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November Editorial

NOVEMBER seems to come around ever more quickly, this of course is expedited by my advancing years and a November birthday emphasises just how OLD I am. For me this is Winter! The heating has been switched on, the days are short, the nights are long, the curtains get drawn to shut out the darkness and the stove on the hearth blazes cheerfully, but in the village beyond, there are events to look forward to and support.

On 8 November we have the annual Firework Display. There are NO PARKING facilities at this event and this applies to everybody, there are no exceptions including dropping off and picking up at the gate! If you use a car to attend this event please park elsewhere considerately and safely! NO PARKING is not an excuse for antisocial parking or poor motoring skills which may inconvenience or endanger others.

The community Service of Remembrance will be held at the village hall on 9 November. Full details and a warm invitation to attend are on page 13.

Christmas starts at the very end of the month with the Village Hall tree being festooned with lights, more about this next month, and the ever popular Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre is on 30 November, see page 11.

Yesterday I received an email from a young lady, which brightened my day and lifted my spirits! The email started as follows:

"As you may be aware, the Duke of Edinburgh awards have begun, and hence I am required to volunteer somewhere as a part of it. After consideration, I have decided that the best thing for me would be to volunteer myself to write an article for the Gazette regularly."

My swift reply was a very enthusiastic "YES PLEASE!" One of my biggest aims for the Gazette is that it should reflect the interest and talents of the widest possible age range. We have our school media team and I love the idea that I could perhaps have a junior editor to make regular contributions and who might encourage their peers to help them. More about this next month.

As I often remind you all that there is no Gazette without contributors, the people who write the articles and send me photographs. This month I was delighted to receive articles and photographs from new contributors including our new school media team and I have included these in this edition. I have introduced a new section, "photographs to the editor". Please send your photos for inclusion, large size files please. I would love to include an email, message, letters to the editor section, so please again, do send your thoughts and ideas for inclusion

Next month will be a combined December/January edition so it will cover the Christmas/New Year events and news of the lights being put on the Village Hall tree. As always, I will, with the help of the contributors, endeavour to make this edition especially bright and cheerful.

My thanks as always to all our contributors for their articles and photographs! Stay safe everybody and enjoy November. I look forward to sharing the Christmas edition with you next month.

Best wishes,

Sonia

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Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Trustee Committee - Chairman's Report

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On 6th October the monthly committee meeting was held and 13 committee members attended. There were several items discussed, including the following:

- The gully between the two apex roofs has been stripped with new boarding put in place, the bottom tiles taken up and the underneath coverings replaced. A new rubber covering was instated over the boards with the lower roof tiles being put back in place. About 80 roof tiles had to be replaced as they were broken. This appears to have happened due to unauthorised people accessing and sitting on the roof, you could see the seat shaped area that was broken! We do have razor wire to discourage this but some people seem intent on getting up there. The cost of this work was just over £4000.
- On a brighter note I told the committee that we have had a donation from a villager and they would like to see the money used to modernise the kitchen. We are in a process of setting up a sub committee to decide what is required. If you have ideas for this please let me know.

I have been given various items over the years that relate to the history of the village. With the centenary of the village hall due in a couple of years, we would be delighted if anyone has documents from the past 100 years and is willing to loan/give them to the Village Hall. They will be kept safe!

The Fireworks and bonfire are being held on the 8th November and many tickets have already been sold. Buy your tickets online or from the village shops and pubs. There is a cap on attendees so make sure you buy yours soon.

The Christmas Fayre is being held on 30th. November so come along and buy presents and grand draw tickets while you have a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine.

Clive Lawrence.

Village Hall Chairman

E mail me at chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk



**Naphill Village Hall
Service of Remembrance
9th November at 2.30pm**

**Village Hall
Christmas Tree Lights**

The lights will be put up
at the end of November



Shear Madness



Gosh, November already - but at least we can say that we've had some great weather this summer for a change! Autumn comes around all too quickly, clocks change, nights drawing in and Christmas looming, where do the years go!

Bonfire night is nearly here so don't forget that I have tickets for sale, cash only please, as all monies go straight to them - I'm just the middle man. I'm sure you'll have an awesome time as this is the big event of the year. Congratulations and well done to the fireworks team.

This month I'm putting my big girl pants on and taking part in the Christmas fayre. I'll be sharing a table with Sue Eades who makes amazing cards. She has made me some very special personalised ones this year, for my son's wedding and mum and dad's 60th wedding anniversary - they are gorgeous! I'll be there with my resin creations - from key rings to coasters, pocket hugs, geckos, frogs, jewellery and memorial pieces. Please be kind as it's all homemade so not perfect/factory made. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Well that's me nearly done for this month and scarily only one more article to write for the year! It always makes me chuckle that you actually read my nonsense and thank you always to our editor Sonia, as she has the task of making sense of my whittering on. So - until next time, love as always,

Mandyx

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Sunday 30th November

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Christmas Gift Fayre

Sunday 30th November 12 – 4 pm

Beat the stress of the high street and wondering if courier deliveries will arrive!

Instead, enjoy a glass of mulled wine or fizz and a homemade mince pie whilst doing your Christmas shopping.

You could also win a Christmas Hamper in our raffle!

The Christmas Gift Fayre is on a Sunday afternoon again this year to give even more of you the chance to come along.

We have over 20 stalls booked and our stallholders are very excited to be bringing you an extensive range of beautiful and unique gifts, so join us at The Village Hall for the chance to shop local, meet friends and tick some items off your Christmas list!

50% of the stalls are new to us this year so do come along to support not only the Village Hall, but all the local crafters and traders.

For more details of the stalls that will be there take a look at the ad in this Gazette or check us out on Facebook

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

If you are a local business and would like to donate a festive prize for our raffle, we would love to hear from you!

Cathryn Carter & Moira Harris



Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre

Sunday 30th November

12 noon - 4pm

Naphill Village Hall

- * Christmas Decorations
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My number one priority is – and always has been since I was elected to Parliament in 2019 – to do everything possible to protect our beautiful Buckinghamshire countryside from overdevelopment.

HS2, solar installations and significant housebuilding in recent years have had a significant impact on our countryside. We have lost farmland and our stunning landscapes in many areas. My message is simple: enough. I believe there are more than enough brownfield, regeneration sites across our country to build new homes – and it is those brownfield sites alone that should be used for development.

A new report from CPRE, the Countryside Charity, has done some heavy lifting and backed up my view. This report – “State of Brownfield 2025” – has found that there is indeed enough brownfield land to build 1.4 million new homes in England alone. Better still,

790,000 (54%) already have planning permission but are not yet being built – so this whopping number of dwellings could be built almost straight away without touching a single field, area of Green Belt or open countryside.

As Buckinghamshire Council begins the process of consulting on the new Buckinghamshire Plan, trying to grapple with very high Government targets of 100,000 new homes in the county, this CPRE report supports the view that these figures are unnecessarily high.

I endorse the recommendation in the CPRE report that Government should introduce a comprehensive ‘brownfield first’ planning policy in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Brownfield sites should be prioritised and built out before other land is even considered. Our councils should also have total control over this process, and be able to reject speculative greenfield proposals in all but the most exceptional cases.

Let’s get behind these real-world findings and support building on brownfield only sites.

Greg Smith



Remembrance Sunday Service, Naphill Village Hall 9th November at 2.30pm



A reminder to you all that the annual Remembrance Sunday Service will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday, 9th November at 2.30pm. The Service will be conducted by Padre Jonathan Stewart, the Station Chaplain at RAF High Wycombe. Wreaths will be laid at the end of the service on the Remembrance Stone. There be a collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal after the service, so please remember to bring along some cash.

Remembrance Day holds a special place in 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. We must all remember the gift of their lives.

We look forward to welcoming you all to this special annual service.

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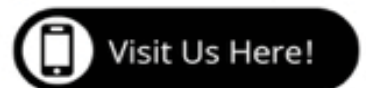
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A group of FoNC members very much enjoyed their recent fungus walk led by Sarah-Jayne Ebdon, who was on hand to help identify the interesting fungi specimens found on the day.

Friends of Naphill Common

Save the date!

Our AGM will take place on Friday 23rd January 2026 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. There will be a talk given by local Vaughan Ward on the "Long March" undertaken by allied Prisoners of War in 1945. Vaughan explains:

"In Jan/Feb 1945, most Germans realised the war was lost. The High Command were fearful that Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt were insisting on an unconditional surrender. So the Germans, knowing that the Soviets were closing in on the territories wherein allied POWs were held, came up with the idea of moving the POWs westwards into central Germany so as to use them as 'bargaining pawns' with the western allies. But it was a very tough march for tens of thousands of underfed prisoners in the coldest winter for decades."

Common

2025 has been a great year for fruit trees (Naphill has many cherries and various types of plum, a remnant of the days when fruit growing was a major activity). It has also been a 'mast year' when oak and beech (in particular) produce a bumper crop of acorns and beech nuts, now strewn the ground on the Common. If you live in a house adjoining the Common, your title deeds may grant you "Commoners' Rights" which might include "pannage" – the right to feed your pigs on fallen acorns. This is still practised in the New Forest and other areas, but would hardly be advisable on our unfenced Common.

Fungi have also had a very prolific year, and our recent fungus walks – one for members of the Bucks Fungus Group and one for FoNC members – identified 123 different species, of which 28 had not previously been recorded on the Common and 3 were new to the county. Other species have not been seen on the Common for over 10 years.

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 website (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

FoNC Chairman



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Hughenden Parish Council – Update

As autumn settles in and the clocks go back, it's a good time to pause and reflect on the work happening across Hughenden Parish, and to look ahead to what's coming.

Bereavement Café – A Space to Talk

We continue to host the Bereavement Café at the Parish Council Office on the second Monday of each month. Offering a warm and welcoming space for anyone experiencing loss. Whether recent or long ago, grief affects us all differently. The café is a chance to talk, listen or simply be among others who understand. No booking is needed, and refreshments are provided.

Buckinghamshire Draft Local Plan

The new Buckinghamshire Local Plan is now out for consultation and will shape development across the county until 2045. It's a big document, nearly 300 pages, but it's important. It replaces the Wycombe Local Plan and will eventually guide planning decisions in Hughenden Parish.

Some headline figures from the plan for Buckinghamshire:

- 95,000 new homes
- 220 hectares of employment land
- 681 pitches for gypsy and traveller accommodation

While there are no site-specific proposals yet, the Parish Council is preparing a consolidated response. We're focusing on local constraints, infrastructure, and community priorities. If you have expertise in planning, or simply strong views, we'd love to hear from you. You can also submit your own comments directly via the Buckinghamshire Council website. The consultation closes on 29th October 2025.

More info: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/draft-local-plan>



Understanding Our Parish – Census Insights

For the first time, we've been able to pull together a Parish-level snapshot from the 2021 Census. It's helping us plan services and budget more effectively. Some interesting findings:

- Naphill & Walters Ash (LSOA 033F) has the highest percentage of under-16s and is the most religiously diverse area in the Parish.
- Hughenden Valley (LSOA 033B) is among the least deprived areas in England, with a strong sense of community and stability.
- Across the Parish, over 90% of homes are owner-occupied, though RAF housing in Walters Ash brings that figure down locally.

These insights help us tailor services — from youth engagement to transport planning — and ensure we're meeting the needs of all age groups.

Looking Ahead

As we head into winter, the Council continues work on biodiversity, training for councillors and staff, and planning for the 2026–27 budget. We're also reviewing policies and preparing for seasonal maintenance across our open spaces.

If you'd like to get involved, share feedback, or just learn more, please visit our website or speak to your Ward Councillor. We're here to serve the community — and your voice matters.

Wishing you a peaceful November.

Kate Rogers

Chief Officer

Naphill & Walter's Ash Councillors

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Not from the Vicarage - *Remember, remember*

Remember, remember the fifth of November' the nursery rhyme begins. It's actually the first verse of a much longer poem written by John Milton in 1626 that tells the story of the Gunpowder Plot. Since Milton penned those lines, November has become a month of remembering. There are numerous Saints days, beginning with All Saints Day on November 1st and ending with St Andrew's day on November 30th. In some traditions, November is a month for specifically remembering those no longer with us.

November 11th is Remembrance Day, the day on which we remember those who have fallen in the service of their country. Originally called Armistice Day, it commemorated the end of WWI at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month. Tragically, one world war was not enough.

A quarter of a century later saw WWII, with subsequent localised conflicts continuing up to this day; so Armistice Day became Remembrance Day.

November 11th is the one day on which the whole nation can unite and come together. There is no other day like it in our calendar. It is important that we never lose sight of the fact that the freedoms we take for granted today came at a terrible price for so many. Perhaps you will mark this day by attending a church service or some other public Act of Remembrance. Perhaps you will be at work or unable to attend an Act of Remembrance. If so, maybe you would like to select one of the many beautiful fallen leaves that are so abundant around now and reflect using the meditation offered below.



'A Meditation on Fallen Leaves

*Look at the leaf you have in your hand
At this time of the year, as the leaves fall,
we can see them in their glory better than at any other time:
Look at the leaf you are holding.
It is unique.
Each has a different shape, colour, texture...
Each has its own story,
which is part of the story of creation.
Hold the leaf in the palm of your hand and touch it;
see its beauty for what it is.
Isn't its pattern remarkable?
But notice, too, that the leaf has its own rough edges.
Each one has scars, bruises and tears – the marks of its life.
But do these marks not add to its beauty, rather than spoil it?
Once these leaves were part of a tree,
depending on it for their life.
But now, separated from the tree, does their beauty not remain?
Are they not still part of creation?
So these leaves remind us of ourselves
and also of the people who have helped to make us who we are –
those whose story we can tell,
whose pattern of life was remarkable to us,
who sometimes bore the marks and scars of life,
but whose beauty remains.
We are part of a greater life than we know,
part of God's eternal plan.
The beauty lives on,
the glory of life never fades.
These leaves have fulfilled their purpose,
they have done their work.*

May God bless you
Rev Jenny Ellis



A Message from the Church's Associate Minister

On 11th November at 11am millions of people in the UK and around the world will pause for a moment of stillness, to remember those who lost their lives in the first and second world wars, and in wars that have taken place since.

Young people from the villages of our Parish who waved goodbye to family and friends, never to return, will be remembered by war memorials in Naphill and Great Kingshill and at a Service of Remembrance at St. Michael's Hughenden (10.45am on 9th November).

As well as remembering the lost, the silence can help us reflect on our need for peace. As I write, there is a glimmer of hope in the Middle East with the tentative first phase of a peace deal in place, although Ukraine continues to resist the onslaught of Russian advances. We know our world needs peace and it is easy to feel helpless about the situation we find ourselves in. There is a well-documented growing openness to spirituality and faith especially amongst younger generations and I offer these following words which some might find helpful:

God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin. Help us to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace.

On Sunday 2nd November at St. Michael's (3pm) we are holding our 'Annual Memorial Service', an opportunity to remember those who have died, especially during the past year. All are welcome. It is an opportunity for families to gather for reflection and to light a candle. If you'd like to attend, and to have the name of a loved one included, please contact Ben in our church office: office@hughendenparishchurch.org.uk.

And on a lighter note: 'Remember, remember the 5th of November'. I would like to say a huge thank you to those in our community who give their time and energy into creating amazing Bonfire and Firework displays for the community to enjoy. Thank you for the huge amount of work done behind the scenes to make these events run smoothly and safely.

Naphill Fireworks spectacular - 8th November

Rev. Helen Peters

Church News

September 28th was Keith's last Sunday before he moves to his new parish, and the occasion, also St Michael's patronal festival (i.e. St Michael's Day or Michaelmas), was marked at each of the services.

At each service Keith reflected on and gave thanks for his nine years' ministry in Hughenden and the support he had received. The 9 o'clock service, which is the more traditional one, with a robed choir, was followed by refreshments and a special cake. The 11 o'clock service which is more contemporary and supported by a worship band with guitars, was followed by refreshments and then a parish barbeque in the Mothers' Union garden. An untimely shower did not manage to dampen the spirits of the large number of congregants both old and new who attended. Finally, the evensong service was marked by a full choir and congregation and followed by more refreshments! Let it not be said that we sent Keith off hungry!

At each service a presentation was made....one of the gifts being the 2025 edition of Wisden, which, it was averred, was a clue as to why Keith had chosen Nunney in Somerset as his next parish.

Keith's time with us has been anything but ordinary. Highlights he mentioned included leading the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land and his own sabbatical visit to India. Challenges were plenty, including dealing with Covid and the retirement of Arthur. New horizons for the church opened up with the appointment of a Children and Families Minister, and all the opportunities this brings. The last nine years have been a time of great change at St Michael's, and we thank Keith for his leadership and wish him and Rachael well for the future, as he takes on a very different role, leading eight churches.

The Church enters now into a period of interregnum (the same word applies to the gap between two incumbents {as to a gap between two monarchs}), as the process of recruiting a new vicar cannot start until the 'old' one has left. Helen will be holding the fort with the assistance of the Church Wardens, and the support of the congregation.

In other church news: Lighthouse Live has begun. This is a new venture: a monthly Sunday afternoon meeting for primary aged children with fun, games, worship and a shared tea. The November meeting will be on November 19th. Details on the church website.

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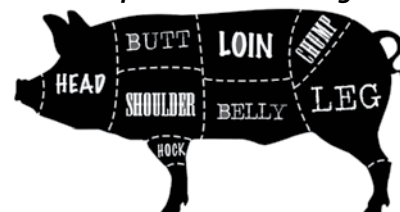
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Naphill & Walter's Ash Brownies

A huge thank you to all who supported our Autumn Jumble Sale. So many of you popped bags of jumble out for us or dropped stuff at the village Hall. The sale could not go ahead without the fabulous team of helpers who set up tables, collect and sort jumble, man the tables and tea room and then clear away afterwards. It is a long day, but surprisingly good fun, with a great sense of camaraderie and friendship.

The sale made a truly amazing £1286.33. The money will be split evenly between the Guides, the Brownies and the Rainbows.

Those who attended the sale will have noticed that we had a slightly smaller, but incredibly hardworking band of Brownie helpers this time. This was because quite a number of our Brownies were away on a County Girlguiding outing to Chessington World of Adventures, (coach paid for with Jumble Sale money, thank you!) They had a wonderful, and very tiring, day.

This term at Brownies the girls are testing out all sorts of methods of communicating. It is amazing how many different ways we communicate. It is interesting to consider how we communicate through expressions, stance and tone of voice as well as words. The leaders particularly enjoyed the activities using non-verbal communication.

As we move into autumn, we are proud to be joining the Village Remembrance event early in November before starting the run up to Christmas and all that entails.

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. There is no fee to register and no obligation to join when a place becomes available.

Ruth Dalby



Hughenden Street Association Social Events

Dates for your diary

The date for the next Street Association lunch at the Spindle and Thread is Wednesday 19 November 12 noon for 12.30pm. Please contact Susan Bickerstaffe on 07880 519323 to book a place.

The November Social Afternoon will be on Monday 24 November 2 till 4pm in the back room of Bon Ami. No need to book for this, just turn up.

Newcomers welcome at both events.'



Introducing our Head Boy and Head Girl

It's a new school year at Naphill and Walters Ash school and guess what that means – new JLT roles! JLT (Junior Leadership Team) is an opportunity for the Year 6 children to become more responsible and independent in their future lives. Some of the JLT roles include: Sports Captains, House Captains, Stationery and Eco Warriors, and us – the Media Team. We've decided to interview the new Head Boy and Head Girl who are proudly representing our school this year.

Rosie Roberts, (top left) the new Head Girl of NWAS is a responsible, diligent member of our school JLT and was thrilled to be appointed! She would very much like to help the school to raise money via fundraising events. Rosie enjoys athletics, cooking, and loves swimming - she has won a swimming competition recently and shows incredible commitment to this sport, often swimming early in the morning which shows great responsibility and perseverance. Rosie is excited about giving speeches in assembly to tell everyone about events.

Archer Tancev-Cobley, (top right) the new Head Boy at NWAS, is also delighted to have taken up this new role. At breaktime, he loves to play football and other sports

with his friends. Currently, Archer plays for Naphill FC Under 12s as football is his favourite sport. He hopes to help improve the school, as well as showing visitors around. Archer can even speak a bit of Macedonian and enjoys swimming and karate (he's an advanced blue belt!) as hobbies. He wishes to be an engineer or world-class footballer in future life.

We look forward to sharing school news with you throughout the next year!

Harry, Haníya, & Sophía,



The 'new' Media Team! (Bottom left to right)

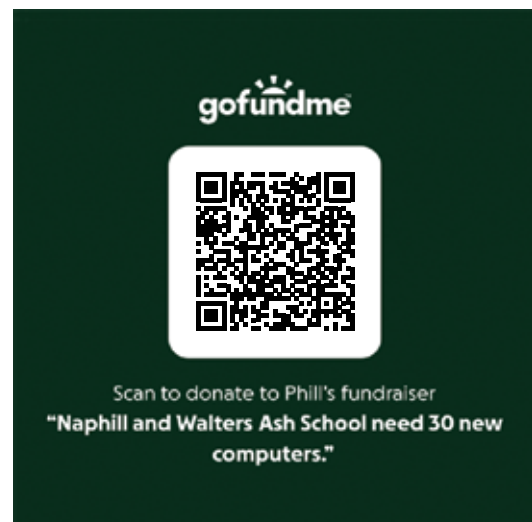
School GO Fund update

Thank you very much for all of the kind donations received so far, over the last school year we have been able to replace ten of the twenty computers at the school. Halfway there!

Thank you also to the family who donated enough for TWO computers, their children went to the school many years ago and wanted to express their gratitude.

We need to replace the other ten computers so any donations would be gratefully received. Please scan the QR code to give. If you feel able to make a larger donation please contact Jamie.mullard@wansa.org to discuss. If any companies would like to sponsor a new computer please get in touch with Jamie.

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Growing Your Own

The European Central Bank has suggested that citizens should hold banknotes at home in case cash dispensers fail and bank systems are down. The Austrian, Netherlands and Finnish governments have suggested that households should hold between €70 and €100 per person. The EU has advised citizens to stockpile sufficient cash, food, water and medicine to survive three days of disrupted services caused by wars, epidemics and natural disasters. To that must be added disruption to vital services caused by cyber attacks such as those which recently paralysed Jaguar Land Rover, Marks and Spencer, and the Co-op etc.

Luckily, in the UK we have a most valuable source of water because most homes have cold water tanks in the loft, which could be reserved for drinking only in case of a cyber attack on water companies' systems. We can also make sure freezers are full and the cupboards have lots of tinned food. But what about growing your own when most fruit and vegetables are seasonal? I would like to suggest two vegetables which one can grow without having an allotment or a vegetable plot, which produce large delicious crops over a long period.

The first is climbing French beans which can be grown in a flower bed on the edge of your lawn. Purchase a dozen eight-foot canes and some seeds from a garden centre. The best variety I have found is Fortex. On 1st March, sow some seeds in 3-inch pots in multi-purpose compost. I would suggest two seeds per pot and 8 pots in a seed tray, in the airing cupboard. They should germinate in about a week, then put them out

on a sunny warm windowsill to grow on. Keep both seedlings. Plant them at the base of 6 of your canes, leaving the other 6 for another sowing on 1st July for a later crop. The first beans should be ready during July and the second sowing should continue giving a crop until October.

The second vegetable is silver chard. Sow them on 1st March in 8 three-inch pots in multi-purpose compost, about 3 seeds to a pot. Again, they should germinate in a week, then put them on a sunny warm windowsill to grow on. After a while, remove the weaker seedlings, leaving one per pot. Plant them among existing plants in your flower border, here and there. They will grow to about two foot high and not look out of place in your border. You should be able to start cropping in July and continue until November. Then, magic, up they will come again in the spring and you will have a second crop from March to July, at which point they will go to seed.

For both vegetables, immediately after you have planted them apply slug pellets. Once the plants are established they will be safe from slugs and snails. Tie them to the canes when they are about 9 inches high with wool or string. Later on they will climb unaided.

Good gardening!

Mike Mason



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1. Stick to familiar websites

If a deal looks too good to be true on a site you've never heard of, it usually is. Go directly to well-known retailers by typing their web address into your browser, rather than clicking on links in emails or adverts.

2. Look for the padlock

When paying, check there's a small padlock symbol in your browser's address bar and that the web address begins with <https://>. No padlock? No purchase.

3. Beware of fake delivery texts

Scammers love to send text messages that pretend to be from Royal Mail, Evri, DPD, or Amazon. They often say you owe a small fee to "release" a parcel. Don't click the link — it's a scam. Delivery companies will never ask for payment that way.

4. Use a credit card (or PayPal) for extra protection

Credit cards offer stronger consumer protection if something goes wrong. Services like PayPal also give you a buffer between your bank details and the seller.

5. Keep your passwords strong & unique

Don't recycle the same password for every shop. Even better, write them down in a little notebook you keep safe at home (yes, that's allowed — it's often safer than re-using one easy password everywhere).

6. Watch the "too good to be true" trap

The latest gadgets at half the price, or designer handbags for a tenner? Scam sites rely on us being dazzled by a bargain. If you're in doubt, ask a friend or even try a quick Google search for the shop's name plus the word "scam" before buying.

And a bonus festive tip...

Order early! Postal delays are common in December, and fraudsters know we're more likely to panic-buy from dodgy sites at the last minute. A little forward planning saves stress (and disappointment under the tree).

Stay safe, shop smart, and may your online parcels arrive on time — and scam-free.

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During November it is all about Bonfire night Saturday 8th over on The Crick, our amazing village volunteers organise the best display in Buckinghamshire. We will be selling tickets, but we will also be collecting on the night!!!! CASH please. If we want to keep this event going, watching from our garden/carpark is not free. Food will be box meals or booking tables in advance, we will be having two sittings in the dining area 5.30pm and 7.45pm.

We also have Remembrance Sunday on the 9th, and we will be selling Poppies, Pins, Dog Poppies and more. Once the service at the Village Hall is over, come and join us for a refreshment. It is always a special day with so much support.

Come and join us for your Faff Free Christmas. - We are doing Christmas Specials again throughout December with Christmas themed mains and also some lunch time specials too. This helps with people's costs, time etc (no three course meals, pre-ordering and no deposits). We will still be taking bookings and making the tables special, a full Turkey Roast with all the trimmings will only be available on Sundays. You can collect our menu in the pub or have a look at our website for further details. Christmas opening hours will be in the next gazette.

Some of our more observant customers will have noticed that the front bar has had a bit of a makeover. We have gone back to the traditional seating, with smaller tables, stools and the ability to have more people seated in the public bar area. It looks great.

Thank you to Julia, Izzie and Bella for holding the fort while we had a much needed holiday, and thank you to the rest of the team who helped support them too. We would also like to welcome Charlotte Whale to Team Wheel.

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Local History Group: Discovering Our Heritage

One of our Local History Group members recently delivered an informative and entertaining presentation on the history of Green Street, entitled 'From Saxon Times to Google Street View.' The group was fascinated to learn that in the 1760s, the Marquis of Salisbury initiated the construction of a turnpike road to avoid London during his journeys from Hatfield to Bath to take the waters. This new route passed through Hazlemere, relegating Green Street to a side street.

The group also enjoyed a brilliant session focused on navigating and understanding local maps. These local history sessions highlight the rich and diverse heritage of our town. We warmly welcome new members—whether you have lived here all your life or have recently moved to the area, there is always something interesting to discover and enjoy. On the afternoon of 11th November (Remembrance Day), we will be visiting Hughenden Parish to hear about the history of this significant local church. Why not come along to our next session and see for yourself?

Science Group: Exploring Innovation

Our Science Group provided an insight into the field of Neuro Aesthetics by introducing us to MRI scanning. Our Science Group provided an insight into the field of Neuro Aesthetics by introducing us to MRI scanning. Another member, from The World We Live In Group, explained how modern techniques such as eye tracking can assist marketing experts to assess the unconscious preferences of prospective consumers and use the data to shape digital marketing content.

Geology Group: Jurassic Coast Adventure

In another highlight, the Geology Group recounted their recent excursion along the Jurassic Coast. While the trip was educational— seeing the rocks and fossils we had learnt about in the Group — it was also a source of great enjoyment and camaraderie, as captured in their photographs.



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If you are interested in learning more about what we offer and having fun as well as meeting fellow local residents, we encourage you to join us. In addition to the Groups featured in this article, we offer activities such as Whist and Rummicub, and many more, at Naphill Village Hall. Plans are already underway for our 2026 programme, and we are eagerly anticipating the Christmas event, where our new Hand Bells Group will be among the performers. For further information, please contact me, Paul Gilliam, at the address below, or visit our website or Facebook pages.

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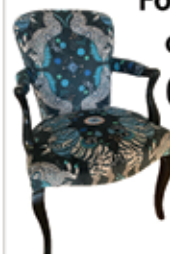


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Gates open from 4.30pm, so come grab something delicious from the bar or bbq to keep you warm!

With the impending Affinity Works drawing nearer to the crick, it is imperative that you decide to walk or use public transport to get to the venue. Roads this year are going to be tighter than ever!

Further information can be found on our website naphillfireworks.co.uk.

See you all there!

Fireworks Committee



Young kids in Naphill and Walter's Ash *More autumn craft ideas*



With Halloween out of the way, you may be feeling a touch of pumpkin fatigue, but there is still plenty of time to embrace autumnal joy after the spooky season has passed and before winter sets in and the tinsel creeps out of the attic.

Last month I mentioned leaf collages – here are some ideas for more adventurous – but still easy – autumn crafts. Most, I'm afraid, involving glue...

Leaves are perfect for sticking onto cardboard tiaras and crowns, so look out for the most vibrant colours and interesting shapes. A leaf jar lantern is a great way to display your most beautiful leaves. Press a few favourite leaves between books overnight, then, ensuring they are dry, glue them around the outside of a clean jam jar. Use as a tealight holder or trinket dish.

It's a bumper year for acorns! Collect a bagful, and if you have strong glue, they are great for arranging on cardboard circle or square for an autumnal mini-wreath or frame. A few googly eyes and marker smiles and you can make a little acorn family. Stand them up in playdough blobs and perhaps some clothes or blankets could be fashioned out of more leaves. Acorn cups can be filled with a few drops of pva and glitter to make bowls of fairy soup, or glued onto pine cones to make all kinds of real or imaginary creatures.

We'd love to share local families' top craft or activity ideas in future issues. Please get in touch with anything you would like to share, as well as any favourite local haunts and knowledge. Future themes to include soft plays, play cafes, village clubs and local toddler groups. Any input welcome!

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In September, at our stand at the Farmers' Market, we were supported by "Anthony", the Amersham Museum van, helping us raise funds for local charities thanks to the generosity of the people of the Town. This was followed by a large number of us supporting the Kop Hill Climb which again was a fabulous weekend, and has now raised more than £1 million for charity over the past 16 years.

One of our members, who is the lead organiser of the event, would like to say: "A huge thankyou to everyone who made Kop Hill Climb 2025 such an incredible success!".

On October 24 Rotary World Polio Day 2025 was observed. Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years, and so far has contributed over \$10 billion to the effort, and has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide. In June this year Rotary and the Gates Foundation renewed their partnership to support the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) with a commitment of up to \$450 million over three years.

This month we will be supporting the Town Council with road closures on Remembrance Sunday on the morning of the 9th, and again for the switch-on of the Town's Christmas

Lights on the 29th, when we will also have a Rotary Stand in the High Street.

As Christmas approaches we are well into the plans for our annual Christmas Lunch for those who live alone in the Town, and for our Christmas Collections over 2 weekends just before Christmas Day.

These are just snippets of what is keeping us busy currently. If you feel that you might wish to be involved in such activities, and perhaps "give Back", we are a group of lively, fun-loving men and women focussed on contributing to needs in the local area and wider afield whilst having a good time. If you want to be part of this, visit our website and come to one of our Monday evening meetings at the Whiteleaf Golf Club. Also, if you know of causes that would benefit from our support, or you would like to donate to our Charity, please use the contact details below.

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David White



Naphill & Walters' Ash Residents Association

In September Bucks Council issued its draft local plan for the county. You can see it here www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/draft-local-plan. It makes interesting reading and, even if you miss the deadline, it's worth putting in your views. One of the first things that struck me on reading it is that we no longer live in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – it's been renamed the Chilterns National Landscape. Unsurprisingly with the new government there's talk of building a lot more houses although as we don't seem to meet the official target now one may be sceptical about meeting a larger one. The government uses a formula for this and in our case it amounts to 4,332 homes per year across the county for the plan period up to 2045. This is a 43% increase over the previous plan's requirement and may well necessitate some building in the Green Belt. It's difficult to see how so many homes can be built without a drastic change to our environment.

NAWARA was formed 40 years ago to oppose inappropriate development in the locality and the committee will continue to monitor developments to minimise adverse effects on our two villages and

their surrounds. Realistically we're not going to stop this juggernaut but we can use our best efforts to mitigate its effects and lobby for any development to be supported by a proper infrastructure. If anyone reading this has experience in planning issues we'd be delighted for you to join the committee. We're also still looking for a geek to manage our website.

I write this just after our annual quiz, which as usual was well attended. The raffle raised £200 for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and was generously supported by village businesses who kindly provided the prizes – please give them your support. Our next event will be Christmas drinks in the village hall at 2000 on 8th December. It's an opportunity for the committee to thank those who have helped during the year and for residents to get together for a chat.

Best wishes

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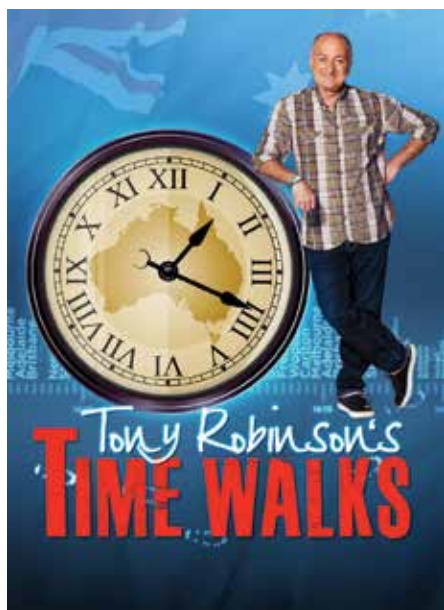
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I happily moved to Naphill seven years ago. Much of that period was initially taken up with refurbishing our 1930s house to the way my wife and I wanted it. I was aware that there was some sort of old milestone in front of my house, on the grass verge towards the top of Stocking Lane. I paid little attention to it as knocking down walls and re-decorating took priority. That's all done now, so I was recently able to examine this old stone. I was just able to pick out some lettering, but the weathering, lichen and moss partially obscured the legend.

I began attempting to bring it back to life, perhaps not quite as delicately as the archaeologists one sees on TV with expert use of their specialist tools. After an hour with a wire brush the lettering was clearly decipherable close up. I decided to painstakingly pick out the lettering with black paint so that anyone passing by could read the legend on this 'ancient' milestone. I had done my little bit to restore some of Naphill's history.

Regular readers to this wonderful magazine will know that we are constantly treated to invaluable history and folklore lessons from the Hussey twins, Trevor and Philip. Trevor lives just two doors down from me and has lived on Stocking Lane all his life. If anyone knows the history of the milestone it would be him. I wondered if it was Edwardian or even Victorian? Surely not even older than that? Trevor should know. He came and examined it, scratched his chin then, 'Eureka'!

"Ah yes, I believe I know the history of it. Your predecessor was learning to be a stonemason. It is about eight years old, could be as much as nine."

Ah well, that saved me calling out Tony Robinson and his Time Team.

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Bonfire Night looms ever nearer on Saturday 8th November. Each year we ask for club volunteers to protect the courts against bonfire sparks and debris from the fireworks which, horror of horrors, can melt the courts (artificial turf)! Our firefighting methods may sound primitive – a torch and a watering can –

but they work. Our little band of volunteers can enjoy a magnificent firework display assisted by rewarding drinks and nibbles. Should you feel a yearning to participate as a volunteer do please get in touch!

AGM: to be held on Monday 17th November at 8 pm in The Harrow Pub in Hughenden Valley.

Festive Tennis: light-hearted club sessions wearing Christmas 'bling' on Tuesday 9th December (morning) or Thursday 11th December (evening) with mulled wine and mince pies to enhance the occasion.

Jenny Tench

For further information on 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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Naphill Neighbours - *Blessed are the Cheesemakers*

The October meeting of Naphill Neighbours was treated to a talk by John Pearson.

John is an international cheese judge who has travelled throughout Europe visiting dairies and selecting dairy products for retail. He spent the major part of his working life in the food industry, notably with Marks & Spencer (M&S). In 2011 he was appointed "Cheese Personality of the Year" by the British Cheese Board.

The talk title, "Blessed are the Cheesemakers", is a playful nod to a famous line ("Blessed are the cheesemakers") which itself is often attributed to the film Monty Python's Life of Brian.

In the talk he shared his passion for cheese and cheesemaking — the people, the dairies, the quirks of the trade.

He spoke also about his experiences within the bakery and wine supply chains and finding solutions to improve products. He gave some amusing anecdotes regarding inaccurate translations of English into French, gave examples of how world events stifled the introduction of Argentinian Malbec in the early 80's and told us about the introduction of lactose-free milk for cats, which was automatically packaged in a tetrapak with a straw attached. This led customers to ask how do they train their cat to drink through a straw.

He enlightened us too on facts such as market shares amongst the leading supermarkets

In the final part of the talk, he took us through the process of cheesemaking itself, explaining the stages required to produce the various types of cheeses. The talk concluded with a cheese tasting of 3 different cheese types, where he got us to explore our views on the characteristics of each and vote for our favourites. It was interesting to note that the favourite was French - Comté.

All who attended found the talk as entertaining, amusing and informative.

Next month's talk will be held at 2pm on the 10th November and will be a talk entitled 'My Life in the Rock 'n' Roll Business' by John Wilford. John's career spanned 30 years working with well-known bands and artistes travelling all over the world. His talk includes what happens on-stage, back-stage, in the TV and recording studios and what life was like on the road and on tour. The next meeting is also the AGM. Guests are welcome.

Jan Honey



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Looking forward to Christmas! We hope you understand that Dorothy, Ruth, Tracey, Jackie & Rachel

would like to take a break and spend time with their families over the festive period. We will be closing on Tuesday 23rd December at 4pm. We will reopen on Monday 5th January 2026 at 10am.

(On the subject of hours we would like to apologise for our misprint last month. On Saturdays our kitchen now closes at 1pm). Please see our opening hours below.

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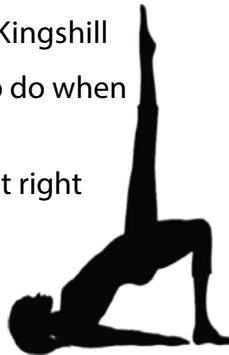
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SHH - Raising Funds in Chilterns Villages November 2025

It has been a very busy summer and autumn for the SHH Fundraising for 4 local hospices in the Chilterns ladies committee.

In July they ran a plant, flowers preserve stall at Speen Fete on one of the hottest days of the year. Fortunately the SHH stand was in the shade. Hildreths in Prestwood donated a large quantity of the plants.

On the 29th July The Chairman of Hypnos Bedding – Peter Keen from North Dean passed away. His wife Judy has been on the SHH committee for many years and she and her family requested that any donations in Peter's memory be donated to SHH.

In early September the group organised a very successful "Sip and Sparkle" luxury afternoon tea at Speen Festival 2025. It was very well attended with tea, sandwiches, cakes, fizz and chintzy crockery and a quartet entertaining the visitors on a cello, viola and violins.

On the 1st October the first Ladies Autumn Lunch was held in the Sefton Barn, at The Horse Trust. For many years, apart from during the Covid era there has been a Ladies Spring lunch in May at The Horse Trust. The ladies attending the Spring Lunch were asked if they would be interested in an Autumn one. The answer was a definite yes and 60 tickets were sold (the maximum that the barn can accommodate). The £40 ticket covered a complimentary glass of wine and a three course lunch followed by coffee and chocolates.

On the 11th October the second Comedy Night organised by Eliot Wengler at Lacey Green. There were five comedians - headlined by Michael Akadiri, Kathryn Mather, Phil Alexander, Nick Byard and Caitriona Dowden. Over 125 had a great evening out.

The Annual Bridge Afternoon at North Dean has been running for several years in mid October. This year was a very successful afternoon with bridge players enjoying bridge and afternoon tea with sandwiches and cakes.

With Christmas not far away the **Annual Christmas Market is taking place at Speen Church on Saturday 15th November between 11 and 4**. A range of new and familiar stall holders this year. A silversmith with a beautiful range of silver jewellery, new designs in Christmas decorations, luxury chocolates, silver crystals, translucent lamps, Christmas wreaths, sea glass pictures, resin art, beautiful silk scarves, dried flower pictures and of course, the ever-popular homemade cake stall and much more including Christmas cards, tombola and tickets for the Christmas hamper.

* **Refreshments available** - Bacon Baps, Sausage Rolls, Bucks Fizz, Mulled Wine, Wine, Coffee and Tea

£2 Entrance fee per person - children under 14 Free – Like all these fundraising events all profits are divided up at the end of the year between the four hospices SHH raises much needed funds for. Helen & Douglas House for Children - Rennie Grove and Peace Hospice Care - South Bucks Hospice at Butterfly House - Florence Nightingale Hospice.

If you are interested in raising money by taking part in an event or finding out more about becoming part of our fundraising group at SHH, please contact me at events@shh-shop.org or on 07778 803260.

For detailed information about all our events check out our website www.shh-shop.org

Gráinne Suter, Chair SHH

Windswept Christmas lights.

Unfortunately, we will not be setting up a display of Christmas lights at Windswept this year. You've probably seen that the display has increased over the years and the amount of work has become quite extreme. Trevor has recently had major surgery on his back and would be unable to participate in setting the decorations up and so we have reluctantly decided to cancel this year. We will take stock next year and see how feasible it will be for 2026. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who has visited over the years, we hope you've enjoyed the spectacle and thank you for your generous donations to BURPS.

Trevor & Jan May.



So sorry Trevor! I hope you make a good recovery. Take care., We will miss the lights this year.

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