

A photograph of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a black top, singing into a microphone on a stage. Her right arm is raised, holding a glowing yellow object. The background is dark with some stage equipment visible.

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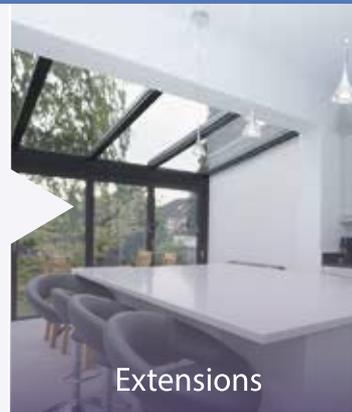
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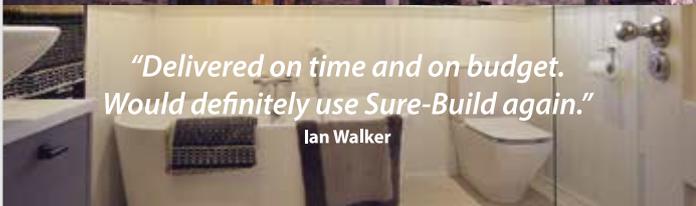


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What a JOY to be able to celebrate the lifting of the majority of the COVID restrictions and to see our community once more enjoying our truly much-loved village events, CLASSICS and NAPFEST! Hats off and huge thanks to the organisers and their teams who staged these events at such short notice and I dedicate this very special front cover to you!

My thanks to all the photographers who have contributed to this edition, I have loved going through all of the photographs, please excuse me for not having credited them to you personally. My special thanks to Neil Cockle, the latest addition to the Gazette photographic team. Neil attended ALL the events, including lace making and he took the cover photograph. My thanks too to the gorgeous, talented Jemma Arnold-Gunning, the lead singer of Crockets Rockets for allowing me to use this photograph of her! So why did I choose this, why is it so special? For me this cover shouts TRIUMPH! We have come through a long and difficult haul and we can at last come back together and be grateful for all the things we are once again able to enjoy.

I am delighted to be able to include so many reports from local groups who are now able to socialise again, I have so missed Naphill Neighbours, our Brownies and the school, it is so special to have you back! Many groups have been meeting virtually throughout lockdown and happily, can once more meet personally, gradually life is returning to normality.

As many of you know, I do POSITIVE! My cup is always at least half full and never half empty and I am never happier than when I have good news to share with you in the Gazette. I was delighted to read in the NAWARA article that a tree

preservation order has been obtained for a small area of woodland in Naphill. Over the years we have lost orchards, woodland and farmland to accommodate the houses so many of us enjoy living in, so protecting our environment when we can, is surely good news. On a similar note, well done to our Gazette Facebook community coordinator, Andria, who has been busily distributing wild flower seed to encourage us all to "go wild", every little helps! We are looking forward to photographic evidence of the results. It was also very special to welcome the new local band, "Bad Neighbours" to our community. I look forward to more news as your musical careers develop. STOP PRESS! Naphill & Hughenden Scouts will be back contributing to the Gazette next month!

The Gazette is being distributed a week later than usual this month, this has been to allow me time to gather all the articles, etc, for this special Classics and NapFest edition. The articles and photos for these events have taken priority on space and layout. As per my editorial disclaimer, I do my best but "No group or individual can demand that their contribution will be published or dictate how or where their contribution is placed or displayed." My thanks to everybody who has done so much to help me put this, my eighty first edition of the Gazette, together, it has been a privilege and a joy to work on this, and I hope you all enjoy reading it!

I look forward to talking to you all again in the November edition. Copy date as above, is 15 October.

Best wishes,

Sonia

Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette Editor

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Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council Chairman's Report

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There was a meeting of the village hall committee on the 6 September and for the first time in many months we were in the village hall. We had nearly a full house, there were 19 in attendance. We heard from Tanya the lettings secretary that more groups are returning to the hall and the lettings are nearly back to normal. Peter Williams reported that he had inspected the play area and noted that the teen swing needs attention and it will need replacing in a couple of years. The play area also needs to be kept clear of weeds and the willow tunnel needs to be trimmed. That has been trimmed this week. The faulty cctv camera will be replaced on the 18 September.

Last Saturday Napfest was held and it was great to see people out on the Crick. There were 3 flypasts, the Red Arrows, the Spitfire and the Typhoon, fortunately the weather was kind, although it was cloudy it was warm. Hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves and the music event in the evening was well attended. The village Best Neighbour Award went to Cathryn and Ron Carter for their help for many years in fundraising activities in the village. On August bank holiday Sunday, Classics on the

Crick was held. The village hall ran the Beer Tent and the profits from the bar went to the village hall instead of a rental fee so about a Thousand pounds was raised.

The next village hall fundraising event will be the Fireworks event on the 6 November, the only reason that the event might not take place is a Covid problem. Hopefully that will not happen and The Best Fireworks Display in Bucks will take place along with the bonfire, BBQ and Beer tent. Unfortunately the village hall seem to have misplaced a barrel BBQ, if you know where it is we would like it returned please.

The village hall upkeep is ongoing and we are getting quotes for new doors, along with the maintenance of the hall. Mark Butler has agreed to look after the War Memorial garden. With the poor phone reception in the area I will look into the possibility of a phone mast at the village hall.

Keep safe and well,

Clive Lawrence,
Naphill Village Hall Chairman.





Classics on the Crick – Charity Car Show

August 2021

Together we raised a fantastic £14,000 for Thames Valley Air Ambulance!

Due to COVID this event was cancelled last year but we were delighted to rearrange the date for this August and so get to hold Classics on the Crick again!

Entries opened on our website, in mid-June via the Classics on the Crick website, <http://www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk> There was a steady stream of entries to the point that we reached capacity a couple of weeks before the show, so unfortunately, we had some disappointed Classic Car owners!

Setting up the show required a bit more effort this year, as we were going alone. The Naphill Fete were unable to share the same weekend due too many of their organising team being unavailable over the bank holiday weekend. However, with the field free all Saturday, we could make an early start and by first thing Sunday morning we were ready for an influx of cars, bikes and visitors. The weather stayed dry, and soon after 9am there was a steady stream of colourful vehicles arriving at the Crick. Some were local, there are plenty of petrol heads in Naphill & Walters Ash, whilst some made long journeys from all over the South. By noon we had nearly 350 cars on the field and at least 50 motor bikes parked on the Village Hall car park.

There was diverse display from a rare 1920 Hispano Suiza H6 described in its day as the “best car in the world” to some once humble cars such as the Austin Metro that could be found on every street in the 1980’s. As usual we had a good array of vendors selling tasty food and drink who were kept busy serving the many visitors. Special thanks to Clive and the Men’s Club who worked tirelessly to provide a great bar stocked with those essential Rebellion beers!

During the afternoon there was live music from a couple of local artists. Chris Weeks started with his energetic 50’s inspired set and later we saw the return of the talented Laura Williams with a string of popular songs. At just after 3pm, we announced

our three main competitor awards.

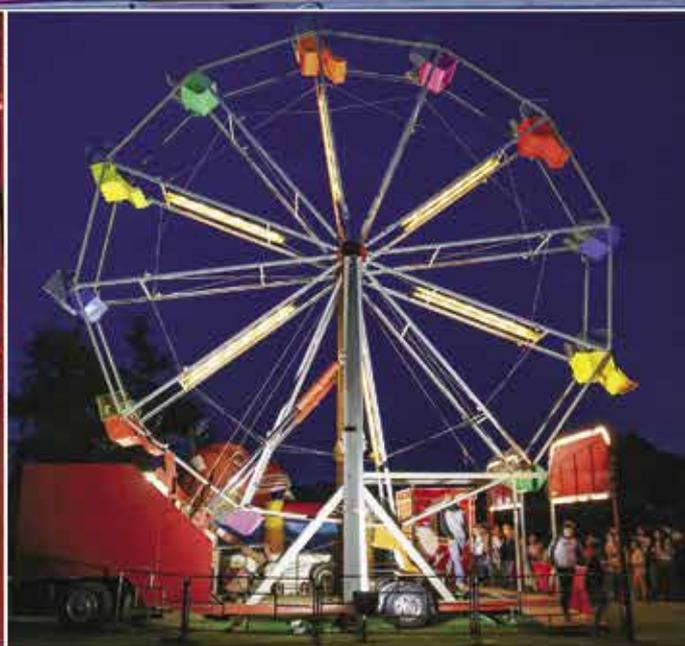
- **Best Car in Show** went to Dave Kentish with his fabulous Chevrolet 210 Street Hot Rod
- **Best Bike in Show** went to a rare Ardie 250 which was brought along at the last minute by Gerry Whisker.
- **The Public’s Choice Award** - All the visitors to the show had the opportunity to vote for their favourite car or bike. This year the most popular was a flamboyant purple VW Beetle owned by Tony Nixey.

The show closed at about 4pm, after another very successful day! With the fantastic support from our Classic vehicle owners and the many visitors, we raised an amazing £14,000 for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance!

So many people were involved in making this happen and our thanks to them all! Special thanks go out to;

- The Horses Trust for the loan of their field on Stocking Lane
- The Chiltern Vale Explorer Scouts for organising public car parking
- The Napfest Committee & Naphill Village Hall for general help & support and finally, the many volunteers from Thames Valley Air Ambulance and the village who worked through out the day to make it such a successful event.

We plan to be back next year in June. This date will come around very quickly. Planning is underway! A couple of our organising team, Ian and Sam left during the course 2021. We would like to thank them for all their efforts since the first Classics on the Crick in 2014. We are looking for new recruits to help organise and run this popular event. If you would like to get involved, either as a team member or helping out over the show weekend, please contact us at classicsonthecrick@gmail.com.





NapFest 2021 Chairman's Report

Congratulations to the amazing team who have worked so very hard in organising this brilliant day. I know from all the chat and kind words I have received that all their hard work has been much appreciated by the village. I personally wish to thank you all, Paul, Hilary, Joanne, Steve, Chris, Sean and Mark, you were all awesome.

The day was absolutely superb and amazingly the weather was good to us, the inflatable stage could not have been used in wet and windy weather, so it was a huge gamble, but one I am sure everyone loved. It was wonderful to see so many local residents out with their families and friends, enjoying their picnics or pizza from Mozarella Nation or tucking into one of the burgers provided by Rays Kitchen and generally making the most of a great community event.

A huge thanks to the Station Commander Gp Capt Phil Arnold and the princes and princesses for opening the fete. The Men's Club, especially Clive and Tanya as always provided a great bar, with Rebellion Brewery supplying the lager and ale. HQ 1 Group for providing 3 splendid fly pasts, spitfire, red arrows and a typhoon.

Although we did not have the procession this year, we did still have one award to present, the Villager of the Year award, this will be awarded to Ron and Cathryn Carter, at the next available opportunity.

The Fete element of the day was supported by Red

and Grey, a local band who kept you all entertained providing fabulous music for all to enjoy. In addition, with support from BFBS, Kevin Davy White (X Factor finalist 2017) sang his way into many of the ladies hearts, also the magician Jay Rawlings who provided some up close magic.

The evenings music was tremendous, with Andrew Riverstone starting off the evening with his blues, quickly followed by the world famous DJ Mr sean Salter, who provided numerous sets whilst the bands did their kit changes on stage. Next were 'Crocketts Rockets', who were phenomenal and had the best crew vehicle ever seen. 'Stickyjack' were 3rd onto the stage and they absolutely got the crowds on their feet and dancing away. Headlining act, 'These Certain People', wow, wow, wow, I have never seen such shapes and energy on the stage, the atmosphere was electric.

Overall, an amazing day enjoyed by many. However this doesn't just happen, if you would like to help with the organisation of the fete, we would love you to join us, all ideas are good ideas..... Without the dedicated team, this simply would not happen. If you would like to join the small team, please email nwafete@hotmail.co.uk and come along to our first meeting in October 2021.

Linda Clark
Napfest Chairman



Naphill Tennis Club

NAPFEST scores again! A dry, warm day that brought everyone out for a much-needed social activity.

Our Ball Machine Game proved to be a great hit (excuse pun!). For most of the afternoon, we had a steady stream of youngsters queuing up to have a go. They had to try and hit the balls the machine shot at them and thus complete their first lesson in learning to play tennis.

Several mums and dads had a go and one mother enjoyed it so much that she wants to come back for more!

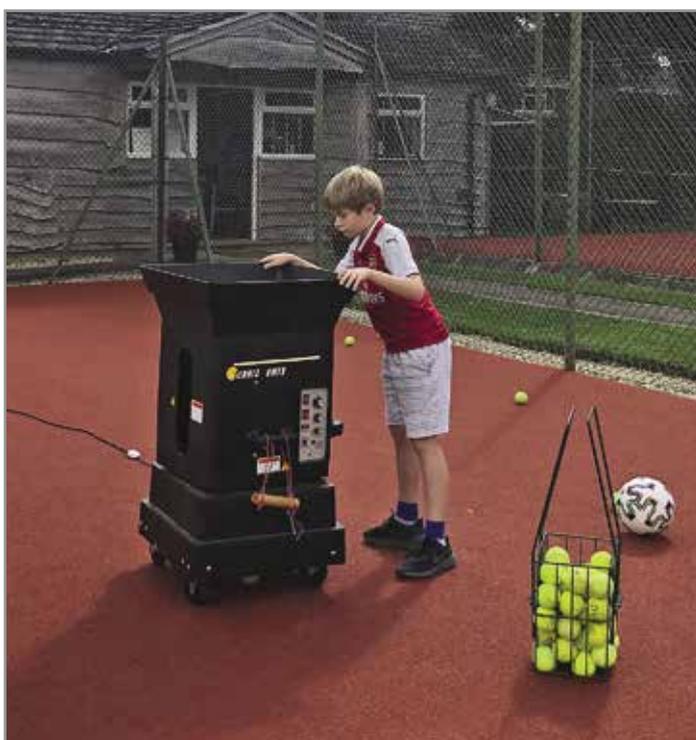
While Tennis Club members were monitoring the activity on the courts, our Chairman was entertaining the public on stage with his band. As you can see, our members are a versatile lot!

As usual, the Fête Committee did a great job on the organisation side and three amazing flypasts including the mighty Red Arrows demonstrated the importance of our little village in the bigger picture of things!

For anyone who wishes to learn about the Ball Machine or tennis in general, we offer excellent value membership rates. Just get in touch with our Membership Secretary on 01494 563706 email naphilltennismembership@gmail.com or visit our website: www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk.

Come on all you budding Emma Raducanu(s)!

Jenny Tench





Naphill Neighbours - Reunion Tea & NapFest

Some 30 members of Naphill Neighbours enjoyed a Reunion Tea party in the village hall on Monday August 16th. This event had been postponed from 2020! It was a great pleasure to renew acquaintance with 'old' friends. It was a good turnout, giving the lie to the idea that a high proportion of the elderly had passed away! Such a shame that many people had been afraid to go out for many months; too many of us had paid too much attention to daily covid 19 figures, always publicised without mentioning that nearly all those affected were better in a couple of days!! There have been some sad deaths in Naphill in the past year but, as far as I know, none were from Covid 19.

Enough of this! We had a lovely reunion, a great 'catch up' and a splendid afternoon tea - selection of sandwiches, scones, cake, and tea in china cups! All very nice and reminiscent of past good times.

Many thanks to all who supported our cake stall at Napfest, whether baking or buying. Over 300 pounds was taken for village hall funds.

Naphill Neighbours is back on track with meetings planned well ahead. We meet at 2pm on the second Monday in the month. There was a meeting on September 13th which I regrettably missed.

Our next meeting is an Open Meeting on Monday October 13th at 2pm. This will be a return visit by Tom Way, giving one of his illustrated talks, this time entitled 'Africa Illustrated'. All are welcome. The subject matter will be fascinating, enhanced by explanations of the time it takes to achieve such excellent photographs results. All are welcome. Do join us!

Peggy Ewart (565969)





A View of a Great NapFest Day!

Given the global situation of the last eighteen months it was nice to see a bit of normality return to the village this month..... in the shape of Napfest.

Question marks hanging over what would be allowed and whether staging such an event would even be feasible hung around well into the first half of the year. This combined with the inevitably foreshortened preparation time was always going to make it a challenge for the organisers.

However, on the day, the weather was kind, the beer was cold, and the music was well in the groove. The schedule was understandably scaled down but the quality of the content was as good as ever.

After the dog show there was a fantastic Spitfire flypast. The noise these planes make is indescribably evocative and I can't help but feel we are incredibly lucky to experience their fly pasts as frequently as we do. Later in the afternoon we also enjoyed the Red Arrows in their technicolour glory.

There was some superb food on offer. Rays Kitchen was fantastic. The queues were a bit long at times, but I put this popularity down as a testament to the quality and tastiness.

After a pint and a burger we settled down to enjoy the entertainment. It was an eclectic mix of musical styles, but all the artists/bands were great. The atmosphere across the Crick was buzzing. It was obvious that this sort of entertainment has been sorely missed, and the villagers were definitely in the mood to make the most of it. At the encouragement of the musicians, the area in front of the stage was packed with people having a good, old fashioned, boogie and generally letting their hair down.

A great day out and a welcome reminder that life as we know it will return.

Mike Beckly



What A Joy!

A hint of what was to come arrived on a gentle north westerly breeze wafting into our garden last Saturday. The spasmodic sounds of shouted instructions, bursts of music, the sound of whacking posts into the ground and the compulsory 'Hello! Testing! Testing!' from a tannoy. At last Naphill was allowed to have its fete! The organisers did a grand job, pulling together an event that nobody was certain could happen till the very last minute.

They were rewarded by perfect afternoon weather. Some sun but not too hot, some spasmodic cloud which scurried out of sight for the all important 'Fly Past'.

The feeling of freedom and joy could be felt on every area of the Crick. It was so lovely to be able to sit and chat with old acquaintances whilst enjoying a drink listening to the varied live bands to which we were treated. No rush, no fear just contentment. We were tempted away by the delicious smells of BBQ and Pizza stalls, easy lunch followed by a Mr Whippy!

Dogs, big ones, small ones, medium ones, black ones, brown ones and every colour in between ones were proudly paraded by their owners. Watching I felt sorry for the judges, they were all so gorgeous (the dogs I

mean), how do you choose? Rosettes of the lucky ones fluttered in the breeze for the remainder of the afternoon as their owners and families enjoyed all the other entertainments offered.

In spite of the last minute organisation, some traditional stalls were able to be there – A very busy second-hand bookstall, the ever popular Home Made Cakes and the Tennis Club offering a go with their ball machine!

The Spitfire flypast was the highlight for my husband and me. We cheered them as they chased across the skies in the mid 1940's, we cheer them still, and loved cheering with all the young folk who still enjoy the sight, sound and history of this iconic plane. We are really spoilt by our RAF friends that make this happen! And, Oh Wow! The Red Arrows are just breath-taking! Nothing one can add to that!

As we headed for the footpath home later that afternoon, we turned and enjoyed our final view, families sitting contently all over the crick in the sunshine, the big wheel and bouncy castle still operating, the bar still supplying liquid refreshment and that sound that is so reminiscent of summer and the Naphill Fete - laughter!

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From the Kitchen

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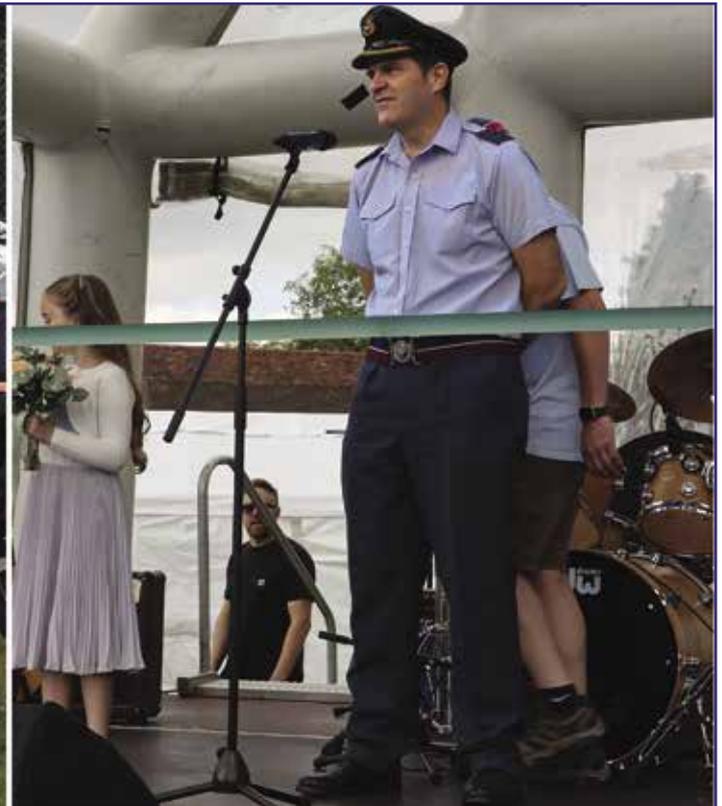
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Shear Madness

Well, from what I've heard Napfest was a huge success! The weather was kind and everyone has said what an amazing day and evening, so well done to all the team, you did an amazing job. Fantastic community spirit!

I'm pleased to tell you that after an agonising nine week wait I am still cancer free, thank you for all your continuing support it really does mean the world to me.

I'll keep this month short so Sonia and the team can fill this copy with lots of lovely photos from Napfest, they all do an amazing job and I think we'd all be a bit lost without the Gazette.

Keep staying safe, love as always.

Mandy x



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The Wheel

I cannot believe that is the summer over for another year, although at least the sun is shining while I write this. It has been great summer even if the weather wasn't fantastic. We have enjoyed some busy days over the last months thanks to some pop-up events that we have done.

Firstly, we would like to thank 'Bad Neighbours' who played their first ever live gig here, they were amazing! The band played on a Saturday afternoon and were fantastic and the support from friends, family and customers was awesome. They did such a great job we invited them back for the afternoon of Napfest, and what a weekend that was, it was fantastic to see so many people out and enjoying themselves with some fantastic live music. Well done to the Napfest team, you did a brilliant job.

A massive well done goes out to the Classics on the Crick crew who organised a fabulous day. We loved seeing all the cars and bikes going past the garden and our customers loved it too. We were really lucky that Shaun Salter did an impromptu DJ set in the early evening which kept many of you here dancing and enjoying the tunes.

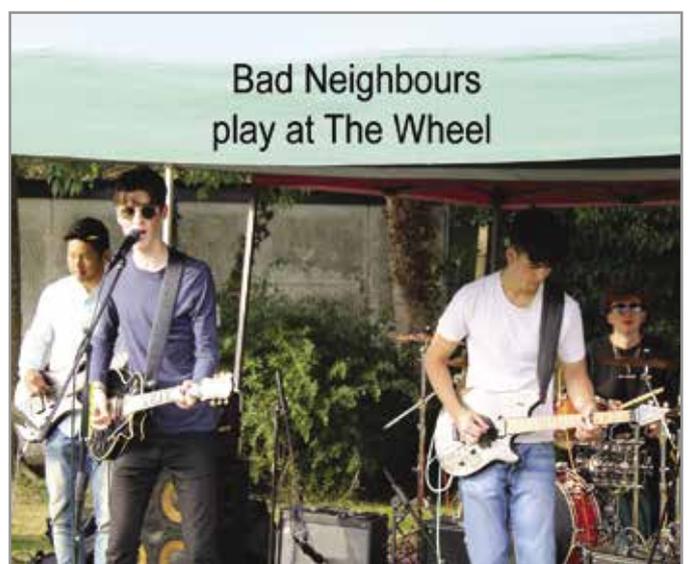
As many people will be aware we have been doing some work in the dining room, the ceiling has been lowered and it has made a huge difference to the acoustics in there and makes it feel more part of the pub. Thank you to One Construction for all the work.

Sadly, it is the time of year we say goodbye to some of our staff who are off to university and their chosen careers (Izzy, Sofia, Lucille, Charlie and Kyle) we thank you for the last year. We would also like to welcome Isobel Webster and Adam Andrews to the Wheel family.

As always, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to seeing you all soon. We are winter ready, the fireplaces have been swept and we are good to go for those long winter nights in the pub.

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The Fireworks Committee made the decision to go ahead with our event at the end of the Summer and we've been busy planning ever since and we're making good progress. We're always on the look out for local businesses to sponsor our event, so if this is something you'd like to get involved with, please do get in touch (contact details below) and we can explore various sponsorship options with you.

We'll be providing more event details in due course, but safe to say we're planning another exciting event this year including:

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

The date for your diaries this year's event is Saturday 6th November. For all the latest information for this year's event, please join our Naphill Fireworks Facebook group or visit our website www.naphillfireworks.co.uk

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

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Friends of Naphill Common

Events

On Friday 13th of August, our local bat expert, Julie Hopton, led a walk around the Common to see and hear some of our bats – bat detectors, to scale down their ultrasonic chirps to be within range of human hearing, were provided. We had a good turnout of about 25 people and saw and heard numerous bats.

The next 'special event' will be our annual guided Fungus Walk on Sunday 10th October. As in previous years, we will split up into a few groups, each led by a 'local guide' (drawn from the FoNC Committee) and, more importantly, an expert in fungi, who can help identify the finds. And these really are experts, including professors and people working on fungi at Kew and the Natural History Museum. It's a real privilege to take a walk through the woods with them.

News

The other major news is that we expect the next phase of felling to commence this autumn (subject, as always, to weather and other possible delays). As before, West Wycombe Estate and their contractors (Wessex Woodland) have helpfully offered to involve FoNC in the planning process. Once again, we will identify trees that should be retained (although the Estate has no desire to cut down healthy veteran trees) and those that require thinning. As this phase of the process will include work around Dew Pond, we are keen to ensure that no damage is done to the remains (bank and ditch) of the Romano-British Farmstead. The wheels of the tractors used can (particularly in wet and muddy conditions, not unknown on the Common during winter) leave deep ruts, as many of our readers will have seen after previous felling phases. But it isn't as simple as 'keep off', because falling trees cause 'root heave' that can also damage archaeological remains.

The Common

We're now entering the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" and nature's bounty is once again to be found in the hedgerows. Our plum trees (survivors from the days when fruit-growing was a significant Chilterns activity) are laden with Damsons, Mirabelles (a cultivar developed in France) and Bullaces – a smaller version of the Damson, which tastes bitter when raw, but can be cooked with a suitable addition of sugar.

There are also Sloes, for those with a taste for gin! Remember these must, by tradition, be pricked with a thorn from the blackthorn bushes on which they grow, before being added to the gin to infuse. The blackberries I've found a little disappointing this year – fewer in number and rather small – not worth the trouble of gathering for a bramble and apple pie or making jelly, but still tasty for 'grazing' on the move.

Activities

Our guided walks are again taking place, with longer walks (around two hours, finishing with optional lunch at a local hostelry when possible) being led by Ron Collins and Neil McMinn, and usually held on the third Monday of each month, starting at 9:25am prompt from the Village Hall. Shorter walks (around an hour, finishing with optional coffee and cakes at the Bon Ami) are led by Chris Miller and are generally on the first Wednesday of each month, starting at 10:30am from the Village Hall. The walks are free, and all are welcome.

Our working parties are also in full swing and take place on most Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Because they, too, are dependent on the weather, it's best to check our web site for details (where our walking and other activities are also listed):

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A Nocturnal Walk in Search of BATS!

Being an outdoorsy family with two boys, we are often on the lookout for new and interesting adventures! Luckily, friends told us about a nocturnal walk around Naphill looking for bats. The boys were particularly excited at the thought of using bat detectors!

So, on Friday 13th August we arrived at Naphill Village Hall in the early evening to meet Julie Hopton who is truly batty about bats! A sizeable group gathered round to listen to all sorts of amazing bat facts and little known information. Did you know that bats are the only mammals whose knees bend backwards or that their muscles are relaxed when they are clinging on? The group consisted of couples and families with young children all geared up for a bat hunt around the village. Julie gave us all a bat detector to use and explained what frequencies to use to hear different species of native bats resident in the area. We headed off excitedly listening out for clicking and a rather unusual raspberry noise!

The sun had just started to set as we walked into the first field with our detectors pointed skyward, looking and listening. After a few false alarms (pigeons mainly!), some of the children managed to pick up the noises as their younger ears were more sensitive to the high frequency

noises bats use to locate their prey. As we reached the first pond we were all treated to not only noises on our bat detectors but also the sight of bats swooping low over the water catching small insects. Everyone was excited by this point with lots of shouts of 'there's one!' and 'I think that's a soprano pipistrelle'.

We walked around several small ponds and wooded areas as the light faded away searching for the mysterious mammals. We were also lucky to find a violet ground beetle and see a few owls sweep through the trees calling to each other. As we walked back to the Village Hall we all felt so appreciative of the nature we have around us and of people like Julie who give up their time to impart their knowledge to others so freely. It was a worthwhile evening out and we'd highly recommend it to others. I'm sure that we'll be back again next year!

A few bat jokes from Ethan and Sebby

*Where do bats go to learn things?
To the night school.*

*What kind of bat can do a back
flip? An acro-bat.*



The Thomas Family

From Our Wye Correspondent

I hope that you have all been able to enjoy some rest and relaxation over the summer although the weather could have been better, well a lot better actually. Hopefully some of you managed to get away having embraced the traffic light system and did not get too hindered by the red tape and testing requirements. We have been trying to book a staycation for late September, but the choice is very limited and some of the prices are eye watering. I do appreciate that these establishments have had to endure a difficult 18 months over the recent crisis, but I think they should also have an eye to the future if they would like to make the most of the opportunity and promote their local tourist industry and persuade us to stay in the UK going forward.

It has been wonderful to witness village life starting to return to normal particularly with Classics on the Crick in August and Napfest over the forthcoming weekend (as I write). I am sure it will be well supported and let us hope that the weather stays nice.

As I type, the development in Clappins Lane is in full swing and most of the groundwork has been completed. Perhaps the most disappointing aspect of the work aside from the expected and unavoidable noise, is the mud and detritus deposits left on Clappins Lane and along Main Road. Whilst there has been a dedicated road cleaner on site on some days, I am sure that the problem is made worse by this vehicle as it seems to lack any functionality. The good thing is that they do seem to be getting on with the development so hopefully timescale will be minimalised. Sadly I understand that there is a badger creating numerous tunnels in the gardens of Allen Drive, no doubt evicted from his home by a digger.

For those of you who follow the property market it has been a difficult and challenging time for those seeking to buy. The housing stock available to the market has been and remains very limited which has resulted in many houses going to "Best and Final" as the numerous purchasers do battle to secure a property. Many agents are only showing properties to those who are proceedable due to the volume of potential purchasers which is ironic as these were the same conditions we operated on under Covid restrictions not 6 months ago. I continue to welcome four legged visitors to the office and have a new supply of "Schmackos". I took the attached photo during a very warm day last week and thought I would invite people for a bit of fun. Submit

captions to me at alan@wyecountry.co.uk. I will publish the contributions next week.



Alan – Wye Country

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Extreme Weather Patterns Affecting the Growing of Crops!

Growing Your Own

For many years we have been warned about global warming, along the lines of "if we don't cut our emissions there will be terrible consequences". It therefore came as quite a shock the other day when the government announced that the consequences had arrived and that our climate in the UK was being adversely affected by global warming.

Here in Naphill and Walter's Ash I have been commenting for some time that extreme weather patterns were affecting the growing of crops in our gardens and on our allotments. Nothing on the scale of elsewhere in the world mind you, with coverage on our TVs of catastrophic fires, floods, hurricanes and whatever. But we have already been affected in our small way. In 2018 we had a period from May to July when we had no rain at all for three months. That had me really worried and it was difficult to get seed to germinate and a lot of watering was necessary. This year, we had a month of very cold weather in April/May which was accompanied by a complete absence of rain – a most unusual combination.

The weather can be so critical; a matter of days can make a big difference. An example was the pollination of my apricot and flat peach trees. Both were late in coming into flower this year because of a long, cold winter. I always have to hand-pollinate because of the absence of pollinating insects in February/March. This time, I hand pollinated in April. The apricot blossom was slightly ahead of the peach. We had a brief bad frost when both trees still had blossom. The result – the best crop of apricots I have ever had, and no peaches at all. The frost had occurred just after the apricot blossom set and the peach blossom had yet to set.

After the 3-month drought of 2018 I took steps to capture moisture which arrives at the surface from the depths and then evaporates. On the allotment I put down strips of black plastic in order to provide dampness under the plastic, which would enable the vegetables either side of the strips to benefit from

the damper soil. And then? You guessed it. We were deluged with rain in the summers of 2019, 2020 and 2021. You can't win them all, but it would be nice to win some!!

I keep experimenting with new vegetable and fruit varieties. It is really amazing what the plant breeders are achieving. I must tell you about the tremendous climbing French bean I have tried this year – "Fortex". Cropping starts 10 to 12 weeks after sowing. The pods are about 8 inches long and completely stringless. The size of crop is very impressive. They are simply delicious on the plate, especially if boiled with a little garlic.

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News from Saint Michael's and All Angels Church

Gradually things are getting back to 'normal' at church.

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Additionally, we continue with the Tuesday morning quiet communion, and Sunday evensong. For details please consult our website.

Social activities have sprung to life too.

The Bank Holiday weekend saw us host a three-day Flower Festival with over 20 displays showing 'Reflections and memories of the last 18 months'. All were beautiful: some spiritual, some poignant, some funny. All were appreciated by the hundreds of visitors who came.

Most of the visitors also partook of the excellent teas served non-stop throughout the festival from Church House.

In the evening a 'Bat walk' took place around the Churchyard, park, and up to the manor. Sharp eyed amongst the participants could see bats swooping from the trees on the road, and around the river. All could hear the beeping of the electronic bat trackers.

The following weekend marked 'Back to church Sunday' or rather 'Ice-cream sundae'. Families with children were back in full voice for a rousing 11 o'clock service, complete with make your own fish (silver foil and pipe-cleaner), huge whale, and a lesson in sign language. Oh yes, and followed by Ice-cream cornets in the, by now, blazingly sunny Churchyard.

Babies and Toddlers Group is transferring back into Church, and the Tiny Tots service (cake, piano, craft Church) resumes from September.

Many other activities will be returning to their traditional form over the next few weeks.

The Vision Group (who earlier this summer circulated the entire Parish to gain views of the direction St Michael's should take) is collating and reviewing comments. If you want to add your view it is not too late.

www.hughendenparishchurch.org.uk

Jane Tyrer

An Invitation to ALPHA

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For any specific queries or to book a place please call or text Frank on 07850 150462 or email him at office@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk

Alternatively, please speak with Keith the Vicar or Helen the Associate Priest at Hughenden Church. **Please do it now. It may be the best thing you ever do.**



From the Hughenden Vicarage

Over the last few months, it has been such a joy to welcome many people back to our church services and events, as well as seeing some new faces as well. Being permitted to sing again has made such a difference, and we continue to endeavour to respect those who are still feeling anxious about social interaction in person.

We celebrated together with an outdoor service at 11.15am on 18 July in the summer sunshine, followed by a wonderful BBQ in a church family's home for a smaller group. About 30 people have received personal invitations to afternoon tea or supper in homes, we had a super High Tea for young families on 1 August, and Church was buzzing for Ice Cream Sundae on 5 September, as we welcomed lots of people back to church, especially young families.

Our men's group Time2Talk organised a walk and pub night recently, our Friendship group and Tiny Tots are both thriving, and we are certainly considering the provision of facilities and space within the vision process as a church looking forward into the future. Please do respond to the leaflet delivered through your letterbox in August, if you haven't already.

Our Church was wonderfully adorned for our flower festival at the end of August, during which we welcomed about 500 people to our festival over the weekend, and our Bat Walk was also well supported.

Our next all age service is on Sunday 3 October at 11am, which is Harvest. As well as celebrating Harvest Festival that day, and supporting the work of the One Can Foodbank Trust with donations, we will be thanking Bex Hawes, our Youth & Children's worker for her 9 years with us, as she moves into full time employment with Wycombe Youth for Christ.

Our next Alpha Course begins on Wednesday 20 October, with an Alpha supper in Church House at 7pm. Alpha is an excellent introduction to the Christian faith, which includes a two-course meal together, a video presentation and group discussions. You can bring any questions about life, Jesus, God, the Church or whatever to the course. Early booking recommended - please call Frank on 07850 150462.

Whether or not you are a regular member of our Church family, please may I extend a personal invitation for you to join us for Christian worship? Our current service schedule is as follows: Sundays 9am Sung Holy Communion or Matins, 11am Family service or Holy Communion with children's groups, 6pm Evensong Tuesdays 11am Midweek Communion

If you would welcome a home visit from a member of our clergy or pastoral visiting team, then please do contact me. We would love to hear from you, whether or not we have yet met in person!

You can also stay up to date with our latest news by emailing our parish administrator and asking to be added to our emailing list, as and when we send out news updates. Our website is full of useful information, and we are also active on social media.

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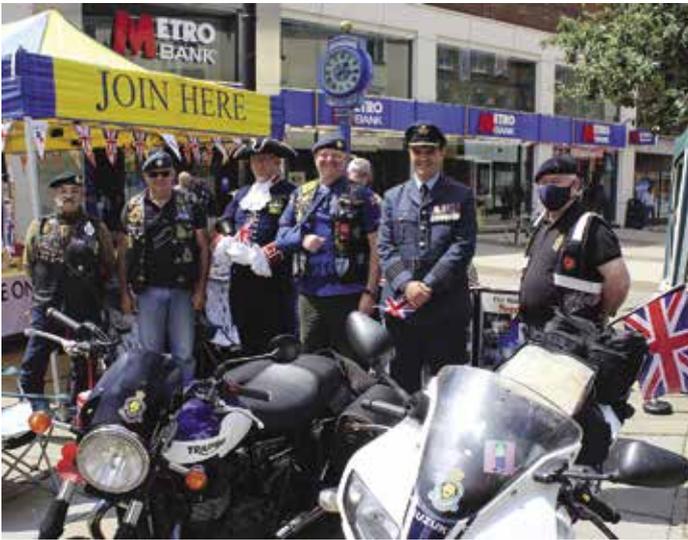
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RAF High Wycome Community News

High Wycombe Celebrated Armed Forces Day in Style!



Tributes were paid to our Armed Forces in High Wycombe Town this Summer.

The Navy, the Army and the RAF were all represented during Armed Forces Week which started with an official Flag Raising Ceremony outside the Town Hall on Monday 21 June and culminated in a colourful street celebration on Armed Forces Day, Saturday 26 June.

For the Flag Ceremony, members of the Council, the High Sheriff and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire all gathered with Armed Forces Champion, Mimi Harker, and a party from RAF High Wycombe. Station Padre, Chrissy Lacey, led the prayers before Walter's Ash resident, Dave Brown, raised the Armed Forces Day Flag.



Festivities were in full flow by the Saturday and the new Mayor of High Wycombe, Cllr Andrea Baughan joined Station Commander, Gp Capt Phil Arnold, in meeting with all the Cadets, Service Personnel and supporters who had joined in the celebrations. Meanwhile, courtesy of Morrisons Supermarket, a team from RAF High Wycombe were able to raise over £400 from generous customers in support of the Service charity RAFA.

Sqn.Ldr. George Hannaford





Naphill Village Hall Service of Remembrance - 14 November at 2.30 pm

The Annual Remembrance Service will be held at the Village Hall, Naphill on Sunday 14 November at 2.30 p.m. The service will be taken by Padre Chrissie Lacey, the Station Chaplain at RAF High Wycombe.

At the present time there are no restrictions on the use of the Village Hall. As you are all aware it was not possible to hold the normal Remembrance Service last year due to the Covid pandemic. It is hoped that this year there will be a good attendance and you are all invited to come.

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 men 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

A Message from Padre Lacey - Four seasons

I LOVE this time of year! The nights drawing in and the bobble hats coming out. The excuse to light up the lounge with fairy lights and lamps, duvet days and the awesome changing of the colours outside. The markers at this time of year from battle of Britain day, October half term, Remembrance and then the advent approach to Christmas...Autumn...one of my four favourite seasons!

A few years ago I spent a whole year in winter. Nope, I didn't stumble into Narnia, I was deployed to the Falklands for the British summer which meant I was there for their winter. It was during that year that I realised how much I love the changing seasons in this country. There is something about the rhythm of the seasons which help my own rhythm in life.

I wonder what your rhythm is at the moment? Are you enjoying the change in season, have you been longing to get the bobble hats out, or are you clinging on to the summer wardrobe!?

Having a rhythm in a year is important. A rhythm which gives time for preparing, 'harvesting', working, resting, gathering and celebrating. In the book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible it talks about that there is a time for

everything...and I noticed how I felt deprived of that time for everything when I missed a season while on my deployment. We have a rhythm in our lives, are we nurturing that rhythm so that we are 'fuller'?

But, we also need a rhythm in our weeks, and days too. Going back to the Falklands, it's known for having four seasons in one day! Snow, rain, sunshine and always wind! Do we give ourselves the 'seasons' we need in a day? I use Jesus as an example (comes with my day job) in trying to get a good rhythm in my days. A mix of socialising, working, giving to others, receiving, deepening relationships with those close, resting and spending time one on one with God (or if not God, with oneself).

As we go into this season with hope and expectation acknowledge the rhythms in your life and the lives of those around you. Have you got a time for everything? What is being squeezed out or what do you want to put back in...and, have you got time to find that bobble hat!?

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The Bobbin Lace Taster Day

More Bobbins Bobbin' 11th September was a very busy day not only on the Crick but also at Lacey Green Village Hall where lace-making was being celebrated with a Bobbin Lace Taster Day.

The date chosen for the event seemed most appropriate as the second Saturday in September is National Lace-making Day when lace-makers across the country share their craft with the nation. It seemed the obvious choice to Rosemary Mortham and I when we suggested to the Chalk Cherries and Chairs Woodlanders' team that we test the level of interest in lace-making locally by holding an event in the village where 'Countryfile' had recorded their item in April. Between the two sessions more than 30 beginners worked the 'Have-A-Go' pillows guided by experienced lace-makers, observed Binche (a continental style) lace being worked and listened to talks on the History of lace-making given by C.C.C. volunteers, Rosemary Mortham and Sharon Howe .

Ladies from Risboro' Lacemakers very kindly gave their time and expertise. They also loaned various items of lace for our displays, one showing where regional styles of lace developed in England, another the wide range of uses for bobbin lace evolving and a third illustrating key features of the basic equipment for bobbin lace-making.

The Lace Guild kindly supplied us with second-hand equipment which was complemented by a similar stall set up by Chesham's Work Aid centre ... together their sales amounted to almost £250 .

Although constrained by the pandemic the day was very successful, several adults and children wish to build on this experience and in response to enquiries it may be repeated possibly in Wycombe next year.

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Pub lunch

The monthly Hughenden Pub Lunch at the Harrow, Warrendene Road, Hughenden Valley is back and is open to all residents of Hughenden. This was a hugely successful initiative organised by Anne Smart, HSA Ward Leader for Hughenden Valley and we want to invite everyone in Hughenden to come along. Places must be booked in advance by contacting Anne on 07970 037419. Hurry, places will be filled quickly. *The first lunch is on Wednesday 6th October at 12.30pm.*

Coffee and chat

In partnership with Morrison's supermarket, we are delighted to announce a weekly Coffee and Chat morning between 10-11am. Not only can you buy a cuppa (and cake!) and chat to other Hughenden residents but if you find shopping a struggle then don't worry, a member of staff will do this for you! Just turn up between 10- 11am on *Wednesdays starting from 6th October.*

Of course, we hope that you will also continue to support the Bon Ami Café team who continue to do a great job offering a convivial environment to have a coffee and a chat!



The Hughenden Street Association, in partnership with Morrisons, is holding a weekly coffee morning to introduce likeminded residents. There will be an opportunity to share what topics you'd like to hear about for future talks.

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Message from Bradenham Vicarage - *A Covid-time parable*

Like so many, for the duration of lockdown, I have made extensive use of social media. This has waned of late due to the plethora of well meaning, overlong posts that 'reflect' on various issues, contain worthy messages and then manipulate 'true friends' into forwarding the post to other contacts. That said, my brother in law (who lives in Malaysia) recently sent a story to our private family WhatsApp group which I thought was actually worth sharing. I share it with you below as a modern parable. Anonymous and set in a fictional context, it makes a valid point and gives food for thought.

A blind boy sat on the corner of the road with a signboard at his side.

It read 'Pease help me. I'm a blind, poor boy.'

People barely noticed the board and he only earned a few small coins each day, though it was a busy corner of the road.

One day, a man walked by him and noticed the board. He stopped and gave the boy a few small coins. He did another thing too – he changed the words on the board. A few moments later, the boy was surprised by the sounds of more and more coins being dropped into his box. A lot more people than usual were noticing him and placing coins in his box. The boy was amazed and wanted to know the reason why this had happened.

The next day, the man came again to see if there was any difference for the boy. The boy recognised him by the sound of his footsteps. He asked the man 'What did you do yesterday?'

The man told him. 'I did nothing apart from make a change on your signboard.' I wrote 'Today is a beautiful day and I can't see it.'

The boy said 'But the meaning is the same. Why did people help me more than usual?'

The man told him 'Yes, you're right, but the original sign simply told people you were blind. The second sign made them aware that they were not blind.'

The boy now understood. You often don't value a thing until you no longer have it.

A modern, Covid-time tale of how we should value even the tiniest blessings in life before it's too late. It's also a tale of how a change in perspective can make a big difference.

Jesus often told stories and spoke in parables. Living in the present and valuing what we have were key themes of his teaching, as was viewing things from a different perspective. The different perspective he asked us to consider was that of how God views each and every one of us. Time and again the New Testament tells how we are precious to God and how He loves us as a father, with all that that implies.

Romans 8:17: Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God

May you know the blessing of God's love in your life.

Rev Jenny Ellis

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The parish council would like to remind residents that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges, bushes and trees that grow into the highway and footpaths. Roads and footpath have to be kept clear to allow safe passage.

A number of locations in our parish have been brought to our attention where the footpath in particular needs to be cleared of growth.

Councillors are working on information boards for Bradenham village and a first draft presented at the September meeting was enthusiastically received. It is work in progress.

Work is continuing on the safety features for the A4010 funded by the HS2 Road Safety Fund and a small contribution from the parish council.

Constituency boundary changes have been published. We will be able to comment on those in the new year.

Any problems with the roads or footpaths can be reported on <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>. It is an easy system to use.

Our next meeting will be Monday 1st November at Bradenham Cricket Club @ 7pm

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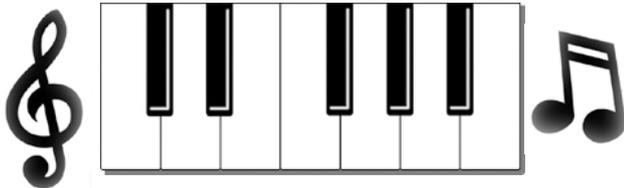
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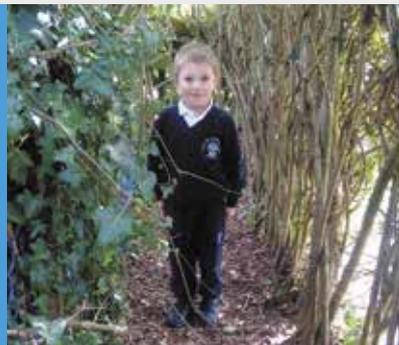
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It was amazing to be back at Brownies in the summer term. In spite of all the covid restrictions, we still managed lots of fun activities outside and are already well on the way to completing the 'Summer' part of our 'Year outdoors Challenge' badge.

This term, we will be finishing the 'summer' badge and moving on to all sorts of autumn outdoor activities too. What's more, we can now do all sorts of indoor crafts, games and songs, etc as well as the outdoor adventures and challenges. I am so looking forward to getting back to presenting some badges – We do love badges at brownies.

Autumn term brings Halloween, fireworks, Remembrance, Children in Need... so much to look forward to.

Sadly, our Autumn Jumble Sale will not be going ahead at the beginning of October. We still feel it is too risky to have so many people, so closely packed together. Apologies to those of you who have saved jumble for us. Fingers-crossed for the Spring sale

If you have a daughter between 7 & 10 years old, now is a great time to get involved. You can either register interest via the Girlguiding website, or get in touch directly.

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One benefit of lockdown, has been to open our minds up to other ways to connect to people, especially through online video conferencing. Whilst we can't recreate the special atmosphere of large events like NapFest online, we can still build good relationships with others via these channels. Offering group and 121 classes online has enabled me to offer a range of cost-effective options to my clients, to suit the level of support that they need. Some clients will have a blend of 121 face-to-face sessions and group classes, others are happy with face-to-face training, supplemented with their own sessions in the gym or elsewhere. The beauty of investing in Personal Training is that it is tailored to each person and this massively improves success rates.

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- Restructure of Wycombe Photographic Society
- Move to a new meeting venue – Hughenden Valley Village Hall
- New meeting evenings - 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month at 8pm
- New programme of events
- More social no competitions
- Wider range of Guest speakers
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 - Smart phones – they have cameras as well
 - Autumn Photography Exhibition in conjunction with Hughenden Art Group

Here is our coming programme of events

OCTOBER

Friday 15th, Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th

"Autumn Exhibition" members night 7pm to 9pm to be held in the Small Hall, Hughenden Valley Village Hall.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 3rd

"Creative Flash Techniques" by Chrissi Bell. Bring your cameras, flashguns and a wireless receiver if you have them, although they are not necessary.

Wednesday 17th

Nature & Wildlife "Themed Assignment" & General Work

Wednesday 24th

"The Dragon in Monochrome" talk by Margaret Salisbury FRPS, MFIAP, FIPF, APAGB & London Salon Member

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September was a busy month for our Groups. Whilst several Groups returned to operating in Halls, others who had been 'running' or rather 'walking' throughout the pandemic wondered what all the fuss was about. All agreed that some semblance of normality was welcome. Those involved in running many of our programmes on Zoom are now facing a decision as to whether to continue with a 'hybrid' service to members – combining meetings in Halls with coverage on Zoom to members preferring or unable to come to Halls. Do email your views on this to gilliamph@aol.com

Please take a look at our website for a list of dates our Groups will be operating during the autumn and beyond.

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On 22 September we heard from Robert Bishop who gave his fascinating talk on the KRAFTINWOOD Workshop. On October 27th be sure to come and hear Jeff Rozelaar discussing the 'State of Israel: Blessing or curse?' Magically, we then move from Israel to Liverpool on 24th November with Nick Corble's talk on 'Diagonal Walking'-a walk from North of Liverpool to the South Kent Coast. How's that for variety? Oh, and don't forget the popular Christmas Party for Members on Wednesday 15th December from 10am. All this in addition to an opportunity, when you become a member, of attending as many different Groups as you like that operate in the mornings or afternoons throughout the week.

By the time you read this issue of the Gazette, our members will have decided whether the format we have for our new Discovering Music Group meets their expectations! We're very democratic. We are combining the musical and film memories of members with expert commentaries. If you want to come and share in all of our activities, please do get in touch. And you'll also be able to see and take part in a wide range of extra topics offered by other organisations including

the continuing and popular series of talks we offer members through the u3a's 'Thames Valley Network'.

A Special Thank You

We are taking the opportunity of thanking all those Members who have attended our meetings on Zoom and now returned to meetings in homes and halls. We recognise this has been a difficult time for everyone. Now's the time to plan activities for the winter months. We're sure you'll quickly come to appreciate the work of our volunteer Group leaders. If you've been at all lonely during this pandemic, let us help try to make a difference. You'll be made very welcome. We look forward to hearing from you. Contact our Membership Secretary: hwu3a.membership@gmail.com

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Clappins Lane Monitoring Team Report

It has been a while since my last update, mainly because the lack of communication from Dandara and Coinford has prohibited me from sharing anything remotely useful for the community. However, as we head into Autumn, an update for those who don't live in the vicinity is probably due.

On the Dandara website it states that the first houses are being launched in October – at the moment, it looks like foundations have been laid for a few houses, but other than that, we have been looking at huge mounds of hardcore and dirt for a few weeks. I have asked Coinford /Dandara for an update on their build schedule and when they plan to install fences to border Allen Drive and Woodcock Avenue, but I have yet to receive a response to any of my emails.

Despite a somewhat disappointing Summer, there was definitely a distinct lack of sunshine, during the warmer months, some residents were unable to open windows or doors and they were unable use their gardens during the week. This was made more difficult when Coinford began to work every Saturday! This was a tipping point for many of us, especially when works commenced as early as 7.45am.

Residents of Clappins Lane, Bating's Wood Gardens and Allen Drive as well as commuters, have battled unregulated road closures and have sometimes also had their drives being blocked by HGV vehicles. The noise pollution and constant clouds of dust have been a continuing issue for residents both bordering and living close to the field.

Various HGV vehicles have also been using Woodcock Avenue and the aforementioned roads to turn around or park up until they are needed on site. Many residents have reported large stones and rocks on the roads, where vehicles have shed some of their load.

I did not anticipate the impact this development would have on our daily lives nor how mentally draining this would be. Having fought this development so passionately for so long, many of us just want to get the estate built so that we can all move on and have some semblance of peace and normality returned to our community.

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Everyone welcome. Wine and nibbles.

Members of the Police are attending to hear the talk and the meeting will be run by Acting Chairman John Russell.

Environment

Together with local residents we invited Alastair Cunningham, Senior Arboricultural Officer for Planning & Environment at Buckinghamshire Council, to examine a small woodland off Downley Road which he decided to safeguard with a Tree Preservation Order.

We have added our objections to an application to replace the 2-bed cottage with a 5-bed house because the problems the related traffic will cause seem insurmountable.

We have expressed our concern to Enforcement over development in Green Belt in Battingswood Gardens and in farmland off Louches Lane.

Some residents in Chapel Lane are objecting to an application to increase the size of the Romanian Church (previously Methodist Chapel) because, amongst other things, extra traffic will follow.

Crime Figures between 20th June and 24th August 2021 - provided by the Police for Neighbourhood Action Group - Naphill: 5 incidents: 2 assaults, 1 drug offence, 1 public order, 1 theft. **Walter's Ash:** 4 incidents. 2 thefts, 1 public order, 1 burglary from a garage. **Hughenden Valley:** 6 incidents, 1 arson, 1 assault, 1 burglary (caught red handed), 2 criminal damage and 1 drug offence.

Hedgerows Overhanging Roads and Pavements

If you have a hedge that overhangs a pavement or road, please could you keep it cut back so people in wheelchairs or pushing a buggy don't have to avoid it by taking the risk of going to the edge of the pavement or further into the road. I was sent a photo of an elderly man whose wheelchair had slipped off the pavement when avoiding an overhanging hedge. He lay on the road helplessly, caught up in his wheelchair which had fallen on its side for a considerable time before people walking past helped him up.

Community Speedwatch

The number of vehicles caught speeding through Naphill in the last two Speedwatch sessions has been 10 and 13. The average for the Parish in the last month has been 60 per week. Our Speedwatch team used to number 8 but now only numbers 3. We could do with a few more. Passing the Police video test on your computer to qualify is really simple and quite fun. Please have a go and ring Gloria on 563634 when you have reached the dizzy height of a qualified speedwatcher. **30mph bin stickers.** On a similar theme, please ring Gloria or email glorialeflaive@msn.com if you would like a 30mph bin sticker.

Napfest Street Association and NAWARA stand - a thoroughly enjoyable occasion with more volunteers signing up as Street Association assistants.

Article submitted by the acting NAWARA Chairman,
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