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Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 5.45 -7.00pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs- Hughenden Naphill	Mondays 6.45-8.15pm Tuesdays 7.00-8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	handnhcubs@hotmail.com naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
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	RAF Walter's Ash	
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Pat Furness 565501
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wasilewski 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday of the month 1.15 for 1.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Janet Judge 563186 Hazel Vickery 563977
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club - Senior	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com David Fletcher 532195 david@tvemf.org
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
Tennis Club - Junior	Wednesdays 11am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm Fridays 4.00-7.15pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Clive Lawrece chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk
Help with filling in online forms	Judy Whitehouse 562742 or Sheila Draper 563670		
Naphill Evening WI	3rd Thursday in month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Juliet Shortall 565018

### Useful Local Facebook Pages

**Naphill and Walters Ash Neighbourhood**

**Naphilland Walters As Community**



# Welcome Summer!



## Editorial

The clocks have gone forward, the evenings are gradually getting longer, the weather is generally getting warmer and we are all hoping that we have another glorious Summer on the way!

Of course, every season brings changes and things to which we all look forward. Here in Naphill and Walter's Ash our major event is the June NapFest. As I am sure we will hear from our great NapFest chairman, plans are moving forward at a great pace, the musicians are booked, the entertainment is being finalised, the stall holders are busy collecting items for their stalls and the fete princes and princesses have been appointed, more on all this next month. So much to look forward to as Summer approaches!

The Gazette will, as always, do everything possible to support local events and to get information disseminated to you all but it is not possible to include very long lists, be it items available on individual stalls, huge lists of individual sponsors or the endless lists thanking every individual who helped at an event. We do have an excellent website manned by our very efficient webmaster Peter Davis, so please, when you have a list which you want published do send it to me, I will pass it to Peter to publish on the website, [www.naphillandwaltersash.org.uk](http://www.naphillandwaltersash.org.uk), and as you will see in this edition, I will reference where this information can be found.

Just how often, as we get older, do we utter the words "In my day"? Having been given so much good advice by my elderly relatives, especially

when I was a young Mum, when I knew that they were all terribly old fashioned and not at all up to date on anything, I vowed that I would NEVER utter this phrase. Of course, I have fallen short on this ideology more often than I can remember! One of my pet moans is the passing of Mothering Sunday, it is now the very commercial Mother's Day which sometimes overlooks the simpler values so I was especially pleased to read the brownie article this month where the girls themselves had organised their personal thanks to their Mums. Well done girls!

Our printer, PKinPrint, has recently relocated to Gerrards Cross. Because they are now using an updated process I apparently can now be allowed to use as much colour as I can cram into the magazine without increasing the printing costs. Now as you all know I love colour in our magazine so you may well need your shades to read the Gazette in future. Here we go, the May edition is under construction.

*Sonia*

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## **Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council - Registered Charity No: 300309**

### **Chairman's Report**

There was a meeting of the village hall committee before the Annual General Meeting on April 1st. As time was limited only a few items were discussed. A pressing concern was that the hall was sometimes not left in a tidy state which resulted in the access to Bon Ami being compromised so blocking access to their storage facilities. To negate this problem it was agreed that the doors between the small hall and Bon Ami will be locked and a key will be located in a display case so making it available if emergency access is required.

We then continued on to the AGM. There were five members of the public at the meeting. I welcomed the guests attending and spoke about the work that had been done to the hall and playing fields this past year. Among these were the installation of the outdoor table tennis table, the new toddler play unit, new changing room doors and replacing the car park posts. Just these items add up to £20,000. I also pointed out that the village hall had a very good fundraising year, with Napfest, Christmas Fayre and the fireworks raising record amounts and thanked all the people who organised and helped at these events. This past year the lettings of the village hall have been increased with more bookings from commercial and private users and now with the new booking software we have also increased the income from the hirings. Also in this past year we have been very fortunate to have had some considerable donations from the public and I personally thank them for the donations.

The treasurer presented the village hall accounts to the AGM and explained in detail all the relevant points. After a vote they were accepted by the AGM. The meeting then progressed to electing the village representatives to the committee, they are Sarah Bacon, Daisy Leek, June Lynch, Andrew Wasilewski, Clive Lawrence and Cathryn Carter. Judy Whitehouse and Tanya Stevens were then also co-opted to the committee. The officers were elected those being, Treasurer Paul Riglar, Secretary Judy Whitehouse and Lettings Secretary Tanya Stevens.

I then spoke about the proposed change to the committee structure. The discussions so far have been on reducing the Trustees to 8 people as a management committee that meets monthly, plus a wider advisory group that meets quarterly. There has been feedback to this discussion and the points made were to seek

legal advice to make sure that the new constitution protected the village hall, to possibly limit the time a trustee can sit on the committee, that the trustees should reflect the demographic of the village hall users, allow the public to attend the village hall committee meetings, possibly for 15 minutes each meeting, whether we would allow people who run businesses from the village hall to be trustees and whether we should include an extraordinary general meeting into the constitution. It was agreed that the final draft for a new constitution, processes and meeting agenda all need to be agreed by December 2019. There was a suggestion that a programme of events for the village hall should be placed on the notice board each month.

In just over a month, June 7/8/9 Napfest is scheduled. I hope that most of the village will attend at least one event and enjoy themselves. Those that have benefitted from taking logs from the fallen tree on the crick, it would be great if they attended Napfest and spent more than usual at the event.

Clive Lawrence  
Village Hall Chairman



## **Bradenham Parish Council**

Litter picking was on our agenda in recent weeks. We are very grateful to those who carry out random litter picks, very much appreciated, thank you.

The R.A.F. and the National Trust carried out a big litter pick in Walter's Ash recently and the parish council did a litter pick on Saturday 13th April. We picked along the verges of Bradenham Woods Lane and in Bradenham village, it is amazing what people throw in the verges.

We have also found a substantial amount of fly tipping along the A4010, which was too big for us to move and this has been reported.

We removed two dead trees by the pond, but left logs and tree stumps to encourage wildlife. Once the fencing has been done and the vegetation grown, the pond area will look a lot better.

We have installed a second dog bin in the parish along the A4010 at the bottom of the "Bunker Road".

Due to councillor Arabella Grandage leaving the area we have a vacancy on the council, if you are interested please contact one of the councillors or the clerk.

The lights on New Road are due to be repaired by the RAF in the next few months, ready for winter!

Our next ordinary meeting is Monday 13th May at Bradenham Cricket Club starting at 7pm. We will hold our Annual Parish Meeting and our Annual Parish Council meeting on the same evening, preceding the ordinary meeting.

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

[www.bucksvoice.net/bradenham-parish-council](http://www.bucksvoice.net/bradenham-parish-council)



## Hughenden Parish Council

### Templewood Update

Following on from the update last month regarding the Templewood Project, £40,000 has been set aside by the Parish Council for the development of this site. Rather than just replacing the equipment within the existing fenced area, the council are looking to create an open space that can be enjoyed by all age groups. The council are currently waiting for designs to be submitted by various playground designers. These will go to the Services Committee of the Council on 26th May who will make a final recommendation to Full Council in June.

### Allotments Update

The Council have recently completed allotment plot clearances at its Louches Lane allotment site. There are several vacant plots on site, varying from £23 for a half plot, to £35 for a whole plot. Please contact the office to find out more about this enjoyable and social activity.

### Weight Restrictions on Clappins Lane and Stocking Lane

The Statutory Consultation conducted by Transport for Bucks (TfB) has been completed and the Parish Council has been notified that new signs enforcing a weight restriction of 7.5 tonnes will be erected at the ends of both roads in due course.

Shona Hadwen  
Clerk to the Council

## 125 Years of Hughenden Parish Council

This year, parish councils across the land are celebrating 125 years since their formation. Hughenden is no exception. Coningsby Disraeli chaired the first meeting in 1894 to bring the new organisation into being.

A number of events are taking place throughout the villages in the Hughenden Civil Parish during the course of the year. The following are dates for the Naphill calendar.

### May 26th - Rogation Sunday

Chris Miller will lead a FONC special walk along part of the parish boundary. *Look out for posters.*

### June 8th - Napfest

Parish Councillors will 'man' a stall at the fete

### July 14th - Football Presentation

There will be a parish council stall on the Crick

**October 12th - Naphill Heritage Day** (to be held in the village hall.)

Our very own archivist, Pam Smith, will display some of her photographs charting the history of Naphill's organisations. Lace makers will display their skills and encourage participation as lace making was an important cottage industry here.

More details about the heritage day will be provided nearer the time. The Hughenden Parish Council website will contain a complete list of events across the Parish.

*For further information please contact [simon.kearey@hughendenpc.org.uk](mailto:simon.kearey@hughendenpc.org.uk)*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

**Planning: 18/06647/FUL** Heatherlands, Downley Road, Naphill. Bordering on Naphill Common protected as a SAC, SSSI, GB and AONB. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two 4-bed two storey detached dwellings and a 3-bed detached bungalow all with detached double garages |

Heatherlands Naphill Common Naphill HP14 4RF.

A single WDC officer has given permission. This site previously only opened on to Downley Road. A short vehicular access to the two new 4-bed houses has been permitted through Naphill Common with no limit to number of vehicles that can use the surrounding Common for parking and turning due to the inadequate area for parking and turning planned for the two 4-bed house sites.

**Major concern:** this is within an area where highly endangered Great Crested Newts breed, browse and rest. Great Crested Newts are protected as an endangered species under European and UK law and

it is illegal to capture, kill or deliberately disturb them, their habitat or their eggs. Damaging their breeding grounds risks unlimited fine and up to 6 months in prison.

Great Crested Newts have disappeared from most of central and northern Europe and a large part of Great Britain with none now in Ireland. A few groups still exist in England, one very small group on Naphill Common.

What a shock for nearly 100 objectors to both the Heatherlands applications to find permission given to 18/06447/FUL within 2 days of an amended site plan appearing on WDC website, with the public denied sufficient time for comment.

Why was such a controversial plan involving the most important conservation area in Naphill & WA decided by a single WDC officer and not placed before the WDC Planning Committee for proper examination and decision?

Why was Natural England and WDC provided with 2 flawed reports by Windrush Ecology of MSC Development Ltd, who are employed to develop Heatherlands?

Concerned people are asking whether the owner of MSC Development Ltd is on any advisory panel or group that assists WDC on planning decisions?

Specific questions were put by official 'Recorders of Great Crested Newts' to Wycombe District Council and Natural England on 10th and 14th April 2019. Objectors want these questions fully answered before any further damage is done to this EU Special Area of Conservation as it could lead to the extinction of Great Crested Newts on Naphill Common.

**19/05713/FUL: Hogtrough Smallholding Louches Lane Naphill. HP14 4QH.** Demolition of existing buildings and clear the site, change the use of the site from redundant B8 (storage and distribution) to C3 (dwelling houses) and erection of 1 x 3 bed low carbon dwelling house which utilizes ground source heat, grey water harvesting, very low U-value insulation and solar power. Received on 03.04.19. Neighbour Consultation Expiry date 30 April 2019.

This is a repeat application of the one turned down by Wycombe DC in 2018 as contrary to Green Belt policy. The timing of this application coincides with the school/Easter holidays when many people are absent and not in a position to respond. Those who are in a position to respond will need to send their comments in rapidly to meet the 30th April deadline.

**19/05585/FUL. 29 Woodcock Avenue Walters Ash. HP14 4TW.** Householder application for construction of 1 x rear dormer window and insertion of 3 x roof lights to front roof slope in connection with loft conversion. Received 19.03.19 Target for Determination: 14.05.2019.

**Planning Inspector's Modifications to Wycombe District Council Local Plan.** These did not include the deletion of Policy RUR7 to remove Green Belt protection from Chilterns AONB field at the top of Clappins Lane to permit a 64-house development, in spite of massive public opposition to the RUR7 policy. However, following Cheryl Scott's research NAWARA and many residents responded to the modifications by pointing out that the modifications which aimed to protect the Green Belt and AONB were not reflected in the proposed WD Local Plan. Suggestions for additional modifications were made that would ensure WDC adhered to the Government NPPF policies designed to protect the Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Evidence was supplied to show that the "exceptional circumstances" being used by WDC to justify building on Clappins Lane field had no foundation.

*Gloria Leflaive - 563634*



## **Hughenden Street Association**

*Helping your neighbours stay safe and well*

Our objective is to increase understanding of vulnerable adults, the challenges they face and the signs an individual may be vulnerable.

To increase awareness of the services available to support vulnerable people to bridge the gap between services and those who may benefit from them.

To increase awareness of the community activities available to support vulnerable people in order to reduce loneliness and social isolation and their correlated health risks.

And to increase understanding of and capacity to report the growing number of complex doorstep scams targeted at vulnerable people.

The problem is illustrated by:

- 17% residents in contact with family and friends less than once a week
- 26% increased likelihood of early mortality from loneliness
- The average age of victims is 77

Become a Street Association representative and help your vulnerable neighbours.

*Stan Jones*  
Chairman

## David Lidington MP

In conversations, both within government and locally in the constituency, I'm finding the subject of mental health coming up increasingly often.

For years, mental health was the Cinderella of the health service. Spending was, and despite improvements remains, much lower than that for physical health. It was only in 2012 that the NHS even began to record figures for access to mental health services.

In wider society, stigma has been a big problem, with many people afraid to admit to their family, their GP or even to themselves that they were struggling with mental health problems.

Now, attitudes are changing. Celebrities like Stephen Fry, MPs like my colleagues Charles Walker and Kevan Jones (Conservative and Labour respectively) speak openly about their personal battles. There's greater public willingness to discuss mental health without the squeamishness we've seen in the past.

In the Armed Services, there is now much greater awareness of PTSD and other mental illnesses than ever before.

Government policies too have shifted. Spending on mental health is at a record level - nearly £12 billion. Mental health will be a priority in work to implement the new NHS long-term plan. Already, £2bn of the government's £20bn of additional funding for the NHS has been earmarked to provide specialist mental health support in every A&E department, more specialist ambulances and mental health teams in schools.

There are ambitious plans to increase the NHS' mental health workforce by 21,000, and expand mental health provision to a million more people by 2021.

This is all welcome, but I'm the first to accept that much more needs to be done.

Nor is this a matter for the health department alone. Many people sleeping rough have a history of mental illness. That's true also of a very large proportion of people in prison. We need to join up mental health work with policies to reduce rough sleeping and cut reoffending.

Government and the NHS also need to work with voluntary organisations. Locally, I've seen how charities like Space and Lindengate have given new hope and opportunity to people with mental health problems.

Our aim must be to ensure that, as a society, we treat mental health as an equal priority to physical health.

*David Lidington*

## Points of Interest

Much is happening at County Hall as the county council prepares for its new Unitary status. The District Councils have dropped their demands for a judicial review of the minister's decision to create a new county wide unitary council and the abolition of the five previous administrations, thereby saving council taxpayers a not insignificant sum for legal fees in challenging the minister, for which we must be grateful. The new council will have a large number of councillors, around 150 at the last count, that's three members per existing county division, there are plans to reduce this down to 100 when the Unitary is fully operational after the Elections in 2020. Where 150 members will meet is still under discussion as none of the existing council chambers is big enough!

Although the speed of traffic through Naphill has reduced there are still some drivers who tend to ignore it. I know from experience that 30 miles per hour is hard to maintain in the modern car and with an automatic gearbox the only solution is to put on cruise control and set it at the speed limit. Not so easy if your car has no speed limiter or cruise control. Of more recent concern is the awareness of electric cars in restricted areas like car parks where one cannot hear the approach of the vehicle, rather like bicycles on public footpaths and roadside pavements, which can take you unawares especially if you are hard of hearing.

As the population of Princes Risborough doubles in size over the next 5 to 10 years so will the traffic increase on the A4010 and the "rat run" through Naphill I suspect, not a prospect to which to look forward. I am delighted that after trying for many years to get weight limits on Clappins and Stocking Lane, heavy lorries are to be prevented from accessing these roads. At last common sense has prevailed; it is now dependent on residents to report the registration numbers of offending vehicles to the police. Let's hope there will not be too many law-breaking drivers!

*Richard Pushman*

## St. Botolph's Services

May 5th	11am	Churchwarden	Matins
May 12th	11am	Rev Jenny Ellis	Eucharist
May 19th	11am	Rev Jenny Ellis	Eucharist
May 26th	11am	Rev Jenny Ellis	Eucharist

## Friends of Naphill Common

Spring has definitely arrived. White splashes have been painted on our hedges by blackthorn and the woods by the “loveliest of trees”, the cherry and the occasional bullace (wild plum). The first blue is appearing on the bluebells – let’s hope for a good show! Our butterflies that overwinter as adults – Brimstone, Red Admiral, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell – are appearing in good numbers on sunny days helped by the relatively mild winter. Many of our ponds have a very healthy number of tiny tadpoles – mostly frogs, but with some toads and newts too – which by the time this article appears will be well on their way to becoming miniature adults.

As part of the 125th anniversary of the foundation of Hughenden Parish Council, we will be conducting a ‘Beating the Bounds’ walk on Sunday 26th May (Rogation Sunday – the traditional date for such activities). Hughenden is a very large parish and walking the entire boundary could probably qualify as an ultra-marathon, so we will instead walk around the Common, visiting many of the points of interest (including 8½ ponds and a Romano-British Farmstead). Chris Miller will lead the walk, starting from the Village Hall at 10:30 am and take a couple of hours, covering 5 miles or so – appropriate footwear is advisable, if we have been unlucky with wet weather the Common can be quite muddy.

The monthly short walk will be on the following Wednesday (29th May), it has been brought forward

a week from its usual ‘slot’ on the first Wednesday of the month in order to form part of the twice-yearly Chilterns Walking Festival, for more information visit: <https://www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest>. In previous years, our regulars on our short walks have been joined by walkers from across the county.

We also invite you to join our longer walks, led by Ron Collins, which are about 5 miles, generally taking the form of a circular walk 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.

Information about all our activities, including our regular working parties, can be found on our website: <http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk>

### Forthcoming Events:

- **Sunday 26th May** – Beating the Bounds walk, 5 miles 2 hrs, meet at Village Hall at 10:30 am
- **Tuesday 25th June** – Lost Farms of Naphill, a history walk around the village led by Marian Miller, starting from the Village Hall car park at 7 pm

*Chris Miller - Chairman*

Friends of Naphill Common  
**Silent Auction**

Friends of Naphill Common (FONC) will again this year be holding a Silent Auction at the fete next month. We already have an extremely wide variation of lots available so there will, I am sure, be something to interest most people. At the time of writing we have an amazing list of donations to auction! A full list of these can be found on the village website: [www.naphillandwaltersash.org.uk](http://www.naphillandwaltersash.org.uk) under events.

If you are interested in bidding for any of the above items or want to see what else is available come and visit our stall in the marquee. If you are not able to come to the fete but would like to submit a bid for an item, please ring either Neil McMinn on 01494 564667 or Ron Collins on 01494 562240. Arrangements can then be made for you to make a sealed bid which will be opened on the day.

We are still very happy to receive donations so if you can help please let one of us know.

Happy bidding.

*Neil and Ron*

Full list of available items at  
[www.naphillandwaltersash.org.uk](http://www.naphillandwaltersash.org.uk)



## Music on the Crick

Friday 7th June

Sponsored by A Bespoke Window & Door Company



We have all new bands this year!



This is a fabulous local event band featuring some of the UK's finest players from the sessions and touring world, previously headlining at Frogfest and Beaconfest.



Kirsty performed a blistering live show at the Naphill and Walters Ash Fireworks in November 2018. We are delighted to welcome her back for NapFest 2019!



Our local DJ Sean Salter will open the evening with a disco for all ages, playing disco classics from the 70's, hidden gems from the 80's, some big box-little box from the 90's, to current anthems.

This year our bar is stocking Rebellion lager (on Draught) and Rebellion IPA. There will also be a large range of proseccos and gins. ALSO! Don't forget our amazing food and drink stalls. Back by popular demand we have Yourztoeat providing their spectacular 'Hog Roast', we have the famous Noodle Nation providing a fusion of food for all to enjoy. Tipsy Flamingo are back with their amazing cocktails.

To keep you all entertained there will be 7 inflatables, for all ages, including bungee runs and sumo suits. All free to ride, we just ask for a small charitable donation. Also there will be free candy floss and popcorn for all.

**Advance tickets are available from the Wheel PH (Cash only) and online at: [www.napfest.co.uk](http://www.napfest.co.uk)**

£25 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 Children) - £30 on the gate

£10 per adult - £13 on the gate

£5 per child (5-12yrs) £7 on the gate

Under 5's are free



## Circus Theme

This traditional event will commence with the procession at 12pm. As always, this will be led by the Fete Princes and Princesses, who will then officially open the proceedings.

This year we have numerous inflatables for you all to enjoy.

In the arena/marquee we have family fun for all, our Nepalese ladies performing some traditional dance, Lacey Green Singers, the RAF Halton Voluntary Band, Princes Risborough Dance School and much, much more!

Don't forget the dog show!!!! Classes start at 1240pm and include most handsome dog, prettiest bitch, golden oldie, best rescue dog, waggiest tail and the best in show. (sponsored by Jollyes)

Stalls include: Naphill Neighbours Cake Stall, Friends of Naphill Common Silent Auction, Grand Prize Draw, Bath Bombs, trinkets, Fudge and sweets, greetings cards, the National Trust wooden carvings and many more.

Food and Refreshments: Tea and Coffee by the WI, Strawberries and Cream by the Tennis Club, free popcorn and candy floss, Slush/milk shakes and of course our famous BBQ and Beer Tent, serving hot dogs, burgers and award winning ales, on draught Rebellion Lager and soft drinks.



Also this year..... **Circus Sensible**

We have a Baby Big Top dedicated to Circus performances and workshops free for all to enjoy.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR VILLAGER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS** - an award presented to the Villager who has made outstanding contributions to the village in the last 12 months. All nominations should be forwarded to [lindaclark894@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaclark894@hotmail.com) before 1 June 2018.

Thank you!

*Linda and the NAPFEST Committee*





## Classics on the Crick, Charity Car Show

Sunday 9th June 2019

Classics on Crick will again be held on the Sunday of Napfest.

This is the 6th Year of the event, and we have now raised over £30,000 for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

In 2018, 370 cars & commercials attended along with 70 bikes and scooters, and we expect to see a similar number this year.

If you have any type of Classic car, commercial, bike or scooter, why don't you dig it out of the garage and bring it along. Full details on how to enter are on our website <https://www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk/>

This year the event will open to the public at the earlier time of 10am, to allow maximum time to view all those fantastic vehicles.

We shall also have live music, an excellent bar stocked with local ales and lovely food from various local producers.

Plus, there will be plenty of other attractions to keep the whole family entertained including new for this year, electric go-karts.

There will be our popular prize-giving at about 3pm, and the show is scheduled to close at 4pm.

### Public Admission

**Tickets only available on the day,**

£6 adult, £3 children. family ticket, 2 Adult 2 children £15.

Dogs welcome on a lead.

### Volunteering

Want to get more involved? As the event gets bigger, we need more marshals to help with the successful running of the show. We are looking for volunteers to help between 8am & 1pm, or 1pm & 6pm. All helpers will receive a packed lunch, bar vouchers and a very stylish Classics on the Crick cap!

If you can spare a few hours and help us raise money for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance, please sign up at our website <https://www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk/>.

If you have any questions, contact us at [classicsonthecrick@gmail.com](mailto:classicsonthecrick@gmail.com)

See you all on Sunday 9th of June

*The Classics on the Crick Team*

# WANTED!



**Suitable prizes for the Wheel of Fortune.**

**To be collected by Linda,**

**Please contact on 07745545311/lindaclark894@hotmail.com**

**Thank you very much for anything you can give!**

**- toiletries, booze and chocolate are the most popular items.**

*.....Roll up to "The Circus MGurkus, Naphill's Greatest Show,  
On the face of the earth, wherever you go" (with apologies to Dr  
Seuss', "If I ran the Circus")*

## **FETE BOOKSTALL**

*Good quality second hand books for adults and children*

*As last year, we will be using the cloakroom in the village hall for delivery drops and storage, so please bring your donations to Naphill village hall. It is often open for village activities and bookings and we will be there regularly from Wed 15th MAY to Friday 7th<sup>th</sup> JUNE, to accept and sort your books ahead of the Fete on the 8<sup>th</sup>. If it is closed please drop them into Bon Ami between 10-4 on weekdays or 10-3 on a Saturday between those dates.*

*Please come along to the stall on Fete Day to browse and buy -and this year we will also be at Classics on the Crick too. Thank you, Sheila Draper*

## Naphill Evening WI

It doesn't seem possible that it is nearly May already. Our speaker on 16th will tell us about Women in the First World War and the competition will be a piece of memorabilia or a photo from that period. Our May meeting will also see us discussing the WI Resolutions for 2019. There are two topics this year, firstly "A call against the decline in local bus services" (there has been a dramatic decline in rural bus services in some areas of the country) and secondly "Don't fear the smear". The second topic has been brought about by the fact that the number of women attending for routine cervical screening is falling despite the number of lives the test saves each year. Food for thought ladies.

Our votes on these resolutions will be taken to the National Federation's Annual Meeting in Bournemouth on 5th June.

It is the Buckinghamshire Federation's Annual Council Meeting on Wednesday 1 May, when some of us will be going to the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury for a good day out meeting friends from other institutes and hearing the latest news about WI. We will also hear some good speakers, including Simon King OBE.

The 30th April will have seen the Food Group dining at the Bull at Bisham, with partners and friends. Their next date will be 29 May for lunch at the Peacock in Henton. We also have Jenny's ploughman's lunch to look forward to at 12.30 on 9th May.

As usual, lots to look forward to.

*Carol Gilliam*

## Naphill Neighbours

At this month's meeting, local historian Mike Payne took us on a nostalgic journey which he illustrated with photographs from his family album. He linked the photos to local points of interest with occasional forays in to his early years on the Isle of Wight. Of particular interest was the time when his father, an expert wartime morse code signaller, sent a message by lamp to the Royal Yacht Britannia as she entered harbour. He was surprised and delighted to get a message back from the Queen, sent from the bridge of the royal yacht.

Our next talk will have closer and more prolonged royal connections. In a change to the published programme, the speaker will be a former protection officer to Princes William and Harry. Do join us on Monday May 13th at 1.15 for 1.30pm start for a talk entitled 'Bodyguard to the Princes.'

The Neighbours will once again be running their famed cake stall at Napfest on June 8th. It would help the organisers if people donating cakes would bring them to the stall on the morning of the fete, from 10am onwards. If this is impossible then I will accept donations at Bramble Cottage in Downley Road on the afternoon of the day before. Please wrap in clingfilm, not foil, so the contents may be appreciated. Many thanks.

Peggy Ewart

Tel 565969



**Naphill Neighbours**  
**WANTED**  
**Cakes, Bakes & Preserves**  
Please bring to the stall on Fete Morning  
or  
Arrange as above with Peggy Ewart  
Tel: 565969



## Please Help Naphill to WIN!

The Resident's Association have entered again this year for Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition. The year 2019 celebrates 62 years of this competition. Let's make this year a year to remember!

Judging will take place between 1st June and 7th July 2019.

It is so important that every resident tries to play a part. Just keeping your frontage free from litter is a huge step. If you know of an

older neighbour who is unable to look after their frontage adjoining the public footpath or road, it would be great if you could help them too. Dog walkers (of which I am one), try to help with any litter you may see.

Floral displays, (hanging baskets, tubs, planters) and general environmental features would be a big plus and give pleasure to all those who pass by.

The judges will be looking around shops and pubs, bus stops, bus shelters, and notice boards. The War Memorial, Naphill Common, Village Hall, playing fields, and our new play equipment, is key to this competition.

Please all help, the overall appearance of our village and evidence of community effort plays such an important part in our lovely village and beautiful surrounding countryside.

Any queries or advice please do not hesitate to contact me on tel: 01494 569393.

*Jo Keattch*

## Nancy Taylor - Bucks Art Weeks News



I am showing my work at Askett House, Askett Village near Princes Risborough HP27 9LT. From the roundabout A4010 turn towards Askett and take the first unnamed road on the right after Crowbrook Rd. Askett House is at the end with parking.

I am there - Saturday June 8th, 15th & 22nd from 11 am - 5pm  
Sunday June 9th & 23rd from 2 - 5pm.

## A Sincere Thank You



My beloved husband, David Powell, died on 10th March after a short and unexpected illness. Now that his funeral is over, I would just like to express my heartfelt thanks and those of our son, Nick, and his family, not only to our relatives here but also to the many friends from Naphill, Walters Ash

and Lacey Green who have offered such unstinting support and kindness to me in what is the most difficult time of my life.

David was a son of Naphill and, although he lived much of his childhood and youth in Princes Risborough and we lived in many places in our almost 50 years of marriage, we always thought of this village as home and it was our great pleasure to return to live here in 2003. I have every intention of continuing to do so.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the funeral and the excellent wake that Claire and the whole team at The Wheel provided. David would have enjoyed it! It is a blessing to live in a warm community such as ours.

Thank you.

*Pam Powell*

## The Wheel

Our May Gazette article is always a difficult one to write as we are all waiting for the summer to kick in, and the long, beautiful evenings socialising in the gardens to start. I am hoping that by the time you read this we will be outside and that I have finally turned the heating off!

Over the next few months there will be lots of new faces starting work, as they come back from University and help out over the summer. I will introduce them once they start. Some of our old staff will also be back, so a few familiar faces too. At the beginning of May, I'm pleased to say I'm off on my yearly holiday in the sun with my Mum (hopefully no international incidents this year). Mark is then off to the Isle of Man TT with the boys again. We would both like to thank Chloe, Julia, Chef, and the rest of the team for all their extra help during our holiday periods.

June is fast approaching, and it's all systems go getting ready for Napfest, which is always an amazing event. The Wheel will be running the bar on the Friday night for Music on The Crick. I can't wait to see everyone

there. Shortly after that we need to remember it's Father's Day on the 17th June (please remember to book).

Talking of booking tables, we have had several large meetings turn up without prior notice. We really want to help accommodate our local organisations, but do need warning and our diners will always get priority. If you have a number of people for a meeting (let's say five or more) the best time to book the dining area is on a Sunday evening, as the kitchen is closed. Please talk to us so that we can help you.

During July we will be helping Chiltern Hills Arboriculture raise money for Westfield School which supports children with special needs. Danny is going to be staying in one of our trees for 24 hours on Sat 13th July. Yes, you read that correctly! We will be helping by organising the event alongside Mike and Danny. I will let you know all the final plans nearer the time, you can donate by using this link in your web browser <http://tinyurl.com/y3fk54x2> or alternatively it can be done the old fashioned way on the day.

Thanks again to all our staff and customers during April. See you all soon.

*Claire and Mark*

## Chiltern Hills Arboriculture

### Seasonal Notes

I think it's fair to say that spring is now officially with us. Hopefully the frosts and hail that we have been experiencing while I was writing this in mid April are now well and truly behind us. Time to get out into the garden and start tidying up for summer.

Prune your spring flowering trees and shrubs soon after they bloom. They will begin setting next years buds in late summer, so it is important to have them well pruned and fertilized before then.

It is now time to fertilize your shrubs, azaleas, rhododendrons, and camellias. Also mulch the beds around your shallow rooted shrubs in preparation for summer. This will aid the plants to retain ground moisture and help to deter weeds from thriving. It will also protect them from any harsh summer sun. No, stop laughing at me. It might happen.

Check any potted plants you have. Is their pot large enough, or have they out grown it? Assuming we are clear of the frosts, you could now relocate any larger plants in an outdoor bed. Be sure to water them well on planting and until they become properly established.

We had some dry, warm weather recently so I took the opportunity to get out and mow the lawn a couple of times. Like other people I have spoken to in the village I have an ongoing battle with moles. I thought I had dealt with them effectively last year. But on closer inspection our garden now resembles a scene from

"The Great Escape". If only it were limited to three tunnels I could call "Tom, Dick and Harry". Which brings me to my tip of the month. Mothballs. Last year I took the trouble to pop a mothball into every mole hill before backfilling it. This seems to work, but it looks like it needs to be an annual procedure.

Finally, a reminder of our charity event at The Wheel on Saturday 13th July. All the information and an opportunity to donate to this great cause can be found here

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

We are aiming for a real festival atmosphere and hope that you can come down and support us.

*Mike Beckley*

Chiltern Hills Arboriculture

## Growing Your Own

I am completely organic – except for using slug pellets which seem essential on our soil. How else can we deal with the slug and snail menace? Some gardeners recommend going out at night with a torch to catch the nocturnal beasts and put them in a bucket of water. I do have an LED (light-emitting diode) light which I could strap to my forehead so that the light points in the direction I am looking. However, I am most reluctant to go out on my allotment late at night with my LED light strapped to my forehead. Sure as eggs, some neighbour would ring the police who would be round in a flash to deal with a report that someone was behaving suspiciously on the allotments. This has become much more likely since the following large red notice once appeared affixed to the gate of the allotments: "Warning. Thames Valley Police. COUNTRY WATCH. Anything Suspicious call Thames Valley Police 101 or dial 999 in an emergency. Working together for safer rural communities."

Imagine the scene. Up comes PC Plod "Hello, Hello, Hello! What have we here?" I turn to face the officer, blinding him with my LED light. "I'm killing Gastropods officer." "Likely story" says PC Plod, staggering and unable to see. I turn to Plod, blinding him again. "But it's true officer, this is my allotment and I've killed 20 of them so far." "OK" says Plod, "show me your allotment tenancy agreement and either your passport or photo driving licence". Again I turn to Plod, blinding him again, "I don't have them with me officer". "OK," says Plod, thoroughly annoyed by now with being blinded and unable to see my dead Gastropods. "You will have to accompany me to the Station and explain to the Sergeant that you were killing Gastropods." The sergeant believes that Gastropods are inhabitants of Gastropodya, a country in the Balkans which recently joined the European Union along with Croatia, Slovenia, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Transylvania, Macedonia and Montenegro. He charges me with murder and with

horror I realise that the newspapers will soon be full of the story of the serial killer of Gastropods. I tell the sergeant that it is all a ghastly mistake but nevertheless he puts me in a cell for the rest of the night. The next morning the police station is besieged by an army of press photographers and journalists eager to get a sight of the mass murderer of Naphill. I am released on bail and protest to the journalists that I am innocent but they do not listen - they want their story and lurid headlines is what they seek. I explain that there is no such country as Gastropodya but the journalists also believe it is a country in the Balkans which recently joined the European Union along with Croatia, Slovenia, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Transylvania, Macedonia and Montenegro and that I have been exterminating hapless citizens of that country who just happened to be on my allotment in the darkness minding their own business. My wife finds it all amusing and buys copies of all the newspapers next day to keep as souvenirs. Events then take a more serious tone as the magistrates sentence me to 3 months in jail with no parole, which is the standard tariff for serial killers. That could be serious since I would not be able to weed my allotment for three months which would be disastrous. Fortunately, I am sentenced to an open prison nearby and I abscond daily to weed and return before my absences are discovered. My head is spinning, I feel I am hallucinating, and try to wake up.

Happy gardening,

*Mike Mason*

## Naphill Scouts

The Scouts have been busy over the last few months go karting, map reading, bridge building and bowling. We are now moving into a very exciting summer programme with a mixture of climbing, orienteering, camp building and outdoor games. These activities will be led by our two new Scout leaders John Huddleston and Peter Symons with support from Judith. They are keen to get started in their roles!

Sadly we are saying farewell to Adrian, the long time leader of the Naphill Scout group, who has become the new Group Scout Leader (GSL). Mark and Dujion have also taken on new roles with the Group Executive Committee. The Scouts would like to say thank you to them for their time & commitment over the past years.

If you are aged 10 to 14 and are interested in joining Naphill Scouts we meet every Thursday (term time) from 7.30pm - 9.15pm. please contact John on [JKBUDDS@HOTMAIL.co.uk](mailto:JKBUDDS@HOTMAIL.co.uk) for further details.

If you are an adult and would like to become a leader then come down one night to see how you can make a difference to some young lives.

*John and Peter*

## Naphill and Walter's Ash School

At 9:30 am, on Sunday 24th March, 51 of us and our teachers set off by coach for North Wales to begin our week at Rhos y Gwalia. We had a very good journey, finally arriving at around 3pm.

After a quick unpack in the dorms, we were issued with boots, waterproofs and rucksacks. We had a hearty meal of fish and chips which was followed by peaches and ice-cream. It was a good job we'd had the opportunity to fill ourselves up because next thing we knew, we were all off on a night-hike up to the top of a nearby hill.

The rest of the week was spent doing amazing activities, such as canoeing on Bala Lake, getting VERY wet doing gorge walking and zooming down a zip-wire over a river. We also went down into a dark, wet slate mine and we scrambled over, through and between rocks at the beach.

All week we ate really fantastic meals – three courses at dinner every evening! There were lovely packed lunches that we prepared ourselves and plenty of cereals and toast for breakfast.

It was a wonderful week and everyone challenged themselves to do things they'd never done before. The weather was beautiful, with sunshine every day which really helped to make our time at Rhos really special.

We'd like to say a big thank-you to our parents for paying for us to go on this trip which we will remember forever.



## From Bradenham Vicarage

May 4th and all that.



Readers of the Gazette may have realised that I quite enjoy science fiction, especially Star Wars. May 4th is International Star Wars Day –designated such by fans all over the English speaking world because you can say to someone ‘May the fourth be with you’ – a pun on the Jedi greeting of ‘May the Force be with you’. Such is my love of the early franchise that I am in danger of becoming a bit of a Star Wars nerd. In 2014, May 4th was a Sunday and.....you’ve guessed it! I just couldn’t resist.....I replaced the usual greeting of ‘May the Lord be with you’ with ‘May the fourth be with you’ then preached a sermon mentioning Star Wars. A gal’s gotta do what a gal’s gotta do!

Another time, I was applying to a training event for wannabe C of E priests. On the form was the question ‘Religion.....?’ Seriously!?! Figuring this was an error and no one would read it anyway, I wrote Jedi for my religion citing Yoda as my minister. Was my face red when, at the event, the host gave a special (tongue in cheek) welcome to the one Jedi present.....my face remains red to this day as that was Rev Stephen Croft, now the Bishop of Oxford!

What I love about science fiction is its use of imagery and stories to explore philosophy and theology. To my mind, the best stuff is a projection asking ‘what if?’ It may serve as an inspiration or a warning; Michael Crichton’s ‘Jurassic Park’ contains warnings about the results of daring to ‘play God’ whilst C S Lewis’s ‘Perelandra’ explores how God might appear to and interact with a creation beyond earth.

The images science fiction presents have given rise to numerous ‘pseudo religions’ that claim Jesus was an alien, we are a seed colony from an alien culture etc. Urban myth had 7% of Brits claiming Jedi their religion at the last census. If we are willing to put down an idea from a fantasy as our religion, it begs the question ‘What kind of God do we believe in?’

Some people think of God as like the ‘Force’ - a universal power that holds all things in a dynamic dark-light balance. Sometimes this becomes unbalanced in favour of the dark side and it falls to the Jedi to restore order. In George Lucas’s story, evil is mounting and ‘chosen one’ Luke Skywalker rises up to restore the balance. Now there’s actually a fair amount of decent theology in all that, but the ‘Force’ is not the Biblical idea of God. It is not personal. It can be used or abused. It does not feel.

Luke Gospelwriter tells a different story. He tells the story of a living, personal, loving God who came to earth in human form as Jesus Christ, to take the punishment for our wrongs and to show us how to live in a relationship with the Creator of the universe. This is the heart of the Christian faith and the celebration of Easter we have just enjoyed.

What kind of God do you want to believe in?

May the Force be with you.....

Rev Jenny Ellis

## Saint John’s School Lacey Green

St. John’s School Pupils and the Parents Association have been going a little Recycling crazy recently! You may have noticed a recycling bins around the Village collecting an eclectic mix of items (crisp packets, bread bags and beauty product packaging to be exact) and you may be wondering what we could possibly want with it all.

Well, we have registered with the recycling firm Terracycle and have signed up to collect these items in order to help the environment and also earn a few pennies for the school. In addition, the Beauty Product recycling could potentially win the school funding for a new recycled playground if we can get enough collected by June!

Terracycle keeps waste out of landfill by reusing, upcycling or recycling items. For example into plant pots or garden benches. We see this as a great example to set to the children and an excellent lesson in innovative uses for waste.

To help us out with our project please consider hanging onto these items of ‘rubbish’ and either placing them in a bin or, if you have a small collection of your own built up please contact Jo Sharp who will come and collect from you.

If you know of somewhere that would benefit from a recycling box please do let us know.

Jo – stjohnsparentsassociation@gmail.com

### Items we collect

- All brands of Crisp Packets
- Bread Bags made from LDPE (standard sliced bread bags)
- All beauty product packaging excluding hard bottles & aerosols (lids and pumps accepted)
- Full collection details are on the collection box & can be emailed on request.

**Editorial Comment:** *It is lovely to be able to support another local school where some of our village children are pupils.*

Sonia





## Hughenden Valley & Chequers Drive Surgery

### OUR CLINICAL SYSTEM IS CHANGING

On Wednesday 15 May 2019 at the request of the Bucks CCG we will be changing our clinical system. All the GP practices in Buckinghamshire are moving to a single system to enable a more streamlined service and improved communication and we are doing likewise.

#### HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

##### Appointments

From the 8 May 2019 for five working days the information we record will not be transferred to the new system. We will therefore have to process this retrospectively which will be a significant and complex amount of additional work. To minimise errors and delays during that five day period prescriptions and consultation/clinic info will need to be kept to a minimum.

At this time we will be operating 'on the day appointments' only and because the new system will not be live we will be unable to book any forward appointments beyond this date until the new system is active on 15 May.

We therefore ask that if your needs are of a non-urgent nature, you try to avoid booking an appointment over this period. We will be working to deliver a greater level of services once we are on the new system so it may be easier to wait until after our 'go live' date for a routine appointment.

##### System Online (Including Prescription ordering)

Our online Services will no longer be accessible from 8 May 2019 when this function will be taken over by our new provider. Unfortunately this means all existing users will need to register with the new service however we will be putting in a 'hotline' service to facilitate this that will go-live from the 20 May.

Please bear with us during this time all the staff (both clinical and Non-clinical) will be using an unfamiliar system so some tasks may take longer. We therefore ask for your understanding and patients during this time.

Many thanks

Hughenden Valley  
and Chequers Drive Surgeries

**NHS**

## OUR CLINICAL SYSTEM IS CHANGING

On Wednesday 15th May 2019

**NHS**

How does this affect me?

Hughenden Valley & Chequers Drive  
Surgery

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
ALL PATIENTS CURRENTLY USING ONLINE PRESCRIPTION  
SERVICES WILL NEED TO RE-REGISTER FOR ONLINE ACCESS  
AFTER THE 15th MAY 2019

Details on how to re-register for online access will be made available on  
our website ([www.ourpractice.co.uk](http://www.ourpractice.co.uk)) in the coming weeks

## RAF High Wycombe - Community News

### Litter Heroes Help Clear Up The Streets

*This event was organised by the Dep Station Safety Health Environment and Energy (SSHEA) Officer, Michelle Hamilton. During the schools' Easter holiday the local RAF youth club also organised a local litter pick.*

*These events were organised as part of the GB Spring Clean, a part of the keep Britain Tidy Campaign and the report was sent in by Fg Off Rhiannon Morris.*

**ROYAL Air Force High Wycombe personnel take to the streets in a bid to clear the local community of unwanted litter.**



The Health and Safety department who ran and organised the event, continuously strives to make RAF High Wycombe as green as possible, reducing its impact on the local community as much as possible, by running energy reduction schemes, conservation projects and they are currently introducing a new waste management system.

Michelle added: "The main aim of the Great British Spring Clean is to change people's behaviour about throwing away their litter; hopefully we have done our bit to help achieve this".



On 4 April, over 40 RAF personnel and members of the National Trust Ranger Team volunteered to take part in the Great British Spring Clean, clearing litter from the streets of Naphill and Walters Ash. The organiser Michelle Hamilton said: "this was an ideal opportunity to do our bit for the local community and to work with the National Trust to clean up a site of Special Scientific Interest".

A part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, three teams of personnel, aided with equipment donated by the local council, spread themselves through Walters Ash, Naphill and Park Wood Woods, collecting 18 bags of litter, including 2 bags of bottles and 2 bags of tins. As much as possible was sent for recycling by Wycombe Council, other items collected included a trampoline, bicycles and car tyres.



Editorial Comment: A timely reminder that we all need to do our bit to keep our environment clean and tidy! Well done the RAF community for organising this initiative.

## Wycombe Photographic Society

May is the month when we hold our Annual Exhibition in conjunction with the Wycombe Arts Festival and is our biggest event of the year.

The exhibition gives our members the chance to show the residents of and visitors to High Wycombe their best projected images and prints.

The Exhibition will be held in the Eden Centre. At time of going to press the exact location in Eden Centre has not been confirmed, however, check our web site. It is open to the public Saturday 4th – 6th May and Saturday 11th May – 12th May:00. The Exhibition closes at 4:00pm on Saturday 12th May.

If you are in town on these dates please drop in and have a look at our talented members' photographs. Looking at great photographs is far better than standing watching clothes being bought – trust me!

There is no cost to come and have a look.

A number of the prints on display will be for sale by the members as well as a large collection of gift cards featuring work by our members.

May means that the Bluebells will be in full bloom and the best way to photograph them is to get down and personal with them to get that photo of the best bluebell you have ever seen.

For full details of what is going on at Wycombe Photographic Society please look at our website – [www.wycombephotographicsociety.org.uk](http://www.wycombephotographicsociety.org.uk)

*David Greenwood*  
Membership Secretary  
Wycombe Photographic Society

## From Hughenden Vicarage

As I write this regular column, it is exactly one month before our Hughenden Church Community Day - one of the most exciting events to take place in our Church calendar for several years.

My heart has been warmed by the enthusiasm and dedication of those who have been planning this day for some time now, and I hope and pray that we will make many new friends, as well as renew existing friendships, as we host an exciting, varied and ambitious day at Hughenden Church.

I encourage you to go to our Church website, or read the flyer which has been delivered through your letterbox if you live in the parish, to learn more about what we have planned on 11 May.

I am often reminded that our wonderful Church building and grounds, found in such an idyllic setting, is appreciated both by those who live locally, but equally by those who find themselves wandering around our Church as part of their trip to Hughenden Manor, as well as ramblers and dog walkers. It is so important to keep our Church open almost every day of the year,

during the hours of daylight, and I am conscious that many visit our Church to spend some time in quiet peace, reflection and prayer.

It has been encouraging to see so many volunteers from within our Church family offering their time and talents in support of the day. We are endeavouring to give all our visitors a good glimpse into the different aspects of life at St Michael's & All Angels Church, from the differing styles of worship and music, to the wide variety of groups and ministry which take place under the umbrella of the mission of our Church, which seeks to "enable all to follow Jesus Christ".

Please can I extend a personal invitation to you and your family and friends to join us on 11 May. Come and look around our Church building and grounds, ask any questions you might have, enjoy something to eat and drink on us, and catch a glimpse of what it means to follow Jesus Christ in word and deed.

*Keith*



## Naphill Brownies

The Spring term finished on a real high, with the brownies deciding to invite their mums in to Brownies for a Mothers' Day celebration: The girls planned decorations, refreshments, pampering and entertainment. Invitations were made for Mums/Grandmas (and brave Dads). Then we set about making pretty bunting to decorate the hall and paper flower arrangements for the tables. Mothers Day poems were written to entertain our guests and when the day arrived Mums were treated to exotic (non alcoholic) cocktails and a soothing hand massage with our brownie-prepared hand-scrub, whilst the girls read their poems. We were so proud of the way the girls brought it all together – It was a really lovely evening.

In the coming term we will be getting outside as much as possible. Amongst other things we are looking forward to the fete, the competition hike, our annual Summer sports event and this year's Summer camp in a day. It promises to be a great term.

*Brown Owl*

Ruth Daly 565571. [ruth.daly3@btinternet.com](mailto:ruth.daly3@btinternet.com)  
1st Naphill Brownies - Thursdays 5:45-7pm



## Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

### Matching a hearing dog with a deaf person

In last month's Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette, we gave you an insight into how our life-changing hearing dogs are trained to alert deaf people to important and life-saving sounds while providing them with constant emotional support and companionship.

Now we would like to tell you about how our dogs are carefully matched with the deaf people they will help.

It is vital that a hearing dog and their deaf partner are very carefully matched to ensure the partnership will work for the long term. We take this process very seriously.

Many little things need to be taken into consideration when considering which dog would be the right fit for someone with specific needs. For example, we would not want to match a bouncy, bubbly Labrador with an elderly person with mobility problems. But the same Labrador could make a great companion for a fit 35 year old who goes out jogging every morning.

We must also consider many other aspects of a person's lifestyle, such as whether they live in an urban or rural location, how active they are, what their social life is like, if they have any other pets, if they have children in their lives, if they use public transport, and many others. By ensuring we have a very detailed understanding of a person's life (and how their deafness or hearing loss affects it) we are able to better determine the kind of dog that would best suit their needs.

From the moment someone applies for a hearing dog and we start getting to know them and their lifestyle, we start thinking about what qualities and personality traits the ideal hearing dog for them would need. Our partnerships team (who look after every aspect of our hearing dog partnerships) work closely with our dog training team to identify which dogs would suit which people, and they review all this on a very individual basis. They will ask questions such as 'Does this dog feel comfortable in an urban environment?', 'Does this dog like spending time with children?' and 'Does this dog have lots of energy all the time?', to work out who they would best suit.

We firmly believe that by taking the proper time and care to choose the right dog for the right person will result in a match that will last.

We hope you have enjoyed this brief snapshot of how we match our dogs with the deaf people they will help. Next month we will tell you more about the range of services we offer to anyone who has any difficulties with their hearing, to help make life a bit easier.

Until next time, take care.

*The team at Hearing Dogs for Deaf People*

PS. You might like to know we have just launched our new Spring salads menu at The Grange Restaurant in Saunderton, so why not pop by and try us out? Every visit to The Grange Restaurant helps us to train more life-changing hearing dogs. Visit [www.thegrangesaunderton.org.uk](http://www.thegrangesaunderton.org.uk) for further information.

## Naphill Tennis Club

I very sadly have to report that our Chairman, Terry Crooks, died suddenly on 24 March. He had been suffering from breathing problems for some time but it was a shock that the end came so quickly. Terry had been a member of Naphill Club for over thirty years. For much of this time he was on the Committee serving as Fixtures Secretary and since 2016 as Chairman. He filled these roles in an unassuming and conscientious way and was invaluable to the club. He will be greatly missed.

David Fletcher has volunteered to act as Chairman until our AGM in November.

### Quorn Family Tournament

On 30 March, 10 pairs played in a fun filled afternoon of tennis on mini courts with red balls and mini rackets. The weather was extremely kind and it was a bonus to play in glorious sunshine. The age range was 5 - 55 years and involved an adult/young child or grandchild family partnership.

After a close final, the tiebreak was won by the James family - with Lewis and Chris James going on to represent Naphill in the regional finals. Well done to you both!

### Future Events

#### JUNIOR COACHING

Starts FRIDAY 26 April after school. Continues to end of school term.

#### UNDER-7s CLUB

Starts SATURDAY 27 April from 9 – 9.45 am. A fun introduction to tennis!

#### RUSTY RACKETS & IMPROVERS' COACHING

A 10 week course starting WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 9 - 10 am.

#### NATURE VALLEY BIG TENNIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY 18 MAY & SUNDAY 19 MAY, 10 – 4 pm

A chance for everyone to have a go at tennis FREE OF CHARGE. Rackets provided.

#### NAPHILL FETE



Make sure you sample our delicious Strawberries & Cream and have a go with the Ball Machine!

For further information on the above or the club in general, please contact the Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel (563706), or the Secretary, Jenny Tench (565406), or visit our website: [www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk](http://www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk)

Jenny Tench

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### Last Word

*Why does something ALWAYS go wrong at the most inconvenient time? I always rely heavily on my computers and technology but never more so than when I am working on the magazine! This month, on copy day, my usually totally reliable office computer decided to throw a major wobbly and you've guessed no doubt, that at this point, I too threw a wobbly. Thankfully everything is well backed up so a major reset, a few hours of watching the clock tick down, a large glass of wine just to steady the nerves you understand, and we were back in business!*

*It has been great not to have to colour match pages or worry about how much colour I use! Thank you PKinPrint!*

*Next month is the big pre NapFest edition so if your group or organisation wants to tell us about your stall or activity please get your copy to me on or before 15 May. Please be aware ALL graphics must meet our print specification.*

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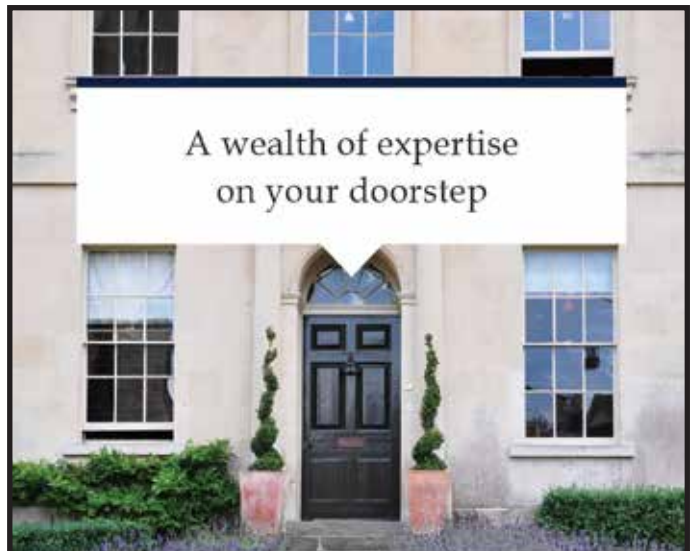


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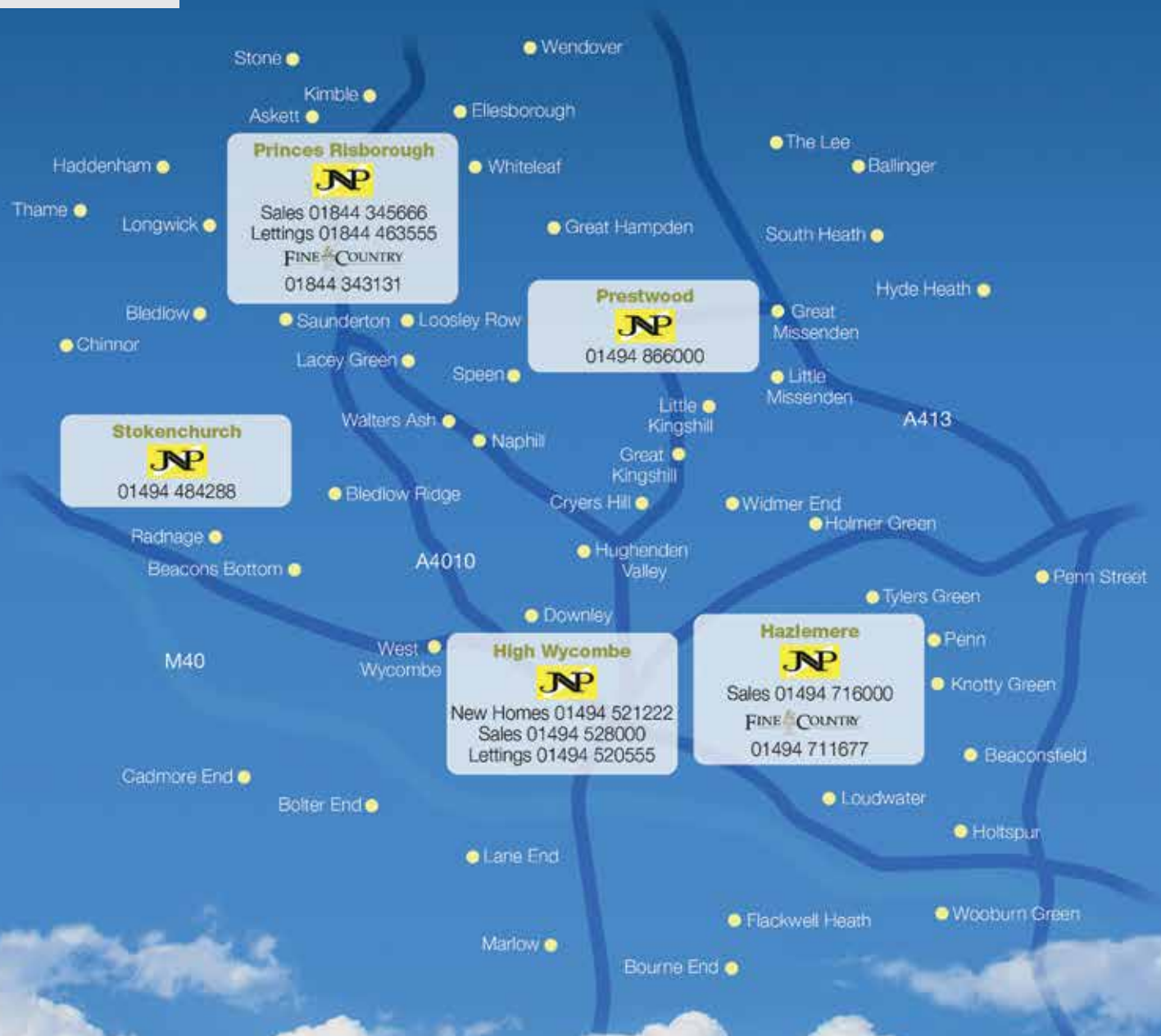


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