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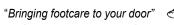
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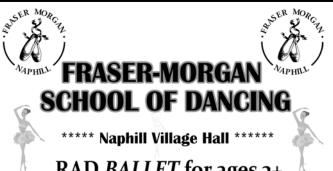
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# to the November edition of the Naphill & Water's Ash Gazette.

The Gazette committee has asked me to announce that our treasurer Mike Pool has resigned. They join me in thanking Mike for his work for the Gazette both as treasurer and with the magazine distribution. We welcome Mrs Judy Whitehouse back to the Gazette team. Judy has kindly agreed to be our treasurer.

Thank you to Marina Roblett for my editorial photograph this month. It evoked such happy memories of my time as a Brownie way back in the 1950's. Every Brownie pack had a papier-mâché "toadstool" which was a vital part of all our ceremonies! Oh happy days!

My thanks to our contributors for their help in producing this colourful edition of our magazine. Himself is never happier than when he can get out and about with his camera and I thank him for this month's cover photo. My thanks too to my team for their work and support. this month.

Fireworks on 2 November! ENJOY! It is the December/January edition next month so lots of bright, cheerful articles and photographs please!

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## A Point of View

My goodness how quickly this year has flown by! The other day I asked a young person whether the year was passing by faster for his age group or whether it was my perception that time passes more quickly as one grows older, and he confirmed that it was and that time appeared to be passing by ever more quickly, even for his generation. I think we used to measure the passing of the year by the seasons, largely defined by the farming year. Modern agriculture and especially horticulture, have blurred these timings considerably, with strawberries all the year round and frozen turkey whenever you want it! One should not hark back to the "good old days" but I for one used to have more spare time 40 years ago than I do now!

We are fast approaching the biggest shake-up of local government that we have seen since 1972 with the removal of District Councils and a return to county wide administration and an enhancement of more local representation by parish and town councils. I sincerely hope that local opinions and localised decisions on matters affecting local communities will be honoured by the new authority but I have my concerns. The new

Regional Strategies coming for Central Government are dictating planning policy right down to local matters. A major concern are the mass building projects we see in Aylesbury and Haddenham and we have yet to see the impact of the planned development in North Bucks and Hertfordshire bounded by the new link road between Oxford and Cambridge and the high density building seen locally in High Wycombe. All this with no planned major improvements to the limited road infrastructure. Already we can see the result of this on the London Road and the A4010 Risborough/Aylesbury Road. Imagine when there are 1500 new houses built around Princes Risborough, where are all the cars going to fit? I would like to think there is some master plan that will sort it all out but I won't hold my breath.

We are really fortunate to live in this area, designated as being of outstanding natural beauty, that is the Chiltern Hills. I am hopeful that the government's new plan to enhance the protection of this area will continue to offer some tranquillity for us all to experience and enjoy.

Richard Pushman

# 22nd November. 7.30pm. Clappins Field Action Group Fun Quiz Naphill Village Hall

Don't miss this entertaining evening. All the profit will go towards the £40,000 needed for the High Court to consider the Claim against WDC's Local Plan to remove Green Belt protection from the last field that separates Naphill and Walter's Ash to enable developers to build a 64+housing estate in a rural area without local employment and where numerous houses stand empty. See CFAG poster on local Facebook pages.

# 7th November 2019 10.30am

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**PLANNING:** The following are local planning applications received by Wycombe District Council (WDC) between 9th September and 10th October 2019. Any responses by NAWARA appear in full on the WDC website.

**19/07155/FUL** 12 Main Road Naphill HP14 4QB. Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension following removal of existing conservatory . Validated 17 September 2019. Case Officer. Matthew Jackson

**19/07004/FUL** Melvern Stocking Lane, Naphill. HP14 4NE HA for construction of detached single storey outbuilding, (re-siting of approved outbuilding) and demolition of existing outbuildings. Validated 18 Sept 2019. Case Officer. Valerie Bailey

**19/07245/FUL** 9 Moseley Road Naphill HP14 4SQ. HA for proposed loft conversion with 2 x rear dormers and 2 x roof lights to the front Validated 26 Sept 2019. Case Officer. Heather Smith.

**19/07325/FUL** Lone Pine Bradenham Wood Lane Walters Ash HP14 4XP. HA for alterations to fenestrations and addition of roof light to existing outbuilding. Validated: 10 Oct 2019. Case Officer . Matthew Jackson.

#### **Permitted:**

**19/06643/FUL** Land At 40 Main Road Naphill HP14 4QB. Erection of detached two storey 3-bed dwelling with attached single garage, associated parking & landscaping.

# **Awaiting Decision**

**19/06907/CLP** Derracott, Coombe Lane. Outbuilding. **19/06698/FUL** Bradenham Barn 378 Main Road Walters Ash. Conversion of existing carport to kitchen.

#### Scam Aware workshop held 11th October.

The subject raised plenty of discussion amongst participants who welcomed the community safety information, and advice on how to keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours and whom to contact when necessary.

## The NAWARA Pudding Bingo Evening

This event proved to be a great success, with Mark Booth in good voice as caller giving us plenty of time to hunt the numbers. The prizes were worth playing for - one valued at £90! The variety of puddings ranged from creamy and delicious, to succulent and gentle. Undoubtedly an event to be repeated.

Gloria Leflaive. 563634

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

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At the meeting of the village hall council on 7 October it was agreed that two members of the committee would go over the latest document that has been formulated regarding the reorganisation of the village hall committee and make any recommendations to further the commitment to reduce the membership from 26 to 8. The problem of travellers was also discussed and it was agreed that a plan of dealing with the travellers will be made and will include approaching a firm of bailiffs who would act on our behalf should the playing fields be occupied by travellers.

The electrical system was updated with 7 new metal fuse boxes and the wiring was also updated. This work enables the hall to have a new electrical certificate which will be valid for 5 years. The willow tunnel in the play area has been trimmed and topsoil and grass seed has been laid in the area where the Trim Trail will be installed. This should be done in the next few weeks.

The Heritage day was a great success with many visitors attending to see the history documents and pictures that Pam Smith has gathered over the years.

The Lace makers put on a working display of their craft. The next fundraising event is the fireworks. The fireworks committee has been busy organising the event which will take place on 2 November. The tickets can be purchased online or in the village pubs and shops. The good weather has been ordered so come along for a great display and a warming bonfire! The Christmas Fayre is on the 6 December so come along to buy those Christmas presents from the stalls in the village hall. The Christmas tree will have been decorated with the lights and a big thank you to our team who brave the elements to make this the best Christmas tree in the area!

The committee would like someone to come along to the monthly meeting and take the minutes of the meeting. If you are interested please email either the secretary or the chairman via the village hall website www.naphillvillagehall.org.uk. We also would like to hear from anyone able to assist with health and safety experience.

Clive Lawrence,
Village Hall Chairman.



# Templewood Green Open Space



I am writing to highlight my and other local parents, carers and grandparents disappointment at the dither & delay over the redevelopment of Templewood Green (open space)

In the September Parish Council published minutes (19S282) it was indicated that a house to house survey would be carried out of Templewood residents in early September as the online survey over the Summer did not garner much response. To date a number of Templewood residents I have spoken to have not been approached.

Funding for the project has been secured for well over 12months, and the Council has only had minimal spending on maintenance on the last of the play equipment so is actually saving money on the site since the rest was removed!

Parish Councillors surveyed residents (including all 36 Templewood residents) almost 2 whole years ago in Nov17 and got 97 responses with over 2/3rds indicating a preference for redesigned play area and to make better use of the space for other age groups and users. That along with a number of Council resolutions means that there is a clear mandate to get on with it.

Local residents volunteered and worked with the Council to come up with suggestions and a working brief that reflected the needs of the local community. Tenders were submitted by suppliers and have been reviewed by local volunteers as well as the Council's Playground working group, yet it is now Nov 2019. Walters Ash children have yet to even learn when they might get their playground back. The Parish notice board on site hasn't been updated in over 3months.

This is an amazing opportunity for the Parish Council to make a positive difference and improvement to

land it is responsible for. The community is behind this initiative, yet we will now go into a third year before we see any work carried out.

The next Parish Council Services Committee meeting is being held on Tuesday 29 October when they will discuss pausing the whole process.

I hope residents will write to the Council, speak to their Councillors and turn up on the 29th, as I will, to convey their feelings.

Peter Williams perwilliams@hotmail.com

# Naphill Evening WI

Oh dear. Our speaker for September, R Bignell who was due to give us "A Slice of South Wales", didn't turn up as, in his words, he couldn't find Naphill Village Hall! He had been given details and only lived in Aylesbury, so perhaps we were better off without him. In true WI spirit we carried on and had an enjoyable meeting with plenty of chat.

By the time you read this we will have had our Annual Meeting on 17 October, which will include a light-hearted quiz and a draw for a bursary to Denman College. We will also choose our new President and there will be some changes to our committee.

October will also have seen some of us attending the Autumn Disraeli Group Meeting at Marlow Common WI. And then on to 21 November we will have a talk by Chris Miller on "Friends of Naphill Common". The competition will be an object made from wood. So come on ladies, let's see if we can all find something to enter.

The Food Group had lunch at the Royal Standard in Woburn Green on 25 October and will also lunch at The Grange in Saunderton on 28 November, which will be their last gathering for 2019.

The Sew and Chat group are busy knitting and sewing teddies, jumpers, scarves, etc, for Syrian refugees, which will keep us busy now the winter evenings are upon us.

I'm sure some of us will be on the Crick for the fireworks on 2 November too.

Carol Gillham

# Naphill & Walter's Ash School - Introducing Our Media Team



Christian Paterson William Benjamin

Sarah-Ann Varghese

Lewis Joiner

Hi, my name is *Christian* and I can't wait to start working in the media team. All of the other children that I work with are really nice and hardworking. I'm really interested in cars and football. Also, I really like rounders, tennis and badminton. When I am older, I would like to be a car designer for Ferrari.

Hi, my name is **Will.** I'm ten years old and I love football. It's my favourite sport and I am quite good at it; I play for Naphill FC. When I am older, I want to be a vet because I love animals and helping things. I'm very excited to be on the media team because I think that writing for The Gazette will be lots of fun.

Hello, I'm **Sarah Ann** and I am quite new to this area but I am settling in well. All of the neighbours that we have are really kind and helpful. I have been to some of the farm shops around here and the food is amazing! Naphill and Walters Ash School is really supportive and helpful. I have managed to make new friends here.

Hi, my name is **Lewis**. My favourite sport is tennis and when I am older, I would like to be a police officer. My favourite lessons at school are Maths and Art. The reason that I wanted to be on the media team is because I would love to tell you all about our school.

# Parents' Open Meeting Beginning Primary School Sept 2020 At Naphill and Walters Ash School Monday 18th November 1.15pm

# Introducing Padre Chrissie Lacey







Hello! Thanks for turning the page to this article, or, for pausing your flicking through the pages to read this... and if you are still reading even bigger thanks! I'm new here so wanted to introduce myself, to you. I'm the new Chaplain (or Padre as I'm more commonly known) at RAF High Wycombe. If I may, I'm going to take this opportunity to share a bit about myself and what I do.

My name is Chrissie, I've just come from my first posting in Norfolk. Before that I went through Vicar factory and have been involved in ministry for 15 years (I know I don't look old enough!). My time in ministry has involved lots of work with young people, working in schools and colleges and the usual church stuff. I'm married and a mum of two. I enjoy circuits, running, crocheting and parachuting (not at the same time!). I'm passionate about enabling people to learn more about themselves (myself included) so that life can be lived to the full and with an attitude of gratitude. I try to see things positively, which my faith helps, but I am also real about life and that sometimes the positives are really good at playing hide and seek! Oh, and I like baking too...especially for other people.

My role here at RAF High Wycombe is to, I admit, do the God stuff; baptisms, weddings, funerals, Bible studies and other God focused activities. However, one of my main roles here is to serve the station community and the individuals in the community in ways which can enable life to be lived to the full. So, my hope is that if anything is bugging people, bothering people, burdening people in anyway, I want to be available to help if I can. And if I can't I will endeavour to signpost to places or agencies which might be able to help. As a Padre, I am here to serve and not be served.

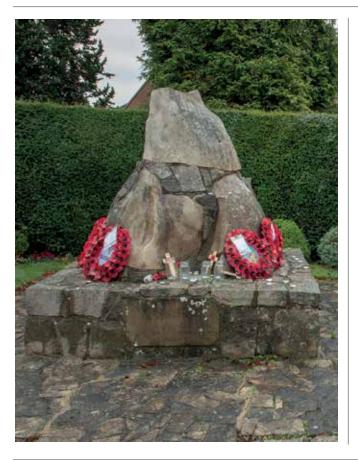
But, I'm really keen to not just look at those on the station...I am involved in the Star and Garter, local schools and community events. So, I'm basically saying, if you think there is something which could do with a friendly Padre being involved then please give me a bell! And keep your eyes peeled for services and events starting at the Station Church.

Contact details:

Rev (Sqn Ldr) Christina Lacey 01494 494469,

Email: christina.lacey102@mod.gov.uk

# Naphill Village Hall Service of Remembrance 10th November at 2.45pm



The Annual Remembrance Service will be held at the Village Hall, Naphill on Sunday 10th November at 2.45pm. The service will be taken by Padre Chrissie Lacey, the Station Chaplain, at RAF High Wycombe. Last year's service was well attended so please come along as all are invited.

Wreaths will be laid at the end of the service on the Remembrance Stone. I should remind all organisations that it is their responsibility to provide their own wreaths.

Remembrance Day holds a special place in the national calendar. It gives us all a chance to remember, and give thanks, to the thousands of Allied man and women who have given their lives to ensure our freedom from the tyranny of oppression.

We must all remember the gift of their lives for our freedom.

A collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal will be carried out at the end of the ceremony.

Reg Horne





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PLEASE DO NOT BRING SPARKLERS ETC. TO THE EVENT

# 2019 Naphill Village Hall Fireworks & Bonfire

Hello! So after nearly 9 months of planning, our 2019 Naphill Village Hall Fireworks & Bonfire Spectacular is almost upon us! The key points for this year are as follows:

- 1. **Tickets** Don't miss out, buy your tickets early via our website (www.naphillfireworks.co.uk), we've had an unprecedented amount of interest in this year's event
- 2. No Parking Don't drive to our event, there is no parking and it could block key access for the emergency services
- **3. Volunteers** We can't run our event without the help of our fantastic volunteers, it's not too late to join in, please let me know if you're able to help (petedalby@outlook.com)

#### Here are some additional details:

**Event Timings:** Just a reminder of the timings. This year we'll have live music at 6pm and 7.30pm, so it'd be great if you could come along a little earlier to enjoy the entertainment. The lighting of the fire will take place at 6.15pm and the fireworks display will be from 7pm with one lucky person having the opportunity start this year's fireworks display too!

**Tickets:** We've had a massive amount of interest in this year's event so please make sure you buy your eTickets early via our website (www.naphillfireworks. co.uk). Over the years the display has become extremely popular but due to physical space on the Crick we have a limited capacity, so there may not be any tickets available on the night at the gates, so don't miss out! When you arrive at the gate on the night with your pre-purchased eTickets please make sure you've got each eTicket ready to scan on your phone or printed out so we can try to minimise the queues at the gate. As usual physical tickets are available for purchase in the village shops and pubs until Friday 1st November.

**No Parking:** Please refrain from driving to the event as there will be no parking at the village hall or along the main road or surrounding roads. Last year we had some people blocking key routes into the village with their abandoned cars. Not only is this inconsiderate it also restricts access for the emergency services, should they need to attend in an emergency. There are buses running regularly to Naphill in both directions from Aylesbury and High Wycombe. Alternatively, if you have space on your drive for additional cars and you live locally, why not offer it up for friends who do not live within walking distance?

No sparklers or pets: Please remember not to bring sparklers or other fireworks to the event as we will not let you in. Also, it goes without saying, but please do NOT bring dogs or other pets to the event, they will be turned away at the gate. Please also note that we cannot allow you in if you are wearing a reflective jacket, this is not a fashion preference, it is to allow our marshals and stewards to be easily identified in the case of an emergency.

**Volunteers:** Thanks to all those who have offered to give up some of their time over the Fireworks weekend. It's still not too late, if you can spare some time to help out, we'd really appreciate it. Please either email me or direct message me on Facebook with your contact details, if you can. For all the latest information, photos & competitions for this year's event, please join our Naphill Fireworks Facebook group.

Thank you and from all of us at the Fireworks Committee, we look forward to seeing you all there!

Best wishes,

Pete Dalby

Chairman – Fireworks committee

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Naphillfireworks.co.uk

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





# Naphill Celebrates Heritage Day

Clive Lawrence presented our local archivist, Pam Smith, with a bouquet in recognition of her 90th birthday last week. Pam's folders of pictures and text, related to village life over many years, created a lot of interest at the Heritage Day. Many residents came and spent ages perusing the documents. The folders provide a wonderful record of what life was like here in the past.

Lace making was a cottage industry in Naphill from Victorian times. Three ladies spent the day demonstrating the skill, and helping children to try their hand, keeping the tradition alive.

Simon Kearey attended the event. He has organised events across Hughenden Parish for the 125 years anniversary and is a parish councillor from Hughenden Valley ward.



# Kophill Climb - 10th Anniversary





Did you know that the traditional present for a 10th anniversary is tin?

The 10th outing of the Kophill Climb in September threw up a spectacular mix of both driveable (just) cars and modern day supercars - to the delight of fans.

A packed field enjoyed the sights, sounds and smells on the Saturday before the British weather (and what downpours they were!) intervened the following day to curtail the challenge that our hill provides. And it does you know!

I have marshalled at the top of the hill for the past two years and there is one thing that always stands out: No - not the sight of that rare vintage classic of yesteryear puffing and panting as it achieves the impossible. It's the pride in the driver's face.

Come see for yourself on the weekend of 19th & 20th September 2020.

We now await the results on how much money was raised for the Heart of Bucks good causes.

Petrolhead reporter - James Sillars

HUGHENDEN VALLEY & CHEQUERS SURGERIES



# A Fond Farewell to Nurse Carole

On behalf of the patients we would like to thank Nurse Carole for all her kindness and care. A very special nurse who has worked with and especially cared for the most vulnerable patients who cannot easily get to the surgery. She will be greatly missed by us all!

We wish you a long and well earnt

**HAPPY RETIREMENT!** 



# Hearing Dogs for Deaf People in Saunderton - www.hearingdogs.org.uk



#### A day in the life of a life-changing hearing dog

An update from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People in Saunderton

In last month's Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette, we told you how much of an impact you can have on a deaf person's life by sponsoring a hearing dog puppy.

We would now like to tell you about what a typical day looks like for a hearing dog when they have passed their Hearing Dog Assessment and are living with their deaf partner.

It all starts with the alarm clock in the morning. Our dogs are trained to alert to an alarm clock in different ways, depending on their size. As we train four different breeds – cocker spaniels, miniature poodles, cockapoos and Labradors, a one-size-fits-all approach doesn't work.

The smaller breeds learn to jump on a bed to wake up their deaf partner, while larger dogs are taught to put their paws on the bed and nudge the sleeping person with their nose. Some dogs are even trained to pull the duvet from the bed to wake their deaf partner up.

We train pups for people of all ages, so no two dogs will have exactly the same day, however, we're going to look at a four-legged-friend who goes to work with their partner.

The final stage of hearing dog training is tailored to each individual person's needs, and if someone commutes to work using public transport then their hearing dog will spend lots of time gently getting used to things like trains and buses. Some of our dogs have even experienced boats in their training!

Hearing dogs learn to settle quietly in a workplace setting, and people may not even notice they are there until there's a sound to alert to or treats and cuddles on offer.

After a day in the office, it's off to the supermarket. As hearing dogs are allowed access to public places like shops and restaurants in order to support their deaf partners' daily routines, you may see one of our life-changers in their burgundy jacket walking down a supermarket aisle. Hearing dogs are taught how to walk nicely alongside a trolley, and through lots of practise they learn that all the tempting things on the shelves are not for them (some take longer than others to learn that one!).

Back home and it's dinner time. Another sound that hearing dogs alert to is the cooker timer, and they will do this by nudging their partner with their nose. Their partner will then ask, "What is it?" using a hand gesture, and the dog will lead them towards the sound. This is the alert that all our dogs learn for important sounds like the cooker timer and doorbell.

However, there is another type of alert that can be lifesaving.

If a danger sound like a smoke alarm goes off, then after nudging their deaf partner and being asked "What is it?", a hearing dog will lay down. This is so their partner can immediately identify that a danger sound is going off. In these situations, our dogs will not lead the person to the sound as it could be a potentially dangerous situation.

To find out more about how our dogs help people every day, visit www.hearingdogs.org.uk/stories.

Until next time, take care.

The team at Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

# Chiltern Hills Arboriculture - Halloween Pumpkins

Halloween or All Hallows Eve is a Western Christian religious observance of the three days encompassing All Saints Eve, All Saints Day and All Souls Day. From October 31st to November 2nd, it is billed as "a time to remember the dead, including martyrs, saints, and all faithful departed Christians". Historically it was common for some Christians to abstain from eating meat on All Saints Eve which is probably where the association with large vegetables like pumpkins comes from. Which brings me on to the point of this months article.

Regular patrons of The Wheel will probably be aware of the charity competition that is currently being run there. Guess the weight of the pumpkin. It's a gargantuan squash sitting in the corner of the front bar with a chart propped up beside it. You pay your pound and put your name in a designated box on the chart with your guess of its weight.

I will confess.... I did try to cheat by having a cheeky go at lifting it to "weigh it up". But as it is so heavy I couldn't actually get the thing off the table. My attempts to beat the system failed miserably, so I did what everyone else must be doing and picked a box at random.

So we thought we would add to the fun with a second "Guess the Weight" competition. Not quite on the scale of it's big brother, but fiendishly difficult.

My wife, Anne, recently returned from our allotment with a small but perfectly formed squash which I will refer to as "Mini Me".



Mini Me is somewhere between the size of a cricket ball and a crown green bowl. How much does it weigh? Well you have 200 options to chose from at £1 a go. The winner will get 25% of the total raised, so potentially £50. The fiendish bit. The weight increments are in 1 gram steps. I weighed it several times on digital scales, and got about 6 different results. So I have taken a picture of the "official weight" of Mini Me for final adjudication.

All money raised to go to the Air Ambulance. A great cause, as I am sure we will all agree.

Mike Beckley Chiltern Hills Arboriculture

# Wycombe Photographic Society

November is a "full on" month for the club.

We start off with a double internal competition – The Desborough Cup & The Carrington Cup. These two competitions are the only themed competitions that we have. The theme for prints is "Xtych" and for the Digital Projected is "Three of a Kind". It will be very interesting to see how the members interpret these two "themes".

The themed competition is followed up by an inter-club one on Monday 14th November in which we take on two other local clubs.

Our Digital Workshop this month is all about Lightroom and looking at how to use the Develop Module.

The month is wrapped up on Thursday 21st November with a talk by Chris Shepherd - Looking Local.

Chris is Location Editor for the UK's leading photography website – ePHOTOzine – as well as being a member of The Painting with Light Society – a group of top landscape photographers from across East Anglia

Chris says that as photographers we often suffer from "Locational Myopia", constantly wishing we were in some exotic location with the best possible equipment. In his talk – Looking Local – he details his fight with Locational Myopia and ways to overcome it as well as his personal journey to become a landscape photographer.

As always for full details of what is going on at Wycombe Photographic Society please look at our website – www. wycombephotographicsociety.org.uk.

We would love to see more members from Naphill and Walters Ash so please come along to one of our evenings.

David Greenwood Membership Secretary Wycombe Photographic Society



As many readers will know, Dr Alan Showler died on Thursday 12th September. His loss is particularly sad for the Friends of Naphill Common because he was our premier local naturalist. It was Alan who discovered the extremely rare Starfruit in Daisy Pond and who first spotted the rare Lion's Mane fungus that draws experts to our Common every year. Anyone who walked with him will confirm how encyclopaedic was his knowledge of natural history, whether plants or animals, and how generous he was in sharing it in such a friendly and modest way. Thank you Alan.

The rains came just in time to bring out the fungi for our Fungus Walk on Sunday 29th September and fortunately the Lion's Mane fungus also appeared in time to provide the climax for the day. We thank Jackie Mackenzie-Dodds, Richard Fortey, Geoffrey Kibby, Derek Schafer and Penny Cullington for helping to organise and lead the search. A full list of species found will appear on our website.

Our annual Bat Walk eventually went ahead on Saturday 5th October, having been (exceptionally) postponed from 16th August because of rain. The darker evenings of the later date allowed the walk to start earlier, to the benefit of the younger bat hunters. Plenty of bats were still to be heard and seen along Ladies Mile.

The FoNC AGM will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 10th January 2020. The guest speaker will be Tom Hall, a noted wildlife photographer from Bucks.

Our regular walks continue but the usual arrangements may have to be changed because of such things as the weather, so it would be wise to consult our website, posters or the two leaders to confirm the details. 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 October short walk was moved back by a week to fit within the Chilterns Walking Festival. With numbers boosted by visitors from as far afield as Aston Clinton, we were able to take advantage of a sunny interlude during a largely rainy week and had a good tour of the Common, visiting most of the ponds and (of course) visiting the Lion's Mane fungus.

Our longer walks are led by Ron Collins and are about 5 miles, generally some distance from Naphill. On the 25th November we will be holding a walk in aid of Children in Need. The walk will be 5.5 miles long and apart from a short climb at the start, the rest of the walk will be easy. It will start from The Flower Pot in Aston (post code: RG9 3DG)and will take us to Henley on Thames, Hambledon Lock and return to Aston. A minimum donation of £5 per person will be required to participate. If you would like to join the walk you can either meet at the Village Hall from 9.15am, departing prompt at 9.30am or meet at The Flower Pot at 10am. We will car share where possible. Lunch will be taken at The Flower Pot for those who wish to join us. If the weather is inclement, please check if the walk is going ahead with either Ron Collins Tel: 01494 562240, Mob: 07748 255023 or Neil McMinn Tel: 01494 564667, Mob: 07864 999116

The working parties also continue, and again if you feel you could help, details can be found on our website. The Friends of Naphill Common are a friendly bunch so you might like to think of joining.

Chris Miller - Chairman

## The Wheel

November is here already and by the time some of you read this the Fireworks display will have already happened (as I write this, I have my fingers crossed for good weather)! The committee work so hard to create such a great evening and I'm sure it will be as brilliant as ever. With the Fireworks also come the cold, dark nights but don't worry, the cosy feeling with the fires roaring in the pub and our great atmosphere is all you need to see the dark nights through.

During October we have had a guess the weight of the Pumpkin competition. The rather large pumpkin was grown on a local farm and supplied by Roger and Wendy, the winner will have been announced by then and the weight was 88lbs 2oz or 40Kg. All the money raised has gone to a fantastic charity called Robs ARTT which is about rare teenage cancer and is close to people within our village. Janet Keen is also completing a skydive on the 9 May to raise money and brought this vital charity to our attention (you are braver than me)! If you wish to donate separately you are welcome to drop your donations with us at The Wheel, our New Year's Eve charity collection will also be going to Robs ARTT.

The Rugby World Cup has been keeping everyone focused in here and we have had lots of support in the mornings, but I think the bacon butties helped. Today as I write this article things have taken an unexpected turn with Typhoon Hagibis about to hit Japan before the end of the pool stages. I have a feeling with the cancelled matches things could turn ugly. The winner of the sweep stake will be announced in the next gazette.

So, November into December is surprisingly all about Christmas, but not forgetting Remembrance Sunday on 10 November. We will be selling various styles of Poppies as in previous years and please book for Sunday lunch that day. The Christmas Menu is out, and key dates are already going so please book soon (NB we don't do food on Christmas Day).

We would like to welcome our new Crib and Dominos team that are now playing here on Monday evenings and if you are interested in joining please contact Mark or myself.

Mark and I would like to welcome new staff and some old staff back to The Wheel family, Annie Lovett, Kris Page, Lewis Bendell, Ri Macdonald and Sam Mudie (yes there's a lot of changes).

Cheers and see you all soon.

Claire and Mark

### **Shear Madness**

This month I will be turning 50! I was actually born on Prince Charles's 21st birthday, just a bit of useless information for you, ha ha!



My husband is treating me to a Caribbean cruise. As most of you know I hate flying so wish me luck. I will be closed from 17th November and back to work 6th December ready and refreshed for the Christmas rush.

At the time of writing this I am still waiting for my results from my breast cancer but I am very positive it will be good news. I can't thank you all enough for your patience, friendship and well wishes, it really does mean so much to me.

Well done to the fireworks team for all their hard work, they've been at it since April! I'm sure it will be an amazing event as usual and fingers crossed for a dry night.

Keep safe,

Mandy

# New Nursery Opening Soon!



# Naphill Brownies

Oh my goodness! If you didn't make it to our Autumn Jumble Sale, you missed a treat. Thank you so much to all who donated jumble. We had such a lot of lovely stuff to sell and made a record amount of money for Brownie and Guide funds. And once again thanks to the awesome team who make this possible – you know who you are.

Talking of fundraising, we were absolutely delighted to receive a surprise donation of £100 for the Guides and brownies from the Moseley Road residents, raised at their summer Street party. We really appreciate it. Don't we live in a wonderful community?



The brownie term started with us working to complete our First Aid badge. We all now know what to check in order to properly inform the emergency services, plus a few essentials of bandaging. We have also been trying our hand at some fun science activities, with varying success: The 'pencil through a bag of water' was a particular favourite

Recent weeks have seen us focus on recycling. As well as holding a very successful jumble sale, we supported Girlguiding's campaign to raise awareness about plastic pollution.

We all collected our plastic waste for just one week and it amounted to a small plastic mountain.....Makes you think about how big that mountain would be for 100...or 1000 people.



We went on to use some of this plastic to create plastic sea creatures to highlight the effects all this plastic has on our wildlife. Still lots to look forward to before half term.

Brown Owl

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

# Naphill Tennis Club

Last month we commemorated the sudden death of our chairman, Terry Crooks, earlier in the year. It was decided that a suitably inscribed wooden bench would be a fitting tribute and would enable members to sit outside and watch others play.

Terry had been a member and committee member of the club for many years and ultimately chairman. His widow, Sue, was invited to cut the ribbon and then joined club members for a game of tennis.

CHILDREN'S AUTUMN COACHING has now finished but is likely to resume in the Easter holidays for both members and non-members.

ADULT IMPROVERS' COACHING will continue on Wednesday mornings for the foreseeable future.

If you would like information about Naphill Tennis Club, please visit our website: www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk. or contact our Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel on 01494 563706.

Jenny Tench



# Lacey Green Players www.laceygreenplayers.co.uk

Hello from LGP! Summer seems like a faraway pantomime, and here we are in November... PERFORMANCE month for the LG Players!

We'd like to update you about our play, The Ladykillers by Graham Linehan, which was written in 2011 and is based on the very funny Ealing comedy of the 1950's. Rehearsals have been going very well, the cast are fabulous and the chemistry on stage has really taken shape. On behalf of everyone, I can safely say that we have had so much fun whilst rehearsing and we're getting excited to perform for you! There are a couple of photos on our Facebook page; facebook.com/ LaceyGreenPlayers to show you what we have been doing.

At the end of this month, we are performing three nights at Lacey Green and Loosley Row Millenium Village Hall. As part of our charitable objectives we are delighted to be able to support Aylesbury Church, who hold a Christmas lunch for the homeless, the Waterways Experience in Hemel Hempstead, who provide boat and canal trips for the disadvantaged and are currently raising money for a new boat, Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway and Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis. We are sure you agree these are all very worthy causes By the time you read this you will have noticed all our posters and leaflets in pubs/clubs/ hedgerows/magazines/shops and bases! Our keen followers may have heard us on the local radio stations too! So, please get your tickets as soon as you can to avoid disappointment!



#### **Performance Dates:**

- Thursday 28th November play only £10
- Friday 29th November 2 course dinner and play - £22.50
- Saturday 30th November 2 course dinner and play - £22.50

There will be a licensed Bar at all performances!

Tickets are selling fast, with particular interest for the Saturday night performance. If you'd like any tickets, Please don't hesitate to email: tickets@ laceygreenplayers.co.uk.

We are keen to attract anyone interested in amateur dramatics, this may be acting, helping us with lighting and sound or working backstage or front of house. If you know of anyone who may be interested please ask them to contact us on info@laceygreenplayers. co. Best wishes for your fireworks display, and we hope to see you at the end of the month at one of our performances!

Chloe Page - LGP

# Congratulations to Jewel of Oriental!



In a recent local competition organised by the Bucks Free Press, our very own Chinese Takeaway, Jewel of Oriental, was voted one of the four best Chinese Takeaways in the area!

The following comment was published:

Jewel of Oriental has an extensive menu and very reasonable prices. The service is fast and unlike so many Chinese takeaways the food is always fresh, without being greasy!

# Growing Your Own

At the time of writing it is not clear whether there will be a shortage of fresh fruit and vegetables after the first of November. If there are problems with the Calais/Dover route there will be a crisis since there will be very little fresh fruit and vegetables from UK sources at that time of year. So, what can we sow ourselves?

Well, the answer is, very little. One could grow mustard and cress and other sprouting seeds on windowsills. Those crops should be available within a few days and the fresh cress etc could provide a welcome and delicious addition to sandwiches. But there would be very little that one could sow outdoors; it will be exactly the wrong season. I shall be relying on crops sown earlier in the year, such as carrots, brassicas, beetroot, leeks, salads of many kinds – and potatoes, garlic, shallots and onions in storage. As for fruit, we have plenty in the freezer plus bottled pears – and apples wrapped in newspaper which should last until the end of February. I have just plantedout my garlic, shallots and overwintering onions but they will not be available until next summer so I shall be relying on my crops in storage until then. It is now too late to sow radishes outdoors but one could sow some in a greenhouse and trust to luck. Sowing some watercress seeds in a propagator and planting them out in the greenhouse could be a good move. See my article in the April Gazette for more ideas. And if there is not a shortage of fresh produce it might still be a good idea to grow your own – one's own crops are fresh, full of vitamins, and delicious!

What happens if one does not eat sufficient fruit and vegetables? Scurvy is already on the increase among millennials, who apparently eat badly. Scurvy results from people eating insufficient amounts of vitamin C (ascorbic acid). Scurvy can be fatal. In the age of sail it was assumed that 50% of sailors would die of scurvy on a given trip. That was the case until citrus fruit, rich in vitamin C, was given to the crew. Vitamin C is present in nearly all fruit and vegetables and particularly large amounts can be found in citrus fruit, blackcurrants, tomatoes, potatoes, brassicas and bell peppers. So, obtain seed catalogues, order seeds for vegetables which can be sown early in the new year, and prepare your soil now. Phone the garden centres and see what young plants they have, and which fruit bushes. Plant them out in your garden or allotment, keep off the pigeons, muntjac deer and cabbage white butterflies, and you should have your very own sources of vitamin C next year!

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

# Naphill Neighbours

Yesterday's monthly meeting was a real treat. We had a very interesting talk from Simon Brown of Bourne End Auction Rooms. He is an excellent speaker with great charm, a fund of amusing anecdotes, and an interest in his audience. He explained how he learned his trade, watching and listening as he progressed from porter to valuer and auctioneer. His knowledge of history and of antiques is extensive; over time he has learned not to share what he knows at inappropriate moments! His modest and self deprecating attitude was a source of amusing anecdotes.

Fashion plays a considerable part in the value of antiques. Nowadays brown furniture has lost much of its value because people no longer want it in their homes. Cut glass is not popular either despite its craftsmanship and beauty. Will these things make a comeback?

Sometimes particular anniversaries, such as those of WW1 and WW2, lead to renewed interest, and therefore raised values, for trench art such as polished shell cases.

Value is enhanced by a good story behind the object, and by well documented provenance.

Members had been invited to bring one object each for a valuation. Porcelain and silver were objects of interest and Simon was able to indicate value, appreciating the items even if they had little monetary value. The most valuable item brought in was a somewhat battered and modified Chinese sword; in its present state it was worth between £200 and £300 but, in good condition, it would have had a value of some £2000. This is because the Asian market is interested in its past, and able to pay for it.

We looked at photographs of very valuable objects sold by Simon's auction house. An incense burner from 1368 fetched £98,000 and a vintage bottle of Burgundy £8,500!

It was a fascinating afternoon.

*Peggy Ewart (565969)* 

# From Bradenham Vicarage

#### Remember November

November has become the month of remembering. It starts with All Saints' Day on November 1st, closely followed by All Souls' Day on November 2nd, the day on which we remember all those dear to us who have died. November 8th remembers the Saints and Martyrs of England, whilst Remembrance Sunday falls on November 10th and we remember all those who have died in the service of their country during past and more recent conflicts. Other saints who are remembered in November include St Martin of Tours, St Margaret of Scotland, St Hilda, St Edmund, St Cecelia, St Hugh of Lincoln, St Clement, St Catherine and the month ends with the feast of St Andrew on 30th November.

When I first typed this, a typo occurred at the end of the last sentence and feast read as 'feats'. But maybe that was not such a bad typo. Each of the saints mentioned is known for their feats – of courage, humility, philanthropy, faith, loyalty, determination, generosity, devotion, self sacrifice and so forth. Some of these saints stood up for their Christian beliefs at a time when it was dangerous, ultimately paying with their lives and becoming martyrs. Others lived long, peaceful lives filled with deeds of charity and philanthropy. All of them firmly believed that in the Christian faith was to be found a model for a new and better world. A world of justice and peace, of unity and equality, and they gave their lives in working towards those goals.

The fallen soldiers, sailors and airmen we remember on Remembrance Day were not so different from the saints we remember around this time. They firmly believed that the wars in which they were engaged were conflicts to bring about a better world. Even a cursory reading of the many accounts of the experiences of those who fought brings to light stories of courage, humility, philanthropy, faith, loyalty, determination, generosity, devotion, self sacrifice to name but a few. Their sacrifice is beautifully summed up in the words of the Kohima Epitaph:

# When you go home tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says 'Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). Those who paid the ultimate price of laying down their lives may well have done so actively trying to save friends on the battlefield, but they were also laying down their lives for all those at home, for friends young and old, brothers, sisters, parents, wives and children. They certainly achieved a better future for us – the consequence of a Nazi victory in WW2 is almost unthinkable. We all know people who would not have met the Aryan criteria – maybe you are one of them yourself. Think of a world without those people, without you.

Remembering the saints gives us stories of triumph against adversity, of determination through all manner of difficulties, of vision in a world lacking hope. Remembering the fallen reminds us that the world we inhabit today came at great cost to many. As the year draws towards its end, take time to reflect. Remember and be thankful for all those who have worked towards the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

May you know and remember God's blessings at this time.

Rev Jenny Ellis

## Services at Saint Boltoph's Church

November 3rd 11am Eucharist

November 10th 10.50 am Remembrance Service

November 17th 11am Eucharist

November 24th 11am Benefice Service at St. Paul's,

West Wycombe

Rev. Jenny Ellis will preside at all the services in St. Botolph's in November. The Rector, Rev. Allan Barton, remains on sick leave.

The South West Bucks Group of the MS Society will be holding their annual Ploughman's Lunch and Mini Bazaar on Saturday 2nd November at Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

Doors open at 12.00pm and lunches served at 12.30pm. Minimum donation of £7.00 on the door.

There will be a raffle, tombola, books, crafts and bric-a-brac.

All the proceeds from the event will be used to help people with MS

# From Hughenden Church

## News from the Vicarage

During October this year, I have given two talks in Church on Sundays about Spiritual Gifts, which will be leading us as a Church to introduce a programme known as Personal Discipleship Plans, as a means of spending time with an accompanying mentoring to consider our own spiritual gifts, and how they might best be used in our Church. This is a new initiative, launched by the Oxford Diocese, under the Common Vision programme, as we seek to become a more Christ-like Jesus.

In Church, as in most walks of life, when the right person is using their gifts in the right place, they are more likely to have a positive impact upon those around them. Similarly, it can be unhelpful for someone to be in the wrong place – it can cause more harm than good.

I am now into my 4th year as Vicar in Hughenden, and as I spend more and more time getting to know the people in our local community, both inside and outside the church family, I never cease to be amazed by the hidden depths of talent. For some individuals, their strengths are plain for all to see, but for others, you need to get to know them on a deeper level before those gifts and talents become more apparent.

You may be familiar with the Parable of the Talents, in which Jesus told the story of man who entrusted his property to his servants, while he went away on a journey. (This can be found in Matthew 25:14-30). In the Parable, two out of three servants put their master's talents to good use, and produced a favourable return. However, the third servant chose instead to bury his talent, out of fear, and had nothing further to show, upon his master's return.

Do we ever bury our gifts? Perhaps we might hold back from fear of failure, or a false belief that we have nothing to offer.

For some it might be quite apparent to them where their strengths lie, but for others, some wise words of guidance and encouragement from another is called for. God does not call you and I to be perfect. However, he is more likely to use us if we are willing to serve him whenever and wherever he might choose to put us.

It warms my heart to see the diversity of gifts within our church and local community. I wonder, how might you either take a step forward towards discovering where you can best use your gifts this week, or perhaps be an encourager to another?

Rev Keith Johnson, Vicar

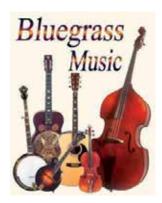
## Our Mother's Union News

On an awful rainy and windy evening in October we were lucky to have 20 members turn up instead of the 40 people who usually attend our meetings.

At this meeting we talked about the area Mother's Union Annual General Meeting in Benson that some of us were planning to attend and our Coffee Morning on Tuesday 29th October (from 10 am). With Christmas in mind we discussed the need for hand written Christmas cards to be given to Bullingdon prisoners.

At our next meeting on November 5th we will be listening to Anne Dean speak. (Anne is one of our regular church congregation)

Norma Clarke



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#### Our Local Sllimming World Group News





Members of the Lacey Green Slimming World group in September celebrated Slimming World's 50th birthday, by holding a 60s' themed party at St. Johns School. Each member brought along a Slimming World friendly dish with a 60's twist. Curried eggs, sausages on sticks, pineapple and cheese sticks & more. We held a raffle for Macmillan's Big Coffee Morning and raised a total of £40 from donated prizes.

As a slimmer, I joined Slimming World 4 years ago, lost 2.5 stone and never dreamt I would have the confidence to end up helping other people lose weight. I became consultant in Lacey Green in January 2019 and say "It's a privilege for me to give my members the help and support they need to get to target. It's been such a pleasure getting so many members to target since I started in January and above all see their confidence bloom".

The Slimming World plan encourages you to eat lots of tasty, filling foods like pasta, rice and potatoes, lean meat and fish, you are never hungry, and no foods are banned so there's no deprivation. It is amazing to find a way to lose weight without starving oneself.

### LACEY GREEN SLIMMING WORLD IS MOVING VENUE AND DAY

The last Monday group at St. Johns Lacey Green will be on the 4th November

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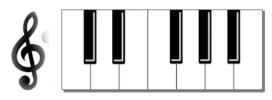
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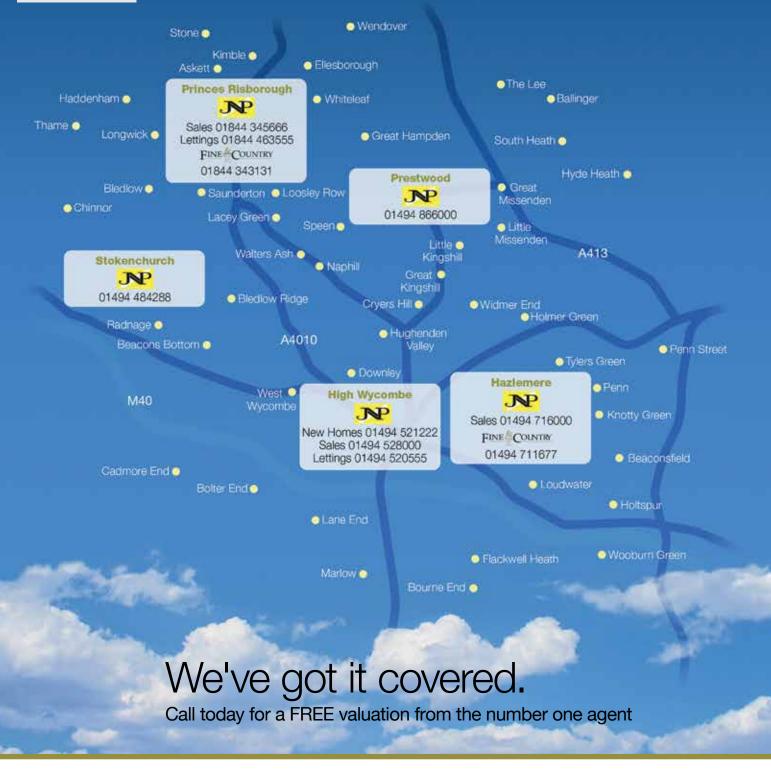


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