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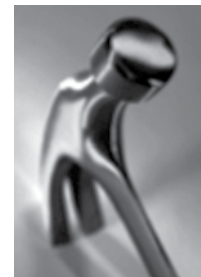


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Breast Unit Wycombe Hospital	Breast lumps self refer	01494 526161
Stroke Support Service	Stroke sufferers, carers & family support	0300 3300 761
Shaw Clinic - Genitourinary Medicine	Genitourinary Medicine	01494 425430
Hearing Clinic Wycombe Hospital	Self refer	01494 526161
Specsavers Hearing (NHS hearing tests)	Self refer	01494 520304
Healthy Minds	Anxiety, depression, stress, postnatal wellbeing	01865 901 6000
Bereavement Listening & Support	Bereavement counselling	1296 332600
Wycombe Women's Aid/Also Men	Counselling re domestic violence	01494 461367
		Male 0808 8010 327
Carers Bucks	Help for carers	0300 7772 722
Alzheimer's Society	Dementia information & support	01296 331722

**For all emergencies call 999**



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### Editorial

Summer at last! I haven't seen much of the sun this week as my corner desk means that I am facing the wall and this August/September edition of the Gazette has certainly meant that I have spent a lot of time sat at my desk. Much as I love doing the Gazette I am looking forward to two months off but no doubt, by September, I will be looking forward to being back in the chair!

Recently Himself indulged in one of his favourite activities, a sunny, Sunday morning walk on our beautiful common. This is something which I am no longer able to do so I always look forward to hearing the tales of the world beyond my window. This time Himself met the Foster family who were building a magnificent hide with their two young sons whilst their dog was happily exploring a muddy pond. Family life and a reminder as to how lucky we are to have this great facility right here on our doorstep! Thank you to Beth Foster for the photos which I am delighted to share with you in this edition. I think our longhaired Chihuahua was a bit disappointed that he hadn't been taken along to join in with the muddy pond exploration as he loves getting muddy!

When you read this our schools will have broken up for their Summer holiday and the current year six pupils will be moving on from Naphill & Walter's Ash School.

We wish you all happiness and success in the next stage of your school life! Special thanks to Mrs Clark and the school media team for all their Gazette contributions over this year. Mrs Clark has kindly said that she will continue to coordinate the Yr.6 contributions and we look forward to welcoming a new school media team in September.

My thanks also to Hughenden Parish Council for a £500 grant towards the costs involved in producing the Gazette. This was especially well received this year! Last year there was a long form to fill in and piles of evidence to gather but thankfully, there were none this year!

As always there are lots of events to look forward to in our own villages and in our neighbouring villages. Of course, our own villages always have first call on Gazette space but where we are invited to join in with our neighbours I like to include their news and events. Because this is a two-month edition I have included September and October events with news too about our Firework event in November! So much to look forward to.

My thanks to all our contributors and to Himself for another beautiful, peaceful cover photograph.

Best wishes to you all for a happy, sunny Summer.

*Sonia*

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# Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council - Chairman's Report

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



At the last meeting of the village hall council on 1 July there were 15 members present. Some of the points discussed were the trustee reorganisation, the play area and the fundraising events. The trustee reorganisation is moving ahead with Judy doing a lot of work on constructing a new constitution. There are many points to be discussed and agreed before the new constitution can be sent in November to the Charity commission for their approval. Once approved by them it will have to be voted in at the A.G.M. in April.

Peter Williams has agreed to manage the play area and carry out the weekly checks to make sure all is well. The area between the swings and slide has been levelled so that the new adventure trail can be installed. Once installed the area will be grass seeded. We have had an offer of a new springy toy for the playground, more on that later.

The fundraising events were discussed and there should be a figure soon for the amount of money that has been raised by Napfest. I have been approached by two people about the possibility of having another event on the crick next year featuring a food and drink festival which hopefully will be a nice addition to the fund-raising events.

The upkeep of the Village Hall involves constant management and expense! Achievements and projects as follows:

- I am still waiting for the third quote for the soffits and guttering around the scout hall and men's club. Once we get the quote a decision can be made and the work commissioned.

- The fire extinguishers have been serviced and 3 had to be replenished as they had been discharged, not by fighting fires but by hirers! We do not know who was responsible or we would have charged them for the expense of refilling them! The visit by the fire engineer was comprehensive but cost over £700 and he recommended more work to be done in this area so unfortunately, we are looking at more expense in the near future.
- The fan in the small hall is going to be replaced with a more robust version.
- The village hall struggles to find enough storage space for all the equipment that we have for the fundraising events. One remedy would be for a storage container possibly sited in the area by the tennis courts and the substation. We are looking at the options and hope there is a solution in the future.
- The garden around the war memorial is proving to have a problem as the hedge has grown and the hedge roots have invaded the borders making it difficult to grow any plants there. The hedge has been cut back recently but can only be cut back so far as it will otherwise go brown and not regrow. We will have to see what ideas come forward so we can decide what to do.

As you can see, there is always something needing attention! The committee endeavour to keep up with the maintenance but it does appear that as one thing is finished another one comes along. I hope you all have good holidays.

*Clive Lawrence - Village Hall Chairman*



## 125 Years of Hughenden Parish Council

Naphill Heritage Day

12 October 2019

Please put this date in your diaries. Further details will be provided in the October Gazette by which time hopefully we will all have enjoyed a sunny summer!

Pam Smith, our local archivist, will be providing, by popular request, an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia of village life. This will be in the village hall and be an all day event. Details of timings nearer the date.

In addition, local lacemakers will be working and exhibiting their work. All are invited to have a go, including children. Lacemaking was a thriving cottage industry in Naphill in days gone by.

*Come and celebrate our heritage!!*

*Peggy Ewart*

# Naphill & Walters Ash Residents Association

Planning: Local planning applications received by Wycombe District Council (WDC) between 10th June and 8th July 2019. Any responses by NAWARA appear in full on the WDC website.

19/06471/VCDN Buckfast House 209 Main Road Naphill Bucks. HP14 4SE.. Variation of condition 2 (plan) attached to PP 17/08435/FUL (Demolishing of existing two storey residential building (209A&B) and factory/office (Buckshouse) and construction of 5 dwellings (3 x 2 beds and 2 x 3 beds), detached carport with 3 bays, gardens, sheds and associated landscaping) to allow amended plans. Received 17.06.19. Target Determination: 12.08.2019. Officer. Jenny Ion.

19/06559/FUL 8 Wellhouse Way Naphill HP14 4QP Householder application for construction of open fronted porch, canopy roof to the front and widening driveway. Received 25 June 2019. Responses by 01.08.2019 Officer: Valerie Bailey

Decisions. Permitted 19/06076/FUL Pine Trees Downley Road Naphill HP14 4QY.

## Sentinel – New Speedwatch video radar system.

Hughenden Parish Council has invested in a new fully automatic video system for use by the NAG Speedwatch volunteers.

The Sentinel radar device records real time video of speeding incidents which are automatically overlaid by vehicle speed, date and time as well as a unique location code. It has significant benefits over the manual system where volunteers observe vehicle speed on a large screen and then write down the registration number and vehicle model. There are no errors because each speeding vehicle registration number is recorded on video. Warning of a Speedwatch operation is still given using the Thames Valley Police warning triangles. Offenders will receive a warning letter from Thames Valley Police and if repeated potentially a visit from the TVP roads policing.

## Diary Dates:

**NAWARA Meeting. 8pm 12 August 2019.** Naphill Village Hall. To discuss Wycombe Local Plan decisions as they affect Naphill and Walter's Ash.

**NAWARA AGM Friday October 7.30 pm prompt** Naphill Village Hall before the Pudding Bingo.

Gloria Leflaive 563634



**SCAM AWARE**

The Street Association and Trading Standards are offering residents a free workshop to help identify the types of scams & harm that can happen behind closed doors, in your street, to you and your neighbours.

You'll learn how to spot the signs of doorstep, postal, cyber and telephone fraud to keep you and your neighbours safe.

The workshops run for 90 minutes and are open to all residents. If you're interested in one of the sessions, please RSVP  
communities@buckscc.gov.uk or call 01296 382345

**10 October 2019**  
**2pm**  
**Naphill Village Hall**

Logos: Streets Association, Thames Valley Police, Police & Crime Commissioner, Naphill & Walters Ash Residents Association, NAWARA.



## Pudding Bingo

Naphill Village Hall

Friday 11 October 2019

8pm start - Eyes down at 8.15pm



Do join us with your friends and neighbours for a **BINGO NIGHT** with a difference. **PUDDING BINGO!** Not only will there be a Fully Licensed Bar and nibbles but, just when you need a break from crossing all those numbers and collecting your winnings, you will be offered a delicious choice of puddings to complement the meal you had earlier at home.

We are raising money for Rennie Grove Hospice and NAWARA funds.  
Entry Fee £3.  
Each Bingo Book £5.  
Book early as we are sure the tickets will go in a clickety click.

Tickets from:  
Carole 07867 656611 or Email: carolelawther4@gmail.co  
Joanne. Email: joanne.milligan@googlemail.com  
Gloria 01494 563634.



## Bradenham Parish Council News

The parish council still has a vacancy for another parish councillor. Because we are a small council this is not an onerous job. If you are interested in applying please contact the clerk or any councillor. You are welcome to come to our next meeting to see what we do!

With the RAF and the County Council we are looking at the traffic issues which have been arising around No 1 and No 3 sites.

Work is due to start soon on the HS2 mitigation projects along the A4010.

The council discussed concerns that the Bradenham Village National Trust cottages were unoccupied or there was a fast turnover of occupancy resulting in a loss of long term residents who could become a part of the community. The Parish Council will express these concerns to the National Trust, who own the majority of these properties.

The parish council intends to continue with devolved services in Beech Park which involve mainly grass cutting.

Our next meeting is Monday 9th September at 7pm at Bradenham Cricket Club.

*Deirdre Hansen,*  
Clerk to the Council  
clerkbradenhampc@gmail.com

## Avengers Assemble at The Black Lion

It's been another busy month for us at The Black Lion. We've tended the grounds and erected an outside bar which will be in use for our outdoor events over the summer.

We played host to a children's birthday party in July making full use of the new marquee in this glorious weather. Marvel fancy dress was the theme, so if you popped in and thought the Avengers had taken over the place, you'd not be far wrong. Even the staff joined in the fun and the look on some unsuspecting locals' faces was priceless.

We're currently undergoing a bit of a refurbishment on the venue but rest assured we will be open as normal during this and hope it won't be too distracting.

Once this is done, we'll be looking forward to bringing you a new Thai Food Night offering some really delicious authentic cuisine, courtesy of our friends at 'Thai Kitchen' who are based at The Bricklayers Arms in Downley. They are looking forward to bringing a little taste of Thailand to Naphill, and so are we.

As always, if you'd like more information just visit our website [www.blacklionnaphill.co.uk](http://www.blacklionnaphill.co.uk) or find us on facebook. You can also book a table online too.

We hope you'll come on by and say hello.

Thanks

*Lisa & The Black Lion team*

# Parents' Open Meeting Beginning Primary School Sept 2020 At Naphill and Walters Ash School

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 9:15 and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1:15



**A 9.15/1.15 meeting with the head teacher then an opportunity to meet staff, children and see the classes in action**







## Friends of Naphill Common

Our 'Silent Auction' at the fete was, once again, a great success, raising very nearly £2,000, which will be shared between FoNC funds and the Village Hall. Well done to the organisers – Ron Collins, Neil McMinn and John Camp – and thanks to all those who contributed so generously.

We are enjoying – or if you are a gardener, tolerating – a long dry summer. On the Common the beech leaves have darkened and the beech nuts are forming. In the year following dry summers there is often a heavy "mast" year in which the nuts are produced in exceptional abundance. This almost random event has evolved to defend the trees against creatures that predate the seeds. Years of scarcity reduce the number of predators, and then a sudden, unpredictable abundance increases the beech's chances of successful new saplings because the predators can't increase their numbers quickly enough.

It is the season for enjoying woodland. Beth Foster has supplied the accompanying photographs of a hide made by children. You will see that no trees were damaged in its construction and there is no rubbish left behind, proving that fun is possible without spoiling things for other people or for nature.

During the summer the display of wildflowers becomes a joy, especially the foxgloves and the honeysuckle, but we also have some less glamorous plants of interest including enchanter's nightshade and some of the heathland species such as heather and heath bedstraw are still clinging on. However, the Common can boast some rarities. Look out for the scarce wood barley *Hordelymus europaeus*. It grows to a metre tall and has much shorter awns (hairs on each seed) than common barley. Of course, our real gem is – or perhaps, was – starfruit *Damasonium alisma*; a pond dweller with small, three-petalled white flowers (and no relation at all to the

tropical fruit you can buy in the supermarket). It appears irregularly and has long been on the verge of extinction. Indeed, if it is still in our pond that is probably one of its last few refuges in Britain, so if you are lucky enough to spot it, please don't do anything to harm it.

Many thanks to Marian Miller who, in June, took us on a tour of 'The Lost Farms of Naphill' and told us about the families that owned or worked them. A goodly number of us thoroughly enjoyed the walk from Coombe Farm in the East to Great Mosely in the West via all sites in between. The only tinge of sadness was that there are no working farms left in Naphill. Our next events will be our annual Bat Walk on Friday 16th August starting at 8:30pm at the Village Hall – bat detectors will be available, courtesy of the South Bucks Bat Group. A Fungus Walk will take place on Sunday 29th September at 1pm (again starting from the Village Hall), organised by the Bucks Fungus group and accompanied by distinguished experts to help us find and identify as many specimens as possible. All are welcome to both these events.

Meanwhile there are our regular walks. The short walks are led by Chris Miller and generally involve the Common and they are between 2-3 miles, starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. The longer walks are led by Ron Collins and are about 5 miles, generally some distance from Naphill. Join Ron on the third Monday of each month; meeting at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a prompt start at 9:30am. Members and non-members are equally welcome. These are the usual arrangements, but as there is sometimes a need to make changes it would be wise to consult our website, posters or the two leaders to confirm the details. Our working parties also continue, and again details can be found on our website.

*Chris Miller - Chairman*

## Naphill Brownies

We really do have a great time at brownies. None of it would be possible without our truly fab team of leaders. The brownie team are such fun to work with and we have a good time as well as the girls. We are very fortunate in this area to have leaders to run our scouting and guiding groups and many hands make light work. Guiding and Scouting are always on the lookout for helpers, so if you think you might like to get involved, do get in touch with one of the leaders.

We have done such a lot at brownies over the past few weeks.

We have now finished our 'Upside down, back to front challenge'. Amongst other things, we have worn our uniform back to front, drawn pictures upside down under the tables, done an obstacle course backwards, planted flowers upside down, learned to turn a glass of water upside down without spilling it..... All a bit mad, but fun.

You may have been aware of our 'It's a Knockout' evening on the Crick a couple of weeks ago. This was a combined event for Naphill, Hughenden and Walters Ash brownies. On a beautiful July evening, the 60 girls were mixed up into teams of all ages and all 3 brownie packs for an evening of whacky fun and games. They had to race over various giant inflatables to collect items for their teams. This involved much loud cheering and quite a lot of getting wet. Such fun!

Our regular term finished with a walk down to Hughenden park to have an end of term picnic. We also enrolled our new brownies and said farewell to our older girls who are moving on to Guides for the next part of their Guiding adventure. We wish them well.

To finish off the Brownie year we are doing 'Brownie Summer Camp in a day'. All the excitement and adventure of brownie camp packed into a single day. Not only is this something different to previous years, but it does allow our less confident brownies to experience what goes on at camp, without being away overnight. We will be putting up tents, cooking and washing up outside, lighting fires, geocaching, playing games and singing campfire songs.....and the sun is going to shine all day.



*Brown Owl*

Ruth Daly 565571. [ruth.daly3@btinternet.com](mailto:ruth.daly3@btinternet.com)

1st Naphill Brownies

Thursdays 5:45-7pm



**Guide  
& Brownie  
Jumble Sale**

**6th October  
Naphill Village Hall  
1.30pm**

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

**NO ELECTRICAL GOODS PLEASE!**



## Naphill & Hughenden Cub Scouts



The Cubs have spent most of their time outdoors in the sunshine. They have learned all about health and wellbeing from the inside out including healthy eating and fitness. They have had great fun with nerf gun games on the crick and also took the nerf guns into the woods when we went on a long hike from Hughenden church all the way back to the scout hut !

We also practised putting up tents on the crick ready for camp

On Friday 28th July through to Sunday 30th July some of the cubs went on a weekend camp to PACAAR Camp (formally known as Chalfont Heights) near Chalfont St Giles. They enjoyed trying their hands at archery and rope climbing. They also took part in crate stacking, a great team building exercise and lots of fun.



We were very lucky with the weather and even though it was still hot into the evening the cubs enjoyed entertaining each other around the camp fire with singing, magic acts and jokes. They also enjoyed toasting marshmallows!

We are looking forward to parents and siblings joining us for an end of year Barbecue! Enjoy the summer!

**Cubs will return on Tuesday 10th September**

## Happy Nappy News from SunBodies



Our Sunbodies babe was born 26th June at 11.29am weighing 6lb 9oz, by c section. Scarlett Rosella arrived like a true diva, causing a little bit of drama. Mummy and baby are now all well. She has already made her first of many visits to the salon. She was greeted by clients calling in especially to visit her and have a cuddle. Even one of Georgia's ladies saw her car and made her husband turn around and come in for a cuddle!

Georgia has been overwhelmed with all the cards and gifts that Scarlett has received from our Sunbodies clients. A big thank you to everyone.

*Lisa*





*Our last school play was SO much fun!*

Our time at Naphill has been fantastic from the first day of Reception to the last of Year Six, and now it has come to an end.

The teachers and teaching assistants have helped us to become the Year Sevens of the future and they have given us the skills to be independent thinkers and grounded individuals. We are all now ready to face secondary school.

Being Head Girl has improved my confidence as this year we have had to lead school council meetings and JLT meetings; it has also improved my teamwork skills because we had to organise charity fundraisers. I am very proud to have been part of the JLT this year.

My favourite part of being Head Boy was when we raised over £700 for Cancer Research. I also enjoyed laying the wreath at the Crick for Remembrance Day; it was a new experience.

We would now like to say some thank yous:

- We thank our teachers who have taught us so much! They have always encouraged us to do our best and to never give up when we find things difficult to grasp.

- We also say thank you to the teaching assistants who have been incredible this year especially with making the props for our play and they have always been on hand to help us with our school work when an extra bit of help was needed.

Our advice to Year Five would be to not worry about the upcoming year and to enjoy your last year of primary school. You will be faced with lots of challenges but you will have the fantastic teachers and TAs to help you. Make sure that you do your homework as soon as possible so you don't have to worry about it during the week. It will be hard work with the lead up to SATS but, after that, the work will ease off as the last weeks of your school year are full of preparation for the play and leavers assembly.



*Benedict Hutton* (Head Boy)

*Evie Eyres* (Head Girl)

## WANSA

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Thank you to everyone who came and joined in the fun at the Naphill and Walters Ash Summer Fair. Although the sun wasn't shining brightly it was actually perfect Fete weather!

We hope you enjoyed the day and left with a belly full of BBQ, some terrific Tombola prizes and bounced out children!

A huge thank you to the WANSA committee for pulling together another successful event and an extended thank you to all our parent helpers who offered their time to support us. Have a wonderful summer everyone!

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## Bon Ami

Firstly we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our customers who bought one or more of our cream teas last month and for their donations throughout the day. We were so pleased that we raised in excess of £220 for GOSH (Great Ormond Street Hospital). Several of our customers have worked at GOSH which made the day even more poignant.

Our next thank you is to Judy Whitehouse. Judy has once again, out of the kindness of her heart, filled our hanging baskets. It is extremely kind of Judy to do so and I am sure everyone will agree that they make the coffee shop and village look rather spectacular.

We are now entering the holiday season. Amanda and I are taking it in turns to have a break during which time we will have a variety of great young assistants helping us.

Following this we are now planning our next charity event. As we have done for the past 8 years we will be hosting our Macmillan Coffee morning. This will take place on Friday 27th September and we will donate 50p from every hot drink sold from 9am-4pm.

We wish everyone a great sunny summer and look forward to serving you.

*Amanda and Ruth*

## The Wheel

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July is always a funny month as everyone seems a little deflated after Napfest and waiting for the school holidays to kick in, and for those without the tie of school holidays you've been away enjoying yourselves already. The end of the month has been rather hectic with our Family Charity Day, which was a great day. The 24-hour Tree sit was a great success and we had various stalls and the bouncy castle, and Sumo suit wrestling all raising money for the Westfield School. We'd like to thank everyone involved and everyone who came and made it a special day.

We also had The Chambers Family over from Canadashire for Mark Chambers 50th Birthday, it was great to see the whole family back in the village together. The night was a brilliant evening and a huge celebration with lots of dancing thanks to Sean Salter and plenty of beer. It was so nice to see so many of the old faces, at times it felt we'd gone back 5 years!

This year we have had four members of staff that have either been through their GCSEs or A levels and we hope they are currently enjoying the summer break before they move on to new adventures. All of us at The Wheel have our fingers crossed for your results, so that you can achieve your goals. Good luck to Alison, Sophia, Kyle and Charlie.

The main event for September will be the Rugby World Cup 2019 which is being held in Japan from the 20th September. For obvious reasons the time difference will make some of the games difficult to show. Thankfully most of the home nation games are being shown at a reasonable time and from my point of view the England games are all on at times we will be able to show. Nearer the event we will have more details up in the pub, so you know what's happening. We will also be running a Sweepstake with Risborough Rugby Club and forms will be available to fill out at the pub once we have them (and I've worked out how to fill them in)!

We would like to congratulate Chefkins and team for our latest Scores on the Doors visit and achieving a the great score of 5 again. Well done to the whole of team Wheel (I know I work you all hard).

We hope you all have an amazing summer this year and hope the good weather holds for you all, and us. We will see you all in the gardens for a beer or three.

Cheers

*Claire and Mark*



# Proposed Clappins Lane Development Plan

Wycombe District Council are at the final stages of preparing a new Local Plan which will set out the planning vision, objectives and strategy for the area between now and 2033.

Throughout the process Dandara has promoted land off Clappins Lane for housing and the Council has publicly consulted on various drafts of the Plan which have included the site as an emerging allocation since the start of the process in 2012.

The Local Plan submitted for examination includes Policy RUR7 which proposes to allocate land off Clappins Lane for an indicative capacity of 64 dwellings. The impact of development on the purposes of the Green Belt and the Chiltern's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has been assessed by the Council and by an independent Inspector who is examining the Local Plan on behalf of the Secretary of State. If the Local Plan is found sound by the Inspector, the site will be removed from the Green Belt and allocated for housing in line with the requirements of Policy RUR7.

Dandara is therefore considering the development potential of the site should the Local Plan be found sound and adopted by the Council and is seeking the views of local people at this very early stage. A public exhibition was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at the Black Lion Pub which invited feedback on the emerging proposals for 65 dwellings on the site, allowing us to take these views into account as the proposals develop. All the information presented in July is available at [www.clappinslane.com](http://www.clappinslane.com) for those who could not attend, and we would welcome your feedback on the proposals.

Dandara is an independently owned developer who takes great pride in the quality and contextual responsiveness of the properties it builds. We are currently constructing 280 homes at The Grove, Haddenham and have recently completed a scheme of 42 homes off Slough Lane, Saunderton which you are welcome to visit to understand how Dandara have sensitively designed the homes to reflect their location within the Chiltern's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



To see more information about the proposed development visit [www.clappinslane.com](http://www.clappinslane.com)



# Clappins Lane Action Group

Dear Residents of Naphill & Walters Ash,

We thank you for your ongoing support and vigilance on the proposed development on Clappins Lane. Some of you will have received a leaflet (entitled “Naphill News”) from Dandara which suggests that the proposed housing development on Clappins Lane, Walters Ash has been agreed. It has not. This has been confirmed by WDC.

Dandara – the company who want to remove the land from Greenbelt status, to build an estate on it - appeared keen to hear people’s views on the proposed development ‘to ensure it makes a positive contribution to the area.’ By the time you read this, an exhibition will have taken place (Tues 23rd July) where residents were invited to peruse proposed plans.

Whilst we still have time to feed back our thoughts, we urge you to complete the form under ‘Give us your feedback’ tab on Dandara’s website <http://clappinslane.com/> and reiterate your objections to the proposed development. If you or anyone you know needs assistance in doing this, please get in contact with us, via our facebook group:

## **Walters Ash Save Clappins Lane (AONB) Say NO to Greenbelt Development**

Many residents remain concerned about the land being removed from Greenbelt status and in conjunction with this, the proposed build, which will first and foremost, have a devastating effect on all manner of wildlife and fauna within this area. It will also impact on both villages greatly, due to the fact that we simply do not have the infrastructure to support 65 new dwellings in the form of both blocks of flats and houses, for many reasons: the land isn’t suitable enough to build on, the strain on local amenities (Dr’s surgery / village shops etc), the impact of having an extra 90 – 120 more cars in the village, when parking is already an issue. Not forgetting the impact of having many construction vehicles in the area for the duration of the build.

The status of Greenbelt was originally given to specific areas of land in 1955, primarily to stop urban sprawl – and to protect borders between villages and towns alike.

A report from the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) confirms that as of July 2018, 519 Greenbelt sites, in London and the South East alone, were found to be “at risk”. This has more than doubled since 2016, when they published their initial report. Their findings revealed that only 22% of the 460,000 homes planned, on release from Greenbelt status, would meet the government’s definition of affordable housing and would go little way to ease the affordability crisis, prompting concerns that developers were selling “a lie”. We have already seen this happen in other villages and towns in Buckinghamshire – new builds touted as affordable housing being sold for £400k+ (Marlow, Bucks). It has been reported that local planning authorities are being given no option but to release Greenbelt land for development due to pressure from central government. (Source: The Independent and CPRE).

The land of Clappins Lane is in AONB and building on this will set a dangerous precedent of removing land from AONB for residential development. Originally, 50 “units” were proposed – and this has now risen to 65, when the former proposal of 50 was already much bigger than is usually allowed within Greenbelt areas. It will change the character and urbanisation of the border of the villages.

Clappins Lane is a small single track road. Access is already limited and development will lead to significant traffic congestion. Especially with ongoing water mains issues when Main Road is closed.

The sewage system along the ridge line is already close to maximum capacity. Any development along the ridgeline will require an extensive overhaul of the waste water management system.

These are just a few of the many issues that we will encounter. Act now – protect our Greenbelt and our village – and show your objection to the developers at [www.clappinslane.com](http://www.clappinslane.com)

We will keep you posted with any news that we hear by updating the facebook group detailed above.

The Clappins Lane Action Group

## Naphill Tennis Club

Our American 'Fun' Doubles Tournament took place on a delightful summer Sunday afternoon. 22 members turned up to play, changing partners every 4 games and keeping their own scores. The winners were presented with a cup of a somewhat unusual sort to reflect the 'fun' nature of the tournament.

On the match front, our Men's Team has been promoted to the next division after doing extremely well in winning the last 4 matches.

IMPROVERS' COACHING. Has taken a break but will start again in the Autumn.

CHILDREN'S TENNIS CAMPS. There are still places available for youngsters on our popular camps (see below) so do sign them up!

For further information, please visit our website: [www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk](http://www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk). or contact our Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel (563706).

*Jenny Tench*



## Naphill Tennis Club Camps Summer 2019

Venue - Naphill LTC, The Crick



### AUGUST AFTERNOONS

Wednesday 7th,  
Thursday 8th,  
Friday 9th  
Monday 19th,  
Tuesday 20th  
Thursday 29th  
Friday 30th

### Afternoon Sessions Times:

12pm-2pm  
4.5yrs - 9yrs Mini Tennis  
2pm-4pm 9+ to teens  
Skills, technique, matchplay

### Cost of all courses per day per child

**£10.00 for Naphill LTC Members**  
**£15.00 for Non-Members**

Please bring drinks, snacks/waterproofs (in case of bad weather), correct footwear. Equipment – no racket – NO PROBLEM! All sizes available from the coach, just let Mel know in advance.

NB, Head coach – Melanie Burn may not be there at all the dates specified but will be deputised by key coaching staff whom have LTA tennis coaching qualifications, and are DBS checked.

*You can contact me on mobile 07949 128195 to confirm your place or email [melebbles@hotmail.com](mailto:melebbles@hotmail.com), or send details direct. Please make CHEQUE payable to M BURN. Bacs details available on request.*



## RAF High Wycombe News - A Sunset Ceremony With A Difference

13 June saw RAF High Wycombe host its Annual Reception in the Officers Mess, inviting guests from the local community to share in an evening of recognition and personal thanks from unit personnel for supporting the Station as a community.

The Station Commander welcomed the Mayors of High Wycombe and Princes Risborough, Steven Baker MP, local dignitaries, heads of local schools and the Royal Star and Garter Home, amongst many more. It gave the Station the perfect opportunity to extend our gratitude for the support we receive as well as offer them the opportunity to get to know our personnel with the aim of giving them a better understanding of what we, as a Station do. This year's occasion was made even better by the great participation from the Units biggest lodger unit, Head Quarters Air Command, with personnel acting as escorts, ushers and the Parade Guards of Honour.

The rain attempted to put a dampener on the evening but failed when the Sunset Ceremony moved indoors for a change of scenery. Flight Lieutenant George Watson acted as Parade Commander on the occasion, with personnel from across the entirety of the Unit acting as Guards of Honour; the Air Cadets from the Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire Wing lined the route and Queens Colour Squadron personnel lowered the Ensign.

The Station Commander added 'It is my absolute pleasure to be able to host so many local community leaders who play key roles in the lives and welfare of our personnel and their families. It has been a great opportunity to not only extend our gratitude and thanks for all that they do for the whole of the Royal Air Force family, but for them to get to know our people and all the great work that they do.'



## News from Hughenden Mothers' Union

Back in June, Mothers' Union put on a special lunch for the Hughenden Toddlers in church because of the inclement weather. After lunch, the mums (about 20 of them) and the children (about 30!) and their teddies enjoyed a story and some singing.

We had a very enjoyable ploughman's lunch (to which everyone was invited) in Church House and because it was such a lovely day the marquee

that had been set up in the Mothers' Union garden was crowded with people enjoying the lunch and puddings and tea and coffee with cake!

We do not meet in August but on September 3rd we will have a speaker telling us about the Wycombe Homeless Connection.

*Norma Clarke*  
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## Growing Your Own

One of my favourite sayings is “You either have pests or you have pesticides”. Thus, when growing your own fruit and vegetables, you have a choice between eating pesticide residues or eating completely pesticide-free crops. But we eat many more things that we do not grow ourselves (half our food comes from a factory) and these other things often contain residues of pesticides, herbicides, fungicides etc. What is completely wrong and unfair is that our food labelling laws omit such vital customer information. Such information should be given, so that the consumer can make an informed decision on whether to eat the product. If there is insufficient space on the label then a notice should be put by the product on the supermarket shelf.

Let me give you a horrific example. Do you like glyphosate in your bread? Farmers spray glyphosate on weeds to kill them all, prior to sowing crops. The recent revelation that glyphosate is also sprayed on mature crops of wheat and oilseed rape just before harvesting is a shocker. The farmers use glyphosate as a “desiccant” to kill the crops and dry out them out to make harvesting easier. Since glyphosate is a systemic weedkiller it must get into the grains of wheat, which are then separated from the chaff, ground into flour, then sent off for breadmaking. Now, on the supermarket shelf, if one loaf had a label “contains glyphosate” and another had “does not contain glyphosate”, sales of the former would slump and farmers would stop using glyphosate as a “desiccant”. But the government does not require such labelling. Whether glyphosate causes cancer is the subject of debate at the moment. In three court cases in the USA the courts agreed that the plaintiffs’ cancers were caused by glyphosate and awarded billions of dollars in compensation. Some 13,000 more cases are pending.

Another shocker on bread is that to increase shelf life, the bread makers add L-cystene. Human hair is 15% L-cystene. The breadmakers use L-cystene derived from human hair and obtain most of the human hair from China. So we are, effectively, cannibals in that we are eating parts of human beings. Now, that does not appear on the wrappers of the bread on the supermarket shelf does it? We need all ingredients in our food listed in order that the consumer may make an informed choice.

All we can do as individuals is to write to our member of parliament and ask for food labelling laws to be made more rigorous so that the consumer is aware of what is in the product. Enclose a copy of this article as an illustration! Meanwhile, grow your own to ensure that the fruit and vegetable part of your diet is pure – and eat more fruit and vegetables!

Good gardening!

*Mike Mason*

## From Bradenham Vicarage

### Dog Days and Holidays

The ‘Dog Days’ are with us and will see us through until the end of summer. Named for the rising of the Dog Star, Sirius, this is the name given to the hottest, most sultry days of summer. The heat has nothing to do with the star, but the rising of the star signals the beginning of these hottest weeks of the year. Schools have broken up and universities gone down for the summer. Many of us are turning our thoughts to summer holidays – either a long planned, much anticipated break, booked in the depths of winter or maybe a last minute ‘late availability’ holiday, booked on a whim.

Holidays are vital to our wellbeing. They form part of the cycle of work and rest that even God himself took part in. You could say that God actually invented holidays, putting them in place at the beginning of Creation. It’s a common trick question in quizzes – how many days did God take to create the world? Most people answer seven, when in fact the answer is six. On the seventh day, God did no work at all and rested. If God the creator needs to rest, then surely we as his created should follow suit.

The Jewish faith has a strict pattern of rest and work, something God’s Son, Jesus, would have been very familiar with. There were a number of religious holidays to be observed as well as the weekly Shabbat (Sabbath) on which no work was permitted. Our modern way of life with its 24/7 culture, demands for instant response from the internet with constant availability of goods and services can make it difficult to find time to rest. How many of us have been on Amazon at some ridiculous hour to purchase that essential must have item and ensure its delivery in time? Or who has been up at 3am adjusting their on-line grocery order for the next day? It is vital to come away from these demands to physically and mentally refresh ourselves. As the Psalmist says:

Unless the LORD builds the house,  
those who build it labour in vain.  
Unless the LORD guards the city,  
the guard keeps watch in vain.  
It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil;  
for he gives sleep to his beloved. (Psalm 127:1-2)

May you find rest and refreshment in both body and soul.

*Rev Jenny Ellis*

### Important footnote:

If your holidays are taking you to a part of the world where you will be swimming amongst coral reefs, please, please check what sunscreen you are using. Many of our most popular brands contain chemicals that are highly toxic to corals, and in spite of their water resistance claims, they DO wash off when swimming. Oxybenzone, Octinoxate, Benzophenone, Methylbenzylidene camphor, Benzylidene camphor, nano-Titanium dioxide, nano-Zinc oxide are just some of the harmful chemicals these products contain – search on line for a fuller list and more information. Then spread the word!

## Chiltern Hills Arboriculture - The Wheel Charity Day / Tree Sit Report



So we finally got to the weekend of The Wheel charity fun day and Dannels 24hr 'tree sit'.

Having set a fundraising target of £600 it was reassuring that the Go Fund Me page had already reached a donation total of £639 even before Danny put his boot on the first rung of the ladder. A good crowd assembled to watch Danny climb up to his bunk for the weekend. By my estimation he was a good 25ft-30ft above ground level. If that doesn't sound very high try sitting on the roof ridge of an average two storey house, and then looking down. I know I get a nose bleed at the top of a step ladder. Meanwhile in the beer garden the kids enjoyed the bouncy castle and the sumo wrestling suits.... As did some of the 'bigger kids', also known as the staff and customers of the Wheel.

Claire made sure that Danny was sustained with food throughout the sit, mainly delivered via a bucket tied to a rope.

As far as I am aware the only objection to Danny's occupation of the tree came from a couple of wood pigeons who were trying to find some privacy and get a bit amorous with each other. Apparently they took exception to his untimely intrusion.

Danny tells me he managed about 6 hrs of sleep in his hammock (I got about 10hrs.. in my very comfortable bed). Apparently, it got a bit 'chilly' around 2am. Who would have thought it! I was as toasty as you could imagine.

Anyway, eventually Sunday morning arrived. The ladies of Westfield School thoughtfully provided him with breakfast bacon rolls from their camping stove, cooked up in the car park.

As I write this (July 14th), the collection tally stands at £1087.42. This includes a very kind donation by Claire and Mark of £94.13 from the Wheels 'wrong toilet penalty' tin. This fine has been in place since their internal refit (the 'mens' became the 'ladies' and vice versa), use of the wrong toilet incurs a fine. Very confusing but regulars will understand.

All considered, a big thanks to The Wheel PH and Cestreham Masonic Lodge 6674 for making the event worthwhile and a huge success.

On the Saturday afternoon I spent a good amount of time talking to the Head and Deputy Head of the school, and the PT support group leaders. This amount of money will enable them to do events and projects for the school and pupils that would otherwise just be pipe dreams. We still have pledges to collect, but the funding page is still open if you would like to donate.

<http://tinyurl.com/y3fk54x2> [www.westfieldschoolbucks.org](http://www.westfieldschoolbucks.org)

Finally, Chiltern Hills Arboriculture would like to say a HUGE thanks to the fantastic guys at Tyre Team on Main Road. A long story cut short the CHA truck had a massive blow out at 9.00am on the A4010, at the start of a very busy Saturday in June. After a couple of hours trying to remove the final wheel nut (and failing miserably), we threw in the towel and called in at Tyre Team. They had us back on the road within 15 minutes. Top customer service from one local business to another, and well worthy of recognition.

*Mike Beckley*  
Chiltern Hills Arboriculture



## Naphill Fireworks & Bonfire Night 2019

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Hello! I hope you've all had a fantastic summer. The Fireworks Committee have been meeting since April this year, so planning for the 2019 Fireworks Extravaganza is well underway and we're making good progress. We've recently welcomed Jemma Pearson to the Fireworks Committee, Jemma is going to help us manage our sponsors, which will help us massively. We're always on the lookout for local businesses to sponsor our event, so if this is something you'd like to get involved with, please do get in touch (contact details below) and we can explore various sponsorship options with you.

We'll be providing more event details in due course, but safe to say we're planning another spectacular fireworks display this year, an impressive bonfire (perhaps a touch smaller than last year!), live music, BBQ, bar & refreshments and much more.

As with previous years, we cannot run our village Fireworks Spectacular without the help of our fantastic volunteers, willing to give up their time to assist before, during and after the event. If you're able to spare any time at all to help and would like to get involved, then please let me know as there are plenty of roles available and it's always a great way to meet new people and support our fantastic local community.

The date for your diaries for this year's event is Saturday 2nd November. For all the latest information for this year's event, please join our Naphill Fireworks Facebook group or visit our website (details below).

That's it for now, see you all soon.

*Pete Dalby*

Chairman – Fireworks committee

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NaphillFireworks>

## Naphill Evening WI

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Our Birthday Party on 20 June was a great success. The hall looked lovely with fresh flowers on the table and the members had brought an appetising array of savoury and sweet dishes. Thank you to the committee who kept us supplied with wine and soft drinks throughout the evening.

During August members have been invited to Beryl's for afternoon tea and the Food Group are going to Missenden Abbey – also for afternoon tea.

Our member who was poorly on fete day and required the first aiders and an ambulance would like to thank everyone for their concern and is pleased to say that she is now back to her usual self.

It was with great sadness we heard that Marion Lawrence had passed away early in July. Marion had been a valuable member of WI and was a past President and Treasurer. She was responsible for organising our outings and theatre trips over the years, the last being a trip to the Mill at Sonning in December. Marion also started our Sew and Chat group. She will be greatly missed by us all.

On a lighter note, we will be back on 19 September with "A Slice of South Wales", a talk by R Bignell. The competition will be how many words we can make from 'Gower Coast'. If you are a member who has never entered a competition, here is your chance. You have all of August to think of words.

Wishing everyone a good summer.



*Carol Gilliam*



### Services at St. Botolph's

As is customary, there will be no regular services at St. Botolph's in August.

The congregation will join with West Wycombe for the 11am Eucharist. These services will be at St. Lawrence on August 4th and 11th, and at St. Paul's West Wycombe on August 18th and 25th.

11am services will resume at St. Botolph's in September.

## Sun, sea, sangria and, teeth? - *Torsten Moehl BDS*

This is always a very special time of year, and nothing can beat an English summer when the weather is warm and sunny. With the stress of school and university exams almost over, and the excitement of Wimbledon and other great sporting events all but survived, thoughts are possibly turning towards getting away from it all with a well-deserved holiday. If you are lucky enough, this may even entail a trip abroad. So you've made your lists of things to take, thought about the new bathing costume and special evening wear and even stocked up on sun tan lotion. But what about your teeth? They're coming with you as well, aren't they? This aspect is often neglected when planning a holiday, but could cause considerable issues if things go wrong, particularly when travelling abroad. The following will hopefully get you travelling worry-free, but also help you when things go wrong with your teeth whilst away.

About three weeks before you leave, do visit your dentist for a regular examination appointment, and this should ideally eliminate any underlying issues with your teeth and mouth, and there should also be enough time for a follow-up visit with the dentist if necessary. It also gives you a chance to grab a few travel-sized toothpaste samples that are really handy to take with you! This is also a great time to check the condition of your toothbrush, so add this item to your holiday shopping list, as well as sufficient floss and interdental brushes, if needed.

But dental accidents can still occur, such as a cracked tooth. It is always handy to take a small dental emergency kit with you, which is obtainable at many High Street pharmacies. These commonly contain a temporary filling material to cover the rough portion of the broken tooth, which could otherwise cause quite a painful ulcer on the neighboring tongue or cheek. Do read the instructions on the pack before use, and be sure to chew onto the repaired tooth just before the material is set so that the bite is not too high, as that can cause further discomfort later. Refixing crowns or caps with this kit can be difficult, as it is essential that the crown is seated all the way over the tooth to ensure the bite isn't too high, and often there is excess material that is pushed into the neighboring gum area leading to sore and swollen gums later on. In the case of a lost crown, it may be prudent to seek emergency dental care, particularly in the presence of symptoms.

Dental pain can have many origins, and the causes can range from general sensitivity to a more serious underlying issue. Our holiday diet can be as foreign to our body as the destination we are visiting, and can involve an increased consumption of fizzy drinks and fruit-based juices, never mind the cheeky Pinot at sunset, which are all quite acidic to our teeth. Feeling a general sensitivity on most teeth to sweet or cold things may be the result of this acid attack, and one should ideally drink more water throughout the day to neutralize their effects. Using a desensitizing toothpaste can also help in covering over the exposed parts of the teeth affected.

Alfresco dining is always a wonderful experience, but can introduce more than what is posted in the ingredients into your mouthful. Unexpectedly biting onto a hard object feels utterly dramatic and can bring on a feeling of dread as to the possible damage caused. In most cases there is no major damage to the teeth, even though there may be symptoms of discomfort to biting and cold drinks for several days after; monitor this, and seek attention if it gets worse. If there is a crack in the tooth with the loss of a cusp or filling, a

careful survey of the mouth with the tongue should reveal this, and one can cover this with the emergency temporary filling material. As with any dental pain that lasts longer than two days, doesn't go away with painkillers, or involves a swelling of the gum, cheek or jaws, please seek professional attention.

But an isolated swelling of the gum may just mean that some food has gotten lodged in or underneath the gum. This is quite common around the very back wisdom teeth, and the husks from popcorn are notorious for getting stuck within the gum. Careful mechanical cleaning with floss and brush should dislodge the offending article. As with many gum swellings or ulcerations, rinsing with a solution of half a teaspoon of salt dissolved in warm water several times a day can be of great benefit. One should take care not to swallow this solution, and for that reason it is not advisable to use in smaller children. Here one could apply the solution to the affected area in the mouth with a cotton wool bud.

Probably the most dramatic accident to the mouth is the knocking out of a front tooth due to a traumatic incident. If simple steps are followed within the "golden hour" after the accident, there is a good chance that the tooth can be saved. If an adult tooth has been completely knocked out, pick it up by the white bit that sticks out of the gum (the crown), trying not to touch the root portion. If it is your own tooth, lick any dirt off the root or rinse under cold water for no more than 10 seconds, then stick it back into the hole in the gum, making sure it is turned the right way round. Support the tooth by gently biting onto a clean cloth. If you are unable to stick it back into the hole, you can store the tooth in the inside of your cheek, or place it in to a container of milk or the person's own saliva (by spitting into a container; don't worry about the blood in your saliva). In both scenarios, seek the attention of a dentist as soon as you can. In children under the age of four years, the lost tooth is likely to be a baby tooth, which does not need to be put back into the mouth. In younger children of school-going age, it is probably best to store the tooth in a container of milk or their own saliva whilst seeking help, so that they don't swallow it by accident.

The cost of dental emergencies outside of England can be staggeringly expensive, and although your travel insurance may contribute to the emergency fees, it does not help with the remedial costs at the time of the incident, or when you get back home. This is where a dental plan offered by Pura Vida Dental can be of great benefit, providing discretionary emergency cover whilst on holiday and on your return. This is additional to the routine dental care that the plan provides for a low monthly fee, so that the pre-holiday examination with the dentist won't eat into your holiday budget, either.

Wishing you all a very happy holidays, and a well deserved break with your family and loved ones, wherever you may spend your summer.



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# An Update from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

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## *Leaving Loneliness Behind*

In last month's Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette, we told you about the kinds of things our dogs are introduced to during their training, such as public transport, shops, cafes and even cats.

A hearing dog plays an incredibly important role in their deaf partner's life. Not only do these highly-trained assistance dogs alert deaf people to important and life-saving sounds, such as the smoke alarm, alarm clocks, and oven timers; they also provide love, companionship and emotional support. This is important as deaf people often face barriers that can result in feelings of isolation and loneliness.

There is growing evidence that loneliness can have as much of a negative impact on a person's physical health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. There is a proven link between loneliness and dementia. Loneliness can greatly impact a person's mental health. Unfortunately, people who are deaf or who have hearing loss can be more likely than others to experience loneliness and isolation.

Our dogs help deaf people to leave loneliness behind and reconnect with life. The impact they have on people's physical and mental wellbeing is something we see every day. Below are three examples of our deaf partners who have said their hearing dogs have helped them to feel less lonely.

Geraldine, who has hearing dog Bella, said: "I felt so lonely and lacking in confidence before Bella came along. She has dramatically changed my life and allowed me to reconnect with the world."

Vincent, who has hearing dog Teddy, said: "I always felt isolated, especially socially. I hit a real low point in my life. Then Teddy came along, and my life changed forever. I will never feel alone again."

Debbie, the mother of one of our child partnerships - William and hearing dog Nutmeg - said: "William had become socially isolated and found it hard to turn this around. I felt I'd lost him. He would disappear into himself, avoiding eye contact. It was heart-breaking. Since Nutmeg, William has come out of his shell again. He's not lonely anymore. He's happy at last."

Hearing dogs bring a certain visibility to a largely invisible disability, because they wear their smart burgundy jackets in public. This can help other people to recognise that a person may have different communication needs and

can act as a conversation starter, helping deaf people to feel connected to their communities. All of this further helps deaf people to leave loneliness behind if they have struggled with these feelings.

We hope you have found it interesting to get a small insight into how hearing dogs not only provide practical support to their deaf partners, but invaluable emotional support too.

You can read more stories about how hearing dogs are changing people's lives (both adults and children) by visiting [www.hearingdogs.org.uk/stories](http://www.hearingdogs.org.uk/stories).

Until next time, take care.

*The team at Hearing Dogs for Deaf People*

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## Shear Madness

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At last the holidays are here, long sunny days, BBQ's and time with friends. Year 6's preparing for secondary school in uniforms two sizes too big because you know they'll have a growth spurt. Teenagers off to Uni, panicking parents. They will all be fine, don't forget you've done a good job and a top tip for the kids is "Ring Your Parents!" I know they are a pain but they will worry about you.

Last month I told you about my breast cancer, well good news, my lumpectomy was a success. I have been advised to have radiotherapy as a precaution and I'm assuming this will be in August so I'm afraid that means more time off but hopefully I'll be back very soon so don't get too hairy.

Have a lovely summer and see you all soon

*Mandy*

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## Jewel of Oriental

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Just a reminder that a good way to help the environment is to take our empty washed plastic containers back to the Jewel of Oriental for refills rather than phoning through an order. It may take 5 mins more but what is that compared to the benefits to the planet.

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## Naphill Neighbours

Our talk this week was entitled 'Lies and Excuses' and was given by a retired customs officer with many years of experience on the United Kingdom's borders. Malcolm Nelson provided insights in to the detection of wrongdoing and duty avoidance, illustrating his experiences with amusing tales of the efforts of passengers to get through the 'green' channel without paying duty or, in the worse cases, bringing in banned substances.

Officers look for expensive items such as fur coats and diamonds which passengers may wear and try to pretend they are not new. One tip with fur coats is that fur can be rubbed off a new coat. One spectacular fur, worth £15000, was made from water rat pelts. The owner was less keen after discovering this.

Two priests tried to bring through two sets of expensive golf clubs, claiming they had been used. However the clubs were pristine and quite obviously brand new. On another occasion, 310 pornographic videos came through the green channel. Despite Disneyland wrapping, the conceit was discovered. The customs officer had to view them all in order to write his report!!

Training for officers is thorough, from the recognition of top quality diamonds through to recognizing unusual behaviour. It is behaviour patterns which provide the best clues to subversive behaviour.

One amusing story, which could have turned out badly, was about a disruptive child whose parents were ignoring him as they tried to convince the customs officer of their innocence. The little boy crawled in to the x-ray machine and the surprised officer got a picture of a small skeleton on his screen. The boy had to have health checks for radiation but did not come to harm. An entertaining afternoon!

The next meeting in the village hall will be on 9th September when the subject will be 'Wild Britain Diary', an illustrated talk by Chris Ward. Talks start promptly at 1.30pm; doors open at 1.15pm. In August the Neighbours have an outing to Dockland for lunch and entertainment on a barge. This is fully booked.

Join us in September !

*Peggy Ewart 565969*

## Lacey Green Singers

Happy July everyone! We have had a very busy term preparing for our summer concert; Zimbe!, which was held on Sunday 30th June in St John's School Hall.

We were joined by a choir of children from St John's School and 5 very talented musicians who formed our band. The sound produced by us, the children and the band was fantastic! I was in the back row of singers and it sounded great, so I can only image how it sounded to those in the audience. It was the sort of performance where I was beaming from ear to ear when we finished. All the hard work (and it was very hard work for many involved) paid off.

We included a donation to Florence Nightingale Hospice in our ticket price this time and I am very pleased to say that we will be donating £110 to the charity. Three dedicated hospice nurses were with us for the concert and the money donated is going into the collection pot as sponsorship for their forthcoming walk of the Great



Wall of China; an amazing feat! They are an inspiration to us all and we wish them all the very best success with their adventure.

We are saying farewell to our Musical Director, Jack Insley, this term. Jack is off to study music at university in September and we wish him lots of luck and send our love with him. He is the fourth generation of his family to be heavily involved with our choir and we

have thoroughly enjoyed working with him over the past year.

This leaves us with a vacancy for a Musical Director when we start back in September. This is a paid position and we warmly welcome applications from anyone with a musical background. Please do share this vacancy far and wide. If you, or anyone you know, is interested, please contact us at laceygreensingers@hotmail.com or 01494 488278 to find out more information.

All of us at LGS wish you a very happy summer!

*Billy Stott - Chairman*



# SPEEN FESTIVAL 2019

31st August - 15th September

There are very few festivals where jazz, bee bombs, comedy, wildlife photography, theatre, yoga, antiques, bingo, history, dance, science, tai chi and a dog show all happily sit alongside one another in the programme. However, that is what you will find in Speen, 31st August – 15 September 2019 and we hope you will join us. Speen Festival is created, curated and delivered by locals, for locals.

This biennial celebration of arts and creativity in the Chilterns is an eclectic mix of events generated by the will, skills and enthusiasm of the community and whilst making a profit is not the aim, in 2017 we were able to donate generously to local organisations and charities. Since its inception as a one off event in 2000, the Festival has evolved as the community and volunteers change, but it has a momentum and focus that initiates great things. For one couple with a passion for history, what started as a Festival event 'Words and Music', has become a radio slot on Wycombe Sound. This year the desire to create some events with an environmental focus brought like-minded villagers together and a Green Speen Action Group has formed whose reach will go way beyond the Festival fortnight.

We are very pleased to have Aston Hearing as our main sponsor again this year as they celebrate their 30 year anniversary and they are creating two events with us; a family picnic with some Musical Mayhem for the little ones and also an evening 'Conversation Starter'. For this, Aston Hearing and The Swan Antique Centre, Tetsworth join forces to bring to Speen an exciting new event that celebrates the joy of scintillating, stimulating conversation that is oiled with delightful sharing boards and wine! We are also thrilled to see the return of the Comedy Night to the Festival marquee, with another great line up of acts.

The cast of Peter Pan are already rehearsing and the pirate theme made an early appearance in the village at Speen Fete on 13th July when the Speen Festival Box Office officially launched. One frequent comment during the second week of the festival is, 'this is the first event I've been to and I've missed so much, I had no idea all this was going on so nearby!' So don't miss out, we don't advertise far and wide, as you know Speen is only small, but it puts on a BIG festival!

Book your tickets via our website  
[www.speenfestival.org](http://www.speenfestival.org)  
pick up a programme at Speen Stores  
or get in touch at [admin@speenfestival.org](mailto:admin@speenfestival.org)

We look forward to seeing you in September.



## Speen Helping Hospices - Summer Retro Party Night 31 August 2019

Speen Helping Hospices are organising a Retro Party Night on Saturday 31 August, launching Speen Festival 2019. The party will take place in the Marquee on Speen Playing Fields from 7.00pm.

The evening will include bingo and all the best music from the seventies. Tickets are £15 per person and are available from the Speen Festival box office at <https://www.speenfestival.org/>

So, grab your dabber, learn the bingo lingo and join us for party food and seventies music, cash bar at a glitterball disco.

Speen Helping Hospices (SHH) was founded in 2001 with the aim of raising funds for local hospices by putting on local events. To date we have raised over £83,000.

Every penny of the profits donated is directed to each of

the four hospices supported by the group:

Florence Nightingale House – Helen & Douglas House – Rennie Grove Hospice – The South Bucks Day Hospice

With limited Government funding the Hospice Charities rely heavily on organisations like SHH to raise funds necessary to care for people with life limiting conditions and give support to their families.

To begin with, and for several years, the events were small relying on just village support, but we now run larger events for which we need to reach a larger audience. So, don your party gear, join the fun and raise funds for great local causes.

Look out for our 10th very successful Annual Christmas Market on the 16th November at the Chapel in Speen.

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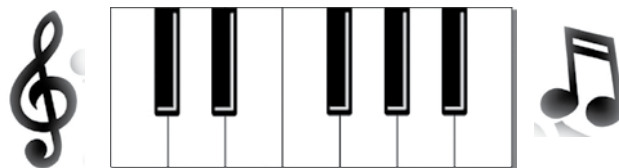
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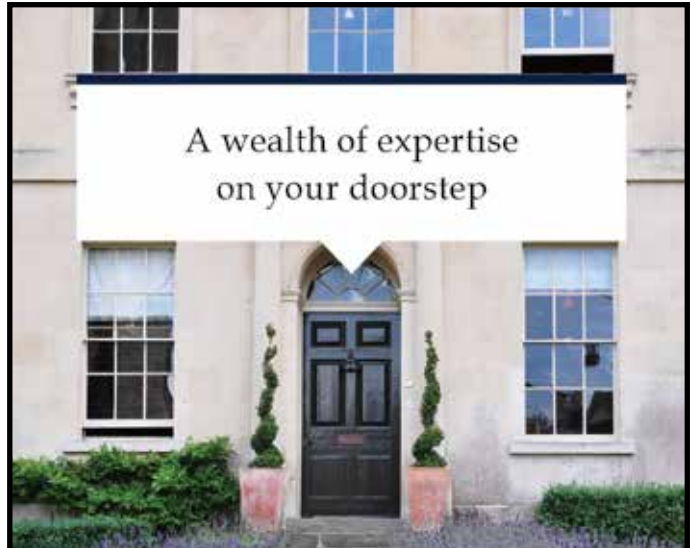


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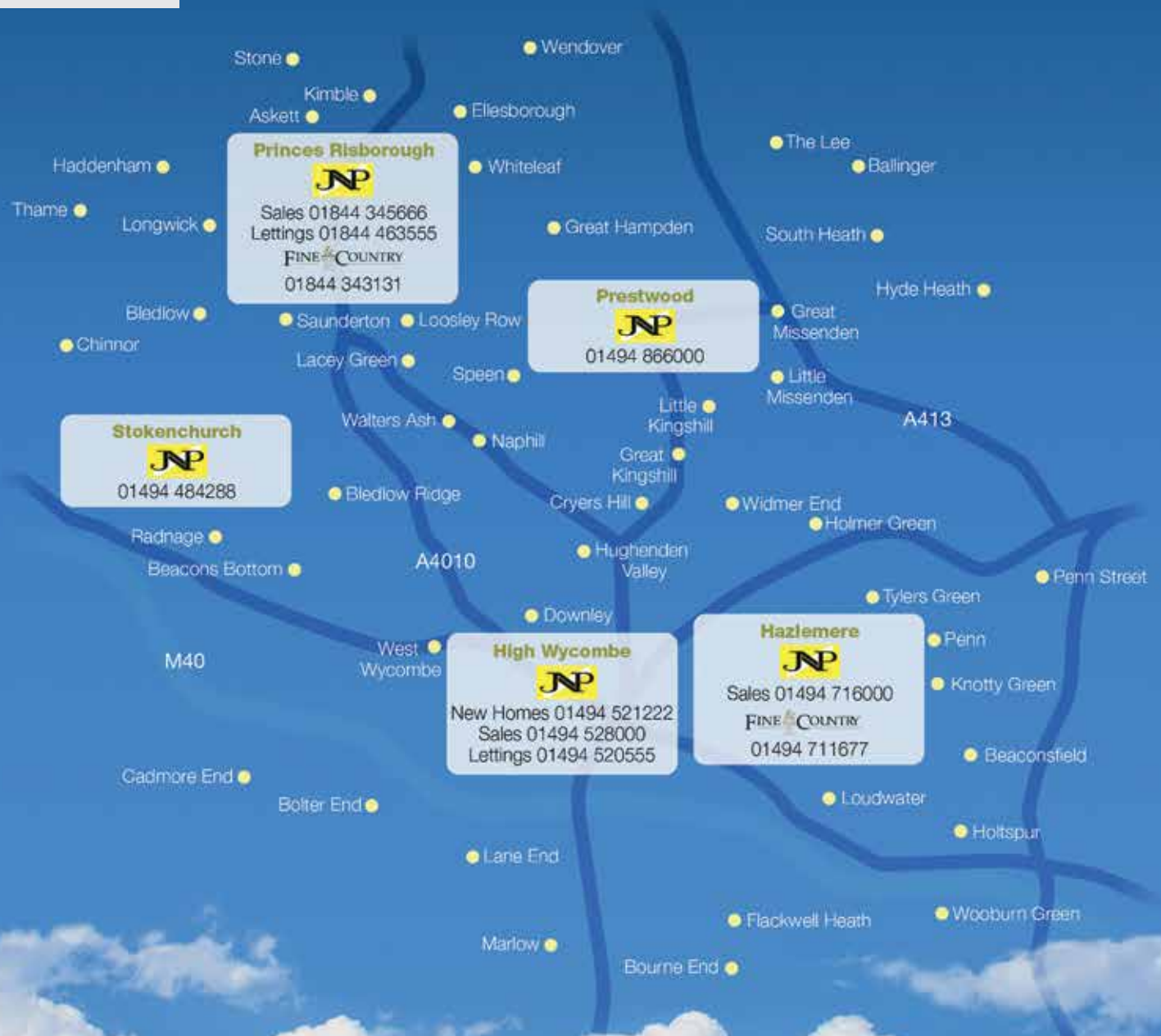


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