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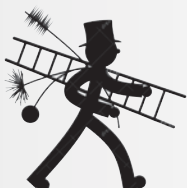
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## Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 5.45 -7.00pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs- Hughenden Naphill	Mondays 6.45-8.15pm Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	handnhcubs@hotmail.com naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wasilewski 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday of the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Residents Association	Third Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club - Senior	Sundays 1.30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am Wednesdays 11am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm	Naphill Tennis Club	Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com Terry Crooks 562539 ter-rycrooks2001@aol.com
Tennis Club - Junior	Fridays 4.00-7.15pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Clive Lawrece chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk
Help with filling in online forms	Judy Whitehouse 562742 or Sheila Draper 563670		
Naphill Evening WI	3rd Thursday in month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Juliet Shortall 565018

**If you have a NON business club or activity group which meets regularly in Naphill or Walter's Ash and which you would like to see included on this page, please contact e via email: [editor@haphillandwaltersash.org.uk](mailto:editor@haphillandwaltersash.org.uk)**





## Editorial

It is certainly a grey, miserable Autumnal morning today beyond the sanctuary of my warm, comfortable office. The granddaughters are away, the "Naphill Yappy Society", alias our two Chihuahuas, aren't keen on the great outdoors as there are no birds about to chase and are happily snoozing in their huge faux fur blankets, so peace reigns. POSITIVE!

Way back in the Spring the Clerk to the Parish Council sent a seven page form inviting the Gazette team to apply for the grant which they have kindly paid for many years towards the Gazette costs. They also required a lot of other paperwork! Apparently, we had mysteriously become a "project". One of the last questions on this very long form was "how would we prove that our project was a success?" One of the easier questions I felt. I attached a PDF copy of the July/August Gazette and said that as we had been going for over seventy years, QED! I have just been told that we WILL receive our grant. My thanks to Councillor Paul Hardinge for his help in this matter and to the Parish Council for this contribution.

More good news! This month we welcome a new team of Naphill and Walter's Ash School reporters. Himself was dispatched to take their photographs and this month they have each written a little bit about themselves as well as information about what each school year group are focusing on this term. I am looking forward to hearing more from them each month and thank them and their teacher, Mrs Clark, for including us in the school community.

Some of you will have been aware of the TV cameras whirring away in Naphill. The main reason for this was that we have a star in our midst! The filming for Children in Need was to raise awareness for Rennie Grove Hospice. You see, young Jess Watson, who lives here in Naphill, has had a Rennie Grove nurse pretty much since she was diagnosed with a brain tumour as an 13-month-old child. Jessica is now a beautiful eight-year-old who has debilitating health

problems caused by the brain tumour. I will be publishing more details in this edition about Jess, her family and the upcoming Black Lion event to help their cause. Charity begins at home, we all have many calls upon our finances but this young lady and her family need and deserve our help please.

I am working very hard to get all the contributions for this edition to my desk on time this month. One lovely gentleman always sends his beautifully written article with a message, "for your consideration". The occasional article does get submitted in a format which causes me to question why I do this job at all, but thankfully most need very little actual "consideration". But as always, what goes in each edition, how it gets there and the layout, remains an editorial decision. Welcome too to Vivienne Tancheva-Cobley, who at just 7 years old, is our youngest contributor! I am delighted to include her poem and artwork.

So why the rush this month to get the magazine to print? It's FIREWORKS! 3 November on the Crick! The very first year for Pete Dalby as chairman of the firework committee and another fabulous community event for us all to enjoy! Enjoy everyone, I hope the weather behaves and a good time is had by all! This year we have a "firework" cover for our magazine. My grateful thanks to Gary Britton, a local professional photographer, for this month's cover.

Sonia

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## Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

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### Chairmans Report

The village hall committee meeting was held on 1st. October. There were 17 members present. The treasurer reported that the lettings working party had met during September and new hire rates had been agreed. We are now having two types of hire. One is term time hire for 38 weeks of the year with no hire sessions in the holidays and half term. The other hire is for 50 weeks of the year or annual hire. The new prices will be put into effect from the new year. A small increase was also agreed for the WI, the NAWARA and Naphill neighbours with the luncheon club being exempt from charge. The one off hire rates have also been changed and a minimum booking of 3 hours before 5pm will also come into place. The terms and conditions have been slightly changed. All of the changes will be posted on the village hall website. We still appear to be the best value village hall in the area!

The radiators in the main and small hall have been replaced and the only means of increasing or decreasing the temperature is now by the thermostats in each hall. The new doors for the changing rooms have been ordered. Paul Webb has been asked to re-cement the path and wall around the war memorial.

The play area was discussed at length and it was decided in principle on one of the three quotes but we are trying to negotiate the financial terms with the supplier to give the village hall best value. The funding is around 70% and I have received monies from individuals totalling £300 with the promise of £1000 from a local business. The my donate page linked to the village hall website, [www.naphillvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.naphillvillagehall.org.uk) has received £80. I have had a couple of emails offering help and ideas to fundraise and we are in contact with these people. It was pointed out to me that if we had £5 from each household in the village we could buy the equipment straight away! A Christmas Fayre is being organised and will be held

on Friday 30 November at 6pm. Please come along and get into the Christmas spirit.

The other fundraising event is the Bonfire and Fireworks display on the 3rd. November. This year there will be live music before and after the display. Tickets are available from the local shops and pubs or you can buy them online at [www.naphillfireworks.co.uk](http://www.naphillfireworks.co.uk). There is a limit on the amount of tickets this year so buy them before the event to avoid disappointment. We hope to have good weather!

Remembrance Sunday is on the 11th November and there is always a good attendance for this event. I hope you can come along and support all of the events, there does seem to be a good atmosphere at the events and they bring the village closer together.

*Clive Lawrence.*  
Village Hall Chairman.

## *Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre*

*Friday 30th November*

*6.00—9.00 pm*

*Naphill Village Hall*

*"Rose & Aster"*

*"Jen Winnett Art"*

*"Flux Photographic"*

*"CazBeads"*

*Luxury Chocolates*

*"Thursday's Metronome"*

*"Christmas Common Conserves"*

*"Beads & Bracelets"*

*"Chris Knits"*

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## Christmas Gift Fayre- Friday 30th November 6pm – 9pm

Stuck for gift ideas, looking for stocking fillers, need a new door wreath?...the list is endless.

Don't panic! The Christmas Gift Fayre Evening is almost here, giving you the perfect opportunity to buy attractive and unusual gifts such as luxury chocolates, jewellery, door wreaths, Christmas decorations, skincare, turned wood items, art gifts & cards, Christmas preserves & so much more.

So why not enjoy a glass (or two) of festive fizz or mulled wine and a mince pie whilst browsing the fayre and make shopping more fun?

There will be stalls in both the main and small halls, so allow yourself plenty of time!

Don't forget to buy some tickets for the Grand Draw which will have a fantastic array of fabulous prizes as always. Tickets are available before the event at The Black Lion, The Wheel, Bon Ami or from any Village Hall Council member.

Now all we need is YOU - make sure you come along and join in this very festive and fun evening. Full details are on the poster in this edition and on the Village Hall website, or you can follow us on Facebook for the latest news.

All profits from the evening will go to the Village Hall Play Area fund.

*Cathryn Carter & Moira Harris*

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

## Hughenden Parish Council

October saw the co-option of a new councillor – Anita Boekee who has lived in Walters Ash for the past six years was co-opted on to the Council at the meeting on 9th October. Anita, who has a background in primary teaching is keen to get involved in the local community particularly around areas such as road safety and playgrounds.

There are now three councillors serving your ward:

Cllr Chris Waterton: [chris.waterton@hughendenpc.org.uk](mailto:chris.waterton@hughendenpc.org.uk) – 07968 268067

Cllr Paul Hardinge: [paul.harding@hughendenpc.org.uk](mailto:paul.harding@hughendenpc.org.uk) – 07810 038198

Cllr Anita Boekee: [anita.boekee@hughendenpc.org.uk](mailto:anita.boekee@hughendenpc.org.uk) – 07931 795464

There is still one vacancy for the Naphill & Walters Ash ward, so if you are keen to get involved in decisions that affect your local community, please email: [clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk) or contact by phone on 01494 715296

To mark the final year of the World War One centenary, the council have purchased three Silent Soldier Silhouettes to say "Thank You" to the First World War generation who served, sacrificed, rebuilt and changed

the nation. You can see the "Silent Airman" at Naphill War Memorial and one of the "Silent Soldiers" is placed at the Great Kingshill Village Hall Memorial. These will form part of the Remembrance Day commemorations organised by each village hall. The third "Silent Soldier" is placed at the bottom of Cryers Hill in Hughenden Valley.

The council has recently approved grants for the Naphill Village Hall - £5000 to assist with the purchase of playground equipment and to the NAWA Gazette - £500 to assist with ongoing publication costs. Grants are available from the Parish Council for small projects up to £500. The deadline for this year's applications is 31st December 2018 and it is on a first come first served basis. To find out more please visit: <http://www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk/council-information/policies-procedures/>

*Shona Hadwen - Clerk to Hughenden PC*

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## Mike and Anne Beckley's Wedding



Photograph courtesy Mike Beckley

So after 14 years of being together, we finally decided to get wed , not something one should rush into. The proposal was made on a hotel balcony in Phuket last December . Once accepted, a couple of rum and cokes were on the agenda. We tied the knot on 9th September at The Olde Bell, Hurley. A fab time was had by all.... including me.... even though I forgot my trousers , and got married in jeans....yes, you read that right The rest of the evening was sublime.... and very much fun."

*Mike*

# Naphill & Walter's Ash Resident's Association AGM

Monday 19th November 7.30pm - drinks and nibbles  
Naphill Village Hall



## 8pm "THE HISTORY of BOMBER HARRIS and RAF HIGH WYCOMBE"

In this the RAF Centenary Year, a fascinating piece of RAF history related by the Curator of the (Bomber) Harris Room, former RAF Officer David Brown of Walter's Ash. Don't miss it!

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Naphill Quiz 12 October 2018. A full house, delicious supper and thoroughly enjoyable evening under the guidance of popular Quizmaster Peter Oxbrow and his team. There were absorbing questions for everyone but the best informed out of the 19 teams were Chris Miller's team, 'The Tufty Club' including Chris Miller, Rob, Julia and Cally Sutherland, John Fitzgerald and Stephen Gore. Congratulations to them.

**PLANNING** The following are local planning applications received by Wycombe District Council (WDC) between 20 September and 11 October 2018. Any responses by NAWARA appear on the WDC website.

**Awaiting Decision 18/07304/FUL** Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey side extension and single storey rear extension. **Melvorn, Stocking Lane, Naphill, Bucks HP14 4NE.** Officer Valerie Bailey. Received 20.09.18. Target Determination Date. 15.11.2018. Delegated decision.

**18/07326/FUL HA** for construction of single storey side extension. **Modena, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill, Bucks HP14 4RJ.** Received 26.09.18. Determination. 21.11.2018. Delegated decision.

**1807345/FUL HA** for demolition of existing single storey addition to rear of main house and construction of replacement single storey rear extension. **253 Main Road Walters Ash Bucks HP14 4TH.**

Officer Matthew Jackson. Received 21.09.18. Determination 16.11.2018. Delegated decision.

**18/07444/FUL. HA** for erection of single storey side/rear extension. **62 Main Road, Naphill, Bucks. HP14 4QB.** Received 18.09.18. Determination: 13.11.2018 Delegate decision.

**18/07425/FUL** Construction of stand alone chiller and freezer unit positioned in existing rear yard. **The Black Lion, Woodlands Drive, Naphill. Bucks HP14 4SH** Officer Heather Smith. Received 02.10.18. Determination 27.11.2018. Delegated  
**Permitted 18/06955/FUL 2 Wellhouse Way Naphill.** 18/07116/TPO. 279 Main Road Walters Ash. Tree – Crown reduction. 18/07145/FUL The White Cottage Coombe Lane Naphill.

**Next NAWARA Meeting Monday, 19 November, 2018.**

Gloria Leflaive 563634



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## Sir David Lidington MP

British farming is facing the most far reaching reforms for nearly half a century. In recent meetings at the County Show in August and more recently with the local NFU at their Aylesbury office, I've been listening to the views of farmers and land managers about their hopes and fears for the future.

Inside the European Union, we've been part of its Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). That's meant not only paying significant sums of taxpayers' money in farm subsidies but also structuring those payments in particular ways and following various regulations applying to farms throughout the EU.

Now, with our departure from the EU a few months away, the Government is planning changes to be phased in over the years ahead. Subsidies will continue, but will be linked in future much more directly to farmers providing public benefits such as looking after the environment, public access or making fields available to absorb floodwater in winter and spring.

Farming and conservation have always been intimately linked. Our traditional hedgerows were planted in order to contain livestock. Sheep grazing on the Chiltern hillsides stopped scrub from growing and maintained the ecology of chalk grasslands.

While some businesses, especially the big arable farms, would be able to compete in the market without any subsidy, there's a lot of farmland, particularly in upland areas, which is much less profitable. There, without some kind of subsidy, farms would soon go out of business and those landscapes would rapidly change.

If I look beyond the next few years during which the new system of farm support will come in, there are some big questions to all of us as a country about the future of farming.

Do we want subsidies, even if paid in return for public goods, to continue at their present level? There's a case for saying that we should switch resources from agriculture to education or health or transport. But would we be willing to accept the closure of farm businesses that would follow, and the knock-on impact on the landscape and the wider rural economy?

Should we import more food - from countries like Brazil, Australia, Thailand and the USA? Food would be cheaper: I can see a lot of families wanting this. But at the cost of driving our own farmers to the wall and losing the food security that comes from home production?

What do you think?

*David Lidington*

## Naphill Neighbours

Our October club meeting proved most enjoyable with Jeff Rozelaar – a very talented speaker – telling us about “An Actor's Life”.

As promised last month, members were given a choice of possible outings for December and the new year. The committee will now consider their reactions and the viability of some, or all, venues of choice if there is sufficient interest. If so, a date or dates will be available at our next meeting.

We meet again on Monday 12 November, when we hold our brief AGM followed by the speaker, Mike Dewey, his subject FROM RATIONS TO FASHIONS. This will be our last “ordinary” evening club meeting as on our final meeting of the year on Monday 10 December, at 8pm we will be celebrating Christmas together, though not with our usual Christmas dinner. We will, however, be in a festive mood and looking forward to our re-start in January as an AFTERNOON CLUB.

*Hazel Vickery,*  
563077.

## Growing Your Own

Just after the Second World War people in the UK spent about 35% of their disposable income (ie after tax, etc) on food. Nowadays people spend 9 to 11% on food. That is a remarkable reduction, largely because of a 2% per annum real-terms increase in wages enabling the purchase of other things than food. (That 2% per annum increase was the average until the past 10 years when the average dropped to nil.) So growing your own is not so important these days to feed hungry stomachs. One grows not so much as to provide quantity; one grows to provide quality. We grow our own in our gardens and allotments to provide freshness, hence fruit and vegetables which have not lost vitamins in transport or in storage. We grow our own to avoid man-made chemicals. We grow our own to ensure our crops contain adequate amounts of trace elements (provided we have incorporated plenty of compost and farmyard manure in the soil to replace trace elements taken away with previous crops).

November is the month to start planning for next year and for ordering seeds etc. One can purchase online these days of course, but it is still a joy to leaf through seed catalogues. Here is my list, in alphabetical order, of websites to order catalogues: Dobies ([www.dobies.co.uk](http://www.dobies.co.uk)), Kings Seeds ([www.kingsseeds.com](http://www.kingsseeds.com)), Suttons ([www.suttons.co.uk](http://www.suttons.co.uk)), Thompson and Morgan ([www.thompson-morgan.com](http://www.thompson-morgan.com)), and Tuckers Seeds ([www.tuckers-seeds.com](http://www.tuckers-seeds.com)). Sometimes my regular supplier stops selling a

particular variety so I do a search on Google to find a different supplier. I have to confess that I buy many of my seeds in France where, for the same money, the packets contain 3 to 4 times as many seeds.

November is not a good month for sowing vegetable seeds since they would just rot in the cold, wet soil. However, early November is the ideal time for planting out fruit trees and fruit bushes. I seem to lose some every year through disease or whatever so have to purchase a few, taking the opportunity to try out newer and better, varieties produced by the plant breeders in recent years.

Regarding taking the crops, I leave root crops such as carrots, turnips, parsnips, celeriac, salsify, swedes and beetroot in the ground and put fleece over if severe frosts are expected. The slugs cause some damage but, since I grow so much, I can afford to cut out the damaged parts. My sprouts, purple sprouting broccoli, red cabbages and cavolo nero seem to withstand any amount of frost. (I protect them from pigeons by covering them with fine plastic netting which stays on until I have finished cropping in spring.)

It's time to dig up my chicory plants and place the roots in soil in large buckets in a warm, very dark place to produce their delicious "chicons". And to tidy up!!

Good gardening,

Mike Mason



## More About Our Local "Children in Need Star" – Jessica Watson

My name is Sam and I live in Naphill with my 3 daughters, Jessica, Harriet and Emily as well as my husband, Ben. We are currently raising funds through Sullivan's Heroes so that we can build a ground floor bedroom for our daughter Jessica. Jessica sadly got diagnosed with a brain tumour when she was only 13 months old. She's now 8 and has to live with the devastating effects from the tumour and all the treatment she has undergone over the years. Thankfully, after a few rather scary years her tumour is currently stable but her arteries in her brain are badly damaged and Jess now suffers regular mini strokes. This means Jess is unable to get to her bedroom safely at all times. The council has recognised our daily struggles and has given us

a DFG of £30K but we are fundraising for the £15K shortfall. You can read our full story on the following links.

<https://www.sullivansheroes.org/projects/room-for-jessica/>

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jessicas-bedroom>

We have a lot of fundraising events taking place over the coming months and have already received some very kind donations. However, I'm a mother on a mission and therefore contacting local businesses, companies and reaching out to our community for help. Hoping to get as many people backing us so that we can get what is required for our incredibly strong, brave and inspirational girl. We had the BBC following us for a week as Jess has been selected to feature in this year's Children in Need. As you can imagine Jess is very excited about this and now sees herself as the local celebrity.

Thanks for taking the time to read our story. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact 01494 569 330 or 07577515224

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Samantha Watson

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# Naphill & Walter's Ash School

## Meet the Media Team

My name is Eleanor Lucas and I am a member of Naphill and Walters Ash School. I love dogs – especially dogs as big as a laptop. In my spare time,



I enjoy playing my cello, tap, modern dancing, concert dancing and hanging out with my best friend, who goes by the name of Sara Gajek. At home, I have a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, who is one year old and has the name of Emberlace Dame Tallulah Tuppants (or Lula for short).

My name is Sara Gajek. I am a dog lover who goes to Naphill and Walters Ash School. My best (dancing) friend at school is Eleanor Lucas! I adore swimming



and gymnastics. Two of the colours that I love are black and white. I have one hamster who is called Pysiek – it is a Polish name because most of my family are Polish. I know how to speak two languages fluently (Polish and English) and speak a little bit of Spanish.

I'm Fin Wethered and I am in the Media Team. I love rugby, football and most other sports too. My favourite subject is Maths but I love English as I love



reading – my favourite type of book is fiction and I love reading about detectives. My favourite pet is a dog and my favourite dog is my dog, who is called Hugo (a French Bulldog). I am really enjoying school and love being part of NWAS and Year 6.

I'm Shawn and I'm Chinese. My favourite lesson is Maths, and as you probably know, I'm part of the



Media Team. I was born in May – I'm now in Year 6. Some people think that if you wear glasses you're smarter than the rest. I wear them, but I suppose that comes from my genetics (all of my family wears them).

*Photographs courtesy Paul Goby*

## Our First Report

In Reception, they have been settling in very nicely and have made lots of new friends. They have been really busy exploring the VIP playground – which is for this year group only. Not only have Reception been exploring, they have also tried out Forest School Training. Their new topic was Julia Donaldson: Hairy Maclary. Well done Reception, what a good start to the year!

In Year One, they have been learning about The Little Red Hen and have been changing the story to make it their own. Their topic is 'Down on the Farm' and recently they have made African paintings using the computers. The children are enjoying using the computers (as they have never used these before) and have been using the paint icon to make their own unique patterns. Good job Year One!

Year 2 have had a busy start to the year. During English, Year 2 have been writing their own naughty animal stories. In Maths, they have been learning how to add, double and halve numbers. In their topic, Year 2 have been practising their African drumming and songs for their amazing Africa topic.

In Year 3, they have been studying all about the Ancient Egyptians. They have been crafting pyramids out of paper and then painting them. Furthermore, they have made some clay Canopic Jars. A great start to the year!

In Year 4, they have been learning about robots. In English, they have been reading and listening to the book 'The Iron Giant'. Using this story for inspiration, they have designed and made tin can robots out of tins, craft materials and anything else they can find – like nuts and bolts. They have also painted pictures of robots using shading in different shades of grey. Year 4 have really enjoyed learning about robots so far!

In Year 5, they have been learning about Excalibur. During English, they have been writing Arthurian legends using expanded noun phrases. Also, based on their Anglo Saxon theme, they have been designing and making brooches (using cardboard, string, foil and paint) and necklaces out of clay. A busy and exciting start to the year!

In Year 6, our topic this term is 'A Child's War'. Everything that we are doing is based on World War Two such as evacuation, air raids, shelters and the blackout. Moreover, there's the JLT, which as you probably know, is the Junior Leadership Team. As well as the JLT, this year all of Year 6 are starting to take on extra responsibilities such as lunchtime buddies, Junior Road Safety Officers, stationery shop, playground buddies and monitors.

*Eleanor, Sara Finn & Shawn*



# NAPHILL FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR 2018

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL  
THE CRICK, NAPHILL  
SATURDAY  
3RD NOVEMBER

ALL PROCEEDS TO  
NAPHILL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

LIVE MUSIC FROM 6PM & 7.30PM

FIRE LIGHTING AT 6.15PM

DISPLAY FROM 7PM

ADULTS £5.50 BEFORE THE DAY £7.50 ON THE DAY  
CHILDREN (AGES 5 -12) £2 BEFORE THE DAY £2.50  
ON THE DAY (UNDER 5s FREE)

[www.naphillfireworks.co.uk](http://www.naphillfireworks.co.uk)

PLEASE DO NOT BRING SPARKLERS ETC. TO THE EVENT





# 2018 Naphill Village Hall Fireworks & Bonfire

**Event Timings** - Hello! So after nearly 9 months of planning, our 2018 Naphill Village Hall Fireworks & Bonfire Spectacular is almost upon us! Just a reminder of the timings. For the first time ever this year we'll have live music at 6pm and 7.30pm and a professional DJ hosting the proceedings, 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 to start this year's fireworks display! After the resounding success of last year, we're also running a Build A Guy competition again, judging will take place at 5.45pm, so please ask your kids to put on their creative hats!

**Tickets** - eTickets are selling really well this year, so please don't leave it until the last minute to purchase yours, these are available on our website ([www.naphillfireworks.co.uk](http://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 - don't miss out! When you arrive at the gate on the night with 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 2nd November.

**Fire the Fireworks Display!** - To enter the draw to be in with a chance of being the person to get the display off with a bang then just add a 'Big Red Button' ticket when purchasing your tickets online. All these tickets will be entered into a draw with the winner being announced at 9PM on the 2nd 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. 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 a hurry. 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!

*Pete Dalby*

Chairman – Fireworks committee

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Photograph courtesy Peter Davis



## Friends of Naphill Common

Good news! David Hunt of Wessex Woodland Management has told us that the third phase of felling on the Common will not start this autumn. It will probably begin in autumn 2019. This is good news because, as we are sure that anyone who walks on the Common will agree, it needs a rest. There has been very obvious and damaging disturbance to the wild life and the soil, and it will be sensible to let things settle down for a year.

It will also give FONC more time to prepare for the next phase. We not only need to mark those trees we do not want felled but, this time, we also need to mark the area of the ancient enclosure or "farmstead". It is essential that no heavy machinery damages the boundary ditches or the surface of the area they enclose. This ancient feature has never been properly surveyed or excavated. What objects have been found by casual searching, on site or in the adjacent Dew Pond, range from flint tools to evidence of iron smelting, plus fragments of pottery, some probably Roman. So, until we can persuade professional archaeologists that it is worth serious study, it remains a mystery which must be protected.

By the time this Gazette appears our Fungus Walk with the Bucks Fungus Group will have passed. It will have culminated at Dew Pond where the collapsed Great Beech was showing several outgrowths of the very rare Lion's Mane fungus *Hericium erinaceum*. The Great Beech collapsed in 2015. It was probably the oldest beech on the Common, but precisely how old is very difficult to discover. The main trunk was hollow, so counting growth rings is not possible. It had a girth of 18 feet (i.e. 216 inches or 5.5 metres), measured at breast height, but the rule-of-thumb that the age is equal to the number of inches does not apply with ancient trees that were pollarded, probably several times, during their life. Like most of the old beech trees on the Common, the Great Beech had been pollarded at about 10ft (3m) from the ground. This was done to provide new branches suitable for firewood etc. Fortunately, the largest of the branches that were present when the tree collapsed was not hollow, although rot made counting rings difficult. (Thanks go to Jeff Leeks for his help.) The best estimate is 242 rings, which means that the tree was pollarded in 1773. It must have been a mature tree at that time, so perhaps it started life in Tudor times, around 1600. The Common has several other ancient beech trees, but another collapsed earlier this year.

Our walks continue as usual. The short walks generally involve the Common and they are between 2-3 miles, led by Chris Miller starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. The longer walks are led by Ron Collins and are about 5 miles, generally some distance from Naphill. Join Ron on the third Monday of each month;

meeting at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a prompt start at 9.30am. Members and non-members are equally welcome. These are the usual arrangements, but as there is sometimes a need to make changes it would be wise to consult our website, posters or the two leaders to confirm the details.

There will be an additional walk on Monday 26th November (also starting at 9.30 from the Village Hall), when we will once again be raising money for the 'Children in Need' charity by asking all walkers to donate a minimum of £5 per person. Last month, we were contacted by a BBC researcher for their annual fund-raising 'Children in Need' programme, who wanted to know who could grant them permission to film on the Common. The request was passed on to the West Wycombe Estate, and Sir Edward Dashwood was happy to give his consent. So, if you plan to watch this live tele-marathon (to be broadcast on the evening of Friday 16th November), look out for a short insert featuring Naphill Common.

Our working parties continue to clear footpaths, attend to ponds and open areas from holly and other obstructions. It is intended to use a stump grinder to remove the small stumps of bushes that have been cleared. Sunday morning parties will be led by Peter Davis (for dates, consult our web site at <http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk/activities.html>), There is also an additional working party every Thursday morning commencing at 9.30am; though anyone wishing to help can turn up at any time during the morning. Enquiries to Ron Collins on 01494 562240.

The six junipers we planted out two years ago are doing fine. They were grown from cuttings taken from one of the last remaining old junipers on the Common. As that is a male we expected all of the cuttings to be male, but it seems that one of them is determined to be a female. We have seven more junipers waiting to be planted. Now that the felling has opened up some more glades they can be planted out this autumn.

*Chris Miller - Chairman.*

### Friends of Naphill Common AGM

**Friday 15 February 2019 - 7:30pm**  
**Naphill Village Hall**

Our guest speaker will be Michael Kushner who is a guide and lecturer at Bletchley Park, and can tell us about the code breaking work carried out there and the part played by Dilly Knox, who lived at Cournswood in the village. Please come along and give us your ideas and opinions about caring for our common.



## The Wheel

September and October were very emotional months for us at pub, but as with life we must move forward and look to the future. We have decided to let Maxii have a good 6 months on her own to learn how to be a pub dog, and then look for a second one after that! Maxii would also like to thank everyone for the extra treats and love she's received.

It has been another busy month celebrating 50th Birthdays, which as always means the beer has been flowing and the dance moves have been entertaining. I must thank everyone who didn't do Stoptober. Thanks to Chloe, Julia, Chef and the staff for letting us get a much-needed week away.

Moving forward to the next few months. The clocks will have changed, and the nights will be longer, but as the chimneys have been swept the fires will be roaring to keep us all warm. I would also like to thank Martyn at Bespoke Windows for our amazing double-glazed sash windows as they look brilliant and there's no draughts now. (I think we'll be opening doors to ensure we can breathe on some nights!).

### Fireworks – Saturday 3rd November

We can't wait for this amazing night and will have our fingers and toes crossed for fine weather. As always, we will be collecting money for the fireworks fund on the night in our garden and carpark as you watch it from here.

Please note there will be two sittings for food – 1st at 5.30pm and 2nd at 7.30pm. Please ensure you book. Box meals will also be available for the front bar and garden.

### Remembrance Sunday 11th November

The Village Hall service is held at 2.45pm and then followed by the laying of wreaths and a minute's silence. The service is always very well attended and if you are wishing to have lunch with us first please book to avoid disappointment.

### Christmas and New Year

Our Christmas menu is now on our website and will be available to book until Sunday 23rd Dec, you can also pick up a copy from the pub. Please ensure you book in advance. All our Christmas hours will be published in the next Gazette along with details about New Years Eve.

With winter here, wrap up warm have a great walk in this beautiful area and we'll then see you for a pint or two while you warm up in a great atmosphere. Smile, winter can be great!

Thanks to you all as always.

*Claire and Mark*

## The Black Lion

As the nights draw in, we have lit the fire and put our winter warmers on the menu, so please come and join us for a hearty meal in front of the fire.

We are delighted to be hosting a party for Jess on 24th November 4pm to 10pm. Join us for a night of music, entertainment, face painting, an amazing raffle and Poppet and Betty will be here with their sweet cart. All monies raised will go to Sullivans Heroes and helping Jess. Tickets are available in the pub.

Our Christmas menu is available online and in the pub from 1st December. We look forward to welcoming you in December, whether it is for a family meal or a Christmas party.

We are very lucky to have so many people to help out at the events we run. More thanks go to Sean Salter who has done some fantastic DJ sets for us including the Macmillan weekend. We would also like to thank Maguire Scaffolding for the outside bars they have built for us.

The village is looking forward to Fireworks on the Crick on Saturday 3rd November – you can buy your tickets in the pub in advance.

Plans are being put in place for our very first Christmas family event including Santa's Grotto, Hog Roast, warm cider and a fire in the garden to get everyone in the mood for Christmas. Keep an eye on our large A board or Facebook for the date and more info.

Thanks for all your support.

*Jack, Sian and the team.*

## Shear Madness

November already! The nights are drawing in and the leaves are turning which can only mean one thing – FIREWORKS! I'm sure it will be an amazing evening as always and it gets bigger and better every year, I am one of the many places you can get your tickets from, right up to the last minute. Wrap up warm, don't forget your ear defenders and have fun!

I have heard a few little rumours about my recent absence so to put the record straight I have been diagnosed with Diverticulum, which basically means I have a small pocket/pouch in my intestines. Nothing that a high fibre diet and regular meals can't fix, so I will be here in the community for a long time yet.

Have a great Autumn, enjoy those lovely sunny, crisp, frosty days. Good luck Christmas shopping, although there are quite a few Christmas fayres locally that would be worth a look. Until December stay safe and have fun.

*Mandy*



## Naphill Village Hall Service of Remembrance



The Annual Remembrance Service will be held at the Village Hall on the Sunday 11th November at 2.45 pm. All are invited.

This year marks the 100th Anniversary commemorating the end of the First World War on 11th November 1918.

Remembrance Day holds a special place on the National Calendar in which we remember, and give thanks to the many 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.

*Richard Pushman*



# Parents' Open Meeting Beginning Primary School Sept 2019

At Naphill and Walters Ash School

Tuesday 20th November 1:15



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

## NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH SCHOOL

### WINTER WANSALAND Shopping Evening

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
School Hall – 8-10pm

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
11.30-2.30pm



## CHRISTMAS LOADING...

MORE DETAILS  
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## Naphill Brownies

Thank you so much to all who supported us at our Autumn Jumble Sale. Despite the wet weather we had a very successful day and the Guides and Brownies turned out in force to help raise money. The new Girlguiding programme (announced over the summer) has required a number of new resources. Fundraising events like the jumble sale ensure that we can provide these new resources without struggling to find the money.

Back in September, we spent a truly glorious early autumn evening out on the Crick with Walters Ash Brownies doing a wide game involving searching for clues, code-breaking and then a final construction challenge. So many wonderful aspects of Girlguiding all rolled into one – new friends, teamwork, outdoor adventure, creativity...

Amongst other things this term the brownies are doing a 'Wish upon a star' challenge badge which has, so far, involved various activities to do with night time – stars, glow-in-the-dark and bats.



A couple of weeks ago we enjoyed a visit from Julie Hopton and her bat 'Rose'. Rose was injured many years ago and can no longer fly, so Julie cares for her. It

was fascinating to see a real live bat and watch her feed (live mealworms – yum!). Some of the girls could hear her high pitch sound too – something we adults cannot experience.

As we head in to the season of goodwill, we will be focusing more on our wishes for ourselves and for others less fortunate than ourselves and before we know it, it will be Christmas.

*Brown Owl*

Ruth Daly 565571.

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1st Naphill Brownies

Thursdays 5:45-7pm

## An Autumn Poem

*by Vivienne Tancheva-Cobley, age 7*

Autumn is my favourite  
because it is my birthday  
and I like to roll  
in the lovely, yellow hay.

The leaves are falling off the trees  
because there is lots and lots of breeze.  
They are turning green, yellow and red  
it's time for the flowers to go to bed.

Autumn brings us harvest time  
the tractors are working the fields in a line.  
But the thing I like most is Bonfire night  
and the fireworks colourful and bright.

So let's all celebrate autumn I say  
because it's amazing, hip hip hooray.



*Mandala leaf photo by the Tancheva=Cobley Family*



## Banoffee Cupcakes Recipe

makes 12 – 16 cakes



### Cake Ingredients

80g soft unsalted butter  
280g caster sugar  
240g plain flour  
1tbsp baking powder  
Pinch of salt  
240ml whole milk  
½ tsp vanilla essence  
2 large eggs  
1 large banana

### Method

1. Preheat your oven to 190C (170C Fan). Fill a muffin tin with muffin size cupcake cases.
2. Beat the butter, sugar and flour, baking powder and salt together until they look like breadcrumbs.
3. Mix the milk, vanilla essence and eggs together and then pour gradually into your bowl and mix well until you've a smooth batter.
4. Divide the mixture between your cupcake cases – I use an ice-cream scoop!
5. Mash up your banana and pop one teaspoon into each cupcake case – using a toothpick mix into the cake mixture carefully. You can, of course, add your mashed-up banana into your final mixture before you divvy up but this way you know each cake will get the same amount of banana!
6. Bake for 18-20 minutes – you'll know they're done when the sponge springs back up!
7. Leave to completely cool before you try to decorate!

Always taste test one to ensure that you're happy with the quality ;-)

### Topping Ingredients

500g Icing Sugar  
160g soft unsalted butter  
50ml whole milk  
½ tsp vanilla essence  
1 large dollop of dulce de leche (and extra to drizzle) (Tinned Condensed Caramel is Fine)  
Banana Chips or Fresh Banana

### Method

1. Mix the Icing Sugar with the butter until fully combined
2. Mix the Milk with the vanilla essence then pour into your mixing bowl
3. Beat on high for at least 8-10 minutes (it's worth it!) until your butter icing is lovely and pale.
4. Spoon in your dulce de leche and taste – add more if you want a richer icing!
5. Using your favourite nozzle (or just spread on) decorate each cupcake generously.
6. Drizzle extra dulce de leche over each cake and garnish with a slice of banana!

**Obviously taste test one again and then share with family and friends ... Enjoy!**

*Karen Davis*

## Elissabeth Brookes Joins the New Craft Co-op in High Wycombe



My name is Elissabeth Brookes and I have been living around High Wycombe since 2006 and in Naphill since 2010. I have a wonderful husband and two amazing boys. I began making photo transfers for myself and soon had friends and family requesting their own.

I started my company Printed In Wood in October 2017. Nearly all my wood comes from Chiltern Wood Recycling. I am passionate about giving the wood I use a new lease on life. Since starting my company, I have seen my products grow and change dramatically. I started with photos on reclaimed wood but quickly moved to quotes on wood plaques and blocks. I also make wooden photo cubes, children's artwork display plaques, stick figure families and family trees, and I take custom orders too. I am so excited to be part of the Craft Coop family and I look forward to meeting all of you in the new shop now open in the Eden Center in High Wycombe. Please stop by and say hello!



Craft Coop is a social enterprise company which supports local craft businesses. We started in Maidenhead in 2011 as a pop up shop, and our main shop is still there. We have also had pop ups in Wokingham and Marlow. The shop provides a platform for local craftspeople to sell their products. At least 80% of the artists represented in the shop are from the Wycombe area, with the remaining artists coming from neighbouring areas. The shop provides a unique shopping experience for the local community, giving customers the chance to "buy local," and the Eden shop will offer handcrafted jewellery, glass, ceramic, and wood products, textiles, candles and soap, prints and paintings, and mosaic kits - among many other unique items.

Our current shop in Maidenhead and previous pop ups in Marlow are multi award winning - including Finalist in the Muddy Stiletto awards in Berkshire and Bucks for Best Gift Shop (3 years running!), Marlow Hidden Gems award for best customer service, and even Best Independent Shop - which we were the National Runner Up in 2014. Providing Town Centre shops is the most obvious way we support craftspeople, but behind the scenes, we also provide training, business support and opportunities to get together socially – an important service for craftspeople who often work in isolation in their homes. In addition to supporting craftspeople, we also work with local charities and groups – providing a space for them to meet and activities to do as well as free craft activities for children and families. The Eden shop will be showcasing the work of Art & Design students from Bucks New University, as well as providing meeting and workshop space for those who would like to use it.

*Elisabeth Brookes*

## **The Rural Community Defibrillator Group**

Registered Charity Number 1162664.



### **Walters Ash Defibrillator**

As you may know the RCDG have been raising funds to provide a Public Access Defibrillator for Walters Ash. There is one already outside Naphill Village Hall and others held by the RAF but the Walters Ash shopping parade was thought to be a missing link in the chain.

You may have noticed the collection boxes in the Pony Expresso, Coop, Manor Garage, Shear Madness and Leigh Lewis Optometrist, which have all helped to raise funds for this. We approached your local District and County Councillors and both have found funding so enabling the project to go ahead. So, a big thank you to Steve Broadbent and David Carroll and all involved for their help.

Thanks also to Leigh for allowing her Optometry premises to be used to host the installation.

All of this means that the Defibrillator is now on order and delivery is expected in the next couple of weeks. Installation outside the Optometrist, along with Registration with South Central Ambulance and an Awareness and Confidence Training Session will follow, so watch out for more news on how you can access and use it in an Emergency.

*Paul Rogerson*

Treasurer - RCDG

### **Naphill Tennis Club**

Feedback from our recent Barn Dance in the village hall was a very definite 'thumbs up!'. The event was much enjoyed by one and all and, judging by the small amount of leftovers, the Ploughman's & Puds were popular too.

Date and venue for our Tennis Club AGM is Monday 19 November at 8 pm in the village hall. Calling all members - do come and give us your views on your Tennis Club and enjoy a free drink on arrival.

We have plenty of action taking place on the courts and our next 'fun' event is Festive Tennis on Saturday 8 December at 11 am. This is light-hearted tennis pleasantly fuelled by mulled wine and mince pies with a 'Bring & Share' lunch to follow.

As usual, details of membership and Club activities are on our website [www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk](http://www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk) or you can contact the Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel ([sarah.dengel1@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.dengel1@gmail.com)) or myself ([jttench@gmail.com](mailto:jttench@gmail.com)) for further information.

*Jenny Tench*



## Wycombe Photographic Society

### We are 80 Years Young !

November is "action a plenty" 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 "Variations on a Theme" and for the Digital Project is "Something I Am Scared of". It will be very interesting to see how the members interpret these two "themes".

3rd November is Wycombe Photographic Society 80th Celebration Day.

During the month we are competing in a large Inter club competition as well as an internal club competition.

The month is wrapped up on Thursday 22nd November with a talk by Damon Guy – "Abstract Patterns and Art in Your Eyes" - Damon is a writer-photographer. He has run some major websites, a computing department and a digital image library. He started out as a trained teacher and now runs training for digital photographers.

Visitors are welcome to the talk.

As always for full details of what is going on at Wycombe Photographic Society please look at our website – [www.wycombephotosociety.org.uk](http://www.wycombephotosociety.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

## From Hughenden Vicarage

He was born on 8 January 1894 in Poland, to a German Father – Julius, a weaver by trade, and mother Maria, who was a midwife – he had four brothers.

Strongly influenced during his childhood after seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary, he and his elder brother Francis joined the Conventual Franciscans holy order, being ordained a priest in 1918.

When World War 2 was declared, he was living in the monastery at Niepokalanów, which during the war became amongst other things a temporary hospital, a place to provide refuge for 2,000 fleeing Jews, as well as a publishing house for religious works.

He was arrested by the Nazis on 17 February 1941,

as the Germans closed down the monastery, and he, together with four others were imprisoned.

Prisoner number 16670 was transferred to Auschwitz Concentration Camp on 28 May, where he continued his faithful witness to the other prisoners, despite numerous beatings and ill-treatment at the hands of his captors.

Two months later, three prisoners escaped from the camp, and so the deputy camp commander picked 10 men at random, to be starved to death as punishment in an underground bunker. One of the selected men – Franciszek Gajowniczek cried out "My wife! My children!", at which point this brave man volunteered to take his place, as he had no dependents himself.

Maximillian Kolbe, as the man was called, continued to witness to the love of Christ as he and his fellow captors were slowly starved to death. He was the last to die.

The man whose life Kolbe saved survived the war, and lived to the ripe old age of 93 – often giving thanks for the gift of life, and paying tribute to the sacrifice of this unassuming Franciscan priest.

On Sunday 11 November 2018, across our nation, and in our Church, we will be gathered together for a solemn act of remembrance for all those who have lost their lives in war. When we observe two minutes of silence at 11am, it will be 100 years to the minute since the cessation of World War One. Sadly, the past century has not always been one of peace and goodwill to all humanity.

When the names of those who died in conflict, who lived in our parish are read out, one cannot help but be moved by their remarkable and inspirational act of sacrifice and love for the common good.

All those who want to become followers of Jesus Christ are not asked to dress like him, eat the same food as him, take long walks up mountains, and wander from town to town telling others about the kingdom of God. However, all those who profess faith in Jesus Christ are called to lay down their own lives, to pick up their crosses daily, and to follow in his footsteps. Those footsteps are characterised by a lifestyle of compassion, love and putting the well-being of others before ourselves.

Friends, let us be still for a moment on 11/11 at 11am, to thank God for those who paid the ultimate price, and I invite you to join me in praying for peace in our town, in our nation, and in our world.

May we be inspired by the example of Maximillian Kolbe, but may another such martyr never need to pay such a cost again.

*Rev Keith Johnson*

## From our Wye Country Correspondent

Having been publically chastised (well on Facebook) for failing to make the September deadline here goes with my latest offering. My excuse was that I was enjoying a two week break in the Languedoc with just my wife which, of course, sadly meant our first holiday for a while without Daisy, and not so sadly meant without our daughters! What a lovely part of France and I have to say that Montpellier is a splendid city. However, I would not recommend travelling on the tram network without buying a ticket. We witnessed a para-military type operation by 20 ticket Inspectors who escorted quite a few passengers, travelling without tickets, off the tram and subjected them to a €90 on the spot fine. According to our host it is all a bit like paying your taxes in France, everyone tries to get away with it and accepts the consequences when caught. It reminded me of the opening dialogue from "Porridge".

I digress. Daisy's Diner has been a great success and hopefully some of you will have seen my recent posting on the Naphill & Walter's Ash Neighbourhood Facebook page (25th Sept) where I attached pictures of some of my visitors to date. I had thought to put a "Dog of the Month" twist to my articles in the Gazette but that would be unfair as in my eyes and no doubt their owners' eyes, all the dogs are worthy of that accolade.



So instead I am going to feature my most frequent visitors. So this month I have featured Alf (pictured) who has christened me the "biscuit man" and visits with his lovely red waistcoat on. I am looking to build up my portfolio for my next article so please come and visit in the next

week or two. Some of you have pointed out that my little plant box is looking a little tired so, not being a gardener myself, I would welcome any suggestions on which type of plants will survive the colder weather and darker days. Too early for a Christmas tree for sure!

I have been asked a number of times recently about the state of the housing market and more specifically if it is a good time to try to sell. It would be fair to say that it has been quiet of late, but houses are selling if they are realistically priced and potential vendors should remember that if they achieve a lower than expected price for their property then any onward purchase will be subject to a commensurate drop in price as this is a national trend. It is all about the price to change not the

value achieved. Now I am sounding like a car dealer!! Estate agents generally are holding high levels of stock so I am sure there will be some deals out there to be had.

Please pop in and let me know about your community events and if I can sell tickets or just help to publicise them I will happily assist. I am currently selling tickets for the Naphill Fireworks Spectacular at The Crick on Saturday 3rd November.

*Alan Draper*

## Day 1 Naphill Post Office



Here at Day 1 Naphill Post Office we are running a raffle in aid of Friends of P.I.C.U. I expect you are wondering what on earth P.I.C.U. is? It is an acronym for "Paediatric Intensive Care Unit", based in Southampton University Hospital and my wife and I are very, very grateful to them!

You see it is coming up to the 2nd anniversary of the time when our eldest twin baby boy was rushed to this amazing unit for a cardiac procedure which saved his young life! So, each year we hold a raffle here in our shop, to raise funds for this unit and to thank them for their love and care which saved our son.

Last year you all helped us raise an AMAZING £500 for this special baby unit and so we took the twins back to Southampton, on the anniversary of Navnoor's emergency surgery, to thank the staff. It was amazing to again witness the work they are doing and see the extension to the ward and new facilities and of course the staff were delighted to see our healthy twins!

Every penny you all put into our P.I.C.U charity box helps other sick children. Please do come buy some raffle tickets, a strip is a £1, and who knows, you might win one of the lovely prizes so kindly donated by members of our caring community to support this great cause.

Thank you,

*Paramvir, Gurpreet, the twins Navvy and Harry,  
Sharry and all the family at  
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## Naphill Evening WI

What a great time we had at Waterperry Gardens when we met up with Napton WI, with whom we are twinned. On arrival at Waterperry about 12 of us had lunch with the same number of their members. We then had a leisurely stroll around the gardens, in beautiful sunshine, before meeting up again for afternoon tea courtesy of Napton.

I think we all learned a lot about the work of the Wycombe Homeless Connection at our September meeting. Sadly there are a lot of reasons for people becoming homeless and it was good to know that there was an organisation that could help them. The lovely ladies of the WI donated many items of clothing and food products for which the Connection were very grateful.

At our Annual Meeting in October we will have elected our new committee for 2019 and had a light-hearted quiz, testing members on their knowledge of 5th November and Guy Fawkes.

The Food Group are meeting at The Boot, Bledlow, on 30 October, for an evening meal when partners are also welcome. Then they are off to coffee at World's End Garden Centre on 16 November when the Christmas Shop will be open.

The Sew and Chat Group (formerly the Craft Group) are looking forward to meeting soon at Sally's new home in Princes Risborough.

We will also have had the Autumn Group Meeting of the Disraeli Group on 26 October when several WIs get together. Naphill Evening WI will have hosted this event and we will have heard about Lewes on the 5th – Spectacular Bonfire Traditions in Lewes, Sussex.

*Carol Gilliam*

## Freemasonry – An Open Invitation to Visit Cestreham Lodge 6674

Freemasonry in the 21st century..... what's that all about then?

No doubt, some of you reading this are already on the square and in the craft. Some of you may have preconceived ideas about masonry, and some of you may be interested to understand more about the Masonic organisation, its history, who we are, and more importantly, what we do.

Here is the Wikipedia definition. "Freemasonry consists of fraternal organisations that trace their origins to the local 'brotherhoods' of stone masons, which from the end of the fourteenth century regulated the qualifications of stonemasons and their interaction with clients and authorities."

Sounds archaic, doesn't it. Well that was seven hundred years ago, things are slightly different today.

Freemasonry is practised world wide. There are six million Master Masons in the world, 200,000 of them fall under

the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England. If you are a fan of the TV show "Spooks", the opening credits are filmed in front of the UGLE building in Great Queen St, London. Architecturally it's quite impressive. The building and Masonic museum within are open to visits from the general public on a daily basis. No secret handshake required, I promise. One thing I can state publicly is that Freemasonry is not about social climbing, professional advancement, business networking, insider dealing..... or sheep worrying.

Freemasonry in the modern world is about a number of things. Brotherhood, charity, and truth. It is about ensuring a "brother" is not left behind. and his family are supported in times of need or distress. This distress could have come about through a health crisis or financial issues. The Masonic Foundation is in place to assist in these cases, and does a sterling job. It's more about fundraising for charity, supporting worthy causes, and putting others ahead of yourself.

Finally guys, it's about challenging yourself.... to become a better person.....a "stand up guy". As Michael Jackson once sang "I'm looking at the man in the mirror."

Ok, so what does this all mean in real life? Well, we meet once a week for an hour or so, in Beaconsfield. Weekly attendance is not mandatory, but to get the most from your freemasonry it is good to come along as frequently as you can manage. A beer with fellow masons afterwards is always an option. We have social events through the year, varying from informal pub quiz nights right up to black tie Ladies Festival. Again, your level of involvement is all down to you.

Cestreham Lodge 6674 are actively looking to recruit new members to the craft through 2018/2019, and as such would welcome any enquiries from any free men above the age of twenty one who are interested. (for the avoidance of sexism Ladies lodges are also available)

If you would like to know more about Freemasonry or would like to visit our lodge one Thursday evening for a chat I invite you to contact me, [mike@chilternabor.co.uk](mailto:mike@chilternabor.co.uk)

[www.cestrehamlodge6674.com](http://www.cestrehamlodge6674.com)

*Mike Beckley – Chiltern Hills Arboriculture*

## From Bradenham Vicarage

### Remembering in November

5th May 2011. That is the day when the horrors suffered by those who fought in WWI ceased to be living memory. Claude Choules died in Australia, the last known surviving veteran of the first world war. Even as I typed those words, I was overwhelmed by a feeling I have no words for. 'First' is an ordinal word – it implies there is more to follow.

This month marks the 100th anniversary of the end of 'the War to End All Wars'. All around our country are war memorials bearing the fading names of those who paid the ultimate price in service of their country. A cursory glance at the century old list of protagonists makes

chilling reading. Russia, the Ottoman Empire, Serbia, America, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the British Empire. Many of these names are now consigned to the pages of history books, but names are identifying labels and can change.

Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Syria, Iran, Baghdad, Israel, the labels have changed, but the territory they refer to hasn't. 100 years on, unresolved tensions still exist in many of the regions that drank the blood of countless fallen warriors.

Many of us will have seen the graphic reports from the war torn areas of our world which beg the question 'Have we learnt the lessons of history?' Actually, I think the answer is 'Yes' but as every teacher knows, once you have taught one lesson, there is always another to be learnt, but in preparing for the new lesson, the previous one is always revisited. We **MUST** continue to tell the stories, continue to remember, continue to remind ourselves of what humanity is capable of in every sense. Those stories tell of degradation, deprivation, horror and the squandering of human lives and precious resources. But they also tell of heroism, self sacrifice, generosity, altruism, determination and the triumph of the human spirit over the most overwhelming of circumstances.

In the New Testament, Jesus counsels:

'you will hear of wars and uprisings .... For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom' (Luke 21:9-10).

Jesus' words are not meant to be a tick list of events that will herald the end of the world and the return of the Messiah. Rather it is a comment on the human condition. No one wants war, no one seeks it, yet it happens – this is one of the awful results of what the Bible calls sin. These things will happen and go on happening right up to when Christ returns.

Because peace is so elusive and all human efforts to achieve it seem destined to fail does not mean we should not seek it. Jesus calls peacemakers 'blessed' (Matthew 5:9). Christians are called to work toward and pray for peace, something we should never cease from doing. It seems a difficult, unending task, but each of us can play a part – a house is not made up of a single brick, neither is an ocean made up of one raindrop – many small parts go into making a larger whole. Christians also know that ultimate peace lies with Christ and true world peace will only become a reality at his return. When this will be "no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Mark 13:32). Not knowing should not stop us from playing our part in bringing about that vision. Those we will be honouring at our Remembrance Day services gave their lives in every sense of the word to bring about a better world – we will remember them and those who still fight for our peace and security today.

Lest we forget.

*Rev Jenny Ellis*

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4 November 11am Eucharist Rev Jenny Ellis  
11 November 10.50am Remembrance Rev Jenny Ellis  
18 November 11am Eucharist Rev Linda Richardson  
25 November 11am Eucharist Rev Jenny Ellis

## Last Word

Another busy edition and my thanks to all the contributors. A few of the contributions, because of the the format used to construct them, have proved difficult to include in the magazine at the required print standard.

The next edition of our magazine is December/January, so Christmas/New Year. I always try to make this edition especially colourful! However, if you want a poster included with your article please drop a hard copy through my door, we do have the equipment to ensure that we can reproduce your poster to a professional print standard. **I will not be accepting photographs of posters!** Likewise, Word doc layouts! Along with all the "experts" out there, I can change these layouts into a PDF but where the graphic used is of a low resolution it does not miraculously change to high resolution in this process and is therefore still not of a professional print quality. Peter Davis has kindly updated the guidelines for articles and graphics and these can be found on our website [www.naphillandwaltersash.org.uk](http://www.naphillandwaltersash.org.uk). Copy date will be 15 November and I look forward to receiving your contributions on or before this date please.

I have a copy of an historic photograph from Pam Smith which I have not managed to include in this edition but which I will include at some point, space allowing.

Enjoy the Fireworks, the Christmas Fayres and all the Autumn activities.

*Sonia*

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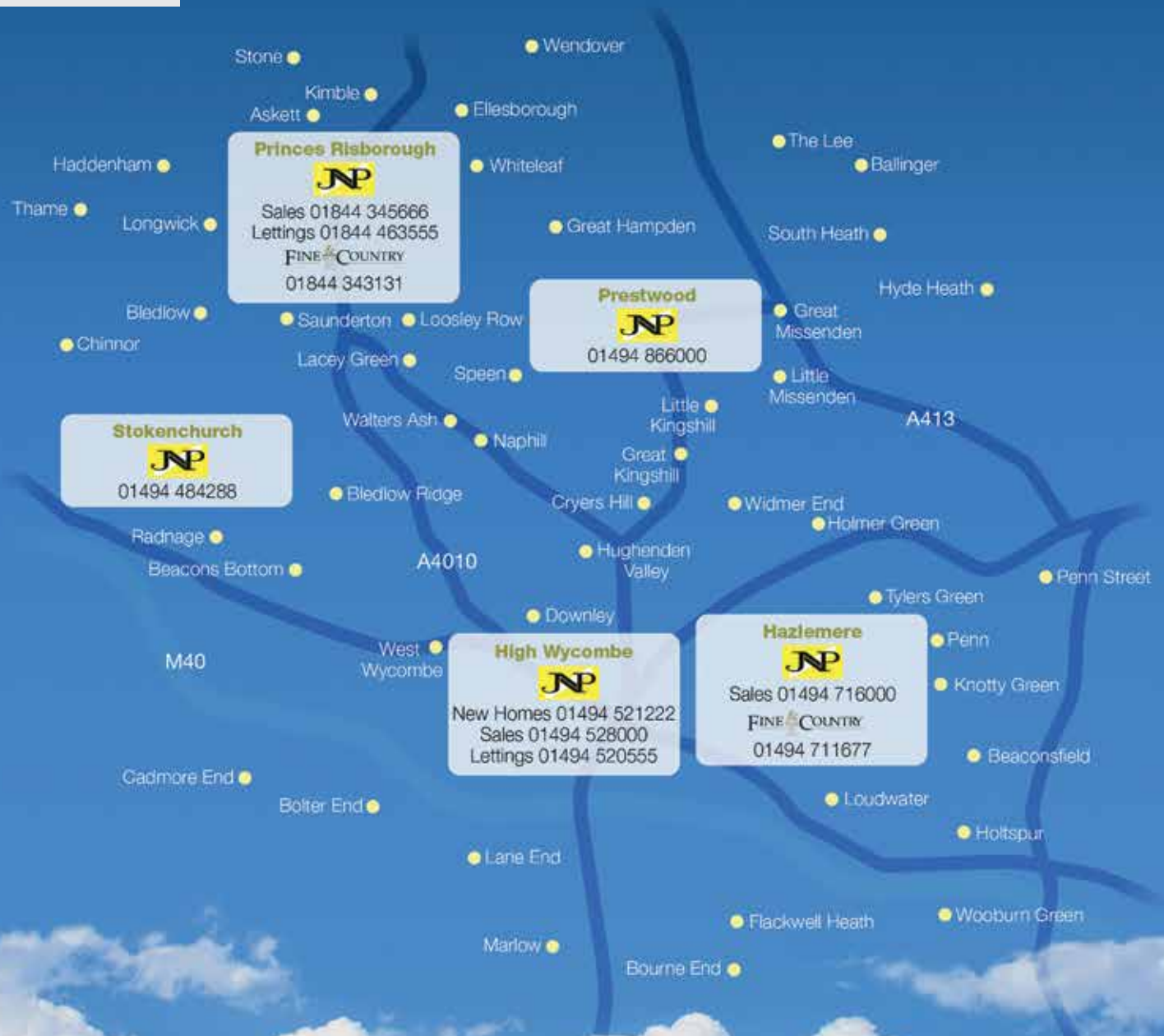
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