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As the rain finally seems to be taking a break, spring is beginning to show its face — and what a difference a little sunshine makes. Daffodils are appearing everywhere, bringing colour and a welcome lift to the season.

This month we say goodbye to our Junior Editor, Matilda, who has now completed this part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award. It has been a pleasure having her work with us, bringing a fresh and youthful perspective to the magazine. With her enthusiasm and determination, I am sure she will go on to many great things. Sonia and I wish her every success in the future.

We also say farewell to Kerenza Gwynn, Headteacher of Walters Ash School. It has always been a pleasure working with her and meeting the pupils when photographs have been needed for the magazine. Kerenza has helped build a strong and thriving school that works closely with the local community. It feels only right that the pupils themselves have the chance to put pen to paper and say their own goodbyes in this issue. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Our front cover this month celebrates some of the abundant wildlife found on Naphill Common, so carefully managed by the volunteers of Friends of Naphill Common. Like many organisations in our village, they are always keen to welcome new volunteers. If spending time outdoors and helping care for this special place appeals to you, do consider getting involved.

I know these are challenging times and that many households are feeling financial pressures. If you can, please remember the many excellent local businesses that support our community. Shopping locally makes a real difference and helps keep our village thriving.

Wishing you all a very happy spring and a joyful Easter.

Jonathan Hilder - Gazette Editor

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SHH

Speen Helping Hospice

Fund raising since 2001 for local hospices in Chiltern Villages

SHH (Speen Helping Hospices) celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The group was established in 2001 by Susie Rose and during this time has raised over £200,000 for local hospices. Committee members have changed over the years, and all have energetically contributed to the success of the group. This year we welcomed two new members on to the committee: Jill Roberts and Chris Nicolaou. Good to get some younger blood on the team!

Since 2001, many individuals have raised funds for SHH in lots of different ways, from running the London Marathon to cycling across Cambodia & Vietnam. A painting donated by local artist Joanna Brownridge was raffled, some local ladies organised a Santa Fun Run a few years running and a group of young people in Speen set up a stall to sell refreshments. Another local group organised by Kate Vale set up the "Studridge Social" – selling soup, sourdough & sweet treats. There has been a pub quiz at The Hampden Arms, John Radford abseiled down Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth and Clive Nicolaou did the Blenheim Palace Triathlon. Speen Pilates organised a jewellery cleaning service.

A huge thank you to all the wonderful people who have supported the many events we have run, bought raffle tickets, frequented the bar, helped tidy up at the end of an evening, bought their Christmas presents at the Christmas Market, and offered their services to help us run an event like Martin Hart's Jazz event, Elliot Wengler's Comedy night, and Al Bowyer and Jill Rogerson's quiz evenings.

We have recently donated £5,375 to each of the four hospice charities from 2025 fundraising events. We

kicked off 2026 with a quiz night and raised a very tidy sum of £1,950.

Expanding the fundraising activities: This is where you might be able to help or know of someone who can support us.

If you are planning or considering taking part in a sporting event or other event, would you consider fundraising for SHH in the Chiltern Villages? Maybe you are involved with a local cricket or football team or play tennis and could be interested in organising a match this year.

We, at SHH will support you on your fundraising journey. We would promote your participation locally, via social media and on our website to attract sponsorship.

If you are up for this challenge, now is the time to plan it.

Please contact me at events@shh-shop.org

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 6th May – Ladies Spring Lunch at The Horse Trust

Sunday 5th July – SHH 25th Anniversary Celebration – Afternoon Tea

Saturday 26th September – Comedy Night at Lacey Green Village Hall

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Chairman's report for April

There were 12 members present at the March meeting of the Village Hall Committee. The meeting started with a talk from Paul Rogerson with information about the defibrillator that is positioned on the outside wall by the entrance. The defibrillator at the village hall has been called on 15 times since it was installed. We have a local guardian who checks the unit once a month to make sure it is in good order. In the event that a defibrillator is needed, the emergency services will direct you to the nearest unit and give you the access code for that cabinet. The ambulance service will talk you through the procedure to use the device.

After the presentation to Mike Mason and Mick Leggett to mark the 50+ years that they each have carried out the task of adorning the tree with lights. The gang of lighters who are continuing the task this year have decided to have an official switch, more details to follow. Talking of the tree, it needs some trimming to keep it in shape. The

lower branches on the car park exit side need to be cut back as higher vehicles will damage them. As the tree is protected we will need permission from Bucks Council to carry out this work.

We have a new hirer on Mondays that will be offering Martial Arts classes in the hall. The AGM of the village hall took place on Monday 30th March as the normal date would be Easter Monday. Details will be reported in a future issue.

The committee does not have a secretary or a person to recommend maintenance issues and would like someone to fill either role. If you are interested please contact me via the website or chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk

Clive Lawrence.

Village Hall Chairman

Where's tha' bin?

Each week for over 30 years we have wheeled all of our bins 100 metres up Naphill Common for emptying by the dustcarts at a wider point in the track than by our home. I did likewise with our black bin recently. It was not collected by Veolia, the Council's contactors. It was refused as "a health and safety issue", apparently being "too heavy". I am female, late 60s, medium build and only 5ft 4ins. Therefore I fail to understand how the collectors were not strong enough to manipulate the bin into position for the mechanised hoist to tip and empty it into the 10+ ton lorry. The Council also commented "As a guideline, the bin should be easily moved with one hand". I don't know why this is the test, but I had dragged it one-handed up the track!

When I was young my grandfather taught me a tongue twister which seems highly appropriate (not that I understood its meaning at the time). "The displayed deeds denote that the despairing domestics of this detached domicile shall deem it the dustman's delightful duty to empty the dust deposited in the dustbin".

Maybe I should write that on the side of the bin?

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February and the start of March has been an especially busy time, both in Parliament and throughout the constituency. In Westminster, I took part in a debate on firearms licensing, highlighting concerns raised by many residents, including the 477 constituents who signed a petition calling for a fair and balanced approach. It is essential that rural communities are properly represented whenever decisions that affect them are taken.

I was also delighted to welcome farmers from Bradenham to Parliament to talk about the challenges currently facing British agriculture. During this period of considerable change for the farming sector, it is crucial that those who cultivate our land and produce our food are backed and not overlooked. I will continue urging Ministers to ensure that rural economies such as ours are acknowledged and safeguarded.

In the constituency, I have continued to hold advice surgeries, including in Calvert Green, where I met residents to discuss a range of issues, from local planning matters to access to public services. Details of future surgeries can be found on my website: gregsmith.co.uk/surgeries

The latest Government targets would see 95,000 new dwellings in Buckinghamshire. Buckinghamshire Council does not want to see this imposed on our county, but it is under a legal obligation to consult on a local plan that follows central government diktat.

I believe we do not have the space or the infrastructure in Buckinghamshire to build at that scale. We have already taken more than our fair share of development, and I will continue to defend our countryside, farmland, and green spaces from overdevelopment. In my view, the right place for large numbers of new homes is in the major towns and cities of the United Kingdom, not in our countryside. This will be another fight, but it is one I will not shy away from.

Greg Smith



Naphill & Walters' Ash Residents Association

Every time I walk my two Labradors over the NT land between Hunts Hill Lane and the Manor I'm reminded that it was partly through the efforts of NAWARA that we didn't have a golf course there (sorry golfers!). As an octogenarian it does me good to take the walk and to stop for a chat with fellow dog walkers. Other residents prefer to take their exercise on the Common or one of the numerous paths that exist in the area. We are fortunate to live in a beautiful part of the country, which is now designated as a National Landscape, rather than an AONB.

The management plan for the Chilterns is produced by the Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB) and can be downloaded from their website – it's worth a look. I mentioned in an earlier Gazette that the target for the county is now 4,332 houses annually. Inevitably this is likely to have an impact on existing settlements which will be exacerbated by the CCB's drive to encourage greater visitor numbers. It's noticeable that the aforementioned NT land has a much greater footfall than it did when we moved here nearly four decades ago. On the other hand it is encouraging to read in the CCB's plan that

"Government policy requires that planning applications for major developments in AONBs should be refused "other than in exceptional circumstances, and where it can be demonstrated that the development is in the public interest". What constitutes Public Interest is, of course, largely subjective and dependant on the view from where you stand.

Overall I find the CCB's plan quite encouraging and NAWARA will be continuing its work to ensure that inappropriate development in the villages is opposed. Our ability to do so has been hampered since March 2025 because it is no longer possible to see residents' comments on the planning website. If you'd like assistance from NAWARA please contact me on 564466.

Our AGM will be on 8th June, with a local speaker. Quiz night this year is a little earlier than usual on 2nd October with our ever popular quizmaster and caterer.

Best wishes

David Frost

Vice Chairman





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Our big news will be made official too late for this edition, I fear, but interviews for our new vicar have now been held, and a strong field of candidates were put through their paces on 25th and 26th of February. We will be welcoming the successful candidate later this year, and we wish those who were not successful all the best in finding the right parish for them. Hopefully I will be able to introduce the new vicar to the Gazette readers next month.

In the meantime, we still conduct our events and our services (which can be checked on our website), and a schedule of Easter services will be soon dropping through your letterboxes.

After the great success of the Pancake Party, we also look forward to the return of The Great Easter Egg-venture! Following the egg-straordinary success of last year's event, The Great Easter Egg-venture 2026 is hopping back into action — bigger, brighter, and more chocolatey than ever! It will be held in and around St Michael's Church on the 4th April 2026 at 10:00am – 12:00pm. Price is £2 per child and every child will receive a delicious Easter egg as part of the adventure!

Get ready for a morning filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of Easter surprises. Perfect for little explorers ready to hunt, discover, and celebrate the Easter story, in style. Please note: A parent or guardian must stay to accompany their child throughout the event.

Spots fill up quickly — don't miss out! Sign up below to secure your place!

Jane Tyrer



Not from the vicarage

'Easter in a World that Hurts'

It's impossible to look at the world today without feeling the weight of it. Wars continue, communities fracture, and many people carry private worries that never make the headlines. Whether global or personal, suffering can leave us wondering where hope is meant to come from.

That's why the Easter story still has something to say.

It tells of the God who didn't stay distant from the world's mess but stepped right into it. Jesus lived among real people, in real turmoil, and faced the worst of human experience—pain, betrayal, injustice, fear, and a sense of abandonment. Good Friday reminds us that he didn't turn away from suffering; he walked straight into it, showing us a love willing to share in the very struggles that weigh on us now.

And then came the first Easter morning.

Not with fanfare, but with the soft surprise of dawn. An empty tomb. A message whispered in confusion and hope: that darkness hadn't won after all. Easter begins in that moment when love breaks through the cracks—when new life rises from a place that had seemed utterly lost.

Perhaps that is what we need most this year.

Not tidy solutions or quick fixes, but the assurance that despair isn't the end of the story—globally or personally. Even in chaos, new beginnings are possible. Kindness can take root again. Peace can be rebuilt. Healing can start in small, fragile ways.

And woven gently through all of this is God's grace — a quiet strength that meets us in our deepest need and helps us take the next small step towards hope. It's a grace that doesn't demand perfection, that doesn't wait for us to get everything sorted, but simply offers steady, patient love in the midst of real life.

This Easter, may we hold onto that kind of hope—the kind that looks at the world honestly, yet still trusts in the possibility of new life. And may we become bearers of grace and hope for one another, in our conversations, our actions, and our communities.

Wishing you a peaceful, courageous, and hope-filled Easter.

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Thanks to all those who turned out for the AGM. They were treated to a fascinating talk by Vaughan Ward on the "Long March" undertaken by allied Prisoners of War in 1945 and its modern recreation by RAF members, including Vaughan himself.

The snow I discussed last month has long gone, replaced by rain that has seemed almost endless. As is normal for this time of year, this has left the Common as a bit of a quagmire, but the mild temperatures that accompany it have already triggered spring-like behaviour in nature. Most animals are pretty waterproof, but frogs especially so, and we've had to cease our winter maintenance work on the dew ponds in the Common because the frogs have already returned and are 'singing' away – this is over a week earlier than I've spotted them before.

Robins are one of the few songbirds that continue to sing through the darkest days of winter, but they've now been joined by their drabber cousins, the Dunnocks. Song Thrushes are making their repeated calls at first light and Skylarks are singing from the heavens on warmer days (a welcome return after a steep fall in their numbers). Great Spotted Woodpeckers can also be heard drumming (indeed, I heard my first in early January). If you hear a prolonged drumming (lasting more than a couple of seconds), this may be a much rarer Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. If you can catch sight of one, their markings

are quite similar to their larger cousins, but with a red cap similar to that of the juvenile GSW – however, the most obvious difference is in their size, about that of a sparrow, rather than a blackbird.

Walks

Our monthly walks – a shorter walk (about an hour) led by Chris Miller at 10:30am on the first Wednesday of each month; and a longer walk (roughly 2 hours) led by Ron Collins at 9:25am on the third Monday – continue to be popular.

FoNC Working Parties

If you wish to join in with either of our weekly working parties, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, our web site (where our walking and other activities are also listed) has all the contact details:

<http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk/activities.html>

Because both working parties are dependent on the weather, it's always best to check with the organisers before setting off: Tuesdays – Peter Davis (HW 569303); Thursdays – Ron Collins (HW 562240).

Chris Miller

Chairman



Shear Madness

Firstly thank you all for the shop's birthday wishes, you are so lovely.

The clocks have changed at last, hopefully the miserable weather is behind us and brighter days are ahead. I can't wait to come home from work and relax in our garden, go on some long countryside walks and of course enjoy a pub garden! Napfest will be with us before we know it and the burden of winter will soon be forgotten.

Our lovely Sonia has stepped back a little (so she says, she's still working hard). I'm not a natural writer so when my business partner died and I was encouraged to carry on with our monthly article – argh! It was like homework

from school (I didn't do that either). Gently Sonia sent me encouraging messages each month to get me to carry on, and to this day it amazes me that you actually read it! I must say that over the years it has given me more confidence and that is true testament to the caring teacher that Sonia is. It is time for you to put your feet up but I will still be sending you my monthly offerings for you to wiggle and giggle into understandable ramblings.

Love as always

Mandyx



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Hughenden Parish Council – Update

As we welcome the start of spring, we're pleased to share an update on what's happening across the parish. From preparations for the Annual Parish Meeting to seasonal grounds work and opportunities to get involved. We hope you find this information useful and encourage you to stay connected with us throughout the year.

Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 5th May

We warmly invite all residents to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 5th May, taking place at Great Kingshill Village Hall. This annual gathering is an important opportunity to hear about the Council's work, learn about upcoming projects, raise local issues, and meet your parish councillors. Further details, including the agenda, will be published on our website and noticeboards closer to the date.

Allotments – Plots Available

If you've been thinking about growing your own fruit, vegetables, or flowers, now is a great time to get started. As we head into the new growing season, Hughenden Parish Council currently has a selection of vacant allotment plots available across all eight of our sites.

We have several half plots, ideal for beginners or those wanting something more manageable, as well as a small number of full plots for more experienced or adventurous gardeners. Plots are charged at £35 per half plot or £70 for full plots.

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- Red Lion – 3 half plots
- Walters Ash – 4 half plots
- Primrose Hill – 1 half plot
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- Louches Lane – 11 half plots
- Hughenden Valley – 6 half plots and 1 full plot
- Cryers Hill – 2 half plots and 1 full plot

Whether you're a complete novice or an allotment enthusiast, there's a space waiting for you. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, grow your own produce, and be part of a friendly local community.

If you'd like to find out more or apply for a plot, please contact Marilyn on baofficer@hughenden-pc.gov.uk

Tree Works at Templewood Playground

In the coming weeks, essential maintenance will be carried out on several trees surrounding Templewood playground. Some trees unfortunately need to be removed for safety reasons, but we are committed to replacing them with suitable species to preserve and improve the area's natural character. Thank you for your understanding while this work takes place.

Community Speed Watch – Volunteers Welcome

Speeding remains one of the most frequently raised concerns in our villages. Community Speed Watch (CSW) helps address this by involving local volunteers in monitoring speeds and promoting safer driving. If you can spare some time and would like to support road safety in your community, please contact: speedwatch@thamesvalley.police.uk or visit www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/community-speedwatch/.

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Spring Grounds Maintenance & Hedge Cutting Update

Our grounds maintenance programme is now well underway for the spring season, including grass cutting, path inspections, and general upkeep of our open spaces.

Please note that hedge-cutting season has now come to an end. Due to the prolonged wet weather over the winter, we were not able to complete all hedge work across the parish. Hedge cutting will resume in September, when the permitted cutting period begins again.

If you notice any issues with overgrowth, visibility, or safety, please visit FixMyStreet.co.uk to report the issue.

Get Involved

Your involvement matters! Share your ideas and views with your ward Councillors and attend Council and Committee meetings. You can also contact the Parish Office directly at admin@hughenden-pc.gov.uk or visit our website at <http://www.hughenden-pc.gov.uk>.

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15th April	Themed Assignment – Out of Place
22nd April	New Members Evening
29th April	No meeting
6th May	Digital Workshop
13th May	Master Photographers
20th May	Themed Assignment – Through the Window

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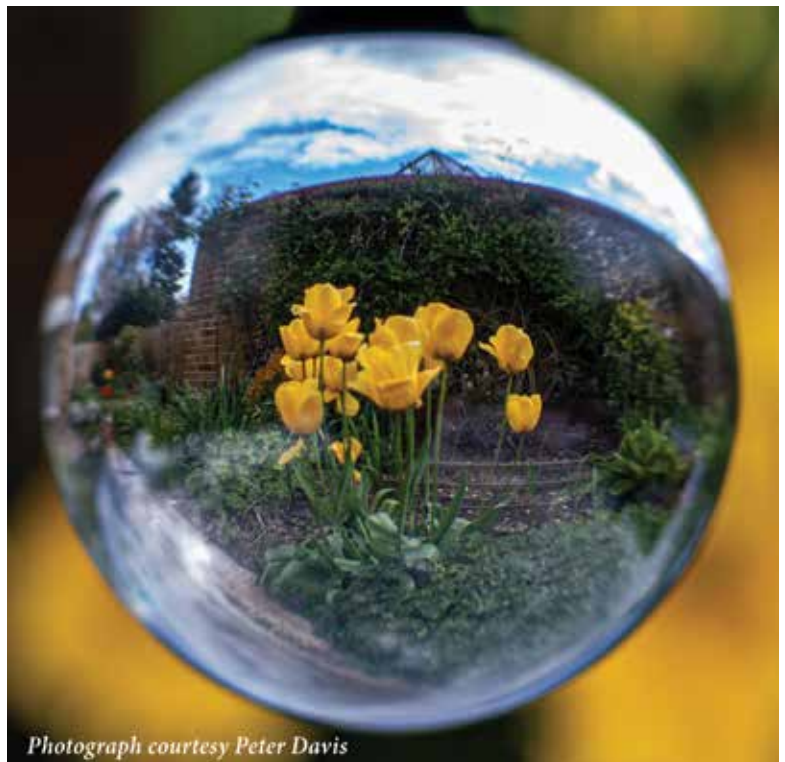
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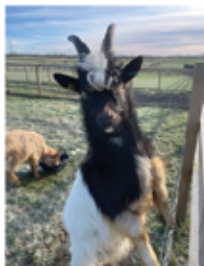
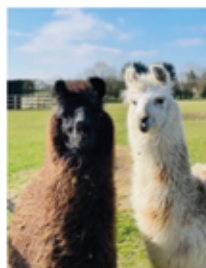
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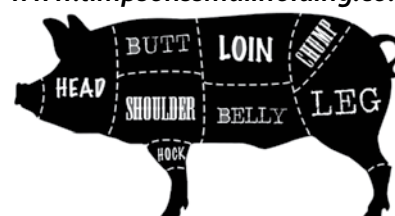
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Last month we looked at how your phone can quietly help in an emergency. This time, let's explore something much more enjoyable: how your smartphone can help you discover the world around you. Great fun, particularly if you're trying to keep your kids entertained. Download these apps from your Google Play or Apple Apps Store before you head out.

Firstly, if you want to find a walk to do, apps like **AllTrails** can help you discover new routes nearby, whether for walking, cycling or trail running. I use **Outdoor Active** as my hiking app.

Out on a woodland walk, you may notice a plant you've never paid much attention to before. A quick photo using **PictureThis** can often identify the plant instantly and tell you a little about it. Many of the small white flowers appearing in early spring woodland have fascinating histories and names that go back centuries.

A few minutes later you hear birds calling from the trees. You might recognise the familiar song of a robin or blackbird, but other calls are less obvious. **Merlin Bird ID** can actually listen to birdsong through your phone and suggest which birds are nearby. Suddenly the woodland soundtrack becomes much easier to understand.

As you walk deeper into the woods you might spot an unusual insect, or butterfly. Apps like **Seek by iNaturalist** allow you to photograph wildlife and quickly identify what you've found.

Throughout your walk, you often hear the sound of a jet or helicopter crossing the sky above the Chiltern Hills. Living in this part of Buckinghamshire, aircraft are a common sight. If curiosity strikes, **Flightradar24** lets you see which aircraft just passed overhead and where it is heading.

Later in the afternoon you stop for a coffee or a pint in one of our local pubs and hear a song playing in the background. It sounds familiar, but the name escapes you. A quick tap in **Shazam** identifies the song within seconds.

When evening arrives and the sky begins to darken, look up and you may notice a bright planet or the first stars appearing. Apps like **Stellarium** or

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	Flightradar24 Track aircraft overhead		Merlin Bird ID Recognise birds & birdsong
	PictureThis Identify plants & flowers		Seek by iNaturalist Discover insects & wildlife
	Shazam Identify music instantly		AllTrails Find walking & cycling routes
	Sky Tonight Spot satellites & stars		Google Translate Translate signs & menus

All free to download — try one on your next walk

Sky Tonight turn your phone into a live star map — simply point your phone at the sky and it will reveal the constellations and planets above you.

If you're going aboard at Easter, **Google Translate** can instantly translate signs, menus or text using your phone's camera, while **Google Lens** can identify objects, landmarks and products simply by pointing your camera at them.

One final app worthy of a mention, **Geocaching**, is a type of treasure hunt. Little boxes are hidden in trees, benches and hedges. I've found some boxes with swappable items and some had a toy that had been moved between geocaches over hundreds of the world. Perfect fun enroute of "We're Going on a Bear Hunt!"

Chris Dadd

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Naphill Tennis Club



Undaunted by fog on The Crick, the Monday group coaching happily goes into action as usual as shown in photo.

The Annual Newsletter with details of the Club's 2026 events has gone out to all members and subscriptions for the new season are continuing to come in.

TEENAGER TENNIS got underway in March and **JUNIOR SUMMER COACHING** starts on 17th April – a 10 week programme on Fridays with two groups at 16.45-17.30 and 17.30-18.30.

Adults haven't been forgotten with a **SIX WEEK XPRESS TENNIS COURSE** on Mondays 18.30-19.30 from 1st June – 6th July.

Something for youngsters who haven't played before? Come and join us on Sunday 19th April at 2 pm for our **FREE-TO-ATTEND "FUN" TENNIS**. Balls and racquets provided. A great opportunity for children to have-a-go at no cost!

We are also planning a **Summer Barbecue** and a **Fun Doubles Tournament**.

The Club has two excellent coaches who, in addition to the above events and regular group coaching sessions, are happy to give private lessons to get you playing or to brush up on your game. Just speak to our Membership Secretary (naphilltennismembership@gmail.com) if you are interested in taking up tennis or would like more information.

Our website: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/NaphillLTC is also a useful source of information.

Jenny Tench

For further information about Naphill Tennis Club please visit our website: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/NaphillLTC or get in touch with our membership secretary at: naphilltennismembership@gmail.com



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Spring opening hours at Bon Ami

After closing slightly earlier during January and February, our opening hours have returned to the following:

Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm

(Kitchen closes at 2.30pm)

Saturday 10am - 2pm

(Kitchen closes at 1pm)

We will be closed over the Easter weekend from 3rd April to 6th April inclusive.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you soon.

Ruth and Dorothy



We have all taken out weeds and it seems simple and straightforward. However, there are ways of doing it which make the task easier. The simplest way of weeding is to hoe. If you can hoe your garden or allotment once a week when the weeds are tiny, or maybe once a fortnight, that is the ideal and you should look no further.

When the weeds are up to one foot high you have a problem and you will need my Five-Pass Solution. Some weeds may be in flower, even dropping seeds – such as the dreaded groundsel. The First Pass therefore consists of going round the plot row by row with a trowel and bucket to take out the groundsel plants by the roots. Try to avoid scattering any seeds. Groundsel plants, even if dug up and left on the soil will flower and produce seeds quite quickly. The only solution is to dig them up, put them in the compost heap then bury them with other weeds. On the First Pass you should also dig up any other weeds which are flowering and about to produce seeds, such as summer thistles, heartsease, plantains and grasses. On the Second Pass deep-rooted weeds such as dandelions and docks are removed with the corner of a spade and taken off to the compost heap. One has to remove at least the top 3 inches of the root to prevent re-growth but by using just the corner of the spade it is possible to remove the weed without too much damage to the soil structure.

The Third Pass is the most productive. One needs to disturb the soil as little as possible. So, using a spade horizontally with two hands, scrape the soil between rows of vegetables to a depth of about a quarter of an inch, propelling the spade forward for about a foot each time. Then, using one hand, take up a handful of weeds, bang the weeds on the flat part of the spade held in the other hand to loosen-off any soil, then put the handful in the bucket. It is surprising how quickly one can move down a row like that. The Fourth Pass consists of going down the rows of vegetables with a trowel to take out any remaining weeds which are very close to the vegetables or are inside the rows of vegetables.

The final Fifth Pass consists of hoeing between the rows of vegetables to tidy up - and to destroy any tiny weeds which have survived the earlier passes. The plot can now be left for a week or two before hoeing again to destroy weeds which have germinated in the meantime.

Nevertheless, one of the best ways of getting on top of the weed problem is to grow crops. The presence of your crops will inhibit weed seed germination, whether by shielding the weed seeds from sunlight or by some other mechanism. It seems to work.

Good gardening!

Mike Mason



Gordon the Birdman

On the 19-02-26 Willow Pond put on it's annual performance of the Frog Symphony. On returning to the garden I recorded two Brimstones and a Red Admiral. Over the next two weeks we saw visits from a Chiffchaff and Blackcap, although these were probably overwintering birds. I thought the long, grey, wet days are almost over: Silly me!

So where were our winter visitors, none were recorded in the garden and very few in local fields and hedgerows. This corresponds with an abundance of berries and rosehips still on the shrubs throughout the valley. Is this another manifestation of global warming with birds short stopping in Germany, Holland and France saving up to 2000 miles on a round trip to their breeding areas in Scandinavia and Russia. Climate change is impacting species and habitats across the world. In addition to advances in the timing of birds breeding and migration, there have also been consistent shifts in the distribution of species. We have seen this with our own eyes in the form of birds colonising from the south.

The Little Egret, first reported breeding in the UK in 1996, is now a familiar and widespread species regularly seen on the Rye and in Hughenden Park. It has been recently joined by increasing numbers of breeding Spoonbills, Great White Egrets, Night Herons and Bee-Eaters. We are likely to see more species over the coming years. Of course, climate change driven shifts in range are also evident in our native species. The Northward expansion of Great Spotted Woodpeckers and Nuthatches being good examples, with both of these showy garden birds being regularly reported from sites in the north of the UK, from where they were absent just a few years ago.

R.I.P Molly the Collie. 30-10-08 to 24-02-26.

It is with great sorrow to report the passing of my constant companion at work, leisure and holiday over the past 17 years. With heartfelt thanks for sympathy given by those who knew her.

Gordon.



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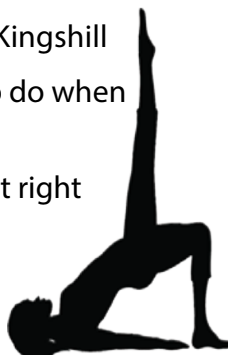
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Naphill Neighbours - a talk by Robert Ross

On Monday 9th March, Naphill Neighbours met for our monthly meeting, which always includes a speaker. Our programme of speakers is arranged about a year in advance, so it is not unusual for last-minute changes to be made. In last month's report, it was explained that our original March speaker became unavailable due to a family wedding. Unfortunately our substitute also became unavailable at the last minute due to illness. It was fortuitous therefore, that we managed to arrange for Robert Ross and his wife Gemma to come and give a talk featuring the 'Carry On' films and, specifically, the ladies who took the female leads. Robert is one of the leading experts keeping their story alive. He is a comedy historian and biographer, whose talks and books celebrate the enduring appeal of the franchise.

The talk was given in a relaxed style with Gemma taking the role of the interviewer and Robert sharing his extensive knowledge (completely without notes) to tell us about the experiences he had and people he had met while compiling a number of books featuring the 'Carry On' films.

Robert explained that British comedy has produced many memorable figures, but few film series have remained so fondly remembered as the famous 'Carry On' films. Running from 1958 to 1992, the series included 31 films packed with cheeky humour, familiar faces and unmistakable British wit.

Robert told us that he has spent decades researching British comedy. His work ranges from biographies of performers to detailed histories of classic films and television shows. Among his publications is *The Carry On Companion*, covering the films, their stars and behind-the-scenes stories, particularly the personalities behind the Carry On films – actors such as Sid James, Kenneth Williams and Joan Sims – whose comic chemistry helped make the series a national institution.

Robert explained that one of his latest projects shines a spotlight on a group sometimes overlooked when

discussing the films: the women. His book *The Carry On Girls*, co-written with Gemma Ross, celebrates the actresses who played key roles throughout the series.

While the Carry On films are often remembered for their mischievous humour and glamorous stars, Robert argued that the actresses were far more than decorative additions. Many of the characters were strong, witty and resourceful, frequently outsmarting their male counterparts. In fact, the book describes them as an early form of "girl power" within the British film industry.

The book pays tribute to well-known stars such as Barbara Windsor, Hattie Jacques, Joan Sims and Valerie Leon, alongside many others who appeared in the films over the decades. Their roles ranged from formidable authority figures to glamorous leading ladies, and they were central to the distinctive comic style of the series.

Robert explained that one film that particularly reflects this theme is the 1973 comedy *Carry On Girls*. Set around a seaside beauty contest, the film gently satirises changing attitudes to gender roles and features several of the series' regular stars, taking inspiration from this spirit, exploring how the actresses combined glamour, comic timing and strong characterisation.

His talk revealed how quickly the films were made, how many scenes were improvised, and how the performers created memorable characters with very modest budgets. More than sixty years after the first film appeared, the legacy of Britain's most famous comedy troupe – and especially the remarkable women who helped make it shine – continues to be celebrated.

Next month's meeting is on the 13th April, where Nadine Hodgeson will be talking about the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. The meetings are held in Naphill Village Hall at 1.45pm for 2pm start. Guests are always welcome.

Jan Honey



Diary Dates for April

By the time you read this, we'll have had our first monthly lunch at the newly-revamped Spindle and Thread. Our next lunch there will be on Wednesday 15th April at 12 noon for 12.30pm. Please contact Susan a few days beforehand if you'd like to join us.

The Social Afternoons on the 4th Monday in the month are now back to their usual time of 2pm till 4pm at Bon Ami. April's date is 27th. All are welcome and no need to book. Why not join us for a cuppa and cake over a board game and chat?

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As winter fades away, the days are slowly getting longer and the evenings have finally been getting lighter. The trees are starting to bloom light pink and silky white, the birds are singing and everyone's moods have been lifted! We'll soon be playing on the field and getting back to 'trading rocks' in the dens. With daisies and daffodils sprouting, we rejoice at the sunshine's return and embrace the warmth and colour of Spring; perfect for Easter!

April Fools Traditions Around the World

April Fools' Day is with us soon so let's find out about some traditions around the world for this prank-filled day! In France, Italy and Belgium, this day is known as 'Poisson d'Avril'. The tradition is to stick a paper fish onto as many people's backs as possible without them noticing. When the target discovers the paper fish, the prankster must shout, "Poisson d'Avril!" or in English "April Fish!". In the Netherlands, citizens catapult or throw herrings at their neighbours while yelling "Harringeek!"



("Herring fool"). In Brazil, people call April Fools' Day the "Day of the Lies."

Easter Celebrations

Around the world, Easter is celebrated in many different ways. In Australia, people swap chocolate bunnies for chocolate Bilbies, which are an endangered animal. In Sweden, children dress up as "Easter witches" and go door-to-door trading drawings for sweets. In Greece, families crack red-painted eggs together! On Easter Monday, residents in Bessières, France, cook a massive omelette using up to 15,000 eggs to feed the town!



← This is a Bilby

Oh, and also, the Media Team are quitting...

APRIL FOOLS!!!!

The Media Team

"Thank you" to Miss Gwynn, Headteacher of Naphill & Walters Ash Primary School



From the Chair of the Governors at Naphill and Walters Ash School

I first met Kerenza Gwynn when I became a parent governor at Naphill and Walters Ash School in 2016. At our first meeting she highlighted that "it's all about the children". The words resonated with me. Every single day she has lived by those words, and our children are the better for it. Many people only got the opportunity to see her at school functions or in the playground at drop off and pick up. They didn't see her working tirelessly behind the scenes doing everything from unblocking drains, cleaning up after lunchtime in the dining room as well as every other part of the headteacher role. She truly earned the right to have her name on the school sign. It has been a pleasure to work with her, she has been an outstanding Headteacher, and I wish her the very best in her new role. On behalf of all the governors, thank you.

Paul Riglar - Chair of Governors

Many of you will have heard that Miss Gwynn, Headteacher of Naphill & Walters Ash Primary School, will be leaving after 17 years.

Over that time she has been such an important part of the school and the wider village community, and I'm sure many local families will have their own memories of assemblies, school events and the everyday moments that shape children's early years.

On a personal note, my son went through the school and I also spent time as PTA Chair, so I saw first-hand the care, commitment and energy Miss Gwynn brought to the role. I always thought very highly of her, both as a headteacher and as a person.

There was a piece about her departure in last month's gazette (personally I think she deserved the front page!), but it would be lovely if we could show our appreciation here too.

If she's had an impact on your family or your children's time at the school, please do add a message.

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Looking back at my time with the Gazette

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an opportunity that I cannot promote nearly as much as it deserves.

When I was first given the task to volunteer somewhere for three months, it all felt rather daunting. Obviously I had the usual ideas of cat shelter volunteering, but they were soon shut down by a perhaps more astute and mature mum as she pointed out my already busy life. Finding time to travel to and from a somewhere every week became an extremely difficult task. But there was the problem: what exactly are you meant to dedicate yourself to every week for three months?! I was at a loss. Perhaps this would be it, caught out by a lack of initiative, drowned in the shadow of something I could never do.

One thing the Duke of Edinburgh experience encourages is to not give up and to try and find ways to complete and enjoy challenges in a balanced way.

And then there was mum...again. Reading her copy of the Gazette, she pointed out that they are always asking for written contributions, and it hit - writing for the Naphill and Walters Ash Gazette. It was brilliant, a way for me to contribute and fit around my prior commitments. I bounded home to reach out to the mastermind behind it all, Sonia. As it turned out, my contribution would be mutually beneficial for the Gazette and, I hope, for the local community too.

Writing for the Gazette has been incredible, everyone that I've met that I simply never would have otherwise

held my hand throughout, making me feel that I had been there for years. Whenever I was in doubt, there was always somewhere to go. Whenever I needed proof reading, it was laid out in front of me before I could even utter a word. I am so extremely grateful for everyone who was there for me, this wouldn't have been as memorable and sweet as it has been without you.

Seeing what happens behind the scenes has truly shown me just how much work goes into this. From one simple idea, whole pieces of consistently high quality writing are produced flawlessly with such tight deadlines every single time. It's easy to imagine how something such as a community magazine can be easily run, just simply writing whatever you feel like presenting and publishing it right away, but what makes the Naphill and Walters Ash Gazette shine above the others is the care with which this is done. A dedicated photographer, editor, proofreader, and writers streamline the process and make it a joy to read and look at. I assure you that any help that you can give in your volunteering will be widely appreciated.

And so, in my final piece, I would like to strongly urge anyone of similar age to take the chance and volunteer with the Gazette. You don't have to be a part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme but if you are considering signing up, I recommend that too!

Matilda

Valley Players - Am Dram - Where would we be without it?

There is no question as to the significance of am-dram within local communities.

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Amateur theatre plays an important part in the cultural and educational life of the nation. It helps with both physical and mental health - not just for performers but

audiences too. Participants of all ages grow in confidence and self-esteem. It produces challenges comparable to any sport, both mentally and physically. Bringing a play from 'page to stage' involves problem solving on many levels, not least the imagination! This is not forgetting tech crews, choreographers, musicians etc.

There really is a place for anyone in a group, whatever their age, or skill. If you have any interest in theatre, Valley players are here for YOU. Just send an email, it's as easy as that. We currently are starting rehearsals for "Wind in the Willows" and have some parts vacant. In July we shall be auditioning for "A Christmas Carol" (December '26) - Bah Humbug!

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The Wheel News

I feel there is finally hope on the horizon now we are into lighter evenings, there's even been some sunshine and enough warmth that some of you have been sitting outside!

March saw a great turn out for Pie Week, and Mother's Day was fully booked as usual. Thank you to Karen Elliot for the flowers we give out to all our Mums, it's always great to see their smiles. This year's Six Nations was unexpected, I have never seen the tournament so up and down in its results. Once we have the sweepstake results I will put them in the next Gazette. We also eventually had the staff Christmas party on the 29th March (we made it before Easter).

Talking of Easter, and heading into a four day weekend, a little reminder that we open on Bank Holiday Mondays 12-8pm and Food is 12 - 3.30pm. April is always about Grand National, The Boat Race and the London Marathon. April TWOOGs is Sun 26th and please book.

May

- May Bank Holidays 4th and 25th
- TWOOGs – Sunday 31st May

June

- 7th June – Classics on the Crick
- 12th + 13th June NapFest

- Football World Cup starts 11th June
- Sunday 21st June – Father's Day
- TWOOGs – 28th June

July - RonFest is Saturday 11th July and all the preparations are well and truly under way. The marquee is booked, we have booked Fonoza Pizza Van for our outside food option which will run 4pm – 10pm and our own menu will run 12-8.30pm.

There will be 15 + Ales and Ciders outside in the shed and we will have live music from 3pm with three different acts. Dr Hooley - a duo who do quirky pop, rock and folk will be followed by Vo and Loz, with their mix 50's, 60's and 70's Rock, Country and Bluegrass style music. Headlining RonFest for the first time will be Bad Neighbours, who did their first ever live gig with us in August 2021.

Our Charity this year is Blue Cross for Pets.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support and braving the great British weather this winter.

Claire, Mark and Team Wheel

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ON THE CRICK

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Entries Filling Fast for Classics on the Crick 2026

Excitement is building ahead of this summer's Classics on the Crick with entries for classic cars and bikes now officially open — and spaces are already filling quickly.

Around 50% of display spaces have already been booked, just a few weeks after entries opened. Owners hoping to display their pride and joy are encouraged to register soon to avoid missing out.

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There will also be an impressive raffle, a spot the car competition, and exclusive Classics merchandise on sale. Finally, all visitors get their chance to vote for their favourite vehicle in our Public Choice category.

Visitor Information

The show will be open to the public from 10am until approximately 4pm. We have kept the prices the same as last year.

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Since we moved to Walters Ash a couple of years ago, we've celebrated a total of five children's birthdays for our one spring baby and one autumn baby. Some of these have been low-key birthday cake with a couple of guests and hot drinks for the grownups at home, but we've also been breaking into the territory of bouncy-castle-in-the-village-hall for the older one. More children, more sugar, more noise. But these seem to work pleasingly well in an old-fashioned simple pleasures kind of way, and I remain very grateful to have somewhere like Naphill Village Hall

on our doorstep and available to hire for a couple of hours for a very affordable sum. You can book it out easily on their website.

We've not only hosted a couple of parties here but attended several more. Last year we had a run where we seemed to be heading up Main Road – finery on and present under the arm – once a weekend (sometimes twice...) for several weeks on end. Some had bouncy castles like ours, some had entertainers - all had happy children and parents enjoying cups of tea and chats.

Children's parties can get a bad rep for being a bit chaotic, a faff to organize and cater for and taking over all your weekends when you're in a certain age bracket. All of these things are actually completely true now I think about it, and essential to children's party planning is building in a little recovery time. But there's surely a limited time window before it all gives way to paintballing. So bring on the cheese sandwiches, cucumber sticks and sausage rolls – and a very happy birthday to the April babies!

Harriet Clark- Assistant Editor

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Spring must be here, the clocks have gone forward and the evenings are longer, and that brings an increase in our activity. The speaker at our first Monday meeting in April is talking about the local Scout group. At the next meeting on the 20th we have organised a St George's day dinner, and at our last meeting of the month on the 27th, our speaker will be talking about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the headquarters of which is in Maidenhead.

In addition to our Monday meetings, on the 2nd of April our walking group are getting their boots on for their first ramble of the year. On the 17th we are running a Race Night at the Wades Centre in the town and on the 18th April we will have a stall at the first of this year's Town Council Farmers' Markets, at the King George V park. Come and visit us and have a go at winning an incredible hamper. The following market will be on the 20th of June.

On the 12th and 13th of June many of us will be volunteering at Napfest, at which we will have a stall and a second glorious hamper to win for charity. The Council's Town Festival is between the 5th and the 12th of July, and, as part of this we are organising a

Fun Day in Wades Park on the 5th. The plans for this include a Chocolate Hunt and Tea in the Tent. These will be supported by a display of old and not-so-old farm vehicles, a tug of war, a dog show, football, a fire engine, a face painter, a brass band, flower arranging and storytelling. With many more items to be added, it should be a great afternoon out.

All of this is achieved through the enthusiastic support of our growing number of members. At the heart of everything we do is friendship. If you're looking for a meaningful way to give back, meet new people and make new friends, we'd love to meet you. Visit our website or get in touch to join us at one of our Monday evening meetings at the Whiteleaf Golf Club and see what we're about. And, if you know of any causes that could benefit from our support, please get in touch using the contact details below. Together, we can continue making a difference. You can contact us at: rcpr.org.uk or use the QR code below. Alternatively, contact David White on 07787 750889 or email: dwhite2025@hotmail.com



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Last month my focus was on Groups at Naphill Village Hall. For April, I am adding some details of Groups in Hazlemere and Lacey Green/Walters Ash.

Naphill Village Hall

Rummikub - 1st Monday of the month at 2pm; Computer Group - 1st Thursday at 10am and Quiz Group on the same day from 2pm; Discovering Art every 2nd Thursday at 2pm; Whist - every 3rd Thursday 2pm (beginners welcome).

Hazlemere Memorial Hall

We have six Groups in this hall. Geology meets on the first Monday in the month at 10am (except May Day). Discovering Science is every first Friday, 2pm, and in March we had a brilliant talk from a student on issues

around dental care. On the 1st Tuesday, Local History meets at 2pm with upcoming talks on the history of local hospitals and Wycombe's famous scientists in the pipeline. On the 2nd Friday we have Photography at 10am and Psychology at 2pm. On the third Friday from 2pm we review 'The World We Live In', looking into subjects like Water and Wind, Fashion, and – back in May by popular demand - the SOAS Professor giving his second talk on Taiwan's history.

Lacey Green Village Hall

This is the home of our Monthly Speakers (4th Wednesday of the month from 2pm). In April, our talk is on 'The Search for Justice', and in May we have a talk on 'The life and Times of a Film Extra.'

All our groups in halls or private homes have equally interesting programmes. These talks are for those with limited or more extensive knowledge to share and discuss over a cup of coffee. We know how important meetings such as these are for making and maintaining friendships. Relationships just happened to have been my topic for our Psychology talk in March!

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Local Tales

In 1961 aged 23, I started a new job as a furniture designer for a large company where I remained for some 20 years. It was at a time when modern styles were replacing the traditional. Few companies were known nationally – perhaps G-plan and Ercol, both Wycombe firms, had made their names, but the Scandinavians were leading the way. Most companies, mine included, were family businesses that knew they had to change. That trust was placed in a new designer who might be keen on the new styles but might know less about the methods of manufacture.

For me, who thought I just had to produce the designs, this meant being given the responsibility of locating the magical new materials and fittings et cetera that would make wonders happen. So, I found myself, ill-prepared, interviewing a string of representatives of companies that had supplied in the past or would like to supply in the future. Fred was a representative of one of these – a company that manufactured polishes, lacquers, and other sorts of finishing materials. My company already had the supplier they wanted and so I could order nothing from Fred, nevertheless I rather took to him. He was a competent salesman but more importantly, amusing and friendly and after abandoning his sales talk, we chatted about our respective families and children. It said something about him when he concluded his visit by showing me how to tie an Easter bunny with his handkerchief

Over the years that followed, our two families got to know each other and we would occasionally meet up. Fred, his wife and daughter were all several years older than us but always a pleasure to meet with. Fred often appeared nervous and anxious about the world and tried hard to remain light-hearted. He confided that he had been unlucky enough to be called for national service as a teenager for the closing year of the second world war. This was a time when the remnants of the German Army

were retreating northwards towards the French coast and Fred's battalion was pursuing them. They were working their way across a mostly derelict land, through the remains of farms and villages, hoping that the enemy had already left. Private Fred and his Sergeant visited buildings where they thought the enemy might still be sheltering. It was freezing cold.

They approached what appeared to be a derelict chapel. There was an old porch attached and Fred thought he should look inside. To his alarm, inside there stood a guard. It was a young man, not much more than a boy, armed like Fred himself, with a rifle with bayonet attached. He was as shocked to see Fred as Fred to see him. Unfortunately, the guard had attempted to protect himself from the bitter cold by putting his arms and his rifle under his great coat. He struggled a few seconds to free himself. Fred could – should act instantly but simply could not. The sergeant following behind Fred saw the situation, pushed Fred aside and bayoneted the guard.

Fred could never forget those few seconds. Could he have killed the guard or perhaps knocked him unconscious? Or offered his hand to show his contempt for the option that war had given him? Only the sergeant had the answer. For Fred, and I have to say for myself, the dilemma showed the obscenity of war. Two human beings with a natural compassion having to make an inhuman decision.

Philip Hussey

PS: I understand that Sonia Goby is relinquishing the editorship of the Gazette. I would like to thank her and Paul her husband, for all the help they have given me and for their patience while doing so.

Philip Hussey

How to fold a napkin into an Easter bunny,

Create a rectangle by folding it into thirds, then fold the top corners down to form a point. Fold the bottom corners up to the center line, fold the side corners inward, and secure with a hair tie or ribbon to create ears and a head. This creates a festive, standing bunny perfect for table settings.

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I have just returned to Gibraltar for my tenth shift/tour/term/whatever you want to call it. Timings are a bit different this time as we needed to be in Gibraltar for April 26th. So why the date requirement?

On 26th April 1951, the armaments vessel RFA Bedenham exploded in Gibraltar harbour. To recap, the disaster killed 13 people, injured hundreds and caused extensive damage on 'The Rock'. Many buildings had their windows blown out, including Holy Trinity Cathedral, which lost most of its Victorian stained glass. The subsequent clean up and repair work replaced the stained glass with clear glass windows, but a good deal of the damaged windows was retrieved and stored in the hope that one day they might be restored.

Regular Gazette readers will know that my hubby let slip he had some expertise in stained glass; this was quickly latched upon and he was commissioned to create some new windows for the cathedral using as much of the old glass as possible. The first 'new' window was a Galilean fishing boat in full sail. Old glass was blended with new to add depth to the sea, texture to the hull of the vessel and in the sail. It's been in place since last July.

Window number two is now completed and in place. This window is very different from the first, made entirely of old glass and cobbling together some intact or nearly intact images of an angel, local philanthropist, columns and drapes. It's slightly reminiscent of the kaleidoscope windows in some old churches and cathedrals created



from pieces of glass salvaged from destruction wrought by the Reformation, Oliver Cromwell or WWII. It's actually very dark compared to the first window and reflects something of the way the windows originally were.

On April 26th, exactly 75 years after the disaster, the two windows will be formally commissioned and blessed in a service marking the anniversary. This latest window will stand alongside the first as a memorial to the events surrounding the loss of the Bedenham.

The reuse of the old glass in the memorial windows is a powerful image. It is a reminder of the importance of Gibraltar as a base for military and civilian shipping. It is testimony to the resilience of Gibraltarians. It shows how something beautiful can be made from brokenness, rather like the phoenix rising from ashes.

The image of beauty from brokenness also reminds us another memorial that will take place earlier in the month. With over 2 billion Christians worldwide, we will celebrate Easter on 6th April. The story of Christ's sham trial, death by crucifixion and resurrection 3 days later is well known, but it's a story that needs to be retold over and over again. It is a story of triumph over adversity, the victory of truth over lies and the birth of a new hope for humanity and the whole of Creation.

May you know the reality of the Easter story at this time.

Rev Jenny Ellis

Brownie Jumble

Firstly may I express my appreciation to Sonia Goby, our outgoing Gazette Editor. She has done an amazing job over many years, and has always been a wonderful supporter of the Brownies. Her gentle reminders to get copy in on time, or include a Jumble Sale ad have been much appreciated.

Moving on to the Brownies Jumble Sale at the end of Feb.

A huge thank you for all the support that you all give the Brownies for this event, both in donations of jumble and coming along to look for bargains.

I am so grateful for the truly awesome group of helpers who turn up to set up, collect, sort, sell, clear away the jumble and tidy up afterwards. I cannot thank them enough

One of these helpers, who has been calmly setting up and clearing away all our tables for the jumble sale for many years is Robert Slade. We were devastated to hear of his

premature death last month. A wonderful, kind, good-hearted man. He will be greatly missed.

The jumble sale raised well over £1100 for the local Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. With annual Girlguiding subs due this month, the money raised is very important to us. Without it Girlguiding could be prohibitively expensive for some parents. It also allows the girls to do additional activities such as sleepovers, night hikes and days out

If you think your daughter may be interested in brownies, please visit: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/> to register your interest

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Exploring the Countryside with Your Dog

Exploring the countryside with your dog is one of life's simple pleasures. By being mindful of the land around us and the people who live and work there, we can help keep it safe and enjoyable for everyone.

When you're out walking, make sure your dog doesn't pose a risk or disturbance to farm animals, wildlife, horses, or other visitors. Farmers are legally allowed to shoot dogs that chase or attack livestock, so even if your dog is usually very well behaved, it's often safest to keep them on a lead rather than take the risk.

If you're walking on private land, try to stick to marked paths. If your dog is off lead, make sure they have good recall so they'll come back straight away when called.

There are also certain times of year when dogs should always be kept on a lead:

- **March to July** on open access land such as moorland, forests, lakesides and beaches. This helps protect birds that nest on the ground.
- **During lambing and calving season** when walking across farmland.
- **All year round** in areas where signs ask you to keep dogs on leads or where dogs aren't allowed.

When you come across other walkers, dog owners, or horse riders, it's good manners to pop your dog on a lead or make sure they're calmly under control. Not everyone feels comfortable around dogs, so simply calling out "Don't worry, my dog is friendly!" is not appropriate!

You may also pass through fields with livestock. If you do, keep your dog on a lead and watch how the animals react to you. It's best to give young animals plenty of space, as their mothers can be very protective.

It's also important to take notice of any signs asking you not to walk dogs in certain fields. This might be because:

- There are **pregnant animals** nearby and the presence of a dog could cause them stress.

- Farmers are trying to **prevent the spread of disease** that could affect their livestock.

If a farm animal becomes aggressive or starts to chase you, drop your dog's lead so they can run away and find their own escape. Then head for the quickest and safest way out of the field.

By following a few simple guidelines, we can all help protect wildlife, support farmers, and make sure everyone can enjoy our beautiful countryside.

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The Arctic Convoy

Last month, you may remember, we published the story about John Hajdukiewicz who had bought a short wheel based Defender. He then signed on- for a trip to the Arctic. Whilst sleeping in the truck, with temperatures below -30, he survived and is safely back home! We thought you might like to see a selection of his photos from the event so here they are.

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