).

On Thursday, 23 August, we are taking a half day trip to Broughton Castle in Oxfordshire. The cost of this will be £15 for members and £17 for guests. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 12.30 pm with an extra pick-up at Forge Road.

Looking ahead a little to Friday, 23 November, we are hoping to visit Bath for the Christmas Market. If you are interested in joining us, the cost will be £12 for members and £14 for guests. We will be taking names in a few months time.

Our meeting this month takes place on Monday, 11 June, when Marion Hebbourne will give a demonstration on Flower Arranging. Tea hostesses will be Jean Perfect and Margaret Cole. Looking forward to seeing you on the 11th.

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

I'm sure I wasn't the only one dreading the prospect of lugging cans of water around the garden this spring, then, right on cue, as soon as a hosepipe ban is announced we end up with the coldest, wettest April (and possibly May!) on record. Lots of the plants are loving all the rain, but a bit of sunshine would be nice now so they can come into flower before they drown...With any luck our gardens and allotments will get some better weather in time for our **Summer Show at Naphill Village Hall Saturday on 7 July.**

We know that there are some very keen gardeners in the village, so how about entering your achievements in our Summer Show? We want you all to show off what you can grow in your garden or allotment, your baking or flower arranging skills, or prowess with a camera. "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!

The list of guidelines in the schedule, explaining what is required for each of the classes, seems to be very helpful, and the information can also be found on our website, so no excuses – have a go – it really is easy and most of all fun, and there are always people on hand on the day who are only too happy to give advice and help.

The Children's classes were not very well supported last year, so why not get your youngsters to have a go this time? There are two classes for them to try –

1. A drawing of The Queen (max size A4)
- 2.4 Cupcakes (judged on appearance only)

There is also a class in the cookery section for W.I. Members only, so come on ladies get your mixing bowls out...

Should you need a schedule, they are available from Peter Davis (569303), the Post Office or myself, or can be downloaded from the website.

If you are not up to exhibiting, why not come along and admire 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

naphillcommon.org.uk

Members of our Historical and Archaeological Group made a trip to the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies in Aylesbury to begin research into, what we hope will become, a history of Naphill Common. That will be a lengthy project but we made one small discovery on the way. While the origins of the names of some local roads, such as Stocking Lane and Coombe Lane, are now known with confidence others have remained puzzling: especially Louches Lane.

Looking at the Tithe maps and the Hughenden Parish Inclosure maps of 1859 provided an answer. Before the parish was enclosed Naphill (then Naphill Green) consisted of a cluster of cottages around Naphill Farm in Hunts Hill Lane. Nearby, large areas of the common had been enclosed by ancient encroachment – probably with the tacit agreement of the landowner who could then charge a rent for what had been common land. These enclosures were "owned" by various people, including some local names (Redrup, Hussey, Ives) but some large enclosures, roughly where the allotments are now, were owned by Elizabeth Louch. The Inclosure Map shows the pattern of proposed new roads including Louch's Lane. The new road was to run from the main road, turn left, then cut through Mrs Louch's land, and then connect to the existing Naphill Green Lane at about where the junction with Bailey Gardens is now, then on to Hunts Hill. So, strictly, 'Louches' should be 'Louch's' and those living in the older, twisty part, really live in Naphill Green Lane.

Our working parties have reduced their activities during the bird nesting months. Their efforts to broaden the paths have helped people to avoid the mud during the recent wet weather. Unfortunately, some of the benefit has been lost because of the thoughtlessness of some cyclists and horse riders who have badly cut up the paths. We appeal to them to use the bridleways and not trespass onto the footpaths.

Dr Jill Evers's geology course got off to a fine start. At the indoor session we were introduced to a basic

understanding of the important minerals, rocks and soils. On Saturday 2 June and Sunday 10 June we will be exploring the Common and may even prove the geology maps wrong. If you want to join in, we meet in the Village Hall car park at 10am. John Morris led an enthusiastic group on a damp 18 April to explore some archaeological features on the Common. We would like to thank Kath Daly of the Chiltern Conservation Board for financial help with this project.

Our programme of events continues. On Friday 15 June you are welcome to assemble at the Village Hall at 8pm for a bat walk led by Bridget Parslow. We will have a stall at the Fete on Saturday 23 June. On Wednesday 4 July join us at Forge Road at 10.30 am for a butterfly walk aimed at seeing the rare purple emperor butterflies and other species. We hope plenty of children and their parents will join John Tyler's Mini-beast Safari on Naphill Common on Sunday 22 July; meet at the Village Hall. All welcome and all free.

Our walks for health are doing well. Ron Collins' longer walks will start from the Village Hall at 10am on the following Mondays: 18 June; 16 July; 20 August, 24 September; 15 October; 19 November, and 17 December. Chris Miller's short walks for health will continue on the first Wednesday of the month starting from the Village Hall car park at 10.30am. The next will be on 6 June but the following one will join with the butterfly walk on 4 July starting from Forge Road.

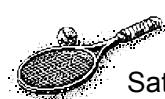
Trevor Hussey

NWR

We are a women's group (age 50 +) who meet in each other's homes, and are part of a National group. VERY friendly and informal! We have discussions, walks, meals, visits to cinema and theatre and NT places. We also have a book group. And sometimes join in National/local events.

If you are interested in joining us please phone Sally on 01494 562281 or Susan on 01494 562281

Naphill Tennis Club



Indulge yourself with Strawberries & Cream at Naphill Village Fete on Saturday 23 June! You will find our stall next to the tennis courts à la Wimbledon where you can enjoy savouring these delights and taking part in tennis activities for all ages.

For those of you who have just joined the Tennis Club or are thinking of doing so, it is not too late to take part in our Improvers' Coaching on Wednesday 6 and 13 June at 9.30am. In addition, we'd love to see you at our Club sessions on Sundays and Tuesdays at 10am, Wednesdays at 9.30am and Thursday evenings from 6pm. For further information, please contact David, Sue or myself (see Clubs & Organisations Directory near front of

the Gazette) and don't forget those strawberries and cream!

Jenny Tench

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

With June now here and with so much to do this month let's hope that we have put the April and May showers behind us. The recent weather may have helped our gardens during the hosepipe ban, but it certainly didn't entice anyone out.

There is so much to look forward to this month: First it's the Diamond Jubilee bank holiday celebrations, we hope to see a plenty of patriotism within the villages, with bunting and flags, and maybe even some street parties. If however your street is not celebrating you have two options. Firstly the Village Hall is inviting everyone to The Crick for a picnic on Sunday 3 June; you will need to provide your own drinks (not from the pub) and food. Alternatively we at The Wheel will be holding The Wheel's Pub Picnic on Monday 4 June; you can bring a picnic, order a takeaway or make your own use of our BBQ's, drinks available in the pub.

Next on the agenda are more speciality food nights, following on from the success of our Game Food Nights during the winter months. So this time it will be Fish Nights, and we hope to be tempting you with some different delights from our coastal waters, after all we are an island! So a date for your diary is the evening of Wednesday 13 June, booking is a must to avoid disappointment. Also why not treat your fathers to a meal out as it is Father's Day on Sunday 17 June.

As we go through the month of June it's strange to think that on the 19th we will have been here for six years. Amazing! We just wish we could remember who it was that said to us in our first few days here: "You'll never make anything of this pub; it's never been any good and nobody lasts here." Well here's to you, whoever you are?

And carrying on with the June theme you guessed it, Fete Day on 23 June; let's hope the sunny weather is with us by then. We will of course have a float and as usual we will be giving beer away from it! Fancy dress is a must as always and will be along the Olympic theme. There will be Live Music at the pub from 5pm, this time provided by the boys at Manor Garage, aka The Bailiffs. Not sure if we will have a BBQ though as these may be on loan to the Fete BBQ. But the kitchen will be open normal times.

And finally, Bob, Martin, Michael, Jack, Tim and the rest of the team at The Black Lion – Great party! It was nice to get out of our pub for a short while and to enjoy another pub's celebration. Here's to many more. Cheers!

Claire and Mark

Black Lion

blacklionnaphill.com

Well April and May have been a terrible few weeks for weather with rain almost non-stop. It didn't, however, dampen our fantastic celebration weekend on 21 and 22 April. We erected a marquee and had face painting, live music, bouncy castle, along with a special Black Lion quiz. It really was a fantastic weekend and hundreds of you turned out to enjoy the fun and our entire team wish to thank you all for just making the effort of coming along when the weather was so poor. Thank you very much!

So what's coming next for the Black Lion? Well it's a complete Jubilee Celebration package. You don't need to go to London and get stuck in traffic then push and shove for a glimpse of a ship or small barge going down the Thames because we have thought of everything right here in Naphill and believe me nothing is missing. Here's what you can enjoy over the holiday weekend:

Saturday 2 June from midday: bouncy castle, penalty shootout competition, then England v Belgium on our big screen in the garden. Saturday evening: a traditional pie and mash night with lots of different pies available. Pie plus pint or 175ml House Wine £10.

Sunday 3 June: Bouncy castle, penalty shootout, Jubilee egg hunt. Sunday evening: Jubilee quiz night with lots of fun prizes

Monday 4 June: Bouncy castle, penalty shootout. Monday evening: It's the Jubilee Race Night, in aid of local charities. Starts at 8pm. Remember to book a table with food as this sold out early last time.

Tuesday 5 June BIG SCREEN in the garden showing all of the television coverage of Jubilee day. Enjoy a Champagne lunch if you want to and relax in the atmosphere of the Black Lion's lovely garden.

By now you are probably giddy with excitement but there's more! Throughout the whole weekend Friday 1 June until Tuesday 5 June we will be running specific drinks promotions every day . What a weekend right here at the Black Lion and we look forward to seeing you all throughout that weekend. Finally thank you all for your continued support, we really do appreciate it.

Bob, Martin, Mike, Jack and Tim

Bon Ami

We are thrilled to announce that we are to take part in the "Bucks Open Studios" fortnight and will become an art gallery for the two weeks commencing Saturday 9 June. We will be exhibiting paintings by local artists John Easterling, Malcom Glenn and Mike Goodwin so do come and have a browse with your coffee.

We are looking forward to the "Picnic on the Crick" celebrating The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We have gained permission to adjust our opening hours to coincide with the event and so will therefore be open from 12-3pm on that day.

We look forward to seeing you.

Amanda Hall and Ruth Bond

Shear Madness

Well its Jubilee time and the flags are flying, no doubt we shall be wearing our wigs and tiaras.

Sadly Helen our Ladies' hairdresser left at the end of April to move to Bournemouth. We all wish her the best for the future. We now have Dawn, a new stylist to join our Shear Madness team she has over 25 years experience in hairdressing and is very popular with the customers. She takes appointment bookings on 07742361711 as well as walk-ins.

The ducks have been out and about again. Team Shear Madness came home with two gold medals from the SWATK Connor endurance race. We have also sponsored Dave (the duck) who is travelling in a Cinquecento from Manchester to Monte Carlo in aid of Cancer research. Chris and team took Ziggy (yes the duck) and have cycled from Lands End to John O'Groats in aid of the parasol project. We also sponsored Longwick dog show which is run by Whiteleaf dog training club. Our ducks have also been to Spain, on a school rugby tour, met Todd Carthy, run the London Marathon and been to America within the last month,

You can keep up to date with all events at Shear Madness on Facebook or through the website: facebook/shear.madness1.com and www.shear-madness.webs.com.

Lynn, Mandy & Dawn.

Little Ash Preschool

As many of you are aware we are now merged with the Naphill & Walters Ash Combined School, under the umbrella of Buckinghamshire Country Council. The merger has been very smooth and other than a few minor changes the preschool will run as it always has.

June is a very busy month for us with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on the 4 June, our Sports Day on 21 June and the Village Fete on 23 June. We will be making crowns and decorating the preschool for the Jubilee as well as learning about the Royal Family.

We are having our sports day earlier this year because we would like to use the Olympics as our theme and mimic some of the events. We will also be following the Olympic torch on a large map as it travels around the UK.

The Village Fete theme this year is The Olympics so we will be decorating our float accordingly. We hope as many children as possible will participate in the

fete because it is a great family day out and is a wonderful way to show your support for the villages.

*Barbara Chambers
barbarachambers@nawapreschool.com*

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.

21 June – Making peppermint creams

Saturday 23 June – Come & say hello and meet some current mums & children at the Kidzone at the fete

19 July – Teddy bears picnic. Please note this will be the last get together of this term, we will meet back again on Thursday 6 September at 1pm.

Louise Lucas 488255

Sapling Childcare

With the arrival of May we have turned our attentions to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We have had a red, white and blue theme and already we have made Union flags and the children have made and sent a card to Her Majesty The Queen.

**JUBILEE WEEKEND @
THE BLACK LION**
**SAT :- BOUNCY CASTLE, PENALTY
SHOOTOUT, ENGLAND V BELGIUM
ON BIG SCREEN**
**SAT EVE :- PIE AND MASH NIGHT
PIE + PINT OF ALE**
OR 175ml HOUSE WINE £10
**SUN:- BOUNCY CASTLE,PENALTY
SHOOTOUT, JUBILEE EGG HUNT**
**SUN EVE:- JUBILEE QUIZ NIGHT.
FUN PRIZES**
**MON:- BOUNCY CASTLE,PENALTY
SHOOTOUT**
**MON EVE :- JUBILEE RACE NIGHT
IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES. 8pm
START**
**TUES :- BIG SCREEN SHOWING ALL
TELEVISION EVENTS OF THE
JUBILEE DAY**
**DRINKS PROMOTIONS RUNNING
FROM FRIDAY THROUGH TO
TUESDAY**

Visiting us this month we have had a puppy called Frankie and a snake called Severus. We have planted cress seeds and watched them grow, and of course we all tasted the cress when it was mature enough to eat (only 7 days after planting). Outside play has been limited due to the amount of rain, but we have enjoyed playing badminton and tennis in our enclosed area. The last day of the month as a treat we had pizza and chips for the afternoon snack.

*Sue Wood 07970265460
saplingchildcare@yahoo.com*

Bucks Open Studios

9 – 24 June 2012

During June each year, artists and makers all over Buckinghamshire open up their studios to visitors. This provides a great opportunity for you to take a look behind the scenes and see how some of the county's skilled craftspeople and artists produce their beautiful works. All venues are free, some offering demonstrations. Often, refreshments will be available.

Times of opening vary. Please pick up a brochure from your local library or post office, or from artist's studios. Boards will soon be displayed showing venues. For brochures or for more information please phone 01494 564242

*Roni and Keith Wilkins
87 Main Road Naphill
Open daily 2 – 6pm*

Well, Well, Well...(Did They Wash?)

In Naphill and Walter's Ash we have just experienced the wettest drought on record, with a hosepipe ban and sodden soil. There has been little risk of residents watering their gardens with hose pipes and sprinklers – the clouds provided more than enough. However, the drought has been so bad that the Government minister responsible for droughts has warned that we may have to obtain our water from standpipes in the street next year if we do not have a lot of rain this coming winter. The mind boggles at the task of frequently carrying buckets of water to flush the loo, or fill the bath (with cold water). Washing machines and dishwashers would not work. The end of civilisation as we know it.

Here is a little history. Mains water did not come to Naphill and Walter's Ash until 1935 (courtesy of the new Bomber Command Headquarters) so all houses built before then collected water from the roof and stored it in a large tanks or cisterns sunk into the garden. The tanks were called wells. I knew our house must have had a well but there was no sign of it. Then, in 2010, there was the worst drought here I have known – and a 2 foot by 2 foot square patch of lawn near the front door became very brown indeed. I poked a crowbar into the soil and, 6 inches down, felt something solid which went

Naphill & Walter's Ash School Association

SUMMER FETE!

Saturday, 7th July

11.30am - 2.30pm

**ADULTS - £1
KIDS GO FREE!**



"clunk, clunk" when hit. I knew I had found the well cover at last. I carefully measured where it was so that I could find it after the rains made the grass green again.



Mike excavates his well

sheet to reveal a circular hole 30 inches in diameter. Gloom. The well was filled with mud and water. Having gone thus far I thought I must carry on, so I started to remove the mud in a series of bucket-loads. It was a very heavy, very muddy and horrible job. Below the 30-inch circular top the hole widened (the top of the well was a dome with a 30-inch hole in the middle). The diameter increased until it measured 4 feet then the walls went vertically down into the bowels of the earth, or so it seemed at the time. I was using a ladder to get down and ropes to pull buckets of mud out. Eventually I was at 8 feet below ground level. The bottom of the well was slightly dished so that the final amounts of mud and water were in the centre. I must have moved over 4 tons of mud, plus 190 full bricks, large stones, sections of earthenware pipes, etc. I then pressure-washed the walls and marvelled at the construction – very careful brickwork, rendered with cement on the inside. A perfect tank, completely undamaged.

I connected-up the down pipe from the roof of our house at the end of March 2011, supported the hole with pre-stressed concrete lintels then placed a large paving-stone over to seal the hole and started the search for a hand-operated pump for the well, which took many months. Meanwhile, each

In March 2011 I decided to explore. I took the turf off the square, then soil to a depth of 6 inches, exposing a large paving slab, which I removed. Then I extricated a piece of corrugated iron

sheet to reveal a circular hole 30 inches in diameter. Gloom. The well was filled with mud and water. Having gone thus far I thought I must carry on, so I started to remove the mud in a series of bucket-loads. It was a very heavy, very muddy and horrible job. Below the 30-inch circular top the hole widened (the top of the well was a dome with a 30-inch hole in the middle). The diameter increased until it measured 4 feet then the walls went vertically down into the bowels of the earth, or so it seemed at the time. I was using a ladder to get down and ropes to pull buckets of mud out. Eventually I was at 8 feet below ground level. The bottom of the well was slightly dished so that the final amounts of mud and water were in the centre. I must have moved over 4 tons of mud, plus 190 full bricks, large stones, sections of earthenware pipes, etc. I then pressure-washed the walls and marvelled at the construction – very careful brickwork, rendered with cement on the inside. A perfect tank, completely undamaged.



Mike Mason and his well

rain shower was filling my well. After finding a new pump came the big moment – it worked! And the well by now was completely full. The capacity of the well/tank/cistern is 2,500 litres, so we have more than adequate rainwater for acid-loving plants, and for garden watering generally. And just in time for the hosepipe ban, so we are doing our bit!

I then decided to do some sums, and worked out that 2,500 litres would be enough to keep us going for only 8 days in our modern household with a flushed toilet, showers, baths, washing machine, etc. So what of the people who lived in our village for thousands of years before 1935? (There are traces of settlements here from 4,000 years ago.) There are no streams and the water table is 300 feet down, too deep for a real well. The people must have reserved the well water for drinking only, bearing in mind that one could have dry summers. (About 100 years ago wells in Naphill and Walter's Ash ran dry and water bowsers had to be supplied to the villages.) I then realised that people in our villages for the past 4,000 years probably did not wash, apart from perhaps a perfunctory splash. Of course it is not necessary to wash, as any small boy will tell you. Most people who live in the Arctic or in deserts today do not wash because water is not available for such use. Nevertheless, it is quite a shock to realise how primitive life here in the Chilterns was as recently as 1935, which is not that long ago and certainly within the memory of some residents.

Mike Mason

Advice Changes Lives

From 11 June your local Citizens Advice Bureau will be changing their telephone number to 0844 245 1289. We will still provide the same professional service so don't worry. We help people every day to solve their problems on a wide range of issues including Benefits, Debt, Housing, Employment and Education.

Please don't let your worries spiral out of control. For free, confidential and independent advice contact Chiltern CAB today either in person, over the

telephone or online. Call us now to talk to a professional adviser on 0844 245 1289 or www.chilterncab.org.uk.

Holywell Mead Lido Reveals First Stage of its £2m Makeover

Holywell Mead Lido re-opened with a new look and a new name on 5 May, after a £2 million makeover which has transformed the site and introduced an impressive range of new facilities for members.

Wycombe Rye Lido, as the site will now be known, has been closed since last autumn while it underwent extensive renovations, including refurbishment of the original 1950s outdoor pool area, along with the addition of a brand new gym, group exercise studio, indoor cycling studio and new changing facilities for the gym and studio users.

The newly revamped Lido will also benefit from a fantastic new café, The Lido Kitchen, serving delicious meals in the daytime and evening, both inside or outside on the terrace overlooking the pool and the Rye.

In June the fitness centre will be launched, which will open for gym users, indoor cycling and over 60 different exercise classes per week. The Lido Kitchen and newly built meeting/activity room will also open in

June, providing an extra space in which to relax and enjoy the facilities, or host a private function.

Memberships for Wycombe Rye Lido are now on sale, with great pre-opening offers already being snapped up. Get 15 months for the price of 12 for annual membership. Standard memberships are also very competitive at just £40 per month for unlimited use of all facilities during opening hours.

For more information on membership, opening times and facilities visit www.WycombeRyeLido.com

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RAF High Wycombe NEWS

The rain may have fallen relentlessly over the previous month but that has not stopped us here at RAF High Wycombe from getting out and about on various projects. (OK, it has stopped one project but more of that later).

After a great amount of work between Wycombe District Council and various personalities around the Station, the signing of the Community Covenant for the Armed Forces took place between RAF High Wycombe and Wycombe District Council on Monday 16 April. The Covenant formalises the partnership between the Station and the District, taking into account the special relationship that occurs between the Service and local communities. We are hoping that this will encourage a better sharing of resources between the Station and the Community for the benefit of all.

You may recall an earlier article concerning our involvement in the SCAS Co-Responder scheme. One of our volunteers, Cpl Jim Collins, is the latest to undergo a specialised three week SCAS driver's course. You may well see Jim happily behind the wheel of the Co-responder vehicle more than usual over the coming months as highly trained members of the scheme are forecast to be utilised to cover shortfalls during the Olympic Games. Jim will be one of the many servicemen from the Station employed over the summer in a number of duties associated with the Olympic Games.

So what have the April showers stopped us from doing? We were contacted early in the spring with a request to assist the community of Naphill with a

pond clearing project. As it turned out we were unable to assist in the time scales required to miss the breeding season for a rare species of newt in the pond so the project quickly changed to the clearance of Naphill Meadow. Unfortunately the day brought terrific downpours which would have made the work impossible - as I type Sgt Joanne Bevan and a team of willing volunteers from the Station Information Hub are donning their camouflage gear and tackling the meadow.

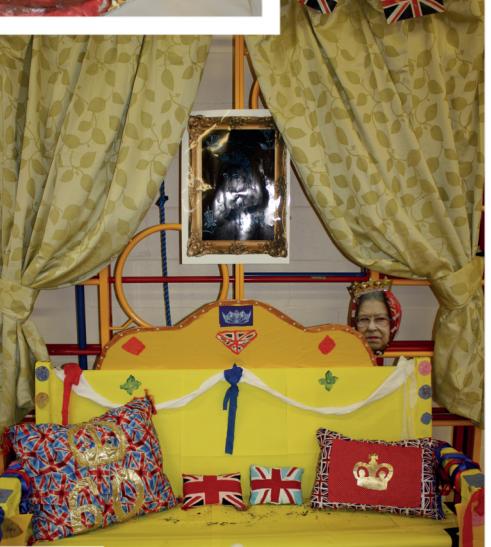
As preparations for the Naphill fete grow closer the Station is planning to have a greater level of involvement than before, with aspirations to put a float into the procession and various charity stands on the Crick - if you are planning on a stall for the day and think the Station may be able to help you out please don't hesitate to call. The Station Commander is even offering up "Be an RAF Station Commander for the Day" as a prize. This prize will be an unforgettable experience (for all the right reasons!) for a lucky winner so please support the Charity stalls where you can.

My final mention is for the Freedom Parade through the streets of Princes Risborough. This is the first time that the Station has taken the opportunity to enjoy the Freedom of the District, granted to all personnel of RAF High Wycombe in May 2011. The freedom allows personnel to parade "with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, bands playing and colours flying" and should be quite a spectacle. If you are free at 2pm on Monday 28 May we would love to see your support in Princes Risborough High street.



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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
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45–8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		07974 121081
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		elainetuckeret@aol.com
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	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30am and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesday 7.30pm		
	Thursday 5.45pm		
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 Leflaise 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Curtis 562779 naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemg.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jenny@tench.me.uk
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	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	Richard Adams 07782 328148. richard@dams.me.uk
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	Jenny Price 563001

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NEW!

Editorial

I hope you enjoyed the spectacle of all the events in June, wherever you were. Despite the damp weather, many people stoically turned out to celebrate the Jubilee locally, as you will see from the articles and pictures in this edition.

This month's cover is shows some of the Jubilee artwork created at home by the children of Naphill & Walters Ash School. It was a magnificent and creative display of pictures, cakes, sculptures, textiles and more.

The Fete was a great success and the committee and their helpers did an amazing job. They deserve an enormous thank you. I've just been looking back through the archives to see if I could find out what happened at the fete during the year of the Queen's Coronation. Records are a bit thin on the ground that far back, but 50 years ago, the fete was opened by the Air Vice Marshall and Mrs Dwyer arriving by helicopter on 'the cricket pitch'! The Fete Committee were very pleased with their profit of £245, which would be approximately £6550 today. Read the fete report below and see what a coincidence this is!

There are lots of photos in this edition and I'd like to thank Ian Banks, our roving Fete Photographer, for supplying me with so many lovely pictures to chose from. Also thanks to those of you that have sent in your own pictures.

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County Councillor's Report

Trying to establish resident's priorities is a constant challenge to those of us who have some say in the expenditure of the public purse. My postbag is dominated by correspondents wishing to spend more money on roads despite the county having allocated more in the last two years than over the previous five. Some writers have been particularly critical of the work undertaken so far this year and even more critical of the perceived priorities that have been applied to certain local roads. Balance these demands with the reduction in the social care budgets, home to school transport funding and the increasing costs of waste disposal, and we can begin to see the magnitude of the County Council's budget reductions occasioned by the government's call for reduced public spending to help reduce the national debt.

I have always much admired our County Cadets especially during my years as County Chairman. They are teenagers who take part in activities at a Cadet Unit or Detachment within their local community. These activities are designed to help them to become more self-confident, to develop

their leadership skills, to improve their physical fitness and communication skills, to teach self-discipline through challenging training and to foster community awareness and respect for others. They are organised by a dedicated group of volunteers who instruct and whose purpose is to develop the attributes of leadership, active citizenship and physical fitness, all within a safe environment.

The Cadets offers friendship, challenges but most of all fun and adventure. It is an opportunity to expand horizons, contribute to the community and make friends for life. They will experience activities such as ceremonial drill, first aid, sports and local events that support our community. Anyone interested can find all information through the following link:

<http://www.serfca.org/dnn/Cadets/tabid/101/Default.aspx>

We need to recruit volunteers to help with the Year of Celebration Events. These events are:

- 28 August: Paralympic Flame Lighting Ceremony in Stoke Mandeville/Aylesbury.
- 4/5/11 August and 1 September: BCC Live site events in Burnham, High Wycombe, Amersham and Aylesbury. We need volunteers to help line the torch relay route, meeting and greeting the public and helping getting the events set up etc. You could even become one yourself! If you would like some hard copies of the poster, please let me know. All the information and registration forms can be found on our web page:
<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/london2012/volunteering.page?>

It is hard to understand why we still have a hose pipe ban in this area where so much rain has fallen in recent weeks, perhaps when it is lifted we can look forward to some hot summer weather. On a happier note I am pleased to report that my Community Leader's Fund is available again for this present financial year and I invite all interested organisations to write to me, outlining the purpose for which financial support is required and what other contributions have been made towards the project. I need to have applications by the end of September latest as all money must be allocated before the end of December.

Whatever the weather, I hope you all have a happy summer holiday.

Richard Pushman

Hughenden Parish Councillor Report

Many will be aware of debate over the changes to Planning that have been made by this

Government. Complex and wide ranging rules have been swept aside to simplify the process in the supposed interests of 'Localism'. A National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has been put in place and regional planning strategies removed. District Councils now have to agree development plans that meet housing targets laid down in the NPPF but also have to consider national infrastructure needs such as waste facilities, roads etc. Without a development plan in place, a District Council is open to developers applying for projects where the default position will be to grant permission. Generally, there will be a presumption in favour of 'sustainable development', a term that has not yet been properly defined, but which is supposed to take the need for economic growth in account as much as local demand. 'Localism' beyond District Councils is supposed to be enacted through Neighbourhood Plans which can be developed by Parish Councils or Community Groups. However, these have to conform to the needs of the District Council Local Plans and, in terms of time and capability required, require a significant resource commitment for a Parish Council to produce.

So, what does this mean to Hughenden Parish and in particular, Naphill and Walter's Ash? Because of our Green Belt/AONB status, development is extremely restricted and the Parish may not need to produce a development plan. However, we must still maintain vigilance on applications within the Parish to ensure they meet local needs and expectations as well as meeting Planning Regulations. But one new aspect of the Regulations is something called the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). District Councils are being encouraged (some might say 'bribed') to support housing development through a New Homes bonus that the Government will provide. In addition, they will get this CIL with 10-15% being then passed on to Parishes. The proposed CIL rate will around £150 per square metre of build – including extensions. This could provide the Parish Council with a significant additional funding stream but only one that can be spent on 'infrastructure' projects which have not yet been defined. We still have a few months to go until the details of all these changes become clear. For those who like statistics, you might find the following of interest:

The current population of WDC is 164,000 and is expected to rise to 175,000 by 2030. Hughenden Parish's population is 8,500. WDC received 2,635 planning applications in 2011 of which 246 were refused and 73 went to appeal. Only a quarter of those appeals were successful and 575 houses were built in WDC last year. In Hughenden Parish, there were 135 applications, 13 were refused and 17 houses were built.

Finally, we would like to convey our thanks to those involved in the organisation and application of both the Jubilee celebrations and the Fete. A huge amount of unpaid effort goes into these types of events and Naphill and Walter's Ash would not be the wonderful community it is without them.

Roger Beavil, Audra Byerley, Phil Conran, Dennis Hackling

Neighbourhood Police News

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the new non-emergency number, 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office or email us.

lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or daton.beckford@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.

Due to a fault with the SID equipment, there will be no allocated Community Speed Watch dates set until further notice. If you are interested in seeing how the device works or are interested in becoming involved in the process, please contact Daton Beckford 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.

Results for Naphill: April – 4; May – 35 in excess of the threshold.

Crime: A catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle in Naphill.

Anti-social behaviour: A few youths from the Naphill area went into the wooded area behind Templewood and started a fire using a few old twigs and paper. This was attended by Police and the Fire Brigade. The parents were supportive with placing sanctions upon the youths.

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer*

Naphill and Walter's Ash Resident's Association

Planning to 27 June 2012

12/06453/FUL 13 Louches Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of rear conservatory with screen and two new windows added to ground floor side elevation. **12/06309/FUL** 15 Beech Park, Walter's Ash. HA for construction of 1st floor side extension, single storey rear extension and alterations to roof of existing garage (alt to PPII/07449/FUL).

12/06257/FUL 1 Beech Park, Walter's Ash. HA for construction of single storey side/rear extension for additional granny annex accommodation.

12/06384/FUL. Southleigh, 2 Parkside, Walter's

Ash. Proposed ground floor internal changes and construction of gabled open porch to front elevation. **Appeal by P.J.Tapping against WDC refusal of 11/07945/FUL.** Building of a 4 bedroomed house on land to rear of Ernaville, Downley Road, Naphill, near Post Office. Any extra comments are required by the Inspectorate in Bristol by 5 July 2012. All existing comments will be sent to Bristol by WDC.

12/05936/FUL. Amendment. Fernlands, Chapel Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of single and two storey front/side/rear extension and associated external and internal alterations. (Objection. Concerns about size and impact remain.)

Public Inquiry. 5–7 September 2012

APP/K0425/11/A/2159978/NWF Appeal by Mr Patrick Murphy against WDC refusal of retrospective application 11/05644/FUL for change of use of land to allow two mobile homes and two touring caravans for use by gypsy travelling family with creation of hardstanding, erection of single storey detached utility/day room building & installation of cess pit, on field at **The Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash** in Green Belt and AONB (adjacent to RAF Air Command boundary fence and gate). Two NAWARA representatives attended the opening of the Public Inquiry in May. Further RA objections were presented. The May Public Inquiry, like the earlier Informal Hearing was aborted following complaints by Mr Murphy's barrister. The Travellers now have permission to remain at The Hedgerow until September 2012, to allow time for discussions about an alternative Green Belt site in Flackwell Heath owned by their family. .

Dog Waste Bins. The HNAG Committee has suggested the RA prepare a short list of additional sites for Dog Waste Bins, since complaints about dog fouling have increased. Suggestions so far are (a) any or all of the entrances to dog walking areas off Hunt's Hill Lane, (b) the Walter's Ash allotments. Please contact me with any more suggestions so we can decide priorities before seeking funding.

Road Safety: 30mph Bin Stickers. The RA now has a supply of 30mph wheelie bin stickers for households that request them along Main Road/New Road, or any other stretch in Naphill and Walter's Ash where speeding is a problem. This road safety initiative is well worth supporting as similar schemes have proved very effective in other areas. Two stickers are normally placed on each of the black and green bins. Forty five people have already asked for the stickers. If you would like to add your name to the list please let me have your address by phoning **563634** or emailing glorialeflaive@msn.com. The cost is £2 per

household for four bin stickers delivered to your home.

Date of next meeting. 8pm Thursday, 12 July 2012 at Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

When the pre school moved from the Village Hall up to the school we wondered if we would be able to make up the letting income that they provided for us. We needn't have worried. The demand for using the hall is excellent, and we now even have a waiting list for people wanting regular evening lettings. The hall is so busy that it can at times be hard to find a slot for the cleaners to come in! It provides a venue for a great variety of activities for all the community.

We must congratulate the Junior Football Club who have had one of their best seasons ever with three teams, under 11's, 13's and 15's all winning their divisions, and the under 14's narrowly missing second place at their last match of the season. Many congratulations to the boys and of course to the dedicated coaches and helpers who give up their precious time to coach and develop these teams.

The play area has had its annual check, and will shortly be topped up with bark chippings. It has been noted that the gate does not close properly and the Parish Council, who maintain the play area, has been informed.

You must have noticed our smart new flag pole which was up and working in time to fly the flag for the Queen's Jubilee. There was a bit of confusion as the wrong instructions were sent with the pole, but luckily this all got sorted in time for the Jubilee weekend. The flag was up again for the Fete. We also have a new cigarette butt bin outside the main door, and a new large saucepan to replace the one that has mysteriously gone missing from the hall.

Our Jubilee celebration , the Big Picnic, fell foul of the weather and had to be moved into the Hall. Hughenden Parish Council provided us with ample bunting which the scouts put up all round the Crick leaving us enough left over to decorate inside the Hall as well. Many thanks to the Parish Council for the bunting and to the scouts who did a fantastic job. While most of us enjoyed our picnics in the warm and dry of the Hall some hardy souls insisted in being "British" and had theirs out on the Crick under Gazebos and even played a game of cricket in the pouring rain! A good time was had by all and we enjoyed being part of the country's celebrations and raising a toast to our Queen.

The work on the hot water system is well underway and hopefully will be completed by the time you read this, providing a regular consistent supply of hot water where it is needed through the Hall, much to the relief of regular washers up. We are also progressing with the installation of Broadband. The work on this will hopefully be done during the school summer holidays.

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

The Fete 2012

Wow! What a fabulous day, I cannot believe how lucky we were with the weather. The procession was amazing with our gorgeous Fete princes and princesses being driven in open top cars provided by Sytner, a BMW and a Mini followed by the walking tableaus and floats. The crowd of people that walked down with the procession was immense and the scene was breath taking.



The Fete Princes and Princesses

The crowds arrived on the Crick, which looked very impressive with such a large amount of stalls and events this year, and everyone made an effort with bunting and decorations. It looked great! The ladies running the dog show were overwhelmed with the number of entries and all the dogs were very smartly turned out for the event!



The Bucking Bronco in action

The bucking bronco and other large inflatables were also very popular as well as returning favourites, such as the archery, china smash and

coconut shy, which all bring everyone's competitive streak out!



Trying their hand at archery

Prize winners:



Best junior Float – Little Ash Pre School



Best Senior Float – The RAF



Best Walking Tableau – Naphill Brownies

Best fancy dress;

Under 5's – George Mc Murray

5–9's – Molly Banford

10's and over – Emily Creaser

Best Adult – Dani Bowman (RAF)

Best Stall – Naphill Neighbours

Best Neighbour – Mick Leggitt

I would like to thank all our stall holders and volunteers for their efforts again this year, the day wouldn't happen without you all. I need to specially mention the BBQ team which was cobbled together at the last minute and they did a fantastic job with queues during most of the day. The Gate pub also came to the rescue and provided people to help out.

I personally would like to apologise to Naphill Neighbours again this year for printing the programmes with the WI running the cake stall again. The cake stall that raises a great amount of money is run by Naphill Neighbours every year, and their efforts are greatly appreciated. I am very, very sorry and hope we have now finally rectified it for next year.

As with so many things there was an increase in cost this year that we haven't had on previous years. Our electrics needed updating and complying to the ever increasing Health and Safety requirements, along with having to employ Adams Park security for the road closure and car parking on the day. We also needed to buy a new BBQ that will now at least be owned by the Village Hall and can be used for bonfire night and any other event they wish. With so many extra costs we believe the day will have risen around £6500 profit for the Village Hall, although figures are not finalised yet. Thank you to everyone who made the day so special and for helping us to raise so much money.

We would welcome any feedback, positive and constructive in writing to The Fete Committee c/o The Wheel or to our email address: nwfete@hotmail.co.uk This will enable us to improve YOUR village Fete. Perhaps we need to communicate with you better? Did the programme include everything you needed to know? What could we improve about the actual day? If you are full of ideas please let us know or join the committee!

As the chair for the Fete Committee I would like to give a huge thanks to the team who worked so hard this year to make sure things came together in the end. We had a tough year, but the day proved all our efforts were worth it. Thank you to Andy Pope, Barbara Chambers, Ian Bond, Kat Dunlap and Sarah Creaser. I couldn't do it without you guys. I would like to make a special note of saying thank you and goodbye to Barbara who is

leaving us this year to return home to Canada, you've been amazing. On that note we need a new member of the committee to join our happy team as treasurer, please come and see me at The Wheel.

We thank you all for your support and already looking forward to next year.

Claire and The Fete Committee

The Dog Show

Many thanks to all of Naphill and Walter's Ash for bringing their dogs to the dog show, they were all lovely and well behaved. This year we had an amazing 97 entries, although there could easily have been more. It was a fantastic turn out and I either need a larger arena or more classes as we could only cater for a certain amount.

Results for 1st Place

Category	Name of Dog	Name of Handler
Handsome Dog	Harvey	Andrew
Prettiest Bitch	Izzy	Raj
Golden Oldies	Shadow	Gill
Waggiest Tail	Oakley	Shannon
Best Rescue	Jake	Dawn
Judges Choice	Persie	Jack
Best in Show	Harvey	Andrew
Reserve Best in Show	Persie	Jack

I would like to thank Heather for her hard work during the day and our amazing judge Hannah who did a wonderful job. It was a very difficult decision this year as all the entries were so lovely and if I had been judging they all would have won! I hope to see you all again next year.

Dawn

Book Stall at Naphill Fete

Once again we must thank everyone who donated books this year.

A few weeks ago we were anxious about the lack of books we had received. We needn't have been concerned! We had hundreds donated, plus quite a lot from Bradenham Fete that they had been unable to sell the weekend previously. Those donated were of such good quality that I had very few to throw away.

Unfortunately we didn't sell as many this year. Whether this was due to an interest in Kindles, a very busy Fete with lots to do or the heavy shower of rain that sent people home early, who knows. However, we did make about £475 which can only be a good thing. So thank you to everyone who donated and bought.

Quite a few people have asked what we do with

left over books. This is always a problem, especially this year as we had so many (five car loads) to pass on somewhere. But, good news, South Bucks Hospice and Florence Nightingale Hospice are very happy to take them. What they are unable to sell is pulped and money given to them for this form of recycling. So, a double thank you to all those kind people that gave us books for, not only has the Village Hall benefited but so have two Hospices.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a very big 'thank you' to Claire and her team who worked so hard to organize this years' Fete. It is hard enough organising the book stall so it must be an horrendous job organising the whole thing. Well done to all of you, you deserve to be proud of yourselves.

Michael and Pauline Pool

Naphill Evening WI

Our Birthday Party on 21 June was also a belated celebration of the Diamond Jubilee and a toast was made to the Queen. A most delicious buffet supper, supplied by our members, was followed by a talk by Jane Dunsterville on "Not in Front of the Servants". A card was signed by all of us as sadly we learned that Jessie Higham, a very popular member, was moving out of the area.

Some of us joined the various County rambles organised by the Buckinghamshire Federation and a few of us enjoyed a very scenic walk around the Eddlesborough area on the 7 June, followed, of course, by a tasty lunch.

23 June – Fete day and as usual we served sandwiches, cakes and copious cups of tea in the Village Hall, as well as having a tombola stand out on the windy Crick. Demand was so popular that we actually ran out of cakes. Thanks to all those who helped with the washing up and clearing the tables. It was the first year in a long while that we did not join the procession with a WI float, but perhaps we will be back next year.



Marion and Penny serving cakes in the kitchen.



Braving the wind at the WI Tombola Stall

We have our croquet/games evening at Valerie's to look forward to on 12 July, when hopefully summer will have arrived.

The Food Appreciation Group have been busy, with a lunch on the 29 May at the Le De Spencer's Arms on Downley Common. Janet tells me that some of the members walked there and enjoyed a drink outside in the sunshine followed by an excellent lunch. They will also be going out for a traditional afternoon tea on 25 July.

Carol Gilliam

Jubilee Celebration Thanks

I would like to thank the Scout Explorers and their leaders Richard and Nick for decorating the Crick for the Jubilee Celebrations with the bunting which everyone enjoyed, despite the rain!



The indoor Jubilee Picnic



The hardy outdoor Jubilee Picnic!



Audra Byerley, John Moorby and their helpers planting the Jubilee Tree on the Crick

I would also like to thank John Moorby, one of the Hughenden Parish Councillors for planting the copper beech jubilee tree on the Crick for us all to enjoy. John also planted some of the other copper beeches on the Crick about twenty years ago!

Some of the children from Naphill and Walters Ash school will be decorating a stone to go in front of our jubilee tree so please look out for that next time you visit the Crick.

Audra Byerley (Naphill and Walter's Ash Ward Parish Councillor)

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Well, what a start to the gardening – I struggled to keep things alive in the cold weather running up to the plant sale, fought to keep them watered during the brief, but delightful warm spell in May and now flaming June has almost drowned the poor plants. Will summer ever arrive?

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 7 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 1 September. The schedule covers 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 when it gets here.

Cathryn Carter 563233

Naphill Neighbours

Our June meeting was held on Monday 11th, after all the excitement of the Jubilee Celebrations. Unfortunately, the weather hadn't improved a great deal and only 27 of our members braved the elements to watch Marion Hebbourne skilfully produce several beautiful flower arrangements. Marion obviously enjoys this special talent she has and was very relaxed as she told us we could also produce similar arrangements!! Her demonstration was sprinkled with lots of advice for us all and the arrangements were placed on our raffle table enabling several very happy ladies to return home with some pretty stunning displays.

As you all know we do not meet during the month of August. However, we are organising a half day trip to Broughton Castle described by one writer as "Elizabethan opulence round a medieval core". It survives from the Middle Ages and is still inhabited by its founding family, The Fiennes. To whet your appetites, although referred to as a castle it is, in fact, a beautiful English house with a moat and is approached through a gatehouse over a bridge. There is much to see in the house, including a gallery, a great parlour and dining room, the King's chamber and Queen Anne's room and a chapel with two stained glass windows designed by Alfred Fisher and constructed in his workshop at Chapel Studio, Kings Langley in Hertfordshire. There are gardens and, of course, the Tea Room (open from 2 to 5pm) with all the usual delicacies you would expect to find, hot and cold drinks, delicious home-made cakes, cream teas and ice creams. This outing takes place on Thursday, 23 August and the cost is £15.00 for members and £17.00 for guests. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 12.30pm with an extra pick-up at Forge Road. If you would like to join us please do not hesitate to call Sheila Rolfe (562888) or Hazel Vickery (563977). We should be back in the local area by 6.30pm.

We have had to rethink our last outing of the year in November. A trip to Bath didn't seem to be as appealing as we had thought and we have decided to consider it in the better weather. Instead we have provisionally booked seats at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury to see "Forty Second Street" on Thursday, 22 November at 2.30pm (matinee performance). Late morning we have the opportunity to go backstage to see what goes on behind the scenes. Afterwards there will be time for lunch either at the theatre or a nearby pub before we take our seats for the performance. All details in the next Gazette in September but if you are interested in this outing please call Sheila Rolfe or Hazel Vickery (telephone numbers above).

Our meeting this month is on Monday, 9 July, when Mr Russell Cherry will speak to us on "The Thames from its source to Oxford". Tea hostesses will be Merle Abbott and Jill Church. Hope to see you all on 9th.

Following our Committee meeting this afternoon, we have news from the Fete. We ran our normal Cake Stall, as we have for some years. We thank all of you who provided baked goods and those who donated funds to make this a very successful year. The cakes together with the hamper raised approximately £538 and we were also lucky enough to win the cup for the best stall; Kate Peake won our hamper.

Our thanks go to Nigel Rolfe and Ray Stroud for all their help in setting up the gazebo and decorating the stall. We couldn't have managed without them.



A delicious selection of cakes from Naphill Neighbours

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Tennis Club

Many thanks to all of you who visited our Strawberries & Cream Stall at Naphill Fete. We had sold out by 3.30 pm just as the rain started! The Ball Machine provided much entertainment for young and old alike and we hope this will

encourage you to join us on the courts on a regular basis.



Sue and Chris, two of our stalwarts, preparing strawberries in the Club-house.



Judy and Carol to selling strawberries while action on the courts is in full swing!

If you would like information about the Tennis Club, do please contact David, Sue or myself (see Clubs & Organisations Directory near front of the Gazette)

Jenny Tench

Ash Close and Honey Way Diamond Jubilee Picnic

Ash Close and Honey Way held its very own Diamond Jubilee picnic on the Jubilee Bank Holiday Monday. It was a great success with everyone pitching in to make it an enjoyable and memorable day.

1 man, 2 men, 3 men, 4 men, (plus!) went to mow a meadow: On the Saturday before the picnic, a number of the men turned out on the green to mow the grass in preparation for the big day and residents decorated the Close with bunting during the weekend. Gazebos were erected in the middle of the green just prior to the picnic, and residents brought out their picnic tables and chairs, plus more bunting to create a festive atmosphere.

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It's a serious business, running races...



Classic Cars on show



Always a favourite, the steam traction engine



It's a Knock-out comes to Naphill



A little light reading



Three legs are better than



Artistic entries in the Competition Tent



Lots of variety at the tombola



Wycombe and Amersham Hospital Radio



Naphill Neighbours win Best Stall



Plants for sale from Christians in the Community



The pub team return to dry land



The Royal Party arrives in style to open the fete





A prize winning tableau from the Brownies



There could be a future Olympic medallist here!



A fantastic turn-out from NWA School



The Black Lion and The Wheel row with their mops



The Beavers arrive on the Crick



Best Neighbour awarded to Mick Leggitt



A never ending supply of sausages



Gazebos were erected in the middle of Ash Close Green

Food and drink was brought out and shared around, and we had some amazing Jubilee cakes and biscuits! One or two barbecues were on the go throughout the afternoon, plus a very welcome wood-burning stove to keep the chilly breeze at bay! That said, we probably had the best of the weather over the Jubilee weekend!

One of the first residents to turn up was a man sporting a curly black wig with a Union Jack hat on top and wearing a Union Jack apron! He looked suspiciously like our very own Ted Chapman, well-known in Naphill and Walter's Ash for organising the Fete in previous years!

A little later in the afternoon, "Prince William" tried to gate-crash the picnic incognito, but was instantly recognised and captured on camera by the paparazzi as he was being kissed by a Honey Way resident!



Ronnie Smith entertained us all with his amazing juggling, magic tricks and balloon animals!

Paul Daniels and Tommy Cooper eat your heart out. Half way through the afternoon, Ronnie Smith entertained us all with his amazing juggling, magic tricks and balloon animals! This was a lovely surprise and a real treat for all of us!

The children enjoyed playing together around the green, with a few of the adults joining in! Nicky Smith set up face-painting under a gazebo throughout the afternoon. Up and coming budding face-painters emerged when some of the children had a go at decorating faces themselves!



A Royal Toast

During the afternoon we all raised a toast to the Queen followed by three cheers for Her Majesty, and we sang a hearty rendition of the National Anthem.

Some people were enjoying themselves so much that they carried on partying on the green until midnight! The following morning, some of the residents turned out to dismantle the gazebos and leave the green clean and tidy.

A big thank you goes to everyone who came, and also to all those who helped to make the day such an enjoyable and successful occasion. Everyone agreed that the picnic was a great idea for meeting the neighbours and getting to know one another better and the plan is to make it an annual event, so watch this space!

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

I would like to start this month's article with a huge thanks to my staff, customers and friends who have helped me and the Fete team over the past few months. Thank you to all those who I cajoled into delivering programmes, selling raffle tickets, man the BBQ, completing the new electrics and doing the line painting for the running races. If it hadn't been for you all (you know who you are) the Fete would not have been such a success. I also need to apologise to my husband and staff for being stressed and short with them at times during the last couple of months.

We were definitely lucky with the weather on the day as the sun came out in the morning and stayed with us for the majority of the day. It was amazing to see the crowds walking down the main road following the procession; it felt as if the whole village was out. It was great to work with the Black Lion this year by having a joint float and rowing down the village with our mops and brooms as oars! I would like to thank Michael at Country Supplies for driving our biggest float yet. It was unfortunate that the rain came down when it did as it meant the band 'The Bailiffs' from Manor Garage

ended up playing in the restaurant. Although we've had busier years the atmosphere was still great and there were a number of us dancing away to some fantastic music and fun was had by all.

The Jubilee weekend was a great few days with the true British spirit of carrying on during the rain and wind. It was great that people were still out to support the Village either in the hall or even out on the crick under gazebos! We had a good number of people watching the flotilla and the concert during the weekend with everyone singing along. The garden party at the pub on the Monday was luckier with the weather, and everyone had a great time, sharing picnics and BBQs.

Unfortunately we had an attempted break in on a Sunday night, luckily our side door held the crow bar attempts and they never got into the premises. They only caused damage to the door. The incident was reported and the police have done all that they can do. I would like to thank Chris Childs for coming to our rescue and securing / fixing the door at such short notice.

We are all really sad to say goodbye to the Chambers family who are leaving to go back to Canada at the end of this month. They arrived in the village 3 years ago, and we defiantly knew that they were here as they became hugely involved in the village and the pub! Barbara has helped me with the Fete and will be a great loss to the committee, but more importantly the whole family will be missed in the village. The Wheel will have the pleasure of holding their leaving party on 28 July and invite their friends to join in on the occasion that will have a band and a buffet on the evening. Cheers to Mark, Barbara, Kaitlyn and Gavin.

So what's coming up?

- Fish nights – 11 July, 8 August
- Curry nights – 23 August, 12 September
- Beer Festival – September (date to be confirmed)
- Look out for the start of the game season and game nights.

Mark and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Tom Da'Silva, Jacob Cadwell and Tom Geggus to The Wheel family.

Once again thank you to all our customers and staff new and old.

Claire and Mark

Black Lion

blacklionnaphill.com

Well another wet wild and windy few weeks with little sign of summer approaching.

The Fete: We would like to thank our staff and customers for helping on the float that we shared

with our friends from Wheel. It really was a lot of fun and the day was a great success, especially the beer tent!

The Queen's Jubilee: our special events were well received; it's just a shame the weather wasn't a little better. But thank you all for coming along to support.

Quiz Nights: Unfortunately we have had to postpone two due to football but we are back again from the 8 July with a General Knowledge Quiz, then every fortnight from the 8th.

Summer Food Specials: our two chefs, James and Gary, have increased the number of daily specials, so please look out for our latest offers.

What's Next? Well, as if you didn't already know! It's the Olympics and we will be showing the main events on our T.V. so book a place along with food and settle back in the comfort of the Black Lion to watch your favourite event.

That's all for now, but as usual we would like to thank you for supporting the Black Lion you really do make a difference,

Bob, Martin, Mike, Jack and Tim

Bon Ami

Firstly we would like to say how much we have enjoyed being part of the "Bucks Open Studios" and what a difference it has made to have Bon Ami walls covered in lovely paintings. We are delighted that both John Easterling and Mike Goodwin wish to continue exhibiting here and will be including more local scenes in their displays. Do come and have a look if you are searching for a special gift.

Although it is still rainy as we write this article we are perfecting our homemade iced tea and iced coffee recipes for those long hot summer days on the crick. It is also cream tea time; so do pop in for a freshly made scone with jam and cream – and a piece of cake if you have room!

As always thank you for your continued custom.

Amanda Hall and Ruth Bond

Little Ash Preschool

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Village Fete held on Saturday 23 June. It was a great day and the preschool float looked amazing. We could not do it without the generosity of Agile Scaffolding who lends us their lorry every year. Many parents helped staff in the morning to decorate the lorry in the theme of the Olympics.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our Sports Day on 21 June due to weather. We have rescheduled the event for Thursday 5 July so fingers crossed it is a beautiful day. The children have been

practising the events which include: a horse race, running race and a relay.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and look forward to all the new children we have starting in September.

*Barbara Chambers
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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.

Please come and join us for our last toddlers session of this term. Thursday 19 July is Teddy Bears Picnic and will include races for the children – a kind of mini sports day. We will return after the summer holiday on Thursday 6 September. Look forward to seeing you.

Louise Lucas 488255

Saplings Childcare

With spring well and truly here we have planted runner beans in glass jars so that we could see the seed sprout and grow, this was very exciting as we measured all of them daily to see how much each one had grown and whose bean was the tallest.

As the Queen's Jubilee approached we were busy talking about the Royal Family making jubilee bunting and colouring pictures some of which went into school for their homework display. The children were very excited to receive a card and letter from Buckingham Palace in reply to the card of congratulations which they made and sent to the Queen.

While the sun was shining we have been tracking and timing the shadow to see how long it takes to move along the wall in our outside play area as well as hours of tennis, badminton and skipping. We all enjoyed decorating and eating fairy cakes and one our preschoolers taught us how to speak a few words in Russian. For the end of month treat we all had ice-cream.

Places are now filling up for September so don't leave it to the last minute call Sue to book your place before it's too late.

We are running a holiday club during the weeks of 23–27 July and 28–31 August. Session times are

flexible: 8 to 1pm, 11 to 3.30pm and 1 to 6pm. A full day costs £25 and a part day costs £13. Breakfast, hot lunch and snacks included.

*Sue Wood 07970265460
saplingchildcare@yahoo.com*

Naphill Brownies

In the summer term the Brownies would usually be outside enjoying the summer evenings, but so far the weather has allowed very little outdoor activity. Being Brownies though, such things never dampen the Brownie spirit and the girls have enjoyed the alternatives in their own enthusiastic style.

We have been doing the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Challenge badge involving all things related to the number 60, diamonds and the Queen. Some activities have obvious royal connections like making a royal seal or looking at the Commonwealth; some are more tenuously linked – making diamond-shaped kites and jam tarts (Queen of Hearts).

As well as this we have been out for a glorious evening walk following a trail laid by our older Brownies. I wish I could claim the credit for planning this for the only sunny Thursday so far this term, but.....it was just luck.

To conclude our Jubilee badge, we will be encouraging the girls to take part in the Naphill Horticultural Society 'Drawing of the Queen' competition for the Summer Show on 7 July.

We had great fun making red, white and blue gymnastic ribbons for the Fete procession and were delighted that 17 of our Brownies came to put on a show in the procession. Our efforts were rewarded as we won the prize for the best walking group. Well done Brownies, and thank you to the Fete Committee for making this event such a great whole-village event.

Still to come this term we have enrolments for our two new Brownies, farewells for our five leavers, the Fete, a bug hunt with John Tyler, a campfire night and our mini Olympics.

As the last Gazette before the summer break, I would like to just say a big thank you to our wonderful leaders and helpers at Brownies. Without their fantastic help we wouldn't be able to have so much fun at Brownies. Thank you.

*Ruth Daly
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See page 19 for information about all of the local Brownie and Guide groups

Services at St. Botolph's, Bradenham

RAF High Wycombe NEWS

This month's article has to start with a celebration of the Freedom of the District Parade, held in the final days of May through the streets of Princes Risborough. The event was a fantastic celebration of all that is our community and our thanks must go to our neighbours for the support they showed to our Station - it truly was astonishing to witness the level of goodwill we share with our surrounding villages and towns.

"Long to Reign over us" turned into long to rain over us this month as the start of June saw the Station celebrate our Diamond Jubilee party. Flight Lieutenant Hamish Pearson and Mrs Danielle Bowman got a team together in early March to plan what was a fantastic event. The rain couldn't dampen the fun as families enjoyed a Scottish Piper, treasure hunt and all other sorts of entertainment.

This set the scene for the rest of the month as we saw RAF High Wycombe presence supporting various local Fêtes, mostly thanks to the work of our Station Adjutant, Flying Officer Charlotte Dooley. The main effort was focussed on the Naphill and Walter's Ash fete with an Olympic Gods and Goddesses themed float as part of the procession - WE WON!! Best Adult Float and (Dani Bowman gets another mention here) - best Adult fancy dress. The boys from the Fire Service, Police, RAF Regiment and Physical Training Instructors all did a fantastic job on the day with the paintballing provided by the Regiment gunners over too soon - there will definitely be a repeat of this next year.

Alongside these community events we have also hosted our own formal events this month, with local dignitaries, councillors and businessmen invited onto the Station to take part in our Annual Reception. This formal function enables us to thank our community for their support whilst communicating the work of RAF High Wycombe over the previous 12 months. Quite appropriately, given our Station's support to Operation ELLAMY over the skies of Libya, a Tornado GR4 from II (AC) Sqn at Marham concluded the ceremony with a low-level flypast.

Hot on the heels of the Annual Reception was our first opportunity to formally invite the newly elected Mayor of High Wycombe to the Station.

A short march through the camp, celebrating the Freedom of High Wycombe, was followed by a church service. Once this was concluded, the Mayor had the privilege of presenting servicemen based here with Honours and Awards in a medals ceremony.

The Mayor said:

"I am delighted to share this great moment of joy and achievement. We are all very proud of your service to our community and our country."



The Olympic Gods win Best Adult Float at the Naphill & Walter's Ash Float



*And Dani Bowman wins Best Adult Fancy Dress.
Is that really you, Dani?*

July 1 – 11am Eucharist
July 8 – 11am Eucharist
July 15 – 11am Eucharist
July 22 – 11am Matins
July 29 – No service at St Botolph's. Benefice service 9.30am at St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge.

NWR

We are a women's group (after 50 +, but any age welcome) who meet in each other's homes, and are part of a national group. VERY friendly and informal! We have discussions, walks, meals, visits to cinema and theatre and NT places. We also have a book group. And sometimes join in National/local events.

If you are interested in joining us please phone Sally on 01494 562281 or Susan on 01494 564413.

Brownies and Guides

Is your daughter aged between seven and 18 years old and looking for some fun and adventure? We have Brownie, Guide and Ranger units meeting on a regular basis which offer an exciting programme of activities and new friendships.

Brownies – Aged 7 to 10 years:

Mondays – Oakeshott Centre, RAF High Wycombe, Walter's Ash
Wednesdays – Village Hall, Hughenden Valley
Thursdays – Scout & Guide Hall, Naphill

Guides – Aged 10 to 14 years

Mondays – Oakeshott Centre, RAF High Wycombe, Walter's Ash
Wednesdays – Scout & Guide Hall, Naphill
Thursdays – Scout Hut, Speen

Rangers – Aged 14+ years

Alternate Tuesdays

If you would like more details or arrange a place for your daughter or to volunteer as an adult, please contact Caroline Purdom, District Commissioner,
guidinginhughenden@hotmail.co.uk

Fundraising Tea Party

A tea party in aid of The Stroke Club and Rookwood Spinal Unit will be held on 7 August 2012 in Naphill Village Hall at 2.30pm until 4pm. Home made cakes, gift stall and raffle. Your support will be very welcome. Admission £3.50.

Sheila Veysey

Naphill School Cricket Team 1929

I thought some readers may find this photo of interest. It is of Naphill C of E School Cricket Team in 1929. My grandmother, Hilda Clark (nee Parslow) kept the score as girls were not allowed to play. According to her handwriting on the back of the photo, the team was as follows: back row left to right: Doug Lowe, Charlie Poutney, Ted Shrimpton, Reg Aldridge, Eric Montague, Ken Hussey, Middle Row: (teachers) Miss Williams, Miss West, Mr Cudmore, Mrs Webb, Hilda Parslow (scorer). Front row: Cyril Carrington, Sun Wheeler, Lester Parslow, Frank Lacey, Pete Parslow.

Maria White



Goodbye from the Chambers Family

It is with mixed emotions that our family is moving back to Canada in August. We are excited to see all our family and friends in Canada who have been missed over the years, but we are also sad to say good bye to the amazing friends we have made in the village. Naphill will never be forgotten and will always hold a special place in our hearts. We have made some wonderful friends who we will definitely keep in touch with. We hope to come back to visit often and will always welcome friends who would like to come visit us. We will miss you all.

The Chambers Family

Owl Chick



I thought readers might like to see this snap of a owl chick taken in my horse's stable one morning a few weeks ago. I was grooming the horse and became aware something was next

to me! It stayed all day and I assume was re-united with it's mother overnight. This is the second time we have had a chick seek respite there, the last time being some years ago. That chick was in a sorry state, flat on it's face and appearing close to death. Having propped it up in the horse's bedding I fed it some raw chicken in tiny strips and put a branch beside it so that it could climb out of the closed door while being safe from our cat. It made a full recovery and the next morning I spotted it on the fence outside with its mother 'lecturing' from the tree above that it was time to rejoin her.

Jane Clark, Hunts Hill Lane

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Campaign

What to do if you experience or witness abuse

People in Buckinghamshire are urged to Speak Up against Adult Abuse. A public awareness campaign is currently running to let people know what to do if they are worried about their own or another adult's welfare.

For the last two years there have been over 1400 alerts to the Safeguarding Team resulting in over 800 assessments each year. The most common type of alert is for physical abuse with neglect being the next highest. Together they represent 42 per cent of victims between 18 and 64, and 49 per cent over the age of 75.

Safeguarding is everybody's business, if you suspect, witness or believe you are a victim of abuse then speak up and phone the Careline

0800 137 915. Or visit www.bsvab.org for more information. All calls are confidential.

The campaign is being run by Buckinghamshire County Council on behalf of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board (SVAB) which has representation from the police, health, probation, fire, district and county councils, and relevant agencies.

Missing Cat

Owen is a long haired light ginger cat and he went missing over the Jubilee weekend from the Chapel Lane area (on the Common). He is a nervous cat and doesn't normally stray from the garden. If anyone is feeding a stray or has seen one hanging around please contact Barbara on 563478 or 07709341569.

Any news is better than no news.

Barbara Owens

Working Horses Settle into their New Home at The Horse Trust

Standing at just 16hh, 17 year old, ex-army bay gelding Hagrid is the latest addition to the herd at The Horse Trust. Hagrid is certainly no "Half-Giant" like the character in the Harry Potter books as he is remarkably small for an army horse.

Hagrid, whose stable name is Oscar, had booked himself a retirement place at The Horse Trust a number of months ago but recurrent lameness prevented him from making the journey from the Defence Animal Centre, Melton Mowbray.

Hagrid worked tirelessly during his career for the Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery as a wheeler in the team of six horses. Also taking part in the Trooping the Colour and State Visits, Hagrid carried out his duties with dedication and pride.

Hagrid joins recently retired Riding for the Disabled ponies Teddy and Gemma. Gemma, a 12 hh, cream mare with 2 whorls on her forehead, had worked for the RDA for 14 years. Sheila Finnie, Group Organiser from Gaddesden RDA, Hemel Hempstead said, "During her working years she has been a reliable and faithful pony and has given countless children hours of fun and enjoyment."

Teddy, a grey, 18 year old, gelding standing at 13.2hh who worked for Wyfold RDA, Henley-on-Thames, also suffers from age related arthritis. Adrienne Holt from Wyfold said, "Teddy was the perfect pony with perfect manners, very safe and friendly and the children loved him."

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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	guidinginhughenden@hotmail.co.uk.
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
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		07974 121081
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		elainetuckeret@aol.com
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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 10.55–11.30am 11.35–11.55am 12.05pm–12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Mothers and Toddlers	Thursdays (term time) 1–3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Louise Lucas 488255
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
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	Thursday 5.45pm		
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Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemg.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jenny@tench.me.uk
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	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	Richard Adams 07782 328148. richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga: Stretch, Tone and Relax	Tuesdays 1.30–2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
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Editorial

Thank you to Juliet Bendell for this month's cover picture, taken this time last year. This stunning view is taken looking over the field that runs behind Allen Drive. As I am putting this edition together, the weather is just as it appears in this picture. I hope that you enjoyed more sun than rain if you've been away on holiday over the summer.

If you get frustrated by the speed of your broadband connection, take a look on page 13 and add your name to the campaign for faster broadband in Buckinghamshire. If you're quick, you stand a chance of winning an iPad.

Alan Lewis has been busy with his pen (or keyboard) over the summer and you can read his humourous entry from page 13.

I am aware that there are many more references to criminal activity in this edition. The message appears to be 'remain vigilant' and if you have witnessed anything unusual, please read the Thames Valley Police appeal on page 7.

*Clare Goddard 565065
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County Councillor's Report

The full County Council meeting in July was held for the second time in the Oculus at Aylesbury. This purpose built venue provides a more comfortable and public friendly council chamber than the old court building off Market Square. The Oculus is part of Aylesbury Vale District Council's new office complex and provides a multi-purpose venue for meetings and conferences. At the County Meeting in July, Transport for Bucks [TfB] presented their new hi-tech equipment, the Velocity Patcher and the Super Sucker, to Buckinghamshire County Councillors. The Councillors were very impressed by the Velocity Patcher and gained a good understanding of its operation and the benefits of the machine, particularly for rural areas. The Velocity Patcher is able to carry out 50% more first time, permanent pothole repairs per day than the conventional method using cold lay material.

The Super Sucker is used for clearing roots, broken pipes and other debris from soakaways and works County wide. The new machine is able to carry out the workload with ease. Both machines were well received by the Members who requested them back in their patch as soon as possible.

The damp summer in the South East has had a huge impact on Transport for Buckinghamshire's 2012 resurfacing programme. May and June were the wettest since records began in 1910 and in

June, the county received 240% more rain than the long term average. TfB use three types of resurfacing treatment and although two – surface dressing and plane and patch – can be attempted in light rain, all of the treatments cannot be done during heavy rain and/or cold temperatures. TfB understands how frustrating it has been for residents who have been asked to move cars on a certain date to then find the resurfacing team have not arrived, or who have planned their journeys around a road closure to then discover the road was actually open. We have done our best to keep the 'We're Working On It' information boards on each site up to date but at times this has just not been possible as schemes across the whole county have had to be reorganised and dates often changed by the hour after monitoring the Met Office forecasts.

The Hospitals Trust's initiative to help prevent falls is saving us and our patients many trips to hospital and helping to reduce demand on the wider NHS. In the year to 31 March 2012 South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS) attended 434,157 incidents across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Hampshire of which 75,549 (17.4%) were to people who had fallen. In winter, during freezing temperatures, falls can account for 1 in 3 of the emergency 999 calls the trust receives. In Buckinghamshire during the same period 13,767 (17.3%) out of 79,404 incidents SCAS attended were to people who had suffered a fall.

Demand for our local ambulance service has doubled in the last 10 years and continues to increase at around 8% per year. It costs £535,000 to run a two person ambulance for a year and an average of £247 for an ambulance to attend an incident. The 999 "Misuse Costs Lives" campaign was launched in January 2012 in response to SCAS receiving 1,235 hoax calls and many more inappropriate calls during 2011. It is designed to raise awareness of appropriate use of the ambulance service, to encourage people to access the service appropriately and to reduce inappropriate demand on, and misuse of, the ambulance service.

PIN UP DIARY DATES

1 September	Horticultural Autumn Show. 2pm Naphill Village Hall
5 September	FONC Short Walk. Meet 10.30am @ Naphill Village Hall
24 September	FONC Walk for Health. Meet 10am @ Forge Road
20 September	Romans in Bucks hosted by WI. 7.45pm @ Naphill Village Hall

As we are now approaching shorter evenings and colder conditions our emergency services come under great pressure and we should think of the men and women who work in them, be they the Police, Fire Fighters and /or the Ambulance Service. They do a great job in difficult situations and in all weathers. They are to be congratulated.

Richard Pushman

A Personal Perspective

Much of the previous edition of the Gazette was given over to articles related to the Summer Fete, so it has been several months since a 'personal perspective' of just one Parish Councillor was aired in the Gazette.

Just before the Fete we had a little ceremony on the Crick, to plant a new tree in recognition of the Queen's Jubilee, to fill the gap left several years ago by a tree which had become diseased.

In July four of us went round all eight of the Allotment sites across all Wards in our Parish, in order to choose the winners for each, and across all the sites. It is clear that much time, patience and effort has to be given to ensure that any plot is kept in reasonable condition despite the variety of weather conditions that are encountered. We commend those who also strive for excellence!

August has been a funny month, not just because of the weather – I'm typing this in the middle of a heat-wave, but it could equally have been prepared during some torrential downpour – but because the pace of life for many Councillors drops off significantly at that time of year. I cannot remember that happening so much last year, perhaps because some of us were heavily involved in the whole process of finding a new Parish Clerk: job advert and background material, agreeing a selection process, deciding who to invite for interview and holding the interviews and creating a short-list of applicants who came to a meeting of all Councillors. It seems almost like yesterday, not a year ago!

It's worth remembering, especially for those of you who might at some future point want to consider becoming a Parish Councillor, that the extent of the time and effort given is really up to the individual. At minimum we should attend all or most of the Full Council meetings. Whatever is done in addition is up to the individual. For instance, I'm also regularly involved in attending committee meetings which concentrate on 'Finance and Administration' or on 'Environment and Services'. Prior to August I also attended the 'Planning' committee on two occasions, and have been part of several other meetings, including some relating to Allotments. So with the August 'break' came a welcome change of pace.

During August there has been a significant reduction in the number of emails which have to be attended to. We don't make decisions by email, but it is useful to be passed material which can help the process of becoming informed about something, some of which will be discussed by the Council. Here are some of the things we've received: Bucks County Council has purchased a 'velocity patcher' to more quickly respond to the need to fill small areas of potholes; information has come about the 'Sustainable Communities Act', though it seems to be very hard to pinpoint what is meant by the word 'sustainable' in the context of 'development' of houses, business premises, roads, etc; we've been kept informed about the movement of Travellers at a site in Four Ashes, part of our Parish; further background regarding the Government's proposals for the HS2 rail link and information for interest from the Chilterns Society have also been received.

Finally, if you have regular access to the Internet you might be interested in setting up a process by which you can be warned by email if there are any planning applications nearby. I set up ours to give a warning of developments within 500 metres, but there are other choices. If you are interested, go to <http://mywycombe.gov.uk>, and select the 'my alerts' tab. After a few weeks you will start to get email messages about proposed developments close to you.

Roger Beavil

District Councillor Report

By the time you read this the Jubilee and Olympic celebrations will be over and what an uplifting time it has been; instilling a sense of pride in many of us. Our wonderful sportsmen and women were inspirational and fantastic role models for future generations. With this in mind we are proud to be part of a team at WDC dedicated to providing state of the art sports facilities to serve our community well into the future and perhaps produce the next generation of super athletes.

As the summer draws to an end and we knuckle down to business again we are committed to providing a first class service despite a cut in government funding.

Due to the changes in housing benefit the knock on effect is likely to cause an increase in homelessness not just in Wycombe District but across much of the country. We are committed to creating extra housing and aim to prevent the use of bed and breakfast accommodation for families wherever possible.

The Joint Waste Project with Chiltern District Council is on target to be rolled out next spring and is expected to generate a substantial saving as well as provide kerbside glass collection.

Between us we were able to join in the celebrations at many village events over the summer and despite the weather a great time was had by all. We have also kept abreast with local concerns by attending Residents Association and Parish Meetings and were pleased to be able to assist in successfully campaigning for the reintroduction of the bus service in Widmer End.

If there are any matters that concern you and you would like our assistance, please get in touch.

*Dory Morgan (562129), David Carroll (716967),
Audrey Jones (563435)*

Bradenham Parish Council

Bradenham Parish Council has reviewed the traffic calming proposals provided by Sustrans and decided that it would like to progress with removal of the centre white line through the 30mph stretch of Bradenham village. Gateway signs identifying the village were considered a good idea and in the longer term the installation of new road surface treatment would aid reducing the speed through the village. Costings are now being sought from Buckinghamshire County Council. Ways of funding the proposals are being investigated.

The Parish Council has submitted its parish plan to Wycombe District Council. If you would like to see a copy, please contact the clerk.

We now have the date for the public enquiry of the Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash confirmed as Wednesday 5 September at 10am at the offices of Wycombe District Council. Details of the appeal can be found on-line at www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/inspectorate using the reference : 2159978.

The Parish Council's risk assessment was reviewed, adopted and signed off.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10 September at 7.30pm at the Cricket Club.

*Deirdre Hansen
clerk@bradenham.org.uk*

Neighbourhood Police News

Due to a fault with the SID equipment, there will be no allocated Community Speed Watch dates set until further notice. There is some light at the end of the tunnel; the device repair is to be discussed at the September budget meeting.

Crime within the Parish

July newsletter:

- Arson at Naphill playground.
- Fraud in Naphill via a scam email.
- Theft from motor vehicle, the vehicle's window was forced down and items taken.

- Theft of mobile phone: offenders entered a commercial property in Naphill and stole a mobile phone from a desk area.
- Theft of sandbags and wooden blocks from a driveway in Naphill.
- Attempted burglary at a public house in Naphill.
- A youth was cautioned in relation to the possession of cannabis whilst at Naphill Common.

August newsletter:

- Criminal damage to an industrial building. Stocking Lane Naphill
- Assault occasioning actual bodily harm in Main Road Naphill. Suspect is yet to be arrested.
- Theft of a wallet as the owner was sleeping in Hughenden Park.

Catalytic Converter Thefts.

If you run a petrol or diesel vehicle you need to be aware of the risk of catalytic converter theft, particularly if your vehicle has a large ground clearance. These are located within the exhaust system under your vehicle.

In these harder times and with precious metal prices rising steadily, the demand for parts that contain them is rising. As a result, the risk of theft of catalytic converters is on the increase again.

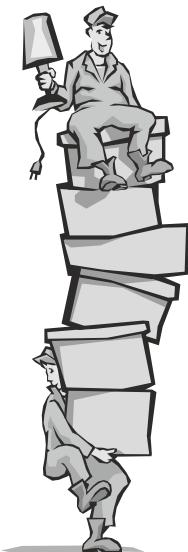
The metal case contains a ceramic honeycombed structure providing a massive surface area across which the exhaust gasses flow. Precious metals – platinum, palladium and rhodium – are coated onto this ceramic structure as catalysts (a catalyst modifies and increases the rate of a chemical reaction without being consumed itself) for the reactions that 'clean' the exhaust.

High prices for precious metals have resulted in a noticeable increase in thefts of catalytic converters. Thieves simply cut the catalytic converter from the exhaust pipe of an unattended vehicle and sell them on to scrap metal dealers. Small vans and 4x4s are particularly vulnerable as the converters are more accessible. They tend to have larger engines, and contain more of the precious metals. The ceramic honeycomb has to undergo a chemical process known as 'carbochlorination' to recover the precious metals they contain – generally abroad in countries such as China, Poland, Canada and Latvia.

Once an unmarked converter has been removed from a vehicle it's quite difficult to match it to that vehicle, as there aren't any distinguishing marks.

To reduce the risk of theft of your vehicle's catalytic converter:

- Garage your vehicle wherever possible.
- Park your vehicle in an illuminated busy area.
- Look out for people working under vehicles.



Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale

Saturday 6th October

Naphill Village Hall

2.00pm

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

No furniture or electrical goods please.

- If your vehicle is high risk, consider marking the metal shell of the converter with a unique mark, so that if it is removed by thieves it will be easier to trace back to your vehicle. A catalyst marking kit can be purchased from www.TheISR.org
- Aylesbury and the surrounding areas have been subjected to precious metal theft recently. Please consider the above.

Anti-social Behaviour

Youths have started getting out and about with their vehicles, which they take pride in. They sometimes fit after-market exhaust systems, which are often louder than the original specifications. Should you encounter noise pollution from these individuals please report the registrations of the vehicles to the Neighbourhood Team. Under section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002, warnings can be given and further reports could result in the vehicle being seized and potentially being destroyed.

Other Matters

A while ago, I reported that two burglaries had taken place within the parish. One at Binders Yard industrial estate and the other at the Community Shop in Hughenden Valley. Two males from Great Kingshill and High Wycombe were arrested and

interviewed. They were responsible for both offences, they have since both been charged.

PC 3146 Lee Turnham
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer

Naphill and Walter's Ash Resident's Association

Planning Applications to 16 August:

12/0510/LCD for a lawful decision for work already completed at 150 Templewood. **12/05845/VCDN** Leflaise Business Park. Appeal by Tony Rush against refusal for extension of hours. (NAWARA support WDC reasons for refusal). **Application awaiting decision: 12/05902/FUL** Murco Petrol Filling Station, Main Road, Walter's Ash. Change of use from B1 (car servicing and repairs) to a sui generis use and erection of jet wash ancillary to the adjacent Murco Petrol Filling Station. WDC Policy Committee is considering this application in terms of community facilities. The plan will need WDC Planning Committee support if it is to succeed. The Planning Committee is well aware of the strength of local objection to the plan and support for retention of Manor Garage.

Public Inquiry

Open to the public at **10am 5–7 September 2012 in WDC Council Chamber, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe.**

APP/K0425/11/A/2159978/NWF Appeal by Mr Patrick Murphy against WDC refusal of retrospective application 11/05644/FUL for change of use of land to allow two mobile homes and two touring caravans for use by gypsy travelling family with creation of hardstanding, erection of single storey detached utility/day room building and installation of cess pit, on field at **The Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash** in Green Belt and AONB (adjacent to RAF Air Command boundary fence and gate).

Thames Valley Police Appeal for Witnesses

If you are not within a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme you may not know of recent thefts from cars and a burglary on Main Road.

(1). Between 20:59hrs on 13 August and 08:48hrs on the 14th August 2012 on Main Road, Naphill, a White Fiat Diablo had its door forced open and various items stolen from inside. Crime ref. OG 4101895/12.

(2) Between 22:00hrs on 13 August and 07:00hrs on the 14th August 2012 on Main Road, Walter's Ash, a White Ford Transit Connect was entered and various items stolen from inside. Crime ref. GG 4101909/12 .

(3) Between 12:00hrs on 13 August and 09:00hrs on 14th August 2012, a burglary occurred in Main

Road, Naphill. Access was gained via the rear of the property, an untidy search took place and various items were stolen. Crime ref. GG 4101796/12

If you saw or heard anything please contact Thames Valley Police on their new non-emergency number 101 and quote the Crime Reference number. If you want to provide information anonymously please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



safely, and stick to the speed limit. It is believed that temporary signs of this nature have a greater effect than more permanent signs. If you would like some wheelie-bin stickers please ring 01494 563634 (the answer phone should be functioning), or email glorialefalve@msn.com.

Date for your Diary: 7.30pm Friday 16 November 2012 at Naphill Village Hall. NAWARA QUIZ. Everyone welcome.

Date of next NAWARA meeting. 8pm Thursday 13 September 2012. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflalve 563634

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

I know that by the time you read this the fete will be a distant memory but I still want to thank everyone who helped to make it such a success, not only the committee who worked so hard in difficult times, but also all those of you who turned up on the day to help, and of course, those of you who came to support it. It gives us a great village occasion and helps us to maintain and improve the facilities in the Hall. Thanks to you all.

The Village Hall is required as a Polling Station for the Police Commissioner's Elections on Thursday 15 November. We asked if these could be held in the small hall so the WI could continue to have their meeting in the main hall but this is not possible as they need more space for their booths than would be available in the small hall. We have no idea of the turnout for these elections and it seems a shame that the WI will have to hold their meeting elsewhere, but the elections obviously take precedence.

30mph Bin Stickers are now available for distribution. Those households listed will be contacted to arrange delivery at £2 for 4 stickers. The stickers are screen printed on to high grade self adhesive vinyl using UV stable inks. Red lettering with black number and roundel. They are a great visual reminder to motorists to drive

Broadband is due to be installed in the Hall in July so should be up and running by the time you get to read this. We hope that it will be useful to hirers and make the hall even more user friendly and attractive to potential hirers.

We are considering entering the Best Kept Village competition next year and so are starting to look around the village for areas that could do with a bit of a love and attention. If you would like to take responsibility for an area around you then do please let us know. If we all do our bit and take a pride in our surroundings then it shouldn't be onerous for anyone and will give us all an even better community to live in. There will be more information on this as the months pass, but as you walk around the village then look out for things that could be improved.

I write this in July on yet another depressing rainy day and hope that maybe we will be rewarded with an Indian summer. Let's hope that as you read this you will be out in your garden enjoying the sunshine and maybe a glass of Pimms!!

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

Christians in the Community

A huge thank you to all who donated plants to our stall at the Naphill Village Fete this year. We had a wonderful selection and I am amazed that each time I returned home, someone else had dropped something off at the house. We managed to collect about £84.50 for the Village Hall funds, which we were very pleased with. Thanks to your generosity the day was a great success.

Yvonne Cook (563960)

Services at St. Botolph's, Bradenham

2 September – 11am Eucharist

9 September – 11am Eucharist

16 September – 11am Eucharist

23 September – 11am Matins

30 September – 11am Benefice Service at St. Botolph's

Peggy Ewart

Naphill Evening WI

Disaster, no tea at WI!

We all arrived at our July meeting and were just settling down when the power went off. Our speaker for the evening, Mrs Black had brought slides to accompany her talk on Bhutan – a Mountain Paradise. When it was clear that the power cut was going to last rather a long time, Mrs Black proceeded to tell us about her trip to



Recruiting budding footballers for 2012/13

If your child is in years 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, come and join us for a September Kick Off

www.naphillfc.com

Bhutan without the aid of her slides. However, with her vivid descriptions of everything and the beautiful hand woven cloth that she had brought along, we were able to imagine how magical her trip had been. Towards the end of her talk though, we were all winding our torches up to get a better look at the lovely colours of the fabric.

Our President, Jenny, and the committee, did a fantastic job of giving us all the news with the aid of their torches. The evening finished rather earlier than usual, without our cup of tea.

Unfortunately our croquet/games evening at Valerie's on 12 July, had to be cancelled due to the poor weather.

The Food Appreciation Group has been out for a traditional afternoon tea and is planning an evening meal towards the end of August. Some of us also had a meeting to discuss creating a wall hanging to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee which hopefully everyone will be able to see in due course in the Village Hall when it is finished.

Our September meeting on the 20th of the month will be an Open Meeting when Dr Jill Eyes will talk about "Romans in Bucks". Do feel free to come along at 7.45pm.

Carol Gilliam

Naphill Neighbours

Here we are into September already. We hope those of you who managed to get away for a bit of a holiday had a great time and, of course, the Olympics have caused quite a lot of excitement. No doubt some of us have been 'glued to the television' watching the events unfold and there again some of you may have been fortunate enough to get hold of tickets and cheer the

competitors on. However you watched, we hope you enjoyed the experience.

Our visit to Althorp on 4 July was thoroughly enjoyed by us all. We were very fortunate with the weather. By the time we arrived the sun was out and it stayed that way until we left. Beautiful house and immaculately looked after. I don't think we've ever seen so many paintings and all of them beautifully clean. The Earl and his family were 'at home' and he came into the shop to sign any books purchased. A wonderful day out.

At our July meeting Mr Russell Cherry gave a talk and slide show on "The Thames from its source to Oxford". Plenty of water this year at the source after all the rain we've had. We watched as the Thames meandered its way through some beautiful countryside passing some very pretty villages along the way. No shortage of refreshments either as Mr Cherry kindly mentioned most of the pubs along The Thames Path. If there are keen walkers among you and the thought of a week or so walking along the Thames springs to mind, there's plenty of accommodation to be found.

At the time of writing, about twenty eight of us are awaiting our half day excursion to Broughton Castle. There'll be some feedback on that trip in next month's Gazette.

Our last outing this year will be a theatre trip. On Thursday 22 November, we are planning to see a matinee performance of "Forty Second Street" at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury. Also, late morning, we have an opportunity to go backstage to see what goes on behind the scenes. Before the performance at 2.30pm there will be time for lunch at the theatre or in a nearby pub. If you are at all interested in joining us for this theatre trip, please call Sheila Rolfe (562888) or Hazel Vickery

(563977). By the time this goes to print we should have the cost of this trip calculated so Sheila and Hazel will be able to give you this information when you contact them.

Our meeting this month takes place on Monday, 10 September, when Mary Parker will speak to us on "Westonbirt -a Segment of the Rainbow". Tea hostesses for the evening will be Connie Green, Carol Armitage and Jenny Price. We look forward to seeing you all that evening.

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Autumn Show

Saturday 1 September

Naphill Village Hall at 2pm

What a year we have had in the garden! After a hot and dry spring, a hosepipe ban and forecasts of drought, we have had to contend with the wettest and most miserable weather in a century for the rest of the summer, which has meant that not many bees have been out and about to pollinate the flowers that survived the torrential rain.

On the bright side though, many plants are the tallest and lushest they have been for years!

The weather has been kinder to us recently, and things are improving, so 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!)

As always, full details are of all the classes can be found on our website, along with advice on how to 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.

Looking ahead, our annual Cheese & Wine evening will be on Friday 26 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

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

Our Common has proved yet again what a rich source of interest it can be. Our geology survey, led by Dr Jill Evers has shown that the geology maps will have to be redrawn. Presently they show the whole area as being 'clay-with-flints', but our survey has shown that there are two other soil types present: clay loam and sandy loam. Underlying this is a geology of Reading Formation Clay towards the northern end, clay-with-flints towards the southern end and loess in between; all deposited on top of chalk. The contrast between areas of pebbles, rounded flints and sharp angular flints, indicate that the deposits have different origins and were placed where they are in different ways.

Another discovery, which may turn out to be of great significance, concerns the sarsen stones, known locally as Denner Hill stones or pudding stones. These are to be found over a large area of the Chilterns. Their origin and age has been a matter of debate amongst geologists. Most have considered them about 30 million years old. They are part of what was once a "cap" of stone over part of the Chilterns but various forces, including the tundra conditions of the Ice Ages, broke them up, and most have drifted from their original position, down into the surrounding valleys. Stony Meadow near Bradenham is a good example. Fortunately, at Willow Pond there are some in what appears to be their original location. Consequently, Dr Evers was able to show that they are resting on Reading Formation clay, which sets their age at nearer 50 million years. This is an important discovery and Willow Pond may be designated a Local Geology Site, so that it is protected for research in the future.

Despite the wind, the mud and a clash with the England football match, our bat walk attracted eleven people. We enjoyed seeing a captive pipistrelle at close quarters, then set off across the Common via several of the ponds. We detected both species of pipistrelle - common and soprano - and what were probably a Natterer's bat and a brown long-eared bat. The exceptionally wet weather also affected our butterfly walk, and the hardy band failed to see any purple emperors. However, a few days later what was possibly a female purple emperor was spotted near where they are expected to be seen. Since then the Electricity Board has cut three large limbs off of

the oak used by the butterflies, as well as turning the path into a slough of mud. Our Mini-beast Safari was luckier with the weather and, thanks to John Tyler, a dozen or so children enjoyed finding shield bugs, large-kneed beetles and many other insects, but a slow-worm stole the show. More recently the rare saprophyte Yellow Birdsnest Monotropa hypopitys has been found at the Bradenham end of Naphill Common. It is a flower that lacks any chlorophyll and feeds on decaying leaf mould under beech trees. This will be a new dot on the distribution map for this Red Data Book species.

It seems that FONC has at last persuaded the County Council to repair two footpaths: one from the Crick to Downley Road, the other from Downley Road to the Common. Both have been almost impassable recently. They will scrape off the mud and put some road planings on the surface. Unfortunately the money won't run to attending to the path from Louches Lane to the Crick or the Cinder Path. We hope the work will be done soon.

Our next event is a Fungus Foray on Sunday 4 November, meeting at Forge Road at 10am. The walk will be led by experts; it is free and everyone is welcome. We will hold an open meeting with a speaker on Friday 25 January 2013 in the Village Hall.

Meanwhile you are welcome to join our walks. Ron Collins' longer walks will start from the Village Hall at 10 am on the following Mondays: 24 September; 15 October; 19 November and 17 December. Chris Miller's short walks will continue on the first Wednesday of the month starting from the Village Hall car park at 10.30 am: join him on 5 September; 3 October; 7 November and 5 December.

Trevor Hussey. Chairman

Apology

In last month's Gazette, FONC's article was inadvertently cut out. My apologies to Trevor for this omission.

Naphill Tennis Club

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDY MURRAY on winning a GOLD MEDAL at the OLYMPICS!

Was anyone lucky enough to have a ticket for the final against Roger Federer? I was there on the first Saturday of the Olympics and I was able to wander round the various outside courts watching singles and doubles matches in progress and just soaking up the friendly atmosphere. It was lovely to see families spending a day at Wimbledon picnicking on 'Henman' Hill and giving their children a flavour of what tennis is all about albeit at the higher level.

Back at Naphill, the Summer Tennis Camp for youngsters is about to get under way and will no doubt be over by the time you read this. The courts are also in the process of being re-painted (delayed from earlier in the season due to rain). The singles court is now looking very smart especially with its new tennis net and the other two courts will be completed shortly. Hopefully, the warmer weather will continue and attract more people to come and enjoy a game of tennis. For those of you who have recently moved into the area, we play all the year round – weather permitting – and our membership fees are incredibly good value for money.

If you would like information about the Tennis Club, do please contact David, Sue or myself (see Clubs and Organisations Directory near front of the Gazette)

Jenny Tench

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

The last couple of months have definitely been interesting, with the changeable weather and the various occasions that we have held. Although the weather has been miserable and then very hot I am pleased to say that it hasn't affected trade. The dining room has been fantastic as we have been able to host various events, some happy and some sad no matter what the weather.

We had the pleasure of holding the Chambers' family leaving do in July, which was an amazing evening so many people came and joined the party which made it such a special event. The Bailiffs played during the evening, and almost everyone had a good dance. During the night the family were presented with a book of messages from their friends in the village and a great framed photo of our locals outside the front of the pub, thanks to Ian Banks for taking the picture for us. It was a fantastic night and enjoyed by all, with great music from the lads at Manor Garage.

The Olympics have been amazing; we have had the television on showing as much as we can. The evening of the Opening Ceremony was really quite magical not just the event itself but the fact that the majority of our customers managed to cram themselves into the front bar to watch the evening unfold. The support for the GB team has been stunning and they have certainly deserved it.

I feel I should answer a couple of questions that have been floating around the village. No we have not moved, the recent removal vans in our car park were not for us. Also, we have not had our beer festival! The marquee was actually for a 50th birthday party, which was a cracking day with everyone more than enjoying themselves.

Talking about the Beer Festival it will be held on 14 and 15 September. This is the joint one with The Whip. We will be featuring as many new breweries as we can.....On the Saturday The Bailiffs will be playing live music and we are also hoping to have a hog roast again this year. Unfortunately we are still unsure if we have a new cheese man.

The Chef (Tony) has got his work cut out over the next few months as we have two curry nights planned on 22 August and 12 September. We will also be changing the menu to the winter version. This normally happens towards the end of September but if we get an Indian summer it may be later. (Here's hoping!) The shooting season restarts soon and therefore the game nights and specials will be back as well. Then it's finalising the Christmas menu, so that all you organised people can start to book early.

Thanks to all our staff and customers over the last two months, and a special thanks to Chloe who has been with us for five years on 22 August. Chloe makes such a huge difference to the pub and helps us so much; she is an extremely essential member of our team and the pub would not be the same without her.

Claire and Mark

Bon Ami

I cannot believe that when this article comes out in print that the school holidays will be over! It has been so lovely to see so many people at Bon Ami over the holidays and great that the weather improved.

Getting ready for autumn our next event for you to put in your diary in our "Macmillan Coffee Morning". This is the "world's biggest coffee morning" and is to be held on Friday 28 September. On the day Bon Ami will donate 50p from every hot drink sold and we will have a donation box available too. It is such a worthwhile cause and hope that as many as are able will support it.

Amanda Hall and Ruth Bond

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.

Events this year:

- 20 September - Photographer: Barbara from Ann Statham Photography will be with us for mums to pop in and have their children photographed.
- 17 October Halloween Celebrations: come and join us for some spooky fun.
- 15 November Bouncy Fun: something a little bit different with a bouncy inflatable for the little ones to play on.
- 20 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 the playgroup. There will be a £7.50 charge for this party.

Louise Lucas 488255

Naphill Brownies

The summer has flown by and we will soon be back to Brownies and welcoming five new Brownies to our pack.

It has been a summer in which we have been proud of living in Britain. So, this term we are going to be looking at our own lifestyles and culture. This will include everything from family to festivals.

With the Paralympics in full flow, many of the Brownies will be attending 'The Guiding Games' at Stoke Mandeville on 23 September. This is a fun day for all girls involved in guiding in Bucks focusing on the Paralympics. We are all hoping to try out some typical paralympic sports as well as lots of other fun activities.

The Autumn Jumble Sale will soon be upon us (6 October), so please save any jumble for us and keep the afternoon free to come and buy.

*Ruth Daly (Brown Owl)
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Mini Rugby at HWRUFC

2 September marks the start of the 2012/13 mini rugby season for our U6, U7 and U8s at High Wycombe Rugby Club. We welcome all at this age group that would like to participate in this non-contact form of Rugby. Sessions run 10am – 12pm every Sunday at the club.

Throughout the year, all players get the chance to learn about the game, play in friendly matches and tournaments against local clubs as well as having access to a number of social events such as Easter, Halloween and Christmas parties. We also encourage all parents to play an active part in the club and welcome all who wish to support

the players – there are even some legendary parent social events during the playing season!

If your child is in reception or years 1 – 3 and would like to try out this fun form of Rugby, feel free to come along to any of the Sunday sessions and try it out. If you want to know more, please contact me on dalecreaser@aol.co.uk.

Dale Creaser

Superfast Broadband

If your current broadband speed doesn't meet your needs you can do something about it today by visiting www.superfastforbucks.org and backing your local County Council's campaign to bring superfast broadband to Buckinghamshire.

These days it's not uncommon for households to have more than one way of accessing the Internet – be it through a computer, tablet, smart phone or games console. But standard broadband cannot always cope with the requirements placed on it by modern families, who like to use the Internet to do a variety of things - from watching catch up TV, streaming films, uploading photos, or enjoying online gaming.

With superfast broadband, multiple devices can be online at any one time and still enjoy high speed connectivity.

Unfortunately from town to town and even street to street, Internet connection speeds vary significantly across Buckinghamshire.

Buckinghamshire County Council and Buckinghamshire Business First have secured government funding to improve access in areas which currently have no broadband access or suffer very slow speeds.

Registering your demand for superfast broadband will only take a couple of minutes and won't cost a penny. You're simply helping Buckinghamshire County Council and Buckinghamshire Business First demonstrate to broadband providers that there is a strong demand for superfast connectivity here in the county. If you are unable to register online please call 0845 3708090 / 01296 395000.

Register by 1 September 2012 and you will be entered into a free prize draw for a chance to win an iPad kindly donated by Buckinghamshire Business First.

More information, including answers to frequently asked questions, is available on www.superfastforbucks.org. Details about which areas will benefit from our government funding and when improved broadband access will be rolled out in Buckinghamshire will be published on the website as soon as we know, so please check the website for updates.

Fundraising Tea Party

The tea party held on 7 August in aid of the Stroke Club and Spinal Injuries made a total of £680 and our grateful thanks go to all who contributed in any way to the success of the afternoon. We thank those who provided delicious cakes, made teas and waited and, of course, a special thank you to all those who supported the event.

Sheila Veysey

Car Club

I have suggested that a car club could be started in the village. I envisage that members could benefit from discounts from buying tickets to events and shows. There is a possibility that discounts could be negotiated with businesses for vehicle related services. There would be a small subscription to cover expenses but hopefully this would be kept to a minimum.

If you are interested in joining please email me Clive Lawrence at clivexxxx@btinternet.com

Naphill Brick and Model Show

17 and 18 November 2012

Naphill Village Hall

A fun day out for the family. This show will feature all kinds of models made from LEGO bricks, dolls houses, model trains and vintage toys. There will also be trade stalls selling new and secondhand LEGO bricks and sets, and dollhouse accessories.

10am – 5pm both days.

£2.50 adult, £1 concession, £5 family, under 5s free.

Tea coffee and cakes available in the hall.

Watch Found

Found on the Crick on Monday 30 August at approximately 1pm near the play area: a very nice young boys watch. Please contact Tel. 562475

Mike Dwyer

Updating Our Poetry Heritage for Younger Readers

Oldie Alan Lewis muses on some well-known verses

Fair daffodils, we weep to see
Thee haste away so soon
And if I catch that ruddy cat
I'll belt him o'er the moon

Note the subtle updating of this well-known rhyme, introducing a jocular gardener's viewpoint. The choice of 'ruddy' rather than some stronger expletives means that it remains acceptable to

readers of all ages. And the inclusion of o'er provides a discussion point on the peculiarities of the art form. Furthermore, the condensation into just four lines makes the whole thing easier to learn, digest and memorise – all important factors in the teaching of poetry.

Music hath charms to soothe a savage breast
To soften rocks or bend a knotted oak
But if it's eardrums you wish to ruin
Any modern disco will do the doin'
Prompted by health and safety concerns, this modernisation brings home the message that exposure to high volume levels can lead to aural damage. Arguably the retention of the word 'music' in a verse concerned primarily with discos is misleading, to say the least. However, if the young are to be introduced to poetry, some distortion of reality is almost inevitable.

'Tell me where is fancy bred?
'Have you tried a patisserie, Fred?
Here we show that poetry can be funny as well as serious, in this case simply by introducing the pun on bred/bread. Earlier drafts used 'Ted', 'Ed', and 'Ged', but, after much thought were rejected in favour of 'Fred'. For younger readers, it is permissible to include a footnote explaining what a patisserie is, particularly for those whose parents confine their purchases to supermarkets.

Full fathom five thy father lies
He died not of fever, flatulence or fear
Nor of foreign evisceration
He died of simple alliteration
English teachers in particular find this a delightful change from 'Peter Piper picked a pack of pickled peppers', although the latter continues to find favour when discussing tongue-twisters.

St Agnes' Eve – Ah, bitter chill it was!
The owl, for all his feathers, was a-cold;
The hare limp'd trembling through the frozen grass
And worried were all monkeys (brass)
Humour can provide a strong and memorable foundation for all subjects. Here the allusion to a popular description of temperature makes the poem instantly understandable. The humour may be further underlined by defining brass monkey weather as 'when it's minus two' – guaranteed to bring a guffaw or snigger.

'Twas brillig and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe
All mimsy were the borogoves....
'Your spellchecker is broken, babe'
This hitherto meaningless but oft-quoted poem is now made clear by the logical explanation that poor typing skills almost certainly led to the gibberish. The only snag is that it is still impossible to make any sense, since the spellchecker's

suggested version – Teas grilling and the slushy stoves/Did gyre and gamble in the wake/ All missy were the boroughs – adds little to any understanding of its meaning.

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills
When all at once I saw a crowd
Queuing to buy the same pink pills
With drugs a continuing and growing problem, this clever rewriting facilitates a more open discussion of the topic. The analysis should stress the word 'lonely', as most addicts end their days in solitary stupor, while emphasizing the temporary nature of any sensation of 'floating high'.

I sprang to the stirrup, and Joris, and he;
I galloped, Dirck galloped, we galloped all three;
But hunt saboteurs had stolen the pack
So we slowed to a canter
To wend our way back
As lovers of blood sports try to overturn current legislation, this reminds us all of one way that opponents can cause disruption should fox-hunting return.

Our England is a garden that is full of stately views,
Of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues
With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by
But till you pay the National Trust not one will meet your eye
Although generally highly esteemed, not everyone looks upon the National Trust as an entirely worthy and disinterested set-up. Discussion can help to air differences in opinion, especially as regards the high cost of admission, which perhaps restricts access to the middle and upper classes.

Tyger! Tyger! burning bright
In the forests of the night
And Esso made some happy banks
From putting you in drivers' tanks
This adaptation gives English teachers the opportunity to discuss the development of spelling, history teachers the chance to introduce the fascination of early advertising, and economics teachers a route to the discussion of multinational market exploitation.

I must go down to the seas again
to the lonely sea and the sky
And all I ask is a luxury yacht
and a GPS to steer her by
Poetry is nothing if not up-to-date and relevant to the man in the street. Today, satellite navigation is familiar to most people and the reference here makes a refreshing change from the notion that it is confined to motor cars. The mention of a luxury yacht has been introduced at the request of Camelot to try to revive the waning fortunes of the

National Lottery, although the school context is questionable when ticket sales are prohibited to children.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said
'Blow this for a game of soldiers'
Pollution and taxes are doing my head'
Modern phraseology and the choice of topics more usually associated with politics rather than poetry gives this short verse an unfamiliar but vital directness of approach. Furthermore, the reference to 'a game of soldiers' enables the reader to be introduced to more serious topics such as the wars in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

With blackest moss the flower-pots
Were thickly crusted, one and all;
The rusted nails fell from the knots
That held the pear to the gable wall
The broken sheds looked sad and strange –
A TV makeover I'll arrange
This is a thinly disguised plug for vacuous cheap-to-produce daytime television programmes that rely on the voyeurism inherent in all of us. Although not publicly acknowledged, it seems likely that such makeover programmes are financed by DIY companies. All this can be covered in class.

When all the world is young, lad,
And all the trees are green
And every goose a swan, lad,
And every lass a queen
Then spectacles are rose, lad,
And memories all false.
Just as distance lends enchantment, so does age disguise the reality of the past. Verses such as this introduce a useful note of caution into the vox pop view of history. We are all familiar with photochromic lenses, which darken in bright sunlight, but less aware of the way time can redder all spectacles.

Yes, I remember Adlestrop –
The name, because one afternoon
I mentally scored a nine in Countdown
Another useful modification, again referring to the omnipresence of television in the home. Since Adlestrop is not a centre for tourism, this poem would benefit from a footnote giving a geographical reference. Linking poetry and geography syllabuses can sometimes be helpful.

On either side the river lie
Long fields of barley and of rye
So gaze now on their gentle grace
Which biofuel plants will soon displace
This usefully underlines the choices we face. The world is crying out for food but also for energy. The problem is how to manage the land so that some sort of balance is maintained, though the

emphasis must always be on feeding the Third World.

Alan Lewis

The Warm Front Team

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Keeping warm is important, especially in the colder weather, when some people find themselves spending more time at home. These improvements are designed to help you to keep warmer, healthier and more comfortable in your home.

If you think you are eligible for the Warm Front scheme - apply now. An appointment will be made for a technical surveyor to visit you and discuss what energy efficiency and heating measures are suitable for your home.

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RAF High Wycombe NEWS

It's been an interesting summer here at RAF High Wycombe. Whilst the nation revelled in the Olympic spirit, many of our number felt the burden placed on the Armed Forces first hand. The substantial numbers employed in a ceremonial role was nothing compared to the very public face of the military carrying out Venue Security Force duties; one must remember that this task required careful planning, organisation and management. One particular RAF High Wycombe Sergeant was responsible for the movement of all military personnel, VIPs and freight across the city throughout the Games. This task required careful consideration and a vast array of contingency planning as over 200 vehicles moved across 30 transport hubs to exacting deadlines that were frequently changed at extremely short notice. As one could imagine, this particular task involved days in excess of 18 hours over a three week period – this takes its toll but the rewards were great as we are all proud to say that we helped to deliver an extremely successful games. I must include the personnel back here at High Wycombe in my considerations – the routine work of all those employed on Olympic duties did not simply disappear whilst they were away – they were covered by the ones left back at camp without fanfare or demand for recognition. This was duly noted by the Station Commander who was extremely impressed and keen to recognise the extra burden all at RAF High Wycombe shared during this demanding time. Of course, closer to

home, our personnel employed in Air Defence were at a constant state of High readiness during the Games, providing a unique and uninterrupted service to both Whitehall and Downing Street.

So, how did we wind down during and after the games? We still managed to keep our annual events on track – the support to the Naphill fete was greater than ever before and has set the bar for future years (we are still delighted that our "best float" prize is proudly on display in our Station Headquarters trophy cabinet). The Warrant Officers' and Senior NCO's Mess hosted a wonderful Summer Ball (their first since refurbishment of the facility) and the Officer's Mess also enjoyed their own Ball on a lovely summer's evening. The British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS) once again came up trumps with a visit to the Station to deliver free ice-creams to all within the service community at High Wycombe (we even managed a small divert to the Summer club at Walter's Ash school). Ever keen to enter into the Olympian spirit, our Physical Training Instructors hosted their own mini games on a beautiful afternoon on the Sports Fields that was a great success. So, a lot of work and some play have ensured that Station life has ticked over well. All we can hope for now is a late summer in order for those who gave so freely during the Olympics to spend some quality time with families and friends.

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Media Communications Officer (494456)

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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	guidinginhughenden@hotmail.co.uk.
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
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		07974 121081
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		elainetuckeret@aol.com
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 10.55–11.30am 11.35–11.55am 12.05pm–12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Mothers and Toddlers	Thursdays (term time) 1–3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Louise Lucas 488255
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30am and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesday 7.30pm		
	Thursday 5.45pm		
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 Leflaise 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Curtis 562779 naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemg.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jenny@tench.me.uk
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	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	Richard Adams 07782 328148. richard@dams.me.uk
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	Jenny Price 563001

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Editorial

The Autumn chill is in the air, but whatever the weather, the children of Naphill & Walters Ash School are outside, enjoying what our local countryside has to offer, at Forest School. This month's cover picture shows some of the children enjoying Forest School and you can read more on page 14 about what they do and what you could do to help them.

There are many ways that the Gazette can help you. If you have a business to advertise, you can submit a small ad at any time of the year for as many editions as you like. Contact Alan Lewis (details on page 1) for further information.

If you live here and you have something to sell, eg. a piece of furniture, a second-hand bike, you can advertise it for free as a one-off. Any local person can submit articles of general interest or to promote events that they are organising. If you have any comments, questions or ideas, I am always pleased to receive them.

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County Councillor's Report

I do hope that all readers have had an enjoyable summer break despite the weather. Having just returned from our summer holidays in France we are fortunate in having avoided the wet summer.

Valerie and I did however, experience some new facets of French life. Their roads, the excellent condition of which, were rather different from those in the UK. French roads were notoriously bad some thirty or forty years ago but over recent years they have been transformed with many new motorways and upgraded primary roads. Having completed driving some eighteen hundred miles over four weeks without seeing pot holes and finding road surfaces in good condition, including little used rural roads, I wonder just how they do it. We have a lot to learn! I am still receiving justified complaints about poor road conditions but we have a tremendous backlog of poor investment to make-up and with local government funding problems only set to become more difficult in 2013, I wonder just how we are going to do it.

In the meantime there is still much to do in my County Division of Greater Hughenden. The parking lay-by by the Co-op store is looking to be rather expensive to provide and we may have to revert to the delineating by white lining, of part of the existing footpath. Discussions continue on this subject with the Residents Association and the Parish Council but funding remains the real problem. The problem of lorry parking in Warrendene Road still causes serious inconvenience to local residents and some

solution to this nuisance must be found.

Speeding through our villages continues despite the use of speed warnings and I am afraid will remain an issue until drivers learn to respect the limits. In France this year I was surprised at the increase in limit enforcement by the use of raised platforms at regular intervals along roads through residential areas.

There was also an increase of 20 mph enforcement by using chicanes and raised platforms, both extremely efficient, especially by schools and shops. I do wonder how the British public would react if such schemes were introduced here. I was very surprised at how French drivers have adapted to these very effective deterrents to speeding. If we are really serious about curtailing speeding through our villages then such a scheme could be the answer.

Richard Pushman

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7 October	FONC Working Party 10am at Chapel Lane
13 October	Coffee Morning at Naphill Methodist Church. 10.30 - 12 noon £2.50 for coffee and cake
15 October	Ron Collins Longer Walk (FONC) 10am Naphill Village Hall
17 October	Baby & Toddler Group - Halloween Celebration at Naphill Village Hall 1-3pm. £2 parent & child
26 October	Horticultural Society Cheese & Wine Evening at Naphill Village Hall Doors open at 7pm. Tickets £10
16 November	NAWARA Quiz at Naphill Village Hall. Doors open 7pm. £8.50 per head

Hughenden Valley Parish Council Report

As the nights close in and the evenings get colder, the euphoria of an extraordinary summer of the Jubilee, Olympics and Paralympics almost feels like a dream and it seems a shame to have to get back to the reality of normal life and face up to the issues that are still looming large - HS2, planning de-regulation and the potential threat to Green Belt, for instance. The Parish Council has now got back to its regular monthly meetings after a clear August and in our latest, a number of issues were agreed.

Allotment rents were high on the list with the new charges for September 2013 having to be approved 12 months in advance. Rents currently vary from £7-£20/year depending on size, which is fairly normal across the country. However, the upkeep costs are about five times the total rent and the Council has to consider what is fair in modern times. At this stage, it has been agreed to apply a 5% increase, but the Council has also agreed to conduct a full review for next September when they must be agreed for September 2014.

Dilly Knox was one of the foremost code breakers at Bletchley during the Second World War and lived in Naphill until his death in 1943. The Council has agreed to donate £100 towards a memorial being organised by the Village Hall Committee to recognise the debt owed to Dilly for his amazing work.

One of our Hughenden Valley Councillors, Heather Dempsey, has resigned due to other commitments. A vacancy has therefore arisen which will have to be filled through co-option as the deadline has passed for applications to be submitted for election. Although the post is for the HV ward, any elector within the Parish can apply. Anyone interested in becoming a Councillor should contact the Clerk on 715296.

As always, we would encourage any resident of Naphill and Walter's Ash to attend Council meetings. Dates are on the website with the main Council meeting being the second Tuesday of every month. And of course, if you have any issues you wish to discuss with any of us, our contact details are also on the website as well in the Gazette.

Roger Beavil, Audra Byerley, Phil Conran, Dennis Hackling

A Personal Perspective

Elsewhere in this edition of the Gazette Phil Conran has brought us up to date with several important items relating to Parish Council decisions, and has mentioned that there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Whenever a

council has less than the maximum, it adds to the effort the rest have to put in. It's a little like the cycling 'time trials' that I watched for a while yesterday on television: each team starts with six members, and each takes it in turn to be in the lead. If numbers drop off, each must take a greater share of the effort of leading.

In our case, it was always highly unlikely that all 15 Councillors elected in May 2011 would continue providing time and effort for all four years of our term of office: there's always the chance of moving from the area, changing to a more time-demanding job, or being affected by other personal circumstances. Heather applied herself to the role enthusiastically, was one of the allotment judges both this year and last, and helped to whittle down the many applicants for the post of Parish Clerk to the shortlist of those that were interviewed by Full Council.

Heather was one of the Councillors elected for the Hughenden Valley ward, but there is no discrimination against someone from within Naphill & Walter's Ash Ward putting themselves forward as a Parish Councillor who would take particular interest in what's happening in Hughenden Valley, in much the same way that our own Ward Councillor, Dennis Hackling, lives just outside our Ward.

Some of you may already have seen notices across the Parish offering the possibility of a by-election for those interested in filling the vacancy. By the time of the deadline, there were no takers, so we are now at the stage of preparing to 'co-opt' someone. This is likely to be the first experience most of us have had of such a process.

This is definitely not the 'old boys' network'! Whoever puts themselves forward, and hopefully there will be more than one, will be interviewed by our Full Council, probably at its next meeting on Tuesday 9 October. I would be surprised if applicants were not asked questions based on the following: what has prompted you to consider being a Parish Councillor, and what qualities or experiences do you think you would bring to the role?

When I think back to our selection of a new Parish Clerk I remember that we had guidelines at every stage of the process, to ensure objectivity and fair-play. I'm hoping that we will equally apply suitable guidelines for the selection of a new Councillor.

If you would like to be considered - assuming that the Gazette reaches you in time, please pass on your name, phone-number and email address if any to our Clerk, Charlotte Watts, on 715296 or hughendenpc@btconnect.com. Even if you don't want to apply this time, but might be interested at a future point, please let Charlotte know.

Roger Beavil

Bradenham Parish Council

The public enquiry of the Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash ref: App/k0425/A/11/2159978/NWF was reopened at the WDC office on 5 September. After a morning of debate between the two parties it was adjourned again to allow the appeal of "The Nursery" in Flackwell Heath to take place simultaneously. At the previous public enquiry it had come to light that one of the residents at The Hedgerow also owned a site at Flackwell Heath, that might be more suitable for the use as a permanent traveller site. They had requested planning permission to change the use of the site, but this had been refused by WDC late August. We are expecting the public enquiry to be reopened in November.

Traffic calming has been a major consideration for the Parish Council for many years now and at the September meeting the Parish Council decided to have gateway entry gates installed on either side of Bradenham Woods Lane at the church end of the village. These will clearly signify to traffic coming down the hill that they are entering a village. Entry gates at the A4010 side of the village will be considered at a later date. The resurfacing of the road to help identify the more built up areas of the village and side roads will be pursued in the longer term. Centre white line removal was also considered. The cost of the gateway and village sign will be about £3000. This will certainly need to be funded in part by an increase in Precept next year. The council is pursuing various sources of funding for the project.

The Parish Council is concerned about "small" potholes, those ones that are not immediately filled. They are a serious hazard for two wheeled road users and the council decided to take the matter up with Buckinghamshire County Council.

The council was very pleased with the results of the "Best Kept Village" competition, it had achieved a certificate of merit. The area around the pond could do with being improved.

This year the Parish Council's "Best kept Garden" competition was won by the "Laurels". It was noted that the garden of "The Croft" is the most attractive in the village, but as Councillor Austin lives there, it is not eligible to win!

The Walter's Ash notice board should get some new windows in the next few weeks, it is virtually impossible to read the notices anymore.

Following some discussion it was agreed to change the start of the meetings to 7pm from November. Next meeting will be Monday 12 November 2012 at 7pm in the Cricket club. This will be the meeting that the budget for 2013/14 is set. All parishioners welcome.

Deirdre Hansen clerk@bradenham.org.uk

Neighbourhood Police News

Useful contacts:

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial the Thames Valley Police on the new non-emergency number, 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office or email us. lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or daton.beckford@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.

Crime within the Parish

- Criminal damage to a building in Naphill.
- Assault occasioning actual bodily harm on Woodcock, Walter's Ash. Offender arrested.
- Two thefts from a vehicle on Main Road, Naphill.
- Assault causing actual bodily harm on Main Road, Walter's Ash.
- Assault without injury on Main Road, Walter's Ash.
- Assault on a minor on Main Road Naphill.
- Burglary of a non-dwelling in Hunts Hill Lane - garden tools were taken.
- Burglary at Main Road, Naphill.
- Making off without payment of fuel from garage at Walter's Ash. Offender has been dealt with.

Parking

Parking complaints generate a very high proportion of calls made to the police. There is information to be found on a website called Neighbours from Hell, which has a very informative article about a number of parking problems. The Highway Code website also has information about parking. With the school term just about to start, the parking issues at schools are set to come flooding in. Please look at the Highway Code, even if it is to gently remind yourself as to the rules of motoring.

There is an element of safety that should be adhered too, when taking children out of a vehicle and into school etc. Please remove the children from vehicles by using the pavement side of the vehicle and allowing the children to stand on the pavement and not the road.

*PC 3146 Lee Turnham
Neighbourhood Specialist Officer*

Naphill and Walter's Ash Resident's Association

Planning: 12/06257/FUL 172 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of two storey side extension and rear outbuilding (alt to 12/05563/FUL).
12/06721/FUL Retrospective. 126 Templewood,

Walter's Ash. Erection of chicken coop and use of land for residential purposes (not related to the parking of vehicles). **12/06832/FUL** 134, Main Road, Naphill. HA for conversion of garage with erection of pitched roof over flat roofed front element. Construction of new detached garage. (Objection only to new garage as it will be obtrusive, out of keeping with neighbouring properties and will require the felling of a significant mature tree.). **12/06919/FUL** Russets, Bradenham Woods Lane, Walter's Ash. HA for construction of proposed small pitched roofs over existing front windows within roof slope and construction of front porch to replace existing porch. **12/06973/FUL** Stonleigh, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Erection of one 3-bed detached dwelling with detached garage and construction of new detached garage to Stoneleigh and associated alterations. (Although this is back-garden development, WDC, I am told, have no policies to counter this trend, so objection on this issue may be fruitless.)

Proposed Walter's Ash Lay-by Survey/Plan

Drawings Needed. If there are any residents who are qualified to produce a seven to eight car lay-by plan for consideration by MoD, BCC and Co-op we would be glad to hear from them. An Internet search for local independent Highway Consultants has proved disappointing.

Easing traffic congestion at the Co-op. The possibility of Co-op lorries unloading at the back of the store is being considered by MoD and Co-op management. Security issues will influence any decision.

Quiz Night: Friday 16 November. Naphill Village Hall. 7pm doors open for 7.30pm start. Teams of four. Book early for an entertaining evening with popular Quiz Master Peter Oxlade and his team. There will be prizes, raffle, full bar, and a delicious hot meal. An idea of the number of veggie meals required would be helpful. Tickets at £8.50 per head from Carol 562843, Gloria 563634 and Liz 562697.

Date of next meeting: 8pm Thursday, 11 October, 2012. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaine 563634

A Parking Lay-by for Walter's Ash

After four years' sustained effort by the Residents Association, three public meetings, numerous other meetings, letters and negotiations, a straw poll of public opinion, and a survey of adjacent main services, we believe we are close to reducing the traffic chaos around the Co-op.

The aim is to create a parking bay on the footway and strip of grass in front of the MOD building next to the Co-op for seven to eight vehicles nose-to-tail.

A big majority in the opinion poll favoured a lay-by (at the earlier estimate of £28,500) because of the road safety concerns. 90 degree parking for a much larger number of cars would have been preferred, but was refused by Highways as cars would have to back out into Main Road.

Creating a lay-by is not a simple matter, needing the joint financial commitment of the Co-op, Bucks CC Local Area Forum, and Parish Council, and the agreement (now kindly offered) of RAF/MOD to dedicate land owned by them to Highways. Works include relocation of a H.V. electricity pole by SSE (at a shocking cost of £10,100) and construction of the lay-by and new footway by Highways. Legal costs have to be underwritten in advance. Before the project can be put up for approval by MOD, BCC and the Co-op, plans and drawings have to be commissioned and paid for.

Most importantly the commitment of the Co-op, BCC and HPC is necessary to jointly fund the overall project cost now estimated to be £33,600.

The Co-op has accepted it has a considerable duty to share this cost. A lay-by is needed due to inadequate parking provision when the store was planned, and is primarily for the safety of Co-op customers (but also of other road users, including school children).

Before contributing to the cost the Co-op would like a one-hour parking time limit in place to deter long-term parkers and keep it primarily for their

Naphill and Walters Ash Residents Association

Quiz night

With popular Quizmaster
Peter Oxlade

Teams of four

Tickets include delicious hot meal with vegetarian option.

Prizes, raffle and full bar.

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL

Friday 16th November

Doors open 7pm, Quiz starts 7.30pm

Tickets £8.50 per person from
Gloria (563634), Carol (562843), Liz (562697)



THE ROTARY CLUB
OF PRINCES RISBOROUGH



Iain Rennie
HOSPICE AT HOME

Princes Risborough Tree of Light 2012

The Tree of Light will again be in the gardens at the corner of New Road and Duke Street and provides an opportunity to honour, remember or celebrate the life of someone special by sponsoring a light on the Tree. The names of those being remembered will be recorded on display boards close to the Tree of Light, and will be published in the Bucks Free Press. Dedications can be made until the end of the year.

**The Dedication Ceremony will take place at 4 pm
on Sunday 25 November**

All proceeds shared between Iain Rennie Hospice at Home and Rotary charities

Sponsor Form (Block Capitals Please)

Your name and address

Title.....Surname..... Initials.....

Address.....

Post Code..... Tel.

Names to be remembered (please print clearly)

.....
.....
Total Enclosed £..... Cheques payable to The Rotary Club of Princes Risborough. The size of donation is left to your own discretion.

Signed..... Date.....

Please send to: Princes Risborough Tree of Light c/o Hillside, Westfield, Whiteleaf, Princes Risborough, Bucks, HP27 0LH **or** hand in at Princes Ris Information Centre.

Further information: David Griggs 01844 345554

customers. However, it is unclear how that could be policed.

From relevant discussions, there is broad consensus on going forward, subject to the various formal approvals.

The Residents Association has now taken the project as far as it can, up to the stage where funding is needed, and will request the Parish Council, who have access to public finance, to take the project forward.

Gloria Leflaine

Series of Frauds in Bucks and Surrounding Counties

There has been a series of frauds committed in the Northamptonshire, Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Berkshire and Hampshire areas since April 2012 using a very similar method. The offender targets church members, approaching people at or outside churches or church halls appearing upset and frantic for help. He tells them that his mother has died that morning (often saying on the island of Jersey) and that he is in desperate need of funds to get out there to identify the body and bring her home. He sometimes explains that

his mother was a member of their church and lived locally until recently.

The suspect is extremely plausible, cries when recalling memories of his mother, often gives his name as 'John Williams' and passes a mobile phone number when asked. He quotes the details of several of the church's local ministers to add validity to his story, but these people happen to be on holiday at the time, so it appears that he has done some preparatory research.

He is described as a white male, aged 30-35 years, 5'4" to 5'8" tall with a slim build, fair hair which is cut about ear length and he often wears a hoody and jeans.

If anybody matching this description is seen around local churches, please call 999 immediately.

Howard Wynne (Wycombe LPA)

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council

You will have read over the past few months that we are planning to erect a memorial to Dilly Knox by the "Christmas Tree" outside the Village Hall which he donated to the village. Dilly lived down

Clappins Lane until his untimely death in 1944. He was an eminent code breaker at Bletchley Park and was very significant in breaking the Enigma codes. The memorial is now ordered and we will have an official unveiling on 20 October at 2.30pm. Do come along if you can and join in our tribute to one of our village heroes. There will also be a plaque which will hang on the wall inside the Hall which gives some further details about Dilly and The Tree.

It was reported that we have not had a good summer for crime in the village with a comparatively large number of local incidents including thefts from houses, sheds and motor vehicles. There have also been several incidents of assault. Do please be vigilant and don't make it easy for the thieves.

We have managed to get quite a lot of work completed during the summer. With some of the regular booking having a summer break it has been easier to get into the Hall and get maintenance done. The biggest job was installing BT broadband in the Hall and the system should now be ready for use. We have an acceptable use agreement for anyone who wishes to use it so talk to the letting secretary for a copy of this should you need it.

We have decided to enter the Best Kept Village competition next year and so have been walking round the village noting areas that could do with a little love, especially round the Hall. It would be nice for all of us to live in well kept surroundings so do look at the bit around you and see if you can help by keeping that tidy, weed and litter free.

The next events will be:

- The UTTC play on 27 October
- The Fireworks on the 3 November
- The Christmas Fayre on 1 December

Do come along and support us.

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

Christians in the Community

There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 13 October at the Naphill Methodist Church from 10.30 pm til 12 noon.

And anyone is welcome to come to our Committee meeting on the Wednesday 17 October at 7.30pm also at the Naphill Methodist Church. If you are interested in being part of Hughenden Church or the Naphill Methodist Church this is THE meeting for you!

Norma Clarke

The unveiling of the memorial to Dilly Knox



**At Naphill Village Hall
HP14 4SX**

**Saturday 20 October 2012
At 2.30 pm**

**All welcome to recognise
our local hero**

Services at St. Botolph's

7 October	Harvest Festival	11am
14 October	Eucharist	11am
21 October	Eucharist	11am
28 October	Matins	11am

Peggy Ewart

Naphill Evening WI

August is a quiet time as far as WI is concerned but now the summer is nearly over and activities will start again.

On 17 September members are going on an outing to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, where some, I am sure, will find their way to the seat donated by the National Federation of WIs.

We look forward to some visitors at our Open Meeting on 20th September when Dr Jill Eyres will talk about "Romans in Bucks".

WANTED TO PURCHASE

Flat grazing land with or without suitable fencing and water supply for local family to use as pony paddocks.

Phil Conran 01494 562697

In October we will hold our Annual Meeting on the 18th and some members will also attend the Group Meeting being hosted by Marlow Common WI on 25 October.

The Food Appreciation Group is looking forward to a lunch on 27 September and afternoon tea on 23 October, more details of which are always available at WI.

Let's just hope that all the electricity problems are solved and we can have our cup of tea!

Carol Gilliam

Naphill Neighbours

Our first meeting after the summer break took place on Monday, 10 September, when Mary Parker presented "Westonbirt - a Segment of the Rainbow". Westonbirt is The National Arboretum, managed by the Forestry Commission, situated close to Tetbury in Gloucestershire.

Mary's slide show spanned the seasons showing colourful displays of rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias in the spring, 'forty shades of green' as the trees came into full leaf in summer, the Japanese Maples ablaze in reds, oranges and yellows in autumn and then the conifers in their wintry coats. The last part of the show was accompanied by music. It was a great evening and clear that there was always something going on at Westonbirt to make it worth a visit.

Our half day excursion to Broughton Castle in August was a lovely afternoon. We were free to wander through the house, allowed to take photographs and the view from the top of the house, looking down on the gardens, the moat surrounding it all, the farmland and wooded areas beyond was wonderful. The garden was restful and the deep beds were packed with shrubs and perennials, which must have been very colourful in the height of the summer. We were also able to visit the Parish Church of St. Mary Broughton, situated just outside the grounds of the Castle. Lord Saye & Sele was very much in evidence and chatted to his guests as they toured the house and enjoyed tea and cake in the cafe later. Broughton was well worth the visit.

Our theatre outing to Aylesbury on Thursday, 22 November, to see "Forty Second Street" is now closed. If you are joining us and have not paid, this is now due. The cost for members is £25 and for guests £27. The coach leaves the Village Hall at 10.30 am with one more pickup at Forge Road. After our tour backstage, there will be time for lunch at the theatre or at the nearby pub. Be prepared for it to be busy at the pub though as it is a fairly popular venue for lunch. The matinee performance begins at 2.30 pm.



Firework Display

Saturday 3rd November
On the Crick
BBQ and bar from 5.30pm

Fire lit at 6pm

Display at 7pm approx

BBQ under new management

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:

£7.00 adults, £2 children

Under 5s free

Please note: NO sparklers allowed



Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale

Saturday 6th October Naphill Village Hall 2.00pm

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

No furniture or electrical goods please.

Our meeting this month takes place on Monday, 8 October. We have our A.G.M. first and then Mr. Martin Lloyd will speak on "Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies". Tea hostesses for the evening are Jo Keattch, Janet King, Pat Reid and Heather Budsworth. See you all on the 8th.

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

When you consider what an appalling summer we have had, our shows were pretty good this year. As expected there were not many vegetables or tree fruits, but flowers and soft fruits seem to have done well with all the water.

Once again we had some new exhibitors, who now know what fun the show is and not the daunting prospect people seem to think! There is always a buzz in the hall when the exhibitors return to find out how their entries have fared. 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 auctions you helped to make both days 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!

Cheese & Wine Evening
Friday 26 October
Naphill Village Hall
7 for 7.30pm
Tickets £10
Wine and Soft Drinks Bar

Tickets are now available for our annual Cheese and Wine evening, which is always a popular event, and this year takes place on Friday 26 October in the Village Hall.

The evening will start with an illustrated talk by John Negus, who is a Horticultural Writer, Consultant and Broadcaster. He will be telling us how to achieve "12 Months of Colour" using combinations of plants which make beds and borders perennially appealing. 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



The Thursday Club and
RAF High Wycombe
Christmas Gift Fair

Thursday 8 November 2012

from 10am to 2pm

In the Officers' Mess, No 2 site,

RAF High Wycombe

Held in aid of the

RAF Benevolent Fund

**Over 40 exciting stalls and
refreshments available**

**Admittance £2 with an entry ticket which
can be obtained from
Naphill Post Office**

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

The recent sunny weather has gone a little way towards redeeming an otherwise awful summer. None-the-less, it has to be admitted that the relentless rain and occasional high winds have not only made walking on the Common rather less enjoyable, they have also combined to do some serious damage. Paths have become strips of mud and several trees have lost branches.



Damage to the Great Beech

be a Romano-British farmstead and has done so for, perhaps, 400 years. It was probably pollarded for much of its life but since the practice ended, well over a hundred years ago, it has grown an enormous crown of branches which put great stress on the ancient bole. All is not gloom: losing so much of its crown may make the tree less vulnerable to winds and, fortunately, the limb which hosts the rare Hericium fungus is still intact. We hope to get expert advice on caring for this veteran tree and the many others scattered over the Common.

Another unhappy episode followed the work of the SSE electricity company. They undertook emergency work to raise the power lines that run along the edge of the Common, next to Bradenham Woods. Their vehicles have caused a lot of damage to paths and the grassy strip below the wires. They had to trim branches off trees along the line of the wires. Unfortunately this included cutting several large limbs from the oak used by the purple emperor butterflies, just at the time when the insects would have been present. The Chiltern Conservation Board and FONC are trying to ensure that, if possible, reparation will be made and that such damage will not happen again. However, it must be noted that neither the

Board nor FONC have any legal powers over what happens to our Common.

We have, at last, received permission for a survey of the ponds on Naphill Common. Tony Marshall, a local expert, will begin his survey in February 2013 and produce a report at the end of the year. He will look at the plants, invertebrates, amphibians etc., and give us advice about what can be done to improve or preserve what is there. As the Common is an SSSI and Tony may have to take specimens to identify them under a microscope, we had to obtain permission from Natural England and the landowner.

We hope that you will join our fungus foray on Sunday 4 November, starting from Forge Road at 10 am. The walk will be led by members of the Bucks Fungus Group who will identify whatever fungi you find. They hope to confirm that we have a real rarity on the Common - *Psathyrella caput-medusae* - so with luck someone will find a specimen.

You are also welcome to join our walks. Ron Collins' longer walks will start from the Village Hall at 10 am on the following Mondays: 15 October; 19 November, and 17 December. Chris Miller's short walks will continue on the first Wednesday of the month starting from the Village Hall car park at 10.30 am: join him on 3 October; 7 November and 5 December. Our working parties will begin again on Sunday 7 October. Meet at Chapel Lane at 10am. The paths have got very overgrown again so we have a lot to do.

We will hold our open meeting and AGM on Friday 25 January 2013, in Naphill Village Hall beginning at 7.30 pm. Our main speaker will be Rachel Sanderson who is the project officer supervising the Chilterns Commons Project, which is a Lottery supported scheme covering all the 187 registered commons in the Chilterns area. The meeting is free and open to all.

Trevor Hussey. Chairman

Naphill Tennis Club

Hooray, we at last have three gleaming courts - repainted and ready for action!

You may have thought the tennis season was coming to an end but you will be delighted to learn that, at Naphill, we play all the year round dodging the odd shower if necessary (the courts dry very quickly) and we welcome new members at any time.

The Tennis Summer Camp for youngsters run by our coach, Mel, was as ever a great success. Hopefully, this will encourage greater participation in the sport by young and old alike - all the more so - following Andy Murray's spectacular run this

summer: a finalist at Wimbledon; a gold and silver medal in the Olympics (silver with Laura Robson in the Mixed Doubles); and now winner of the US Open in a five set thriller - the first time a Brit has won a Grand Slam since Fred Perry in 1936 - a fantastic achievement!

Our achievements at Naphill Tennis Club aren't quite in that category - as yet - but our level of play is just as enjoyable and is an excellent way of socialising and keeping fit.

If you would like information about the Tennis Club, do please contact David, Sue or myself (see Clubs & Organisations Directory near front of the Gazette)

Jenny Tench

Naphill Luncheon Club

We meet the second Wednesday of every month all year round at Naphill Village Hall at 12.45pm. We provide a home cooked two course meal with tea and coffee all for only £4 a head. We even have a resident pianist who creates a wonderful atmosphere while lunch is being served. It is a great way to socialise and meet other people within our local communities.

If anybody out there aged 70 and over would like to come along and join us we would love to see you. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the numbers below if you want to know anything more about Luncheon Club.

*Jan Gaunt Organiser 562282
Helen Collins 562240*

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

Well it looks like we finally got the good weather we have been waiting for! The stunning weather at the beginning of September has been glorious, and it's fantastic to see the front garden being used throughout the afternoon with avid drinkers and families with kids alike. September for us has been a fun packed month as we celebrated Chloe's 23rd birthday (twice) with a lovely Italian meal and a party on the 7th with friends and customers from around the village, so a big thank you to everyone who came along for the giggle!

What a cracking beer festival! Again the weather played a big part in this, Friday was busy, but on Saturday... Wow, what a turn out! As usual we

FOUND
Small pure white cat with faded pale blue fabric collar at Smalldean Farmhouse on 6 September
Contact Diana on 01494 565283

lasted until the sun started to set (well 7.30pm to be precise) It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves, the band The Bailiffs were fantastic with some cracking sing-along music. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and we can't wait until the next one in April 2013.

Now, with birthdays/events and themed evenings done for one more month, Mark and I have managed to find some time to get away together for a well deserved break in Tenerife. Our break was truly needed and we must thank Chloe for running the pub, every member of our staff for supporting her and all our customers who have helped to keep her sane!

Chef has been concocting some beautiful dishes recently for our curry evenings. These have proved to be very popular and we have been busy bees working out some new tempting dishes for the new season. Our winter menu should be in full swing by the time you read this, Tony the chef has been busy making soups, special game pates and his very own Bucks favourite Bacon Badger, all for you to try out! And with the shooting season about to start again - keep an eye out for our Game Food Evenings.

Only three months to Christmas..... and on that note our Christmas menu is finished and ready to go, so for those of you who are organised it's time to start booking. The Christmas menu will finish on 22 December, so don't miss out and book early.

Tony the chef's 50th Birthday is on 8 October, and so no one worries he is having some well earned time off so he can attempt 50 drinks in a day!

- Curry Nights - 11 and 25 October
- Halloween - 31 October - (please bring your pumpkins again)!
- Bonfire Night - 3 November
- Game Nights - 8 and 29 November
- Then Christmas!

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. Hope to see you all soon.

Claire and Mark

Black Lion Naphill

I would like to start this month by saying a huge thank you to all our Quiz teams and our customers for the money raised on the Quiz evenings and our collection bottle on the bar, we have just purchased a set of small goals and new footballs for this season for Naphill Junior Football Club,

Keeping on the quiz theme we have a very special one off event on Sunday 7 October. We have agreed to support the Wycombe Lions Club in their quest to raise £3,000 for Maplewood Special Needs School Downley and Hearing Dogs for the Deaf Saunderton . The quiz is run by the Lions,

There are eight rounds of 10 questions and teams are made up of four to six people. The winners and runners up go through to the Grand Final on 21 November at the Cressex Community Centre so be sure to book you place for this special event .

What's coming up soon:

Back by demand is our ever popular Race night. 17 November is the date to put in your diaries and be sure to book your table early to avoid disappointment. As usual the proceeds are going to local sports clubs.

During October we will be holding a special Curry Night. The event is called The Soldiers Charity Big Curry. The event is nationwide for the month of October and we have decided to support this excellent charity. The recipes for the curries have been donated by Rick Stein, Antony Worrall Thompson and Simon Rimmer, so they are certain to be good (no pressure on our Chef's then). Watch out for the date and further details on our boards outside the pub.

Finally our Christmas menus are ready and available at the pub. Be sure to ask one of our team for a copy. On that note all that's left is to thank you all for your continued support of the Black Lion.

*Mike, Jack, Tim, Martin, Bob
and of course all of our Staff.*

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.

Louise Lucas 488255

Parent's Open Meeting for September 2013: Beginning Primary School

The Parent's Open Meeting at Naphill & Walters Ash School will take place on Tuesday 23 October between 10 and 11am. This is an opportunity for you to meet staff, meet children and see the classes in action. We look forward to meeting you.

Naphill & Walter's Ash Forest School

If you go down to the woods today, you're in for a big surprise. The children and teachers at Naphill and Walter's Ash School are back at Forest School

for the new term. After a summer full of fun, they are ready to let the fun continue in the woods.

Since October 2010 children from Reception and Year 1 and 2 have been going to Bradenham Woods to take part in Forest School. Naphill and Walter's Ash School have embraced the outdoor learning philosophy that originated in Scandinavia and they haven't looked back.

In the woods the children engage in activities from den building, tree climbing, using tools, making fairy homes to building and cooking on fires. They have been lucky enough to discover a range of wildlife on their visits including the local hollow frog and the sighting of a Nuthatch. The children thrive on making discoveries and finding out what is in the hidden world of Forest School.

Many brilliant volunteers left at the end of the last year so once again Forest School are on the look out for new volunteers to join the team. Without the help of parents and volunteers from the local community Forest School would not be able to take place. It is with great thanks to the helpers that the children have such a wonderful time at Forest School. If you are interested in volunteering at Forest School, either on a weekly basis or just once a fortnight the school would be very grateful. No experience is needed, just a pair of wellies and enthusiasm! The school will take care of the CRB check and they will hold an induction for all new volunteers.

If you want to find out more information about Forest school visit the following website for more information <http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/forest-school.php>. Additionally if you want information about how you could become part of the Forest School experience and wish to volunteer your time please contact Gemma Gordon on 01494 562813.

Sapling Before and After School Club

The start of the new academic year at Sapling Before and After School Club sees lots of new children some new to school and some new to us. Our aim is to make each child and their family feel happy and settled with the service we offer.

We will be concentrating on different letters and numbers each month, this month it is A, B & number 1. Our theme this month is holidays and back to school. As well as the usual colouring, crafts and games, we also have a wall art or the seaside which every child is encouraged to contribute to.

We will play in the park as often as we can while the weather is fit.

*Sue Wood 07970265460
saplingchildcare@yahoo.com*

Mini Rugby at HWRUFC

2 September marked the start of the new season for mini rugby at High Wycombe RUFC. With the season now feeling well underway, we are looking forward to a full fixture list of home and away games through to next May.

The U6/7/8 teams are always welcoming new players whether experienced in tag rugby or just wanting to try it out. Similarly, we welcome the parents to help out should they wish. We train or have matches every Sunday from 10am to noon. If you are interested or would just like to know more, please contact Dale at dalecreaser@aol.co.uk.

Dale Creaser

Help Needed at Beavers

The Naphill Beaver Scout Colony is in need of two regular helpers at the weekly Beaver meetings. Beaver Scouts are aged between 6 and 8 years. They meet every Tuesday during term time between 5.30pm and 6.45pm and they have a lot of fun. If you think you could help please contact Barry Reading (Badger) on 01494 447121 or reading5@sky.com.

Have You Seen Charlie?



Our three-year-old black and white cat with distinctive Charlie Chaplin moustache unusually failed to come home to Blacksmiths, Downley Rd on

6 September. Could you please make sure he's not trapped in your shed or garage - or those of your neighbours if they should be away.

Any news then please ring Janet on 07917 205789.

Several cats in the vicinity have gone missing over recent months. As we border on to the fields and woods, perhaps foxes are to blame. We hope it's a different explanation.

John D Taylor, Downley Rd.

Blood Donors

On Friday 6 September, 112 donors attended and gave blood. Well done!

If you have never given blood, come along to the Village Hall in the afternoon of Friday 19 October and help save a life.

Bob Davis

Best Kept Village

We are fortunate to live in an attractive village but, as in any place, there are always opportunities to make our community even better. In her Village Hall notes in the September Gazette Sarah Bacon mentioned that consideration was being given to entering the Best Kept Village Competition in 2013. Four volunteers, names below, have been looking around the village at public places that would benefit from some attention. Whether we enter the competition or not, it would be an opportunity to spruce up where we live, and to enjoy working together to that end.

Plans are in hand to provide troughs and baskets of flowers so the Village Hall looks more attractive. Some routine maintenance, such as re-painting the Village Hall sign and some metal posts, replacing rear doors, etc. has already been identified.

Trish Bowen is making a wonderful job of caring for the garden around the War Memorial but there are other 'corners' in need of tender loving care. The corners of Chapel Lane and Clappins Lane spring to mind; grass cutting and the cutting back of overhanging vegetation are all that is required. Is there anyone out there who would be willing to take this on?

Please get in touch if you would be willing to look after one of these places, or any others you know of. We could consider forming a group to do a regular 'tidy' up; many villages have conservation volunteers. Naphill is lucky in already having the Friends of Naphill Common to provide notice boards and tidy up along the Common itself. We could give some attention to other places here.

Suggestions and offers of help would be much appreciated. Please contact one of us with offers or requests for information. Many thanks.

*Sarah Bacon 563479,
Cathryn Carter 563233
Peggy Ewart 565969*

Judy Whitehouse judy@judyq.demon.co.uk

Rotary Club of Princes Risborough Halloween Fireworks Night 2012

Olympic Firework Company Kimbolton will be part of the Rotary Club of Princes Risborough Halloween Fireworks Night on Saturday 27 October starting at 5.30 pm. After their fantastic displays at the Olympics and Paralympics they will give us an equally exciting and impressive display to close the evening. There will also be a bonfire - Traditional Fair - Pig Roast and licensed Bar.

There will be the usual Halloween fancy dress parade with a small gift for all participants. Some

of the costumes in previous years have been excellent with evidence of a lot of hard work and thought going into each creation.

The event will start at 5.30pm in the Princes Risborough Upper school playing field. Parking is available with access being up Clifford Road. Pedestrian access will be at the top of New Road Hill. Tickets will be on sale at the Information Centre Bell Street. Special Days High Street. Iain Rennie Shop Market Square and the Longwick Post Office.

For further details please contact Peter Cline 01844 344621 or 07950 312682 email.pjcline@gmail.com. Or Chris Brooks 07831 873249 after 25 September

Perfect Presents Shopping Event

The Perfect Presents Shopping Event will be held on Sunday 18 November at Hughenden Village Hall. It is a Christmas shopping event that is now in its 3rd year and the funds raised go to the Pepper Foundation, which supports the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home for children with life threatening or shortening conditions.

Doors open at 12pm for people with pre-bought tickets and 12.30pm for those wishing to pay on the door. It finishes at 3.30pm. The entry fee is £2 in advance and £2.50 on the door, which includes mulled wine, tea or coffee.

Sellers include, Phoenix Trading, What a Girl Wants, Usborne Books, Jamie at Home,

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RAF High Wycombe News

The Olympics aftermath over, RAF High Wycombe is now entering it's traditional ceremonial season, where we remember the great sacrifice given by so many in service of our country. This weekend saw the first of many ceremonies, where over 50 of our personnel were on the streets of High Wycombe to celebrate "our finest hour". Battle of Britain Sunday is a proud day in the RAF and it was good to see the support that the town offered up to the Station.

Our next look forward is to the events surrounding Remembrance Sunday, where we will be involved in a host of ceremonies including a parade through the streets of High Wycombe and our usual small gathering at Cowleaze Woods.

Thoughts of parades and the sacrifices made in the past lead me quite nicely on to 4 of our number who were competing in the Great North Run yesterday. Wings Week is the annual fundraising "big push" by the Royal Air Force Association and the guys were out there as a

team hoping to raise both funds and awareness for the Service charity - this was only one event in a week that saw gate collections on camp and a Big Breakfast event where hot bacon butties were served to an eager crowd. One of our most successful charity events, the Thursday Club and RAF High Wycombe Christmas Gift Fair, is running on Thursday 8 November from 10 am to 2 pm. Yet again the gates to No 2 Site will be open to Naphill and Walter's Ash residents. This year's fair is set to be the biggest yet with over 40 exciting stalls and refreshments available; all in the surroundings of our beautiful Officers' Mess. Admittance will be with a £2 entry ticket (all proceeds will go directly to the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund) available for purchase from Naphill Post Office - we look forward to welcoming you on the day.

*P BEVAN Fg Off
Media Communications Officer (494456)*



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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	guidinginhughenden@hotmail.co.uk.
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
	Tuesdays 3.30–7.30pm		07974 121081
	Wednesdays 3.45–6.15pm		elainetuckeret@aol.com
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 10.55–11.30am 11.35–11.55am 12.05pm–12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Mothers and Toddlers	Thursdays (term time) 1–3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Louise Lucas 488255
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30am and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesday 7.30pm		
	Thursday 5.45pm		
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 Leflaise 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Curtis 562779 naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jenny@tench.me.uk
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	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	Richard Adams 07782 328148. richard@dams.me.uk
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	Jenny Price 563001

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Editorial

It's a busy time of year with so many events planned to help you find your Christmas gifts. Please take a look at the Pin-up Diary Dates below to see all of them listed in one place.

The fireworks display is taking place on 3 November. We're all hoping it's dry and clear! I hope you enjoy the event. See page 10 for more details.

Thank you to Mark Dell for this month's seasonal cover picture. We've had a bit of a debate in our family about what the moss covered log looks like Could it be a dinosaur, or a Komodo Dragon?

Answers on a postcard...

*Clare Goddard 565065
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County Councillor's Report

Updates from Neighbourhood Watch always make interesting reading and having subscribed to the Lacey Green and Loosely Row weekly update I find it interesting reading. Three items currently of interest to the criminal fraternity appear to be the stealing of Catalytic Converters, number plates and breaking into cars parked on the road overnight. Stealing from garden sheds is another increasing trend; the items predominantly stolen have been electrical garden equipment and power tools. It is of considerable help to the police if owners would mark their possessions with the serial numbers and record them separately. It does help in restoring stolen goods to their rightful owners after the apprehending of the criminals who stole them.

I have recently received notification from the Post Office about Public Consultation on the proposal to move the present service from its current location on the corner of Downley Road to Cost Cutters at 19 Main Road. This is an endeavour to maintain access to Post Office services in Naphill and the general locality for the foreseeable future. The consultation will run until 23 November.

If the PO decides to go ahead the move will take place during January 2013. Should you wish to make comments please write to: The National Consultation Team, Post Office Limited, PO Box 1138, St Albans, AL1 9UN Customer Helpline; 08457 22 33 44

It is sometimes hard to understand the differing expectations from residents regarding the state of the roads after repairs have been carried out. I get letters of complaint that our roads are the worst in the country and some who state that there has been a vast improvement to their condition in past months. I think on balance, that the budget now being applied to road maintenance is showing

signs of improvement to the condition of our roads. I am certainly not being complacent and there remains much to be done but the incidence of serious potholes does appear to be decreasing and the repairs being effected by the new equipment do last longer than was the case twelve months ago. Hedge growth this year, no doubt because of the excess rainfall, has been considerable and exceeded the capacity of our road gangs to keep up with maintenance. Land owners and householders are responsible for cutting hedges that overhang the path or roadway. If they wait for the local authority to do this work they run the risk of being charged for the service!

With the majority of our Secondary Schools now having Academy status there is a big change appearing in the quality of education being offered to all our children, mostly for the better I believe. This has resulted in some schools being oversubscribed. This will lead, I suspect, to some expansion of the better ones and more parental interest in those who do not meet expectations.

November is the last month that I can accept applications for my Community Leader's Fund. I

PIN UP DIARY DATES

Saturday 3 November	Fireworks on The Crick. Fire lit at 6pm
Sunday 4 November.	FONC Fungus Foray: 10am at Common end of Forge Road. Free
Wednesday 7 November	FONC Short walk: Start at Village Hall 10.30am. Free
Thursday 8 November	RAF Xmas Gift Fair. 10am to 2pm in Officer's Mess. Tickets £2 from Post Office
Friday 16 November	NAWARA Quiz 7 for 7.30pm. Naphill Village Hall. £8.50 per head. Contact 563634
Sunday 18 November	Perfect Presents Shopping Event. Hughenden Valley Village Hall. 12pm – 3.30pm. £2 in advance.
Monday 19 November	FONC Long Walk: Start at Village Hall 10am. Free.
Saturday 24 November	Naphill & Walter's Ash School Christmas Fayre. 11.30am to 2.30pm at the School
Saturday 1 December	Naphill Xmas Fayre. 1pm at Village Hall
Wednesday 5 December	FONC Short walks: Start at Village Hall 10.30am. Free.
Monday 17 December	FONC Long Walk: Start at Village Hall 10am. Free.
Friday 25 January 2013.	FONC Open Meeting and Exhibition: Village Hall 7 pm. Free.

still have some funds available, those who have applied will be actioned this month. I have promised to support a crossing patrol in Hughenden Valley but applications from Naphill & Walter's Ash are slow in coming.

Richard Pushman

Hughenden Valley Parish Council Report

In the December Council meeting, the Council has to set its budget for the forthcoming financial year starting April 1 2013. This follows a lengthy Finance and Admin meeting which compares our spend this year against forecast and then factors in any additional spend that might be required for next year. We must then look at potential income from the allotments and Garden of Rest in particular, and the difference is generally then the 'precept' that comes out of Council Tax. If you look at your Council Tax summary, you will see how much is allocated to the Parish Council to spend on your behalf.

Last December, the Council voted to reduce the precept as we believed we could achieve savings in Council spend and so far this year, we are on target to do that. This year we will again be scrutinising all the figures very carefully to see what our position is likely to be for next year and members of the public are very welcome at this F&A meeting which takes place on 27 November in the Parish Office starting at 8pm. We would also welcome any suggestions that you may have for something that you believe the Council should consider within its budget next year beyond the normal spend items. In addition to the precept, the Council has reserves which are now shown in the summary of the Council's financial position at the end of the minutes for each full Council meeting. Significant projects that provide wide community benefit can therefore be considered as well as the smaller local projects that tend to be regularly approved. For instance, grants have been issued to help with new heating systems and kitchens in village halls and in our last meeting, it was agreed to provide funding for the Lollipop Project that is going to set up a School Crossing Patrol on Valley Road in Hughenden Valley.

So if you have a pet community project that has been quietly bubbling under the surface due to lack of funds, maybe now is the time to brush it off and give it a go by emailing one of us to see whether it might be appropriate to be considered.

Finally, two items that are a pleasure to report. The first is that at the last Council meeting, the Allotment Cup was awarded to Mr E Wilson of Walter's Ash as the winner of the Parish Best Kept Allotment prize earlier this year. This is the third year in succession that he has won it and as

always, his allotment set an extremely high standard. And of course, we are delighted the cup has remained in the ward, so many congratulations.

The second is that our Clerk has now completed her first year. Charlotte has achieved a tremendous amount in the last 12 months and has been universally welcomed for her hard work, helpful manner and lovely character and we feel very fortunate to have her looking after us.

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

Personal Perspective

I make no apology for continuing to mention the ongoing search for someone to replace our Parish Councillor who had to withdraw for personal reasons. Some organisations to which we can belong – perhaps a group that plays a particular sport, like badminton or volleyball, both of which I do, as it happens, or perhaps a group that has shared interests, like rambling or conservation, etc – attract us because we know we will enjoy the experience, not just once but on many occasions. Even when we lose a sporting match or get soaked in some outdoor event, we continue to be part of the group essentially because we know that next time we might win or have a close encounter with another team or the sun may even be shining!

It is different for anyone who is a Parish Councillor. There certainly are times when we can enjoy ourselves, but at heart we are freely giving of our time and abilities in an attempt to ensure that the local community is helped in whatever way seems reasonable. And we have a duty to try to encourage others to be prepared to do the same, when an opportunity arises.

At some point before the next elections, in May 2015, it is possible that there will be another need to find someone to replace a current Councillor; personal circumstances can change for any of us. If and when that happens I'd like to think that some of you reading this article might want to put yourselves forward. In any case, I hope that some readers will be willing to stand for election in May 2015!

As you read this we will have gone through various preliminaries for finding a new Councillor, who could live in any part of the whole Parish but who in this instance would be prepared to take a particular interest in what goes on in the Hughenden Valley ward. I must admit that the initial period of time when posters went out asking for those willing to face an election for the position seemed very short, but I'm sure it satisfied the electoral requirements.

We've drawn up guidelines that appear to be open

and reasonable for 'co-opting' someone to fill the vacancy, which will have been put to the test leading up to and during the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 13 November, which any member of the public may attend.

The selection process will last from 7pm to 8pm, prior to the Full Council meeting itself. Each applicant will be able to give a little background regarding why they have come forward, and there will be an opportunity for Councillors to ask them questions. Once all candidates have been separately interviewed, the Chairman will ask members of the public and the last candidate to leave the building for up to 15 minutes so the Council can discuss the interviews and vote on their preferred candidate for the vacancy. Candidates will be notified of Council's decision within 24 hours; and the decision will also appear in Council Minutes and on the website hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk.

If you have any thoughts about how the process could be made even more democratic in the future, please pass ideas to me at naphill@ukbeavil.co.uk, or contact our Parish Clerk, Charlotte, on 715296.

My best wishes go out to each of the candidates.

Roger Beavil

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning to 15 October 2012: **12/07022/CLP** Dashwood, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Proposed Certificate of Lawfulness for construction of new gates and fence to existing area. **12/07033/FUL 8** Ash Close, Walter's Ash. HA for raising roof and alterations to provide first floor living accommodation to existing bungalow following demolition of existing garage and greenhouse. **12/07162/CLP** Braeside, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use for change of use of woodland and agricultural land to ancillary residential land.

Appeal Dismissed: **11/07945/FUL** Ernaville, Downley Road. Appeal dismissed on grounds of harm to the character and appearance of the locality and to highway safety and also loss of amenity to occupants in adjacent dwellings.

APP/K0425/11/A/2159978/NWF Public Inquiry. 27–30 November 2012 in WDC Council Chamber, Queen Victoria Road. High Wycombe. Appeal No.1 by Mr Patrick Murphy to permit a Traveller encampment at The Hedgerow, Parkwood,, Walter's Ash. Appeal No. 2 by Mr G O'Connor (Mr Murphy's son-in-law) to permit a Traveller encampment at The Nursery, Heath End Road, Flackwell Heath. A new Inspector has been appointed to consider both Appeals, and the

Residents Association has been asked to present its objections again, backed by the 1050 person petition.

Burglary: Thames Valley Police are reminding us that at this time of the year, as dark nights draw in, it pays to secure our homes. If no light is on, curtains are not drawn, and no car is in the drive, it's an obvious sign to burglars that no-one is in. Police say, "People who work full time, and usually leave and return from work in the dark are more likely to fall victim to opportunist burglars". They advise us all to invest in a light timer switch. A 24 hour segment timer can be picked up from a local retailer for under £5. It can be used with a lamp, radio or TV to give the impression that someone's home. Remember to use an energy efficient light bulb.

Police also say that we should register our valuables on www.immobilise.com. It's free and takes just a few minutes, and if your valuables are stolen, will allow you to tell the police, your insurer, and the second-hand trade to assist in recovering your property and catch the thief. Keep valuables out of sight. Lock your doors and windows. If you have a UPVC door make sure you double locked it.

Quiz Night. Friday 16 November. Naphill Village Hall. 7pm doors open. 7.30pm Quiz starts. Teams of four. We can also make up tables of four from singles and pairs. Book early for an entertaining evening with popular Quiz Master Peter Oxlade and his team who won the NAWARA Quiz, run by Ted Chapman, in 2011. There will be prizes, raffle, full bar, and a delicious hot meal. An idea of the number of veggie meals required would be helpful. Tickets at £8.50 per head from Carol 562843, Gloria 563634 and Liz 562697.

Date of next meeting: Note change: 8pm Wednesday, 7 November, 2012. Poland House, opposite the Co-op.

Gloria Leflaine 563634

Neighbourhood Police News

If you need to contact the Neighbourhood Team then please dial Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number, 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Princes Risborough Police Office or email me: lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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

Anti-social behaviour

The Police and Housing association are jointly dealing with an issue taking place in the Walter's

Ash area where a local resident is playing loud music and drinking vast amounts of alcohol. The housing team from High Wycombe are liaising with residents in the area and Police are paying visits to the individual in order to kerb the noise. There are now dedicated resources that attend all reports of ASB within the High Wycombe police area. These resources have a positive intervention policy, dealing with the incidents with the legislation and tools available at the time.

There have been complaints from residents living near to a few public houses, the main problem is that of bad and inconsiderate parking at weekends and also the noise coming from the garden areas when the weather is fine. Officers have been to the locations and spoken with the landlords and staff about the problems raised.

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Naphill and Walters Ash Residents Association

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Doors open 7pm, Quiz starts 7.30pm

Tickets £8.50 per person from
Gloria (563634), Carol (562843), Liz (562697)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

11 November

The Village Hall Service of Remembrance will take place at 2.45pm followed by the laying of wreaths at the Memorial Stone. This is an important day in the life of our village when we remember those who gave their lives in defence of our freedom. It is especially important today that we should remember and support the men and women from RAF Air Command who are engaged in active service in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Richard Pushman

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

The broadband installation, mentioned in last months Gazette, needs only to be checked out and will then be ready for use. We were pleased to receive £100 towards the cost of this from the Community Leaders Fund via Richard Pushman, our County Councillor.

We are planning to replace the hall curtains which have been up for many years and are now looking very tired and dull. The same description could suitably be made of the hall interior decoration so we will need to do something about that, as well.

The large fridge/freezer in the kitchen has bitten the dust and a replacement is required If anyone has one they want to get rid of and which is in good condition we may be interested in taking it off their hands.

Users of the hall who have had problems with the hot water system recently cutting out on occasions will be pleased to know that we are bringing in an electrician to sort it out.

Access to the war memorial has been made much easier. There will be no need to clamber over the wall as an opening has been made to walk through. We are very grateful to Richard Webb for all the work he has done on this.

Don't forget the Bonfire Night on 3 November. Stewards are badly needed on the night but numbers are down this year. The job is easy and straightforward but very necessary. If you could possibly help in the period 5–7.30pm please ring Ron Carter on 563233

Don Turner 562645

Fete

After the holidays and getting final invoices in for the Fete, I felt that we needed to update everyone on the final figures. The revised figure for the day is £5755 rather than the approximate figure we gave of £6500 back in July. This year we needed to buy a BBQ and also improve the safety of the electricity on the field which meant we spent an

extra £1081. These are long term assets to the Village Hall and needed to come off the final figure which means the final profit was £4674.

This year's Fete was a tough one to organise as so many companies and individuals are feeling the financial climate. We were unfortunately down by £750 on donations from previous years, along with the difficulty in getting advertisers for the programme.

Despite all of the above, the amount raised by the Fete was very substantial and it is one of the two most important fund raising activities in the year along with the Fireworks. It also reflected the enormous amount of hard work put in by everyone involved and the members of the Fete Committee in particular.

It was still an amazing day with so much support from the village although the weather turned on us an hour too early. We still made a huge amount of money for the village hall and we are very grateful to everyone for their continued support.

The Fete Committee.

Services at St Botolph's

4 November 11am	Eucharist
11 November 10.50am	Remembrance Day Service
18 November 11am	Eucharist
25 November 11am	Matins

Peggy Ewart

Memorial to Dilly Knox

Going back 75 years, the village of Naphill celebrated the Coronation of King George. Phyllis Smith, the Village Beauty Queen, was crowned by Mrs Coningsby Disraeli. Together they planted our grand tree, given to us by Dillwyn Knox (known as Dilly), from his plantation in Clappins Lane.

Originally the tree had a plaque beneath it but it has disappeared. Mike Mason and his team of men climb the tree at Christmas to put up the lights, which is a wonderful sight. At Mike's suggestion, plans were started for a new plaque and for a framed history to be displayed in the hall.

By the time you read this report the unveiling will have taken place on 20 October. If you were able to attend, you would have met Dilly's daughter in law, Joan Knox, his grandchildren and representatives from Bletchley Park. The special guest was Mavis Batey, now 91 years old, who worked closely with Dilly on the decoding at Bletchley Park. After giving a talk, she signed copies of the book that she has written about Dilly Knox. During the war, Mavis used to stay with Dilly and his wife at Cournswood.

When Dilly became very ill with cancer, Alan Turin

visited him and they worked together. Dilly's son Christopher said that his father died giving more of his work to England than he could really afford to offer.

It is said that the work these clever folk did at Bletchley Park shortened the war by two years.

The photos below were taken on the day of the tree planting. They show the Beauty Queen, Phyllis Smith, and her attendants (her sister Freda, Betty Lawrence and possibly Christine Jenkinson).



Christopher Knox has stated that he knows the tree was given by his father and that he wishes every sort of luck to the people who live in the village now. He hopes our tree will be with us for many life-spans.

Thanks to Mike and his team for their work which gives us all such pleasure and also for the coins that you put in the collecting tins before Christmas. Like everything, it all costs money.

Pam Smith

Christians in the Community

We held a very successful Coffee Morning recently at the Naphill Methodist Church and the £200 it raised will be put towards our Christmas activities.

After many, many years of being our Treasurer, we are saying goodbye to Howard Atkinson who

is spending more time down in Somerset. We are currently looking for someone to replace him – not an onerous job, paying out a couple of cheques a year, paying in a few items.

Next month I will let you know the Christmas dates – carol singing in the pubs, and the Carols by Candlelight in the Naphill Village Hall.

Norma Clark

Naphill Neighbours

Our October meeting took place on Monday 8th and we held our AGM to start with. That business taken care of and before our Speaker took the floor, Sheila Rolfe informed the membership that we had to bid farewell to Carol Armitage, the lady with the bubbly personality, as she and her husband would be relocating to Devon in the near future. Carol has always been a cheerful, willing helper in the club and she is going to be greatly missed. We wish them a bright and happy future in their new home and location.

Our Speaker for the evening was Mr Martin Lloyd who relayed three fascinating stories on "Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies". The events which took place in these stories permanently changed the protocol for issuing passports. If you would like to read these stories, and more, Mr Lloyd's book "The Passport; The History of Man's Most Travelled Document" is available in paperback form at a very reasonable price. Mr Lloyd has written several books and brought some along, which were snapped up during the evening. His talk was very interesting and entertaining.

On Thursday, 22 November, we will be travelling to Aylesbury for our theatre excursion. The coach leaves the Village Hall at 10.30am with one more pick up at Forge Road. Regarding the lunch period, there's a fairly varied menu in the Waterside Cafe comprising soup, salads, jacket potatoes, sandwiches, wraps, paninis, bagels, etc. At the White Hart pub they have a full menu but, if you are thinking of going there, please do 'phone ahead and book a table. The matinee performance begins at 2.30pm and we hope to be on the coach for the homeward journey at 5.15pm.

The Naphill Christmas Fayre takes place on Saturday, 1 December and we will be running our usual Bottle and Can Tombola. Anything in that line that you feel able to donate would be very much appreciated. As you know from previous years, all contributions need to be allocated a raffle ticket and this has to be done well before the day of the Fayre. If you could bring your donations to the November meeting, that would be great. If you forget to bring them on that evening, you may drop them off at Sheila's home.

Naphill Christmas Fayre

Saturday 1st December



In the Village Hall



Doors open 1.00 p.m.

Santa to arrive at 1.15 p.m.!

Put this date in your diary now to ensure you don't miss out on a fun and festive afternoon. We will have all the usual stalls, and hopefully some new ones, where you can chance your luck or buy some attractive and individual Christmas goodies.

Should you be interested in running a stall on the day, please contact Norma Clarke on 563116

If you 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

Raffle Refreshments

Mulled Wine

Craft Stalls Games

Tombola etc. etc. etc.

Our Christmas Dinner will be served on Monday 17 December and the cost is £20 for members and £25 for guests. If you haven't chosen your dessert, please let Sheila know as soon as possible so that there are no disappointments on the night.

Payment is due at our next meeting, which will be held on Monday 12 November. Our Speaker for the evening will be Mr Ted Sutton who will entertain us with a talk on "The Mary Rose and Her Treasures". Tea Hostesses for the evening will be Juliet Shortfall, Anne Thomas and Jean Fortescue. The Tea/Coffee Rota for 2013 will be circulating again to fill in any spaces left; three ladies a month is ideal and we shouldn't have to cover it more than once a year. We look forward to seeing you all in November.

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Seed/plant catalogues now available

With the great autumn clear up well under way in the garden you may be thinking of ways to improve the garden or allotment 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, onions sets, 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, whether you are a member of the Society or not, 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 should already have had your copy through the door.
Happy browsing!!

Cathryn Carter 563233

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

Naphill Common is dotted with ponds and there are at least seven that regularly retain water. They have a variety of origins but most were there to provide water for the animals that grazed the Common when it was largely open pasture, while the purpose of Shipwash Pond was, obviously for washing sheep. Willow Pond probably started life as a clay and/or stone pit, and Dew Pond may even have been the water source for what is thought to be a Romano-British farmstead, making it very ancient. These ponds are obviously of great historical and ecological importance, so Friends of Naphill Common have commissioned a survey to find out what plants and animals they contain and to make recommendations about the best way to look after them. The experts conducting the survey will soon be placing some apparatus around the edge of the ponds, including egg-laying strips for newts and squares of felt to serve as refuges for reptiles. If you see these PLEASE don't disturb them and resist the temptation to look under the refuges. The survey will only be successful if we all let the research proceed without interference. We hope to publish a full report in late 2013.

As we announced several months ago, the West Wycombe Estate, who own most of the Common,

Firework Display

Saturday 3rd November

On the Crick

BBQ and bar from 5.30pm

Fire lit at 6pm

Display at 7pm approx

BBQ under new management

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:

*** £7.00 adults, £2 children**

Under 5s free

Please note: NO sparklers allowed

want to do some tree felling. We understand that it is likely to be quite limited and will start next autumn. Because the Common is an SSSI Grade I, the estate has had to negotiate their plan with Natural England, the Forestry Commission and the Chiltern Conservation Board. The Friends of Naphill Common were asked to provide information about the significant features of the Common that must be considered when felling takes place. We provided a list of important archaeological and natural features and a map showing their locations, which formed the basis of a report to the Estate and other bodies. We included veteran and special trees, rare species, the locations of butterfly sites, earthworks, tank tracks and so on. We are trying to ensure that the disturbance will be kept to a minimum and that what limited felling and scrub clearance there is will benefit and enhance the Common.

Over the last seven years we have been conducting a survey of all the veteran and significant trees on the Common. We have measured, photographed and recorded around 400 trees and there are still some to do. This survey has already proved useful in preparing the report for the Estate and its felling plan, and we hope it will also be of use in getting help to the ancient trees that are so vulnerable. Please notice that we put a small label on those we have surveyed and that these labels are there to PROTECT the trees, NOT as mark for felling. As it progresses, the results of our survey are being put on our website.

Our efforts to get the paths from the Crick to Downley Road and on to the Common have borne fruit and I hope people are pleased with the new surfaces. We give thanks to the Council for their work. There has, at the time of writing, been less success concerning the "white goods" dumped on the Common behind Prospect Place, despite our efforts to inform the Estate, whose job it is to care for the Common.

Anyone who has visited the Clumps recently will see that the National Trust has been at work removing dangerous trees and thinning out the trees that have enveloped and obscured the circles. An information board will eventually be in place to explain what is being done and why. Much of the art-work and information will be supplied by FONC, and we have also helped in removing the holly scrub.

Please join our Fungus Foray on Sunday 4 November, starting from the Common end of Forge Road at 10am. Everyone, including children, is welcome and there will be experts from the Bucks Fungus Group to identify whatever fungi you find. There may be real rarities.

You are also welcome to our Open Meeting in Naphill Village Hall on Friday 25 January 2013. We have a brilliant speaker, Rachel Sanderson, who is the leader of the Lottery Funded Chilterns Commons Project that covers around 200 commons in the Chilterns area. We are going to hold a small art exhibition at the meeting, so if you have a painting, photo, sculpture etc. (up to two items per person) which you would like to exhibit, please let us know. The items can be for sale if you wish.

Our work parties meet at 10am at the Common end of Chapel Lane on the first and third Sunday of each month. You are welcome to join us in clearing paths and doing what conservation work we can.

Our walks for pleasure continue. The longer walks with Ron Collins will start from the Village Hall at 10 am on Mondays 19 November and 17 December. Chris Miller's short walks will continue on the first Wednesday of the month starting from the Village Hall car park at 10.30 am: join him on 7 November and 5 December. Both walks will continue next year and we will publish the dates next month. Please feel free to join in.

As you can see, the Friends of Naphill Common has been very busy doing some useful work and organising enjoyable events. But this is only possible if we can maintain our membership. The time to renew membership is at the turn of the year and the cost is only £5 per person (£2 for under 18s). Please join or renew your membership by contacting our membership secretary Stephanie Morgan Tel. 562656.

*Trevor Hussey Chairman
Long walks: Ron Collins 562240
Short Walks: Chris Miller 563707*

Naphill Evening WI

"Romans in Bucks"? There were none according to our September speaker, Dr Jill Eyes. Although she did clarify this by telling us that the invaders were unlikely to have been from Rome but from other parts of the Roman Empire. A most interesting talk, telling us, among other things, of Roman artefacts in the area, including a Roman villa on the Rye.

On 10 October a few members attended the BFWI Autumn event at Wycombe Town Hall, where the guest speaker was Linda Bellingham. It was a really entertaining afternoon, when we learned of Linda's struggles to become an actress and also to lose the "gravy lady" image. She also told us about her three marriages, one to an abusive husband. She urged anyone in this situation to realise that it was not their fault and help was out there.

Join the team at Naphill FC

We are now looking for budding footballers from years 1, 2 3, 4 and 5 to join our group for the 2012–13 season

Your child will

- Be part of a positive environment
- Interact with other team members
- Work as part of a team
- Learn footballing skills
- Most importantly, have great fun

We get together on Saturday mornings for training and there are also regular matches against other teams from the local area. Training sessions are every held week during term times, from 9.30 until 11.00 at the school. Come and Join us.

PEACE OF MIND GUARANTEE – don't pay any fees until your child has been to a couple of sessions and is feeling comfortable and happy. Fees for the year are £70, half season is £35

For info visit www.naphillfc.com

e-mail naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk

At the autumn event the result of the Three Counties Quiz was announced. It had been won by a trio of ladies from another High Wycombe WI, Terriers Evening. The day ended with music from a charming woodwind trio, who finished by accompanying us as we sang Jerusalem.

We have now had two meetings regarding the wall hanging that a group of members is creating to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 Olympics. All is going well, although some of us are not so advanced as others!

Our 18 October meeting will be our Annual Meeting. The Group Meeting will be on 25 October when the hosts will be Marlow Common, and on 15 November our speaker will be Sandra Webb with a "Caribbean Cookery" demonstration.

Carol Gillam

Naphill Tennis Club

The Club is looking for a WEB-SITE ENTHUSIAST to help us construct and maintain our web-site which is rather out-of-date. If anyone is able to assist, we would be most grateful. Please contact our chairman, David Fletcher, on 01494 532195 or david@tvemf.org if you can help us.

We play tennis all the year round and always welcome new members at any time. Our club sessions on Tuesdays (from 10 am) and Wednesdays (from 9.30am) are well supported but it would be nice to see more players on Sundays (from 10 am). If you would like to play, but can't make these times, then do please give us a call to discuss the matter.

Forthcoming events are:

- AGM on Monday 26 November, 8 pm, at The Wheel Pub – first drink on the Club! All welcome.
- Cake Stall at Naphill Christmas Fayre on 1 December – all donations of cakes gratefully received.
- Festive Tennis on Sunday 9 December from 10 am – with mulled wine and mince pies and open to all.

If you would like information about the Tennis Club, do please contact David, Sue or myself (see Clubs & Organisations Directory near front of the Gazette)

Jenny Tench

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

The autumn weather has definitely arrived and we are now planning for the cooler days and the dark evenings. This may sound depressing but all is good as the pub fires will be lit and the winter menus are now on with proper traditional warming food.

I would like to thank Chloe and the team for looking after the pub while Mark and I went on holiday to Tenerife. The pub was still standing when we got back and I'm pleased to say that our stringent standards were also met. We had a fabulous time with fantastic weather and we ate and drank far too much!

Unfortunately while we were away it was Ken's

Naphill & Walters Ash School

Christmas Fayre

24 November
At the school
11.30am until 2.30pm

Come and meet Father Christmas, enjoy lunch and mulled wine in the cafe, browse the gift stalls and have fun making your own crafts.

(aka Fluffy) funeral which we were unable to make. Chloe and the Chef made it down to the service and said what a fantastic turn out it was from the village and that the eulogy by Jan Pearce was wonderful, while being truthful! Ken will be missed in the village as he was colourful character who was known by so many.

As I'm sure many people are aware, one of our villagers, Nick Watson, has recently opened a new local brewery in Prestwood. Malt The Brewery has now been brewing for a number of weeks after a huge amount of work turning an old milking barn into an amazing new brewery. We have been very lucky to sneaking in a number of his brews already, one of them only lasting 45 minutes (it must be good). We wish them every success and look forward to having many more of their brews in the coming weeks, months and years.

Over November and December we are generally concentrating on Christmas, the menus are done and we have already got a good number of bookings. Please book early to avoid disappointment especially if it is a large group. We can email you the menu or just pop in and ask the staff for a copy. Other things that are coming up;

- Bonfire Night – 3 November
- Game Food Night – 8 November and 29 November (please book)
- Christmas!!!

We would like to thank Linda Cole for all her hard work at The Wheel; she will be greatly missed over the next four months as she is off to the Falklands. Also we would like to congratulate the Tony the Chef for making it through his 50th Birthday almost in one piece!

Thank you to everyone for their continued support and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Claire and Mark

Black Lion Naphill

Our Soldiers Charity Curry Day (which was a national event) proved to be extremely popular. We cooked recipes from Celebrity Chefs and we sold out of the entire amount prepared. So thank you all for supporting such an excellent and worthwhile charity.

Christmas is only a short time away and we are taking a number of Christmas bookings already. We have emailed our customers with our menu and you can download the full menu from our web-site or collect a copy in the pub. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Christmas trading hours will be on our website shortly and in the pub,

Our Crib and Dominoes teams are back for a new season. Good luck to those involved.

Finally, our chefs are creating a number of different winter specials of soups and main meals for your enjoyment. They can be found on our daily specials menu.

That's all for now. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon in the Black Lion

Mike, Jack, Tim, Martin, Bob and of course all of our staff.

Bon Ami

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning. The final of £218.99 exceeded last year. We were really pleased to send off our donation. Thank you.

At the beginning of October we held our second "Simon Patrick" family photo day. It was well attended and everyone is looking forward to viewing their portraits online very soon. If you missed the day and would like to book another slot please contact Amanda or Ruth.

On the evening of Friday 30 November we are to hold our second "West Wycombe Art Group" preview evening. Please ask Amanda or Ruth if you would like an invitation. There will be more paintings on display which will include several local scenes; they could make ideal Christmas gifts.

We would love you to know that once again this Christmas Bon Ami are going to be a collection point for the Romanian Family Shoe box Appeal. 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 November.

Now that autumn is here with winter just around the corner we have 'Soup of the Day' on the menu, often homemade. This is served with a freshly bake crusty roll and butter. We hope to serve you soon.

Many thanks again for your support,

Ruth & Amanda.

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group

To All Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Childminders and Carers,

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group has been running for many, many years. It meets every Thursday during term times from 1–3pm. We are a very friendly group which provides a safe and fun environment for children to play together and a chance for their carers to have a break and chat over a cup of tea and biscuits! Our numbers have dropped off greatly over the last few months, so much that if the situation does not improve the Group will not be able to continue into next year – we simply will not have enough funds in the bank to pay our rent/insurance. So please, please come along and join in with us. We have a variety of events planned for the rest of the year including the following:

- Thursday 17 October Halloween celebrations – join us for some spooky fun!
- Thursday 8 November Margaret from Usbourne books – come and buy some early Christmas gifts at special prices.

Friday 20 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 the playgroup. There will be a £7.50 charge for this event.

We will also be running the Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 1 December – if anyone is feeling creative to help with some decorating of the hall or just come along and meet us!

Hope to see you very soon at our Thursday get-togethers if anyone should have any queries then please please do call me Louise on 01494 488255.

As the saying goes NAPHILL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP NEEDS YOU!

Louise Lucas 488255

Kop Hill Soap Box Challenge

Shear Madness Barbers and Manor Garage entered this years Kop Hill Soap Box Challenge. We built a coffin on wheels in a day and a half by using scrap and at the total cost of £3!! We did really well and together with the support of our customers, local businesses and local people we managed to raise over £500 in just a week. This money goes to The Kop Hill Charities. A special thanks to The Wheel, The Co-op, Leigh Lewis, and The Black Lion.



The Kop Hill Coffin on Wheels!

Shear Madness Barbers

Well, the ducks have been out and about again. Last month we supported The RAF boys in The great North Run; Diva (the duck) went with Teresa on her 50K charity walk and Ken and Titan went along to support. Also The Kop Hill Climb with Nick and his GT40 and many are still away on holidays around the world.

As we all know Christmas is just around the corner this is a very busy time for us and also Dawn, our Ladies Stylist. Please (ladies only) if you need your hair styling/ colouring before Christmas book your appointment now. Dawn can be contacted on 07742361711.

Before I get back to my Pumpkin carving for the Wheel Pub may I remind you all that we have, and always will, SHUT EVERY THURSDAY!!!

Rodney Hussey

Born 19 October 1929, died in Aylesbury
15 October 2012.

He was a builder and worked on many of the houses in Naphill and surrounding area

All details on our website at: www.shearmadness.webs.com

Lynn , Mandy and Dawn

Perfect Presents Shopping Event

The Perfect Presents Shopping Event will be held on Sunday 18 November at Hughenden Village Hall. It is a Christmas shopping event that is now in its 4 year and the funds raised go to the Pepper Foundation, which supports the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home for children with life threatening or shortening conditions.

Doors open at 12pm for people with pre-bought tickets and 12.30pm for those wishing to pay on the door. It finishes at 3.30pm. The entry fee is £2 in advance and £2.50 on the door, which includes mulled wine, tea or coffee.

Sellers include, Phoenix Trading, What a Girl Wants, Usborne Books, Jamie at Home, Beadlinks, Nikky's Hearts and Crafts, Neal's Yard Organic plus many more.

Victim Support

Victim Support is a national charity which works with anyone affected by crime. This includes victims and witnesses, also their friends, family and other people caught up in the aftermath, whether or not the crime has been reported to the police. A victim care officer will discuss what has happened and its affect on the victim, and if appropriate develop a plan of emotional support, information and practical help tailored to their needs. Often victims just feel the need to talk to someone on the phone but if ongoing support is required the case will be assigned to one of our trained volunteers. The volunteer will initially contact the victim by phone but where appropriate the volunteer will arrange a face to face meeting, often at the victim's home. Victim Support is one of the few charities that support individuals through home visits.

Victim Support also has a Witness Service which helps all victims and witnesses requiring support, who attend Magistrates or Crown Court. There is also a specialist national Homicide Service which supports the bereaved families if victims.

Referrals may be through the national Victim

Support line, or police referral directly to Victim Support following a reported crime. In addition, victims can self-refer into the Victim Support Victim Care Teams located around the country.

In 2011 Thames Valley Victim Support provided help and support to 24,943 clients.

In one recent case a victim reported historic sexual abuse which had left them traumatised and socially impaired. After the case was successfully prosecuted they stated, "The help and support I received from Victim Support before, during and after the case has made a huge difference to my life".

If you are interested in volunteering you can contact Victim Support via the national website, calling the Thames Valley office on 01344 309388 or email the Service Delivery Manager for Bucks at Daniel.sullivan@victimsupport.org.uk.

Get Ready for Winter!

With around 1 in 10 of all households in Buckinghamshire suffering from Fuel Poverty, X Press talked to Liz Wright, District Manager of Chiltern Citizens Advice Bureau about what help is available this winter.

"Gas and electricity prices are now set to rise again by 9% this winter;" said Liz "and this will affect many people in the heart of our community. Every year we advise hundreds of people about help they may need or maybe be entitled to".

We asked her what advice she would give if you or someone you know is worried about a cold winter.

How can I save money and get the best deal from my energy supplier?

Contact your current supplier to see if they have a cheaper tariff. Look at their online offers as well for new deals. It is also worth checking a price comparison website like which.co.uk or moneysupermarket.com. If you don't have access to the Internet or would like some help in understanding all the options, the team at Chiltern Citizens Advice Bureau can help you.

Could I get cut off if I change my energy supplier?

Lots of people worry about getting cut off but the switching process is very easy. It takes about 6 weeks from the time that you agree to change supplier. You will not be cut off or have any reduction in your service during this time. Chiltern CAB can talk to the supplier for you, if you are worried.

I can't afford my gas/electricity bills, what can I do?

Contact your energy supplier immediately as they

should be able to help. You may even be eligible for £130 Warm Home Discount this winter. Chiltern CAB can also help you to apply for money to help you over a difficult period. There are many simple ways to save energy, such as turning off unwanted lights. Visit our website for more "Simple Savers".

Can I insulate my home and is it expensive?

You can save money by investing in some insulation and upgrading old heating systems. If you are on a low income you may be able to get this paid for. Contact your energy supplier or Chiltern CAB to find out if you are eligible.

I'm worried about an elderly friend, relative or neighbour this winter. How can I help them?

Make sure their Energy Supplier knows and puts them on their Priority Register. There are many "in-touch" services which ensure vulnerable

people are contacted regularly. Also, many communities have groups of volunteers ready to help in emergencies.

This year Chiltern CAB is helping people to donate their Winter Fuel allowance to people in their community who suffer from fuel poverty. For details of how you can make a donation, visit our website, www.chilterncab.org.uk

If you would like to know more about saving money this winter, or if you need help on any other issue, contact your Chiltern Citizens Advice Bureau for free, confidential and impartial advice.

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RAF High Wycombe News

Our Station Physical Training Instructors led us on a run through camp and into the countryside last week and it served to remind me of what a beautiful area we are lucky enough to call home. As the woods turn their golden brown and the days get shorter we turn our attention towards Remembrance Sunday and the various ceremonies associated with it. Last month I mentioned our annual pilgrimage to Cowleaze Woods – there is a small stone memorial in the woods that commemorates the Canadian crew of a Halifax bomber that came down here on 31 March 1944. The bomber had made it to its bombing target in Germany and had returned to within a few miles of base when it came down in the woods here with the loss of all seven crew members. Whether the pilot misjudged his height over the Chilterns or whether the plane had mechanical trouble has never been established.

Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association help the service community in a great number of ways and it is nice to know that every penny raised at RAF High Wycombe is spent at RAF High Wycombe. Whilst the ladies did us proud with their amazing array of cakes (some of us may have returned for second helpings!) the highlight of the event had to be the first live performance of the RAF High Wycombe Military Wives Choir. The ladies have been together for about a month now and have obviously put the hours of rehearsals in to provide the station with a wonderful performance. The Military Wives Choir Foundation were so impressed by the performance that Choir are now going to be learning the songs from the both the old and new album as they have been invited to take part in the massed MWC events as soon as they are ready. How exciting!

We have also been taking community projects forward over the past few weeks, working closely with community councillors in trying to solve parking issues around the Co-Op. We have also formalised the fantastic relationship we have with Thames Valley Police, signing a Memorandum of Understanding that lays down the way we will work together to help each other in the community.

On a final note, I would like to take this opportunity to give you a final reminder of our Thursday Club Christmas gift fair in the Officers Mess. Hopefully you will be reading this article before the fair on the 8 November and are able to make it to the Mess between 10 am and 2 pm - tickets are, as ever, available from Naphill Post office.

Flt Lt Paul Bevan



SSAFA Brew Morning raises funds

On a lighter note, I have great news to report from our SSAFA Brew morning - we raised over £1100 during a coffee morning thanks to kind donations from various local businesses. SSAFA, the

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Merry Christmas!

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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	guidinginhughenden@hotmail.co.uk.
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 7–8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Wood 564047 07970 265460 Naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
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 10.55–11.30am 11.35–11.55am 12.05pm–12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Mothers and Toddlers	Thursdays (term time) 1–3pm	Naphill Village Hall	Louise Lucas 488255
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Pilates – Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30am and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesday 7.30pm		
	Thursday 5.45pm		
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 Leflaise 563634 glorialefraise@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30–9.15pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	Adrian Curtis 562779 naphillscouts@aol.com
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays & Tuesdays 10am	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemf.org Sue Crooks 562539 smcr2000@aol.com Jenny Tench 565406 jenny@tench.me.uk
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	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	Richard Adams 07782 328148. richard@dams.me.uk
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	Jenny Price 563001

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Editorial

It has been an incredibly busy month in Naphill & Walter's Ash. I really enjoyed the fireworks and, having read Andrew Wilmot's article on page 14, I am able to appreciate just how much work goes into the event.

Bletchley Park has been in the news a lot recently: it was the back-drop for the government's announcement of plans to recruit a new generation of code-breakers and computer scientists. And at Sothebys an original Enigma machine has been sold for a world record breaking price. So, not to be outdone, here in Naphill the unveiling of the memorial to Dilly Knox 'The Eminent Bletchley Park Code Breaker' took place at the end of October. The report on page 13 describes this very memorable event.

Our Christmas front cover features a festive picture of Tracker, a 15½ year old Beagle, taken by his owner David Greenwood. Tracker walks on Naphill Common twice a day and is very well known by all the dog owners who also walk on The Common. Thank you for the picture, David.

Finally a very big thank you to everyone who has supported the Gazette this year. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and joyful New Year.

Clare Goddard 565065
gazetteeditor@hotmail.co.uk

County Councillor's Report

The county highways team is better prepared for Winter weather this year than in previous years with full stocks of rock salt and a wide array of gritting vehicles including 25 spreaders from four depots. The precautionary network of priority roads totals 1385 km and includes all A and B classified roads and all important C and unclassified roads. Coombe Hill Lane, Main Road Naphill and Walter's Ash are included, as is Bradenham Woods Lane. If you have access to a computer this link will give you all information of salting routes and actually show you where the gritters are operating: transportforbucks.net/Winter-maintenance.aspx. Being so well prepared might be a portent of a mild winter!

Information on the county website is very comprehensive and covers most aspects of our lives, from highways through to social services not forgetting education, although the advent of academies is reducing the county's influence in this area. Although I appreciate that some readers do not have ready access to the Internet a high proportion of our population do and they are available at libraries and council offices in Princes Risborough, High Wycombe and Aylesbury.

With the end of the year almost upon us it is a good time to review the past 12 months. Although far from perfect, there has been a good attempt to improve our road conditions and the investment in new equipment is beginning to pay off. Our villages still suffer from vehicles exceeding the speed limit; a high proportion are now being identified by our community speed watch teams but the only real solution is for drivers'

attitudes to change. Parking at the Co-op Store is still not solved and an affordable scheme has yet to be found. A feasibility survey is to be undertaken to see just what can be done in this area and I hope this will lead to a practical solution.

With the probable move of the Post Office, another Main Road difficulty might well be created. It has prompted me to think that we may well have to consider a holistic solution to the problems along Main Road as a whole, from Coombe Hill Lane through to Bradenham Turn, looking at roadside parking, speeding and pedestrian safety. Prestwood Main Road through that village is a case in point with many similarities to Naphill, a speed limit of 30 mph, shops along part of its length and no street lighting. It does have designated road parking bays which act as speed limiting chicanes and slow traffic down to a safe speed. Reader's constructive comments would be welcome.

We now look forward to 2013 and I feel quite sure that our communities will work together as they have done in the past, to keep Naphill & Walter's Ash such a nice place in which to live. A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all readers.

Richard Pushman

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Wednesday 5 December	FONC Short walks: Start at Village Hall 10.30am. Free.
Monday 17 December	FONC Long Walk: Start at Village Hall 10am. Free.
Friday 25 January 2013.	FONC Open Meeting and Exhibition: Village Hall 7pm. Free.

District Councillor Report

Dory was honoured to be invited to the unveiling ceremony for the Dilly Knox memorial. It was fascinating to hear the anecdotes of fellow Bletchley Park code breaker Mavis Batey and to meet members of Dilly's family. It is a pleasure to give financial support to the memorial from the Ward Budget.

We are pleased to support the Widmer End school initiative to provide a Life Line defibrillator as part of their first aid equipment; a simple device designed so that anyone can save a life. We think this is extremely worthwhile and are glad we are able to donate some funds from all three of our Ward Budgets to assist in its purchase.

We are fully supportive of the plans to introduce a Lollipop Crossing on Valley Road, Hughenden Valley and are pleased to dedicate one of next year's Ward Budgets to the project. Well done to the parent group from Hughenden School who have worked so hard to achieve this. We hope that a safe point of crossing will reassure parents and encourage more youngsters to walk to school.

To keep up to date with local issues we continue to liaise with village organisations, residents associations and the Parish Council as well as our community police officer. If, there are any matters that concern you and you would like our assistance please get in touch.

With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Dory Morgan (562129), David Carroll (716967) Audrey Jones (563435)

Hughenden Parish Council Report

As we move towards the end of another year, the Council is preparing for its precept meeting which will have happened by the time this is published. It is unlikely there will be any great change from previous years as so far, the impact of Government funding pressures haven't been directly felt at our level. But we are increasingly being affected indirectly as we have to respond to pressures applied to the two levels above us. Both the District and County Councils have had swinging cuts applied and we are having to face up to the fact that if we want something done we might have to do it ourselves even though it is not our responsibility.

A case in point in the parking situation at the Co-op. We would normally hope that County would deal with this as a safety issue. But it is not on their increasingly short priority list and it is therefore up to us to try to and continue this on from the Residents Association's (particularly Gloria Lefaive's) sterling efforts. And when it comes to planning issues, the cuts to WDC's Planning Department mean that the Council – and local community – have to be more even more vigilant and vocal in resisting unlawful development as mentioned in Roger's article.

It is becoming clear that 2013 will see greater expectations placed on the Parish Council to manage more. Last year, we saw the much trumpeted Localism Bill come into force, but so far, it seems to have had little effect. This year, we have seen the new Planning

Regulations attempt to 'streamline' the planning process. Will all this come to a head as we move into next year and will this require more spend by the Parish Council just to keep things as they are, let alone to progress?

We mentioned in the last Gazette that we were looking at projects that could supported from Council Reserves. Clearly, we need to keep these at a reasonable level as a buffer against any increased expectations as mentioned above, but as an example of this, at the last meeting it was agreed that the Council provide £5k funding towards the purchase of a large piece of land by the Grange Area Trust in Widmer End to enable precious ecology and rural amenity to be preserved for the community. The Council has been considering the pond in Walter's Ash which is suffering from fencing and safety problems. It has been agreed that at this stage, the site just needs to be made safe, but ideas are being considered as to how this local amenity can be improved – perhaps you could put forward suggestions to one of us?

Two final items. The first, to congratulate the Village Hall Committee on yet another spectacular bonfire night and fireworks display and to thank the army of volunteers who enabled that to happen.

And secondly to mention that we now have a new Councillor whose co-option was agreed at our November meeting following the resignation of Heather Dempsey. Jim Foy is the National Trust General Manager at Hughenden Manor and is a very welcome addition, representing Hughenden Valley ward.

Wishing everyone in Naphill and Walter's Ash a very good Christmas and happy New Year.

Roger Beavil, Audra Byerley, Phil Conran, Dennis Hackling

Personal Perspective

A few days ago I briefly chatted to a neighbour who said that it's good that people volunteer for things like the Parish Council. I've today received an email from someone who attended a Full Council meeting earlier this week and who said "I was impressed by the dedication and sense of responsibility the Councillors expressed". I mention each of these because the amount of time and effort put in by any one Councillor is up to individual circumstances. Some have full-time commitments – work, running a business, etc – while others are retired. All, as far as I can tell, do indeed feel a sense of responsibility to the Community. We try to ensure that all decisions are made in the best interests of most parishioners.

Three important items are currently 'bubbling up', that relate to different parts of the Main Road that is at the heart of our Naphill & Walter's Ash Ward, particularly with regard to safety issues. If you have any views on one or more of these items, please forward them to our Clerk, Charlotte Watts, by phone (715296) or by email (hughendenpc@btconnect.com) or by letter (Hughenden Parish Council, The Common, Great Kingshill, Bucks HP15 6EN). Your views are listened to, as indeed are the views of those who come as 'members of the public' to any of our committee meetings.

The first has been mentioned over many years and concerns road safety issues in the heart of Walter's Ash. The Residents' Association have made great efforts to reach an agreement with interested parties, like the Co-op, the MOD, Bucks County Council (BCC), etc, and various possible solutions have been considered, including a lay-by adjacent to the Co-op. However, to progress things further HPC has been asked to become involved, and initially we are aiming to pay for the 'Highways' authority to carry out a technical feasibility study where all realistic options can be considered. It is hoped that the Co-op itself and BCC will wish to contribute towards the cost of this study, without which we will not be able to gain agreement for action. Even afterwards, if options appear to be impractical or too expensive I, for one, will try to ensure that we have some 'public consultation', to once again get your views, but this time armed with a detailed report.

The second relates to the proposal by the Post Office to close down postal services at our existing Post Office and to transfer those services to the Costcutter shop. Apart from added inconvenience by moving postal services to one end of the Ward, there are some serious road safety issues with their proposal. By the time you are reading this the period of 'consultation' by the Post Office will have ended, and we might have some idea of what will be happening. I was recently asked what influence HPC might have over a large organisation such as the Post Office. This is part of how I responded: What we don't know is whether they have already made up their mind and are going through the motions or whether they are genuinely seeking the views of the locality. If it is the latter then our view, representing the view of the whole community, is likely to be fairly considered. Even then, however, they are likely to balance opposing views on the matter. This is why in my regular 'Personal Perspective' column in the NWA Gazette I'm keen to encourage individuals to also complain or suggest ideas or give praise to some organisation, in addition to trying to get the Parish Council to express views on behalf of the whole community.

The third issue involves the opposite end of our Ward: the old Shana equestrian site, which actually falls within Bradenham Parish, where there is likely to be a considerable road safety impact not only within Walter's Ash but across the whole locality, as additional large supplier vehicles, Country Supplies' own vehicles, and those of customers add to the existing traffic problems in the area. It is worth noting that there has been vociferous opposition for many years to the problems arising at their existing site, in Hughenden Valley, but involving a road that is much quieter than that of our Main Road/New Road. The legal experts will be pouring over documentation, and it seems open to interpretation whether the site should only be used for 'equestrian' purposes. In the last few weeks, much earth moving and stocking of products they sell appear to have been happening on the site, but with no application for change of business use, which is extremely frustrating for locals, and will have safety issues for everyone.

The next issue of the Gazette is February 2013, so can

I finish by wishing you a very peaceful Christmas.

Roger Beavil

Bradenham Parish Council

Bradenham Parish Council met in November. We had had some good news in that the entrance gates we would like to install on Bradenham Woods Lane near the church are eligible for some funding from the Local Area Forum. The Parish Council will need to raise the additional funds through raising the precept, but it was decided that it would be worthwhile and parishioners and other locals would be able to see the benefit. There is some debate about the type of gates, the Parish Council and the National Trust would prefer a Sarsen Stone, but Bucks. County Council have said this would not be possible. We are looking at various options now.

It was agreed at the meeting that councillors would be able to claim for travelling expenses going to meetings outside the parish and they would also be able to claim for printing and stationery expenses if they so wished. Now—a-days the majority of correspondence is via email and councillors often need to print papers.

The public enquiry of the Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash has been postponed to a future date, due to planning issues.

The budget for 2013/14 was reviewed, but a final decision will be made in January.

The next meeting is on Monday 14 January 14 2013.

The Parish Council wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas.

Deirdre Hansen
Clerk to the Council

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning: 27/07355/FUL. 270 Main Road, Naphill. HA construction of single storey rear annex. 12/07365/FUL. Jonathan Cottage, Chapel Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of 2 storey front and side extension.

12/07506/FUL 238 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of conservatory to rear. 12/07251/TPO. Mellow Mere, 1 Parkside, Walter's Ash. Fell ash tree (1) and reduce crown to ash (2) and hawthorn (3) to prevent obstruction to telephone wires. 12/05936/FUL Refused. Fernlands, Chapel Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of single and 2-storey front/side/rear extension and associated external internal alterations.

Public Inquiry. Appeals by Patrick Murphy and G O'Connor. Sites – The Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash and The Nursery, Heath End Road, Flackwell Heath. The Inquiry postponed to 27 November 2012 has now been cancelled to enable the Council to consider and determine the revised planning application on the Flackwell Heath site. The Inquiry is finally likely to take place in January 2013.

Consultation on Relocation of Naphill Post Office to Costcutters, 19 Main Road, Naphill. It is much regretted that in December the Downley Road Post Office will close. Situated as it is near the Village Hall, off Main Road, it is convenient and safe for parking, and it is the parking issue that concerns most people in

relation to its relocation to Costcutters. It is most important to retain a Post Office in the Village but Post Office Ltd and Highways will need to address the parking issue to find a safe solution.

A Happy Christmas to all.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 5 December at Poland House, Walter's Ash.

Gloria Leflaine

Neighbourhood Police News

Hello from the Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Police Team (PRNPT). If you need to contact your neighbourhood police team then please dial 101, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Princes Risborough Police Office or leave the team a message. Alternatively please send an email to the following address:

princesrisboroughnpt2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

Area Merger: As from the 1 October 2012 the Greater Hughenden Parish (GHP) amalgamated with the PRNPT. The officer responsible for GHP, PC Lee TURNHAM, has also moved across to the PRNPT and will continue to cover the area from Risborough, with the support of the PRNPT.

Driving Licences: The PRNPT have dealt with several minor road traffic collisions in the past month which have involved elderly people. As part of the RTC process the police check relevant documentation to ensure that the vehicle is insured, etc. Alarmingly the police discovered that some elderly drivers are driving on expired driving licences. Your licence will expire on your 70th birthday. If you wish to continue to drive after your 70th birthday there are various actions that you will need to take to renew your licence. This will include completing a DVLA form numbered D46P. You may also have to see your doctor for an assessment about your fitness to drive. Please do not fall foul of this issue as an expired licence could affect the validity of your insurance and could result in your vehicle being seized by the police.

Please refer to the attached email links/websites for more information:

dft.gov.uk/dvla/forms.aspx

yourdrivinglicence.co.uk/what-happens-if-driving-licence-has-expired.html

SGT 4738 Andrew Deane

Princes Risborough Area Neighbourhood Police

Correction:

In the November 2012 Gazette the Neighbourhood Police News referred to complaints about noise from public houses. To clarify, this report was not specifically referring to pubs in the Naphill area. The report covers a wide area of the Parish.

Editor's note:

PRNPT have also provided leaflets: 'Eight Ways to Avoid Catalytic Converter Theft' and 'Neighbourhood Watch – Personal Alarms For Sale'. If you would like a copy of either leaflet, please email me or call me on 565065.

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

You can read all about the unveiling of the memorial to Dilly Knox, last month, elsewhere in this Gazette. Those of you who were there will agree that it was a wonderful village occasion and a great success. Thanks to those of you who did join us to make it so special.

We are making plans to give the hall a bit of a clean up and revamp. Not before time I can hear some of you say. We hope to get it redecorated soon and to replace the curtains and rails which are all looking very tired. The problem is always fitting in this maintenance with the hall bookings and not disrupting too many events. It is good that the hall is so well used, but it does mean it is hard to get in to do these jobs, especially those that take place over several days. Do please bear with us if your activities are affected.

The car park is due to be marked out again as the lines outlining the spaces are now faded and especially hard to see in the dark. With a bit of luck this work will have been done by the time you read this.

It was reported that the dog waste bin on The Crick has been overflowing. It is not clear if this is because it has not been emptied as regularly or because more people are using the Crick to exercise their dogs as the woods are so muddy at present. It has been reported to the authorities and should be sorted. Hughenden Parish Council are responsible for the contract to empty the bin so if it does become a problem then they are the people to contact.

I was not present this year for the remembrance service and the laying of the wreaths but it was made easier for those with wreaths by the removal of the step leading up to the stone. Richard Webb kindly removed the step for us making access so much easier. That step made life very difficult if one was wearing a straight skirt! Thank you Richard.

The firework display was another great success both as an evening's entertainment and financially. The bonfire and the display were excellent as was the turnout. The only sad fact was that a couple of cakes of fireworks worth several hundred pounds had been stolen from the Hall as the men were setting up. It didn't spoil the display but left a nasty taste in the mouth that such things happen to us.

The Christmas Fayre arrangements are well in hand and it should be another great start to the festive season. Do make a note of the date – 1 December – and come along and join in the fun.

The Toddler Group reported that their numbers are now becoming economically unviable. This is a great place for mums and youngsters to get together and become part of the village community. If you or anyone you know has preschool children then do give it a go. It meets every Thursday in term time from 1–3pm in the main hall and mums and their children can socialise and make friends.

By the time you read this the tree should have its Christmas lights on and we should be on the countdown to the festive season. May it be a time of joy and peace for us all.

Sarah Bacon

Chairman Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

Services at St Botolph's

2 December:	Eucharist at 11am
9 December:	Eucharist at 11am
16 December:	Carol Service at 5pm
23 December:	Eucharist at 11am
24 December:	Midnight Mass at 11.30pm
30 December:	Benefice Service at St. Paul's, West Wycombe, 11am

It would be particularly pleasing to see local residents at our Christmas Services. All are welcome at any time.

Peggy Ewart

Christians in the Community

It's that time of year again! Soon our members will be coming around with a box of mince pies or something similar to those people who will be alone at Christmas or who are unwell. If there are people who you think would like a visit please 'phone me.

Our 'Carols by Candlelight' in the Naphill Village Hall will be on Sunday 16 December at 4pm. With mulled wine and mince pies afterwards it should be an enjoyable event. Everyone welcome!

On the following Tuesday 18 December we shall be carol singing at the Wheel and simultaneously (but with a different team!) at the White Lion, Cryers Hill at approximately 7.45 til 8.30pm. Then at approximately 9pm. we shall be at the Harrow.

Our first Committee meeting of 2013 will be on Wednesday 23 January 7.30pm. Everyone welcome!

Norma Clarke 563116

St. Michael & All Angels, Hughenden

2 December:	10.45am Advent theme Family Service
16 December:	10.45am The REAL Christmas Featuring The JC Club
20 December:	10.30am Tiny Tots Informal Service
23 December:	8am Holy Communion (said) 9am Mattins 10.45am Family service 6pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
24 December	9am Holy Communion (30 mins) 3pm Crib Service - for all the family, 11.15pm Midnight Communion
25 December:	8am Holy Communion (said) 9am Choral Matins & Holy Communion 10.45am Family Christmas Communion 5pm Carols by Candlelight (1 hour max)

You've eaten the turkey, you've opened the presents, why not come and relax with a mixture of carols and seasonal readings followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Norma Clarke 563116

Naphill Neighbours

Our speaker at our meeting on Monday, 12 November was Mr Ted Sutton, who gave a talk on "The Mary Rose and Her Treasures". The Mary Rose, built in about

1510 and named after Henry VIII's favourite sister, sank in July 1545 just outside Portsmouth harbour as she sought, along with the rest of the English fleet, to defend the realm against advancing French galleys. As she put about to fire her broadside guns, she was blown over by a gust of wind and with her lower gunports open she very quickly took on water and went down. This disastrous event was witnessed by Henry VIII himself. What remained of her was raised in 1982 and continues to undergo conservation, as do the treasures found on board. At the end of 2012/early 2013 the new Mary Rose Museum at Portsmouth Historic Dockland opens to the public. If you've never seen the Mary Rose, be encouraged to plan a visit. It will be a fascinating day out. We thank Mr Sutton, who is a member of the Mary Rose Trust Information Group and Mary Rose Society, for a very interesting and informative talk.

On Saturday, 1 December we will be organising our Bottle and Can Tombola at the Naphill Christmas Fayre. We hope you will come along and support this fund raising event, which enables the Village Hall Council to continue the upkeep of our central meeting place, and Playing Fields, for all members of the community.

Our Christmas Dinner takes place on Monday, 17 December. Please arrange to arrive not before 6.30pm but definitely by 6.45pm so that you can sort yourselves out and be seated by 7.00pm to commence our meal. Afterwards we will be entertained by Bob and Jean's Variety Show. No tea hostesses tonight; we can enjoy an evening off. This will be our last meeting of the year so get dressed in all your finery and come along in good spirits to share a Christmas meal together and sing Carols, accompanied on the piano by our talented President, Sheila Rolfe. We look forward to seeing you all.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Monday, 14 January when our Speaker, Brian Stepney, will give a talk on "Life on a Market Stall, particularly Antique Silver". Tea hostesses for the evening will be Shirley Clark, Jean Perfect and Margaret Cole.

In February our meeting will take place on Monday, 11 February when Barbara Askew will give a talk on "Elizabeth and Philip – A Royal Marriage". Tea hostesses for the evening will be Valerie Pushman, Jenny Price and Trish Bowen.

All that remains is to say that Sheila and her Committee wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year. Take care now.

Yvonne Cook 563960

Naphill Horticultural Society

naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Our recent Cheese and Wine evening was another great night. The evening started with a very informative, interactive, and hugely entertaining, talk by John Negus who told us more about plants to give us colour in the garden through all 12 months of the year. After we had eaten, John entertained us further with a gardening quiz, giving prizes to just about everyone in the room, and then a question and answer session. We will

certainly be inviting him back at some time. Once again, the cheese and pate buffet was demolished in record time!! 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 8 March 2013. 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

Horticultural Christmas Reading

I have written a couple of new articles which can be found on the Naphill Horticultural Society website (www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk). The first, titled "The Great Carrot Trial", covers a trial for the Good Gardeners' Association to examine whether growing carrots in the same soil year after year caused any problems with disease – rather than rotating crops as is the normal practice. I have so far run the trial for 9 growing seasons, starting when 4 years of no-dig gardening and the actions of soil mycorrhizal fungi resulted in enormous carrots – up to 2 pounds 13 ounces. The record during the trial was a carrot weighing 3 pounds 12.4 ounces (washed, with top removed).

The second article is a book review of "The One–Straw Revolution" by Masanobu Fukuoka (price £4.50 on Amazon). This would be an ideal stocking–filler for Christmas if you have a family member or friend who is really into eating organic produce and sustainable agriculture. The book tells how this experienced microbiologist gave up everything at the age of 25 to live like a hermit for the rest of his life in a remote area of southern Japan to experiment with his ideas on alternative ways of growing rice. His methods were completely organic and his crops commanded high prices because of their better quality. The book reads like an adventure story and one can but admire that stalwart of sustainable agriculture. It is a book to be read, then read again, then read again. I particularly liked one of his statements: "Commercial vegetables are a watery combination of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash, with a little help from the seeds. And that is just how they taste."

Mike Mason

Friends of Naphill Common

naphillcommon.org.uk

Yet again the rain managed to dampen our event – the Fungus Foray. None-the-less, thirteen hardy souls turned out to scour the Clumps and the northern end of the Common for fungi. Led by experts from the Bucks Fungus Group we managed to find sixty-three species. There were no great rarities but one species, *Galerina sideroides*, was a first record for Buckinghamshire and two more, *G. calyptata* and *Anthracobia melaloma*, have only been recorded a few times. *A. melaloma* is a

Naphill Christmas Fayre

Saturday 1st December

In the Village Hall

Doors open 1.00 p.m

Santa to arrive at 1.15 pm!

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

Raffle Refreshments

Mulled Wine

Craft Stalls Games

Tombola etc. etc. etc.

tiny orange disc with minute hairs around the rim and is found on old bonfire sites, so the holly burning done by the National Trust earned us a bonus.

We hope you can come to our Open Meeting in Naphill Village Hall on Friday 25 January 2013. Our speaker is Rachel Sanderson who is in charge of the Chilterns Commons Project, funded by the National Lottery. No one knows more about the Chiltern commons than Rachel and she is an excellent, lively speaker. Come and hear an entertaining talk, ask questions and make any suggestions you have for improving our commons. Doors open at 7.15pm. Tea and coffee will be available. Entrance is free.

At the Open Meeting we will hold a small art exhibition. You are invited to exhibit up to two paintings or other art objects, produced by yourself, and you can mark them for sale if you wish. They can be on any topic and need not be associated with the Common – although it would be nice to see some that are. Paintings must be ready for hanging (i.e. fitted with a wire or rings etc.). If the paintings and other objects are valuable you must have your own insurance if you think it necessary. The

exhibition will be down one side of the hall on tables and some display boards. There will not be a lot of room so the works should be of a moderate size. Please bring them to the hall between 6 and 6.45pm on Friday 25 January. If you can help with the hanging, that will be welcome. There will not be a photo competition this year.

The Open Meeting also serves as our AGM so if you would like to join the committee or if you have any questions, or suggestions for the future, please come along. The new committee will draw up a programme of events and activities for the coming year. Meanwhile, our short walks led by Chris Miller will continue on the first Wednesday of each month, including 5 December, starting from the Village Hall car park at 10.30am. The walks will be about three miles long. Ron Collins' longer walks will be on the third Monday of each month, including 17 December, starting from the Village Hall car park at 10am. All are free so please join in.

Our work parties meet at the Common end of Chapel lane at 10am on the first and third Sunday's of the month. At present we are insured only for the use of hand tools. It is a constant struggle to try to make the paths wider so that people can avoid the almost perpetual mud. Join us if you feel like some healthy and useful exercise.

*Trevor Hussey Chairman
Long walks: Ron Collins 562240
Short Walks: Chris Miller 563707*

Naphill Evening WI

Ousted by the police! Yes, it's true. By the time you read this we will have had our November meeting on Wednesday, 14 November instead of the 15th as the Village Hall is being used as a polling station for the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner. I for one hope to be better informed by the 15th.

However, I know all of us who have remembered to go to WI on the Wednesday will have enjoyed Sandra Webb's "Caribbean Cookery" demonstration.

Also, those who attended the Group Meeting at Marlow Common on 25 October tell me that I missed a really good evening.

We are all looking forward to Christmassy events now, with the Food Appreciation Group going to Taplow House Hotel on 4 December for a festive lunch. If it is as good as last year, we will all have an excellent time. Some of us will also be at the Naphill Christmas Fayre on 1 December. (Don't forget items for the tombola.)

Our Christmas Party will be on 13 December and we are all going to attend in our home made party hats. At least, that is what the committee would like, so let us all make an effort.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Carol Gilliam

Naphill Tennis Club

The Club is looking for a WEB-SITE ENTHUSIAST to help us construct and maintain our web-site which is rather out-of-date. If anyone is able to assist, we would be most grateful. Please contact our chairman, David

Fletcher, on 01494 532195 or david@tvemf.org if you can help us.

Jenny Tench

The Wheel

thewheelnaphill.com

First we would like to say, well done to the fireworks committee and all the helpers. What a night! Definitely the busiest one we've had in seven years. The weather was perfect and the attendance was fantastic. We must apologise though as our fireworks bucket collection was a little low this year. We didn't have a chance to go round the garden with it. However, thank you to those of you who watched from our garden and contributed.

So Christmas is just about upon us, bookings are coming in thick and fast, and it's good to know that most of you have planned in advance this year, rather than leaving it until the last minute. We do still have a few dates left for Christmas bookings though, so give us a call if you're stuck.

Talking of Christmas below are the opening times over the Christmas and New Year period:

(All dates in between those listed will be normal trading hours)

Monday 24 Dec 12 noon – 12 midnight
Tuesday 25 Dec 12 noon – 2.30pm (kitchen closed)
Wednesday 26 Dec 6pm – 10.30pm (kitchen closed)
Monday 31 Dec 12 noon – 1.30am
Tuesday 1 Jan 6pm – 11pm (kitchen closed)

New Years Eve will be fancy dress this year. £2 entry if you're in fancy dress, a fine or forfeit if you're not. All proceeds will be going to The Chiltern Air Ambulance. The theme is Beach Party, however we don't expect everyone to turn up in bikinis and board shorts, although we know of some that will. There are plenty of

Twas the Night Before Christmas (at The Wheel)

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the pub,

Not a creature was stirring, not even the dogs.

The stockings were hung by the fires with care,
In hope that St Nicholas would move from out there.

The staff were nestled all snug in their beds,
While pints of ale and cider danced around their heads.

And chef in his kitchen and I in my bar,
The thought of New Year was no longer afar.

"Mulled wine or cider and mince pies to tease,
Served by smiling staff ready to please.

A pint of real ale and some port for all,
Now down in one! Done in one! Down in one all!"
Amber and Daisy by the fire all day,
Roasted Nuts at the bar to toast away.
For us last orders are in sight,
So happy Christmas to all, and to all a merry night.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

beach themed options if you think outside of the box a little, so come along and have some fun. It's all for a good cause!

Back to normal in January, so the Game Food Evenings will be back and the dates are as follows: 10 and 24 January and 7 February 2013

Also on 16 January we will be holding another World Challenge Quiz Night. This is organised by Ryan one of our neighbours who is raising funds for his World Challenge next year.

Last but not least we would like to thank all of our customers, old and new, for your continued support over the year. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Claire, Mark & all the staff

Black Lion Naphill

We ran our third Charity Race Night on Saturday 17 November. The evening was a great success raising funds for Naphill Football Club, Lacey Green Football club and Lacey Green Cricket Club. Thank you all for supporting these local clubs.

Christmas is almost upon us and we are still taking bookings for Christmas. Our menus are on line or available in the pub. We can accommodate parties up to 50 people and the pub will be ready for Christmas, fully decorated, from 1 December.

New Years eve will be a great pub night with music, Champagne, buffet and fireworks. Again tickets are available from 1 December in the pub.

That's all for now except to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, We would like to thank you all for your continued custom and support throughout 2012 and we look forward to see you all during 2013

Mike, Jack, Tim, Martin, Bob
and of course all of our staff.

Bon Ami

Thank you to our customers who donated filled shoe boxes for the Romanian Shoe box Appeal. We are very grateful to you, as will the families be who receive them.

With Christmas approaching we will be serving delicious homemade mince pies and Christmas cake to be accompanied by a special recipe 'Winter Magic' coffee! Please do come and try. As last year we will be closing for two weeks over the festive period. Our last day will be Friday 22 December 2012 and we will reopen on Monday 7 January 2013.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout 2012. We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Ruth & Amanda.

Naphill & Walters Ash School

Naphill & Walters Ash School Year 5 have sent in some of the work that they have done this term:

Task: To write an exciting blurb for the class novel, 'Friend or Foe'.

"They did save your life Davy!"

Evacuee boys, David and Tucky, are going to the countryside, but Belstone holds many surprises...

The time is brutal because it is the time of WW11. Mr and Mrs Reynolds, the two boys' host family, don't know what mischief David and Tucky are up to.

A German bomber crashes in the night. When the lads find the two Germans, will they help them? Will Mr and Mrs Reynolds find out? Maybe the boys will be found guilty of treason...

Finn Mills

Task: A World War Two newspaper report about a German bomber plane pilot who has crashed on the Devon Moors.

A Bottle A Day Keeps The Germans Away

Early yesterday morning, milkman Harry Reddaway was ferociously attacked by an aggressive Luftwaffe pilot during his daily rounds in Belstone whilst delivering milk to Mrs Pinner's house.

A cunning Luftwaffe pilot menacingly snuck up on Harry whilst he was delivering a bottle of milk. Mrs Pinner, who saw the whole thing from behind her window, said that he scowled at Harry ferociously with his haunted evil eyes as he lunged at him.

Mr Reddaway said that he realised who he was as soon as he saw him because of his German uniform but mostly because of his haunted eyes.

After a great struggle in which Harry's bottles were smashed. The armed German finally surrendered to Mr Reddaway.

Mrs Pinner said that she thought the Luftwaffe pilot is dangerous and not to be trusted. The Army took the German away to be questioned.

At least there is one less of the enemy for us to worry about thanks to brave Harry Reddaway.

Rosie Merchant

Task:

Professor Big-Hair and Professor Bee-Hive have a problem. They can't do any work, because their alarm clock is constantly ringing and the off switch is broken. Professor Beehive thinks they should do an experiment with different materials, to see which one will muffle the sound best. Carry out and experiment to test which material is best at muffling sound? Write a letter to Professor Big Hair, explaining how you carried out your investigation and what your findings were.

To Professor Big Hair,

We understand that you have a problem with your alarm clock; therefore, we have worked out a solution to your problem. Firstly, let me tell you how we did it.

We had to make sure that we did a fair test. Do you know what a fair test is? If not, a fair test is when you keep everything the same apart from one thing. We changed the material to cover the clock in. We kept the box, clock, distance of decibel metre away from the box, and the unit of measurement the same.

In the experiment, we wrapped three layers of tin foil

around the clock, making sure that there were no holes! We made sure that the decibel metre was 11 cm away from the box every time. Next, we put the wrapped up clock into the non-holey box. We measured the decibels afterwards when the alarm sounded. Every time we used a material, we made sure it was a fair test. The materials we used were: newspaper, bubble wrap, fabric, cotton wool and tin foil.

The worst material was the newspaper because the reading was 68 decibels. The best material was the cotton wool as the reading was 61 decibels.

If you manage to find some cotton wool, the material that won second place was the fabric. Of course, if you cover your clock with even more layers of cotton wool, it will muffle the sound even more!!

I hope that this helps.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Deasley

Naphill Brownies

The term is just flying by and the dark evenings are well and truly upon us. After only a few sessions outdoors we have now moved back indoors for our Brownie sessions and are enjoying lots of crafts and games

Back in September we took part in 'The Bucks Guiding Games' at Stoke Mandeville – a fun day focusing on the Paralympics. Sadly it was such a cold, wet day, all outdoor activities had to be called off after lunch. Nonetheless, in true Naphill Brownie style the girls made the most of all they did (Boccia and Goalball) and then cheerfully set about singing instead. Well done Brownies!

This term we are doing our Culture badge, looking at life in Naphill/ Wycombe/ Britain. This includes everything from family to festivals. As part of this, we recently visited St Michael's Church at Hughenden. We are very grateful to Jane and Norma who showed us around the church and organised activities for us, presenting the church as a friendly and welcoming place.

Other activities have included making a 'typical English afternoon tea' (cucumber sandwiches, scones and cream and iced cakes) – possibly not quite as delicately done as at Downton Abbey, but tasty nonetheless.

We have done Halloween games and challenges, fed the birds, tried old-fashioned playground games and attended the Village Remembrance Service.

The recent Jumble Sale was well-supported by villagers and helpers. Thank you. We made well over £600 towards Guiding funds, which allows us to keep our subs low and make Guiding available to all. One of our Sale organisers, Linda, who works for Barclays may also have managed to get us some extra funding from Barclays, so fingers crossed.

The next few weeks will include a visit to Wycombe Museum, enrolments and preparation for the annual Christmas carol service. No time to get bored!

Ruth Daly (Brown Owl) 5655571
Ruth.daly3@btinternet.com

Naphill & Hughenden Scout Troop

Four scouts who are members of Naphill and Hughenden Scout Troop were recently awarded their Chief Scout's Gold award. This badge is the highest award available in Scouts. To gain this award, the four scouts Joe Daly, Robert Akhurst, Archie Powell and Jonathan Tann had to complete eight Challenge awards which they worked on over a number of years that they have been in scouts. These cover a whole variety of areas including Community and Creativity, as well as the traditional scouting activities like Outdoor and Adventure. Also on the night, nine new scouts were invested and over fifty other badges were awarded for activities over the last half term including Camp Cook and Pioneering. The awards were presented by District Commissioner Woody Woodruff.

Mark Powell



Four scouts from Naphill and Hughenden Scout Troop are awarded their Chief Scout's Gold award.

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.

- 1 December: Christmas Fair at Naphill Village Hall – we will be running Santa's Grotto, come and see Santa and give him your Christmas wish list.
- 20 December Come and join us for the infamous Christmas party: to include a visit from Mr. Marvel (kid's entertainer), a Christmas tea and every child will receive a present when Father Christmas visits the playgroup. There will be a £7.50 charge for this party.

The situation with regard to the Toddlers Group remains critical – unless we have more Mums and kiddies coming to see us from now until the end of the year it will not be viable for us to return in 2013. PLEASE come and support this friendly group that has been part of Naphill village life for so many years. Looking forward to seeing you all in the very near future.

Louise Lucas 488255

Sapling Childcare

We had a very successful holiday club during half term. The children carved a pumpkin each which they took home complete with its own colour changing light glowing inside. We went to the woods to search for the Geo Cach, climbed on the fallen trees and got muddy.

We have a display table at the window where the pumpkins stood before they went home. We have had a bonfire display which has now been replaced with our Diwali lights display.

We will soon be writing letters to Father Christmas to let him know how good we have all been and give him a few ideas for the presents we would like.

As the weather gets colder and the sun sets earlier we will be spending more time inside or running round outside with torches!

If you have a childcare or play worker qualification and would like to join the Sapling team then please contact me for details of job opportunities with us.

Sue Wood 07970265460
saplingchildcare@yahoo.com

Shear Madness Barbers and Dawn's Salon

Firstly we would like to welcome Blaine and her new coffee/sandwich bar to the village. A big thank you to all local businesses for participating in Children in Need this year. We all dressed in fancy dress had a laugh and raised lots of money.

Christmas is now very nearly upon us so please book your hair appointments now (ladies only).

We will be once again be selling snow shovels and sledges this year. Please come and collect as they do run out fast!!

Most of all we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and thank you all for your continued support.



Having a laugh for Children in Need

Lynn, Mandy & Dawn

Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

By the time you read this, the Christmas Tree outside the Village Hall should be lit up and brightening 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, collection 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

Dilly Knox Memorial Unveiling



You will probably have seen and admired the plaque to Dilly Knox under the 'Christmas Tree'. If you have been in the Hall you will have seen the plaque on the wall that gives more details of Dilly's life and achievements, and if you came to the unveiling you will have learnt a lot more about this eminent former resident of our village.



Mavis Batey

Luckily 20 October dawned fine and not too cold for this very special occasion. The Hall was filled with about 80–90, people including a dozen members of the Knox family, Dilly's grandchildren and great grandchildren, and Mavis Batey who worked alongside Dilly in 'the cottage' at Bletchley Park.

Mavis was recruited and trained up by Dilly and became an eminent code breaker in her own right. She is a remarkable lady. Now in her early nineties, she has been described as having one of the best female brains of the twentieth century, and she is still very sharp. She spoke to us without notes about her time working alongside Dilly during the war. She said, humbly, that it was a team effort, their jobs at Bletchley Park would not have been needed without the efforts of the armed forces, and the special operations executives, who kept cutting the phone lines so the Germans couldn't use land lines and had to keep sending coded messages.

It was an honour to hear her and to get such a personal account of the work of Bletchley Park in those dark days of World War Two.

We also had representatives of the R.A.F., Air Vice Marshall Julian Young, and Group Captain Mark Heffron, Station Commander of R.A.F. High Wycombe.

The memorial had been funded by donations from the R.A.F., from the community activity funds of County Councillor Richard Pushman and District Councillor Dory Morgan and by a donation from Hughenden Parish Council. These councillors were also able to join us.

Dilly's grandson, Professor Dilly Knox, spoke about his grandfather and then invited the next generation, four adopted great grandsons – yes the family had adopted quads, all boys, who are now teenagers – to unveil the plaque and hang it on the wall. Then, as a surprise, Dilly's daughter-in-law presented his CMG to Professor Knox. Dilly was honoured with the CMG (Companion of the order of Saint Michael and Saint George, one of the highest honours to be presented to a civilian). It was presented to him on his death-bed, in recognition of his extraordinary service to the nation, by an emissary from the Palace at his home in Cournswood, Clappins Lane. It was a very special moment to see this supreme honour passed on to his grandson, his direct descendant and namesake.



We all adjourned outside to the tree, where Mavis had the honour, of unveiling the plaque.

Then it was time to go back inside for refreshments and a chance to mingle and look at the archives that Pam Smith had laid out for us.



Pam Smith shows Professor Dilly Knox her archives

It was a great village occasion and we would like to thank all those of you who came along and showed such an interest. We also need to thank everyone who helped putting out chairs and tidying them away and especially to the ladies who served the refreshments. The day will stay in our memories for a long time.

Sarah Bacon, Mike Mason and Pam Smith

The Fireworks

Prior to the day

We marked out the bonfire area with metal posts and barrier tape so that when people dumped their wood there they would know where to put it. It was marked out very clearly so as not to encroach on the football pitches and not to be too big in terms of ground area. This was done two weeks prior to the night of 20 October. Unfortunately people went mad and ignored our posts and dumped wood anywhere they could. By 27 October the pile was half way towards the car park and growing towards to tennis courts. It was probably more the fault of commercial concerns rather than individual villagers.

That presented us with a big problem, so we closed the site putting large notices to that effect around the site. That still left the team with an enormous task to move the wood. I stopped many people from dumping wood at the edges and most of the people understood except for one notable exception who refused to put her wood closer to the middle of the bonfire site! She had no comprehension of the work involved by my team moving other people's wood. It was fortunate that Mark Blamey was able to help out with his machinery for many hours on that Saturday and the following Saturday (bonfire day) piling the wood up high. Whilst working he has to make sure that the machinery does not damage the football pitches so it is not easy. Thanks Mark for your many hours of help. And I am sure that the football teams also appreciated your diligence.

On the day

There was a tiny spot of rain at about 10am but then the weather got better and better. A great evening with good visibility and little wind. As we know the bonfire was big but it took some time to really get going due to the type of material dumped on the site. The RAF Station Commander Mark Heffron lit the fire again as he did last year and then once alight he asked to be taken over to the firework firing area to witness the firers in action. I took him over there and left him in their safe custody telling him that he had to obey their commands! He saw the funny side and was duly obedient.

More fireworks then ever were under electronic control which meant that there were no gaps in the display and many fireworks could be lit simultaneously. This all adds to the effect and to the safety of the firing team as well, which is extremely important. The display was about 30 minutes long and was probably one of the best ever.

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, those on the mulled wine,

soup, neck ropes, the marshals, stewards, first aiders, the electrician, bonfire builders, and the RAF, without whom this event would not happen. Everyone is a volunteer. I would also like to thank to the Wheel, the Black Lion and Malt the Brewery for their sponsorship of the beer that was sold at the bar.

Special thanks to Darren Lomas and his team for a wonderful BBQ. He took over from the Sports Club who had done it for 19 years, were very good and a difficult act to follow. He got together a totally new team, who had practiced at the fete and they excelled, as well as really enjoying themselves. Huge numbers of burgers and sausages are sold in a very short time period. And we will see Darren and his team next year.

My thanks also go to the Post Office, Cost Cutters, Co-op, Wynard Wight & Ellis, Bon Ami, 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 until the day when they were all running out probably due to the good weather forecast.

20th Anniversary

Some of you will know that this was the 20th annual fireworks display and bonfire this year, which started out with a budget of £1,000 and we made £1,000 profit for the Village Hall in year one. Now we spend £5,000 on fireworks and make in the region of £6,500 to £7,000 profit. It all started with myself and a few Men's Club members getting together one winter's evening. We had help from a professional fireworks man (he did the Edinburgh Festival and a Rolling Stones concert among others) who I knew at the time. He put me in touch with the Paine's Fireworks Company and it has grown from there. I would like to pay thanks to those who have been there right from the start:

- John Harris – firer
- Mike Pool – firer
- Clive Lawrence – bonfire and bar
- Steve Curtis – electrics
- Bob Hathaway and his team – BBQ up to last year
- Plus their wives and girlfriends – soup, coffee, mulled wine, etc.

We want to make sure the event carries on for many more years so I welcome any youngsters (under 45 years old) who would like to help us and eventually take over.

Finally, 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
Naphill Fireworks Committee – 1992 to 2012

Remembrance Sunday

Our Naphill and Walter's Ash annual Remembrance Service took place once again in the Naphill Village Hall and it was wonderful to see such a packed hall with so many young people joining in. The service was conducted by the Rev'd (Wg Cdr) Ashley Mitchell, RAF Chaplain who had only recently returned from duty himself amongst serving personnel.

We then moved outside, through a Guard of Honour provided by the Scouts and Guides, to the memorial

stone where wreaths were laid on behalf of The Royal British Legion, RAF Air Command, Bucks County Council, Hughenden Parish Council, Scout and Guide Associations, and other village organisations.

A retiring collection for the RBL made £289.50 and together with the money for the wreaths of £394.50, a grand total of £657 has been passed on to the High Wycombe branch of the Royal British Legion.

Thank you to all who contributed in making this annual service a pride of place within our village year.

Richard and Valerie Pushman.

Treasures From History

I have agreed to supply the Gazette with a few photos from my local exhibition treasures over the next few months. Look out next month for a picture of the VE Party for village children, held in the village hall in May 1945. Some of the children may still be living in the village!

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all my friends in Naphill & Walter's Ash a very Happy Christmas and the very best for the New Year.

Pam Smith

Pony Espresso

After much preparation, Pony Espresso has opened its doors at 245a Main Road, Walter's Ash, between Manor Garage and Shear Madness.

We serve freshly prepared baguettes with a good selection of tasty fillings, a variety of pastries and delicious cakes. We are adding soup to our menu in time for the cold winter days, and of course, our superb coffee is always freshly ground. Come in and try!

Pony Espresso has been the long time dream of Blaine Wilsworth who has much experience in the food industry, to provide freshly prepared healthy food and high quality coffee for people on the go, as well as creating a peaceful and calm atmosphere for customers wanting to relax and watch the world pass by, or whilst reading the daily complimentary newspapers. We offer free Internet access, so customers needing to work through lunch hour or wanting to browse will find this service most helpful.

For people heading to work, we open at 7.30am in the week, and close at 4.30pm and on Saturdays we are open from 8.30am until 4pm

I have been welcomed most kindly by the customers and passers-by and I look forward to meeting many more local faces as time goes by. See you soon!

Blaine Wilsworth

New Year, New You. Tackle Your Stress

I have been working in the field of advanced massage for eight years and I never get tired of discovering more about the human body and all of its complexities. In fact the more I learn, the more I want to know. When someone leaves the treatment room looking ten years younger or tells me that they are able to tackle the demands of their job without the drain of constant pain,

I can think of no better reward!

In the run-up to Christmas I've been focusing my thoughts on stress and the way that it affects people who experience it in a chronic way. Our highly effective 'fight or flight' response – that burst of energy and tension that is designed to get us out of immediate danger – can become a permanently embedded way of life for some people. Hormones released to enable us to respond to stress can remain at elevated levels which can then weaken the structural framework of the body. This is why a person who experiences long term stress may also experience recurrent injury and ongoing pain, poor healing and disrupted sleep patterns.

Alongside medical advice, appropriate bodywork can really play a part to help address stress related issues. Massage helps to deal with the musculoskeletal pain issues and moves the body from the heightened state ('fight or flight') to deep relaxation. Why not try it and see for yourself?

Clare Goddard
Massage Practitioner
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50 Mile Charity Run!

As some of you may or may not know by now, I am running a 50 mile race (!) from Oxford to Henley on 2 February 2013 (Thames Trot Ultra

http://gobeyondultra.co.uk/events/thames_trot_ultra_

50). My goal is to run this race in under 10 hours, all in one go.

I'm running for The Cure Parkinson's Trust (cureparkinsons.org.uk), a charity originally founded by four people with Parkinson's to try to find a cure to the condition. Parkinson's makes peoples day to day lives a struggle as it slows movements and makes simple tasks take much longer. The main symptoms of the condition are tremor at rest, stiffness and postural instability and unfortunately these symptoms can get worse over time. I didn't really have any interaction with Parkinson's until recently when the dad of one of my close friends was diagnosed with it. From speaking to Adam, I know his dad (Guy) finds each day a battle with the condition. As there is currently no cure, it's a really worthwhile cause to support, and I know they will really appreciate your donations – no matter how big or small.

I would be really grateful if you could take a look at my fundraising page – justgiving.com/Dellruns50 to support me and donate whatever you can. I have a target of £500, but I would obviously love to smash this. Please pass this on to friends, colleagues and family to raise awareness and support.

I would also really appreciate any support on the day, so if you can come down to cheer me along then please do, details of the race are in the link above. Thank you for all of your donations and support.

Jack Dell

RAF High Wycombe News

If you had been wondering why there seemed to be an influx in the gentlemen in the community donning moustaches, the answer would be that RAF High Wycombe has been taken over by Movember! Each year during the month of November a charity called 'Movember' is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in the UK and around the world. The aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and testicular cancer. Mo Bros effectively become walking, talking billboards for the 30 days of November and through their actions and words raise awareness by prompting private and public conversation around the issue of men's health.

With the permission of the Station Commander, gentlemen at RAF High Wycombe have been enthusiastically growing their 'tashes' and raising money; all with a little in-house competition along the way! Our Personal Services Flight held a 'Great Movember Bake-off' bringing in tasty cakes and biscuits to win the title of PSF's Best Baker, and of course raise money!

Although a very tough competition, congratulations go to SAC Sam Bradley who took the title with his delectable Cheesecake.

As we all turn our attention to Christmas; with presents, holidays and the turkey dinner, our thoughts also turn to those who will be away from home during the festive period, serving on Duty around the world. We will be



Baking talents on display from Personal Services Flight

reaching out to all our Personnel deployed over the Christmas period, and to their families, so they know our thoughts are with them during this difficult time.

From all at RAF High Wycombe, to all in our local community and further afield, thank you for your continued support over 2012 and we wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Fg Off Charlotte Dooley