

Naphill & Walter's Ash Brownies

We've enjoyed lots of lovely outdoor activities this term at Brownies.

We spent a fun evening on the Crick testing our senses. We used our eyes trying to spot where various photos were taken – flowers/ gates/ signs etc. With shoes and socks stripped off, we explored different textures with our feet. Everything from sand and astroturf to jelly! And finally, we took a blindfolded dip with our hands into a number of covered boxes to try and identify everyday objects – lego, feathers, cooked rice and many more. It is surprisingly unnerving reaching into a box when you do know what you will come across

Our annual 'sausage sizzle' is always one of the highlights of our year. For this, we all head down to Speen Scout & Guide Hut. The girls collect firewood in the nearby woods, and then learn to strike a match and make fires,

over which we cook sausages and s'mores. The festivities are topped off with a few campfire songs.

We were excited to be asked to run a stall at the Naphill fete. The brownies enjoyed getting everything ready for their fete games, and running their stall. It is great to take part in community events and to allow the girls to experience the pleasure of volunteering their time.

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 Daly



 **SHH** Speen Helping Hospice
Fund raising since 2001 for local hospices in Chiltern Villages
Helen Douglas House for Children - Rennie Grove and Peace Hospice Care - South Bucks Hospice at Butterfly House - Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity

Clive Nicolaou's wife was recently at a Speen Helping Hospices (SHH) fundraising lunch and the speaker was from South Bucks Hospice. He was talking about fundraising by individuals taking part in sporting events. Clive had just turned 65 and thought it was about time he entered a Triathlon so he decided to complete the Blenheim Palace event on Saturday 7th June.

He set up a Just Giving page hoping to raise £500 for the hospice fundraising group. A page was set up on the SHH website and the event was promoted by the four hospices SHH raises funds for - Helen & Douglas House for Children, Rennie Grove and Peace Hospice Care, South Bucks Hospice at Butterfly House and Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity. There was also promotion on local Facebook Group pages and WhatsApp groups. Clive also contacted friends and family for support. In the end over £1,000 has been raised.

The 2025 Blenheim Palace Triathlon took place over the weekend of the 7th/8th June which unfortunately turned out to be a rather wet weekend. Clive said "it wasn't ideal weather but we missed the worst of it as our start time was just before midday - it was awful later on."

This is not the first time that individuals have raised funds for SHH with sporting endeavours. In 2002 Ian

Waterman took part in the London Marathon and Shelley Jennings and Christine Symondson cycled 500km across Vietnam and Cambodia in 2008. There were two Sassy Santa fun runs in 2020 and 2021 raising over £2,500 and in September 2024 John Radford a member of the High Wycombe Rotary Club raised £1,500 with a Charity Abseil down Spinnaker Tower, Portsmouth .

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 Gráinne Suter, Chair SHH Hospice Fundraising events@shh-shop.org

