

SCAN - April 2013



SCAN 428 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY April 2013

BROWNIES – Every MONDAY term time, Sherington Pavilion - 5.30 – 7 pm - contact: KERRIE MAXWELL 07917610115 / 01908 60144 OR PATSY CLIFTON 01908 616009			
FRIDAY AFTERNOON TEA , St. Lauds, 2.30 – 4.45 pm: contact Paula 01908 216925 see page 22			
SHERINGTON YOUTH CLUB: 7 – 9 pm Wednesday Nights (term time) contact Jay: 07799005568			
SHERINGTON FOLK WORKSHOP: 8 – 10 pm Sherington V.H. - 2nd Thursday of month – Liz 07941 403492			
NORTH CRAWLEY BABY & TOTS GROUP , The Institute, MONDAYS 9.30-11.30 am (term time)			
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3	New Thursday Group In-House Meeting – Village Hall	8 pm	34
5	North Crawley History Society – The Institute	7.30 pm	13
6	Chicheley Quz Evening – Village Hall	7.30 pm	10
7	Astwood Village Garden Working Group	11 am	8
	Thumbstick Walk – The Knoll, Sherington	9.30 am	20
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherington Historical Society Members Meeting – Archiving and Chat – Village Hall • Chitchat – Chicheley Village Hall • North Crawley Parish Council – Village Hall 	8 pm	34
		10.30 am	10
		7.30 pm	15
10	Souper Lunchtime Get-together – 4 Griggs Orchard, Sher.	12 noon	5
11	SCAN Churches A.G.M. – Chicheley Village Hall	7.30 pm	10
16	Chicheley Parish Meeting – Village Hall	8 pm	10
18	New Thursday Group – Garden Perennials & Autumn Colour – Village Hall - All Welcome	8 pm	34
19	Afternoon Tea – St. Lauds	2.30 pm	22
20	North Crawley Bowls Club Spring Quiz – The Institute	7.30 pm	17
	North Crawley Bowls Club Green Open for new season	2.30 pm	17
20	St. George's Celebration – Chicheley Village Hall		10
21	Café Church – North Crawley School	10.45 am	7
24	Souper Lunchtime Get-together – 4 Griggs Orchard	12 noon	5
25	Chicheley DCC – Village Hall	8 pm	4
26	Afternoon Tea – St. Lauds	2.30 pm	22
28	North Crawley Village Walk	10 am	13
MAY			
2	Sherington DCC – The Rectory	8 pm	4
3	Afternoon Tea – St. Lauds	2.30 pm	22
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rogation Sunday – Manor Farm, Sherington • Thumbsticks Walk – The Knoll, Sherington 	3 pm	5
		9.30 pm	20
6	May Day Celebrations – The Knoll, Sherington	11 am	29
7	Sherington Annual Parish Meeting – Village Hall	7 pm	27
8	Souper Lunchtime Get-together – 4 Griggs Orchard	12 noon	5
10	Afternoon Tea – St. Lauds	2.30 pm	22
11	Guided Walk – North Crawley		13
14	Crime, Sex & Retribution – Sherington Historical Society	8 pm	33
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoon Tea – St. Lauds • St. Lauds Church Quiz Night 	2.30 pm	22
		7 pm	6
18	Nu 2 U Sale, North Crawley Village Hall	10 am	16
24	Afternoon Tea – St. Lauds	2.30 pm	22
JUNE 1	Astwood Summer Barn Dance	7.30 pm	9
22	Sherington Village Fête	12 – 5.30 pm	23
30	North Crawley Village Walk	10 am	13

Cranfield Bridge Club meet at Astwood Village Hall virtually every Sunday at 6.55 for 7 pm start to play. A small friendly, EBU affiliated Bridge Club. Details on <http://www.cranbridge.org.uk>, or ring Paul Goddard, 01234 881409

LEARN BRIDGE at Astwood Village Hall, Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 pm, with tuition by EBU trained Club Teacher for Cranfield BC. Details as above.



SHERINGTON VILLAGE WELCOME PACK

Our Welcome Pack needs to be updated, therefore, would all clubs and organisations forward contact details, meeting times/venue, etc. to Sherington Historical Society - c/o Kay Turrell kay@cartersclose.co.uk – by the end of April.
THANK YOU.

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If you get stuck and need advice, or find something is broken and doesn't work, just email feedback@sherington.org.uk and we will do our best to help. I.C.

Mandy is in Israel so Pam writes.....

By the time you read this Easter will all be over, but I hope you had a lovely time.

Believers all over the world have been attending special services all through Holy Week recalling the events which led up to the Friday when Jesus was crucified. That was the hideous fate which befell many under the Roman Empire, but few, I imagine, asked God to forgive those who were driving nails through his hands and feet.

The following Sunday the tomb was empty, Jesus was alive; barely believing their senses, people saw him, touched him, spoke with him! Various explanations for what happened have been put forward. Some of them are plausible – maybe Jesus' friends came and stole the body – despite the guard set by Pilate, but many of them died for their faith and they would hardly have done that knowing such a vital part of it was a lie. Other explanations are frankly ridiculous, for instance that Jesus, not dead but only fainting, revived in the cool of the tomb, pushed the heavy stone away from the inside and escaped. I won't go into the horrors which Jesus endured, except to say that the Romans were particularly efficient at killing their victims and knew a dead body when they saw one. Jesus forgave those who were torturing him, and he came back from the dead, not insubstantial like a ghost but solid, eating and drinking with his astounded friends. Christians not only believe it but will tell you that they too experience his presence in their daily lives.

I know it is tempting to dismiss such thoughts as ridiculous or even rather pathetic. I know too that many must be put off and disgusted by the activities of those who have abused their position within the Church, but the appalling behaviour of a few is no reason to dismiss the whole thing. Christianity is a way of life which has to be seen, experienced personally. Jesus' friends weren't gullible idiots; they didn't expect to see him again once his body was sealed in a tomb; they were not convinced until they saw him for themselves. Even then it was often not until he said or did something which was so strikingly familiar that they could let go of their natural disbelief and grasp the extraordinary truth.

Christianity is mysterious but also deeply practical; instructions about how to live together with the help of Jesus' presence abound in the New Testament. 'As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another, and ...forgive each other... Above all clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony....'

(Col. 3 12-14)

Sounds a pretty good recipe for life to me! Belatedly, Happy Easter!

Every blessing, Pam

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

'I am the resurrection and the life' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

RIP Laura Richardson of Astwood. Funeral held in Astwood Church Thursday 28th February 2013.

DATES OF CHURCH MEETINGS

Thursday 25th April 8pm Chicheley DCC Chicheley Village Hall

Thursday 2nd May 8.00pm Sherington DCC at the Rectory Sherington

STOP PRESS!

Red Nose Day Teas

Altogether we raised £150 for this great event. A big thank you to all who baked or donated delicious cakes, who worked so hard making endless cups of tea and coffee and washing up and to all who braved the beastly weather and shared in the fun. Jolly good show! From Pam Fielding

SCAN PARISH

The AGM for our churches in SCAN Parish will be held on

**Thursday 11th April 2013
Chicheley Village Hall
8.00pm**

Refreshments at 7.45pm
All are welcome.

APRIL SERVICES

7 April

8.00am

SCAN BCP Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley

9.30am

SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

14 April

9.30am

SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

6.00pm

SCAN Evensong – Chicheley

21 April

9.30am

SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

11.00am

Service of Holy Baptism – North Crawley

10.45am

Café Church – North Crawley School

28 April

9.30am

Parish Prayers – meeting room Sherington

11.00am

SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley

6.00pm

SCAN Evensong – North Crawley

MAY SERVICES

5 May

8.00am

SCAN BCP Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley

9.30am

SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

Rogation Sunday

Please note we have change of venue this year for this ancient country service of blessing for the crops and the animals. We thank John and Judith Duncombe who have hosted it for many years and Michael Cook who will host it this year in Sherington.

This year please park in Manor Farm yard, for 3.00pm start on Sunday 5th May.

After the service there will be refreshments – all contributions will be very welcome.

Pam Fielding

'Souper' Lunchtime Get-together

SCAN fellowship, a fortnightly chance to enjoy a simple lunch together

4 Griggs Orchard Sherington home of Pam and John Fielding

01908 616763

12pm -2pm Wednesdays

All ages welcome (children too!)

10 April, 24 April, 8 May, 29 May, 12 June, 26 June, 10 July

To everyone in Sherington, Chicheley, Astwood, North Crawley and surrounding villages, come along to our

Easter Workshop

*Did you go to Sunday School as a child, but have forgotten the Bible stories?
Come and learn with us again.*

Venue:- St Laud's Church, Sherington Time:- 10 – 12pm
Good Friday 29th March 2013
"Building and Easter Garden"

Reverend Pam will teach us about the Easter story through stories, songs and crafts for ALL children

(with crafts suitable for 4 to 11 year olds)

Older children and extra adults always welcome to help them!

£2 per child (suggested donation) **which includes refreshments**

** Children must be accompanied by an adult **

(www.scanparish.org.uk)

To be held at *St Laud's Church Quiz Night!*

Friday 17th May 2013

7pm – 10pm

With our special guest: Quizmaster Patricia Hodges

£8 per person

(please pay in advance of the evening)

Teams of 6

(We can make up teams on the night if you don't have 6 ready!)

Fish and chip supper

Tea and coffee in the interval

Bring own beverages

Raffle prizes (*raffle tickets available on the night*)

Prizes for the winning team!

Book soon !! Ring Paula Noble 01908 216925



To everyone in Sherington, Chicheley, Astwood, North Crawley and surrounding villages, come along to our



Cafe Church



Parish of St Laud, St Lawrence, St Peter and St Firmin

Did you go to Sunday School as a child, but have forgotten the Bible stories? Come and learn with us again...

Venue:- North Crawley School Time:- 10:45 – 12pm

Sunday 21st April 2013

“Stories Jesus Told”

- A light breakfast followed by an interactive story time with Reverend Mandy. Join in happy singing (if you want to!) (During craft time, adults can catch up with friends and family and enjoy reading the weekly news in our Sunday newspapers).
- For those wishing to explore the Christian theme further there's a new opportunity for adults to ask questions (15minutes)
- Crafts for 4 to 10 year olds
- SCOTs group: New activities for children aged 10+ years

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Would you like to join our planning team? All ideas are very welcome!

DONATIONS help fund breakfast and craft activities. We also contribute to a charity.
(www.scanparish.org.uk)

A **STWOOD**

As I am sitting writing this the sun has come out for a few moments.

On the 7th of February I attended Jenny Foster's funeral at the crematorium; it was a very sad day. Jenny was such lovely person; she lived with Reg and her children at Hardmead for many years. I can remember seeing many a new year in with Jenny and Reg, and we had a great time at their golden wedding. R.I.P.Jenny.

Two weeks ago I attended Laura Richardson's funeral. It was lovely to see inside our little church again; it was a shame that it was under such sad circumstances. Laura was a very respected person in Astwood, as it showed by the amount of people that attended. The church was full and afterwards we all joined her family in the Swan and raised our gasses to her - I think she would have

approved. I would like to thank her family for a chance to say our goodbyes to her. I'm sure everyone that knew her will have fond memories of the time she spent in Astwood. R. I. P. Laura. Two much loved ladies.

Can I please remind every one of the working group get-together in the village garden on 7th April 2013 at 11.00.am. Thank You.

Happy Easter every one.
Moorhen



LAURA RICHARDSON

We sadly learned of the death of Laura Richardson on 14th February 2013 at the age of 97.

Laura was Landlady of the Astwood Swan for 25 years and as Landlady she entered into the spirit of the village. I remember as a child she used to organise carol singing in and around the village, the older ones went round the outer edges of the village and the younger ones stayed closer to home. Both lots would combine at the end of the evening to sing to the locals in the pub. With the money raised the younger ones received presents and the older ones received a trip to either the pantomime at Oxford or Wembley Ice Ring, so all the children of the village benefited.

When I was old enough to start using the pub we enjoyed a very social time with great nights in the domino and skittles leagues – Laura would often join in the banter against the opposition, making it hard for them to beat the home team. No wonder she was known as the “Witch” – all in good fun of course. I also was fortunate enough to be able to work for Laura and Alf and it was usually busy over the weekends. Other busy evenings included the Derby matches between Astwood and Hardmead at skittles and also fancy dress evenings. Everyone would take part in friendly rivalry. It was a sad day when Laura and Alf retired from the pub in 1978 and the pub has never been the same since. Certainly, the night they retired I can vouch the pub was extremely busy.

Laura also enjoyed quite a good time away from the pub by playing bowls as Captain of the Bowls Club in Newport Pagnell and also played for the county.

Laura had a very interesting life and had many amusing stories to keep us entertained.

A great lady, deeply missed. **May you Rest in Peace.**

Susan Hulance “Susan Davies”

ASTWOOD SUMMER BARN DANCE

Saturday 1 June, 7.30 p.m. onwards

**Dancing to a live 3-piece band with caller in the village
marquee on grass so suitable footwear required!**

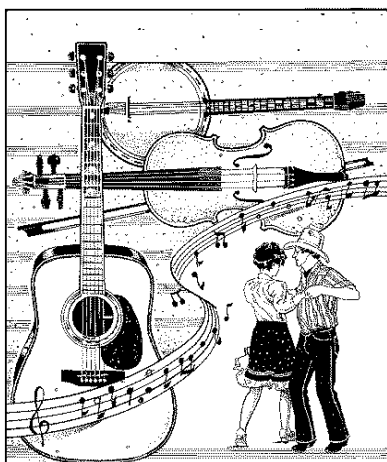
Tickets: Adults £15 Children £7.50

Welcome drink included – either cider, wine or Pimms
and buffet to be served in the village garden (weather
permitting!)

All SCAN villagers very welcome

Any proceeds to the village hall

For tickets contact:



Val and Dave Emsley 01234 391988
Kim Durden 01234 391066
David Hulance 01234 391247

email: astwoodvillagehall@hotmail.com

C HICHELEY

The rain is still falling as I write; will this year ever give us a dry spell? This is proving a very difficult year for our farmers as they still have much sowing of crops to complete, and to those who want to make a start on their gardens. I recall that this time last year I was about to plant potatoes, not much likelihood of that this year.

You may remember that last month I wrote about the visiting Rhea. Well he is now safely back where he belongs. He, or she, decided to visit Thickthorn farm but had obviously not been made aware of Will, the farmers, former rugby playing days. Suffice it to say that the old skills were still apparent, plus the assistance of son Tom, and a handy chicken shed, and the days of freedom were over. We await news of any future escape bids.

The celebration of St. David's day, with food to a Welsh menu, was enjoyed by the company. However the questions posed to test folk's knowledge of Wales and things Welsh showed a lack of the same. If we hold the event in 2014 I suspect a degree of mugging up would be useful.

Chicheley's Lent lunch was well attended as usual and thanks to all those who prepared the food and those who supported by eating it.

We are very sorry that the **Quiz evening** on Saturday 16th March had to be postponed. The new date for this is **April 6th** from 7.30 pm in the village hall. There will be refreshments. If you would like to take part, either with a team, or to make up one on the night, please contact Judith Duncombe on 01234 391233. The entrance charge is £10 per person.

Chitchat will be on **Tuesday 9th April** from 10.30am until noon in the village hall.

The **SCAN churches Annual General Meeting** is in the village hall on **Thursday 11th April** from 7.30pm. This will be for the election of churchwardens, PCC and DCC's and presentation of reports and accounts. I will include any pertinent points in next month's SCAN. All parishioners are invited to attend.

A **Chicheley Parish Meeting** is on **Tuesday 16th April** at 8.00 pm in the village hall. This is an opportunity for the villagers of Chicheley to bring forward and discuss any matters concerning the village, which will probably include potholes in roads.

A supper to celebrate **St. George** is on **Saturday 20th April** in the village hall. This is for village hall funds. There will be entertainment provided by the company. If you wish to attend please telephone 01234 391371 to reserve your place.

I am not aware of anything else planned for May and beyond so that's it for now folks.

David

The MoonWalkLondon2013



I shall be power walking my way around London through the night, with 1000's of women and hopefully some other men. We shall all be wearing decorated Bra's!!

I really want to achieve doing this and raising much needed funds, I even started training whilst on holiday, so please support me. Either contact me direct 07715558562 or email japlater@btinternet.com or go direct to my f.r. page www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/alan_plater_3

*Cheers
Alan Plater
ex Chicheley*

NORTH CRAWLEY SCAN NEWS AND COMMENT

Do you remember those warm days with plenty of sunshine early in March, with national media declaring Spring had been sprung. It was a welcome relief after a long cold spell but seemed a little premature to believe that the weather was going to continue warming and so it has proved. The recent weather reminds me of Scandinavia especially Sweden, where I just happened to visit on a number of occasions at the request of my employers. Thinking back, not sure anyone else wanted to go there in winter, but for me challenging environments are quite exciting, and my hosts always made me feel welcome. Very cold, sometimes sunny days, but sleet and snow never far away, which suddenly sweeps in without warning. The difference is the Swedes are used to it and I'm not sure we are. Anyway back to North Crawley where during one of the better days a visit to the allotment seemed a good idea. Mixed success with the over-winter crops, most of the garlic had not only survived but showed strong growth. On the downside only a quarter of the onions survived, the rest being withered and of less bulk than when planted. That's the way it goes I guess, and listening to some farmers about their crops, the weather has been pretty harsh on them too.

On an upbeat note the Institute Committee staged a marvellous evening's entertainment on 2nd March. The village was visited by a group of musicians known as the 'Bolivian Sunshine Dogs', some of whom are quite local to us. The range of instruments played was amazing and the sound at times quite startling. From memory there was a keyboard, euphonium/tuba, saw & bow, spoons, ukulele, drums, guitar (electric and acoustic), violin, kazoo, trombone, double bass, and other gadgets that made strange noises. The lead singer/magician/comedian kept things bubbling along, and it was a really good night out. Well done the IMC for organising the event.

Traffic Calming/Residential safety.

Despite being very disappointed at being told the village is back to a re-assessment situation, rather than the implementation scenario envisaged, some small signs of progress can be seen. In Folly Lane two road signs have been applied to the road surface to highlight there is a crossing point leading to Church Walk and the school. Also traffic survey strips have been installed in Folly Lane

and the High Street to measure both volume and speed. All the Parish Council can do is keep trying their best and hope someone at MKC will listen.

Cricket Club news

With the help and support of Bucks County Cricket, North Crawley Cricket Club is launching their youth development programme from Friday 17 May running to 19 July. Coaching sessions run from 18.00 to 19.30 on Friday evenings, and local schools will receive leaflets promoting the programme. Please note the target age group is U7 to U11. If you are a keen young cricketer but fall outside of these age groups still contact the club with your details, as there may be a place in one of the other sides the club run.

Aspiring young cricket players please see the advertisement below.

North Crawley CC
U7 to U11 Training Sessions

Friday 18:00-19:30 from May 17th to 19th July inclusive at The Recreation Ground, North Crawley

Please register your child's interest by contacting the Youth Cricket Co-ordinator, Sam Howe - youth@northcrawleycc.co.uk

[@northcrawleycc](https://twitter.com/northcrawleycc)
[northcrawleycc](https://www.facebook.com/northcrawleycc)

www.northcrawleycc.co.uk

Chance to Shine
EDUCATING THROUGH CRICKET
Inspired by London 2012

Places People Play
Inspired by London 2012

Just to repeat the contact details in the above picture:-

Please register your child's interest by contacting the Youth Co-ordinator, Sam Howe – youth@northcrawleycc.co.uk, or, via Facebook & twitter @ northcrawleycc , and further club information can be found at www.northcrawleycc.co.uk

The project to install a new netting facility is progressing and soon, when there is a break in the weather, the construction of the base will start.

Bowls Club News.

The new season approaches and the Green opens on Saturday 13th April, weather permitting. The club's 'Welcome Roll-up' is on Saturday 20th April at 2.30pm, to which any newcomers are encouraged to attend.

As reported last month the club is always on the lookout for new players; all ages and levels of skill are welcome (contact Sheila Hart (sheila-hart@supanet.com)).

History Society

On Friday 8th March a talk was given titled 'THE HANSLOPE MURDER – AN EDWARDIAN MYSTERY SOLVED?' The facts of who murdered the squire of the manor appeared straightforward, but **why** did the gamekeeper fell his employer with two barrels of a shotgun. Much intrigue but nothing proven, although the gamekeeper had reached the last day of his employment, and it was rumoured the squire had a roving eye. It was an interesting evening and many theories were put forwards afterwards over a fish and chip supper.

Coming events for your diaries:

Friday, April 5th 2013 – “The Civil War” a talk by Julian Hunt

(with special reference to the Civil War in Buckinghamshire)

In the Institute at 7.30 p.m. Followed by refreshments.

Saturday, May 11th 2013

A Guided Walk around Historic Stony Stratford with Robert Ayers

(Numbers will be limited and bookings will be on a first come first served basis)

Village walks

Please support your village walks which are on the last Sunday in the month. The walks are suitable for young and old alike and are up to two hours in duration.

The next walk is on **Sunday 28 April**, followed by **26 May and 30 June**, all at **10 a.m.** meeting outside the Institute

If anyone would like to contribute newsworthy information, please don't hesitate to send it to Hawk-eye before the Scan deadline (around the 18th of each month), to the following email address:

hawkeye.scan@hotmail.co.uk

Something I have been pondering for some time now is, why do we begin the evening news with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

Hawk-eye



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NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 5th March, 2013

New Councillor

Jo Small was welcomed as our new Councillor following her successful application.

Planning

No new applications this month, however the previous decision to refuse change of use for the shop is being appealed by the applicant. Comments will be passed to the relevant department in MKC.

Ward Councillors Report

Keith McLean confirmed that £200 from his ward budget has been allocated to the St. Firmin's clock restoration project for which he received thanks from the PC.

A number of changes are taking place within MKC as part of a restructuring exercise, these include proposals for :

- planning department will reduce the amount of time from application receipt to decision. This also requires training PC members so they can assist in the process.
- The system for recording and tracking issues raised is being updated over the next nine months. This should provide much greater visibility of the issue status.

MKC are preparing a funding application for SID equipment (traffic speed monitoring), all Parish Councils are being contacted to understand the level of interest.

Trees

The weather has not allowed any of the proposed work to be completed this month, this is now expected to complete in March.

Domestic Gas Supply

Councillor Hatton has gone to great lengths to establish whether it would be possible to provide a domestic gas supply, and the likely costs of this. National Grid have provided estimates, which show that if all houses in the village wanted to proceed, this would cost in the region of three to five thousand pounds each for the connection (but does not include the cost of pipework on each property plus the cost of each boiler and meter). A lower uptake would see the price per household increase, although National Grid made it clear that they require a minimum of 40% uptake. It was obvious to all that the price is restrictive and that National Grid clearly would only proceed at no cost to them, even in the short term.

Drains

MKC are still discussing possible solutions and access with North Crawley Estates.

Finance

A total of £1,8886.97 had been spent in the previous month, all to cover expected items included within the precept. There were no receipts.

Applications have been made for two additional bank signatories, this is proceeding.

Churchyard

It was agreed that an overgrowing lime tree will be cut back by a team of Councillors when the weather permits.

Consultations with Other Bodies

No meetings this month.

NAG

No meeting this month.

Councillor Items

Resurfacing work on a small section of Chicheley Road is scheduled to start on 11th March. Disappointment was expressed at how small an area will be treated considering the state of disrepair of large sections of this road, however this is in line with MKC's approach to remain within budget via a process of 'little and often'. It was agreed that MKC be asked to detail the number of vehicle damage claims have been received due to the condition of the road, this could potentially be used to strengthen our case for more work to be carried out.

The Parish Council are preparing a priorities list of Traffic Calming measures to send on to MKC, in the meantime Rachel Kingsley (the head of the relevant department in MKC) has been invited to visit the village in order to understand the traffic problems we face. It is still not clear if any of the money that was originally allocated to traffic calming will actually be available.

Resident Items

It was highlighted that the footpath and grass verge between East End and the High Street is in a poor state of repair. It was agreed that MKC be contacted in order to address this problem.

The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th April, at 7:30pm. This is a change to the scheduled date due to the Easter Bank Holiday.

Cllr Keith Rogers

News from North Crawley Church of England School



Ouse Valley Partnership



North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE First School
'Together in Learning - Sharing Excellence and Expertise'

The children of North Crawley School have experienced a very exciting half term so far. The Early Years Foundation Stage children held their 'Men's Challenge' which was to make a vehicle which would move without a motor or batteries. As usual the trophy was contested for with great enthusiasm. Daisy and her dad won the challenge with a rather interesting vehicle made with vinyl records which most of the children hadn't seen before! The children all enjoyed seeing the vehicles and had to decamp outside for one which had produced rather a lot of smoke.



The theme for Book Week this year was based on the well-known Julia Donaldson books such as 'The Gruffalo'. The children brought in their own books from home and we collected as many of her stories as we could. At the start of the week the children brought their pyjamas into school and enjoyed 'bedtime stories' with hot chocolate and cakes at the end of the school day.



The children also had the opportunity to make sugar paste Gruffalos with parent Mrs Hymers Farmer. The Julia Donaldson theme was continued for the mother's day service at St Firmin's Church and the children performed 'Monkey Puzzle', a story about a monkey who can't find his mummy. The children also transformed one of the corridors in school into a jungle and changed the library door into the

cover of the Monkey Puzzle book.

The children made small story umbrellas and then utilised the large umbrella on the veranda to make a big story umbrella based on under the sea. The children enjoyed making big fish and a mermaid - you may have seen this as you walked past school?

Dressing up day was a massive hit as always with adults and children alike taking advantage of the popularity of the onesie! All the children enjoyed looking at each other's costumes. So much thought had gone into some of the costumes and the children looked absolutely wonderful.

At the end of the week local resident David Ramsden came into school to do some drama with the children. They acted out the story of 'The Gruffalo' and 'Room on the Broom' with great enthusiasm. As suspected by the teaching staff there are a few budding thespians amongst the children.



The foundation children enjoyed a bus trip into Newport Pagnell where they visited the library and were treated to some stories and the opportunity to look at some of the books for themselves. They then headed back to the bus stop and visited Stoke Goldington School to enjoy lunch with their friends there. It was a rare warm day so they all ate a picnic lunch in the playground. They returned to school on the final

bus of the day and arrived back at school tired but having enjoyed a lovely day out.

As we are a church school, this week is Reflection Week and the children are thinking and talking about people who are not as lucky as they are. They had a visit from Mr Freeman who told them all about the Food Bank. For Comic Relief this year the children have been invited to wear as much red as possible and donate either some food for the Food Bank, or money for Comic Relief.

Nu 2 U sale

When? **Saturday 18th May**

Where? **North Crawley Village Hall**

Time? **Between 10.00 am & 4.00 pm**

**AFTER A LONG COLD WINTER NOW IS THE TIME TO
SORT OUT YOUR WARDROBE!**

Please help by donating your unwanted ladies, men's &
children's clothing.

Also, handbags, jewellery, shoes etc.

Please contact : Janice Freeman on 01234 391350

or Joan Shaw on 01234 391517

or Ann Kearney on 01234 391692

In aid of St Firmin's Church, North Crawley



North Crawley Bowls Club

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association

Spring Quiz Evening and Green Opening

The date for our Spring Quiz is

**Saturday, 20 April, 2013
at 7.30 for 8.00 pm**

at North Crawley Village Institute

This light-hearted, fun event is open to all comers. Come either as a table-team of 6 players, or individually, and everybody will be accommodated.

Free refreshments will be provided during the evening, and a cash bar is open until closing time.

An entry fee of £5 per person will be collected on the evening, and prizes awarded to the winning team.

**Our Green opens for the new Season on
Saturday 13 April 2013**

There will be a welcome roll-up on Saturday 20 April 2013 at 2.30 pm when anyone interested in bowling is invited to come along and try out their skills. The only requirement is a pair of flat soled shoes.

Be sure to book your team/place early for the Quiz Evening or, for further information about the Welcome Roll-up, please contact either

Dick Milnthorpe (01234 752404), or
Sheila Hart (01234 750221)

Mailbag and Announcements



TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Why not join us for a cup of coffee and a chat on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 am? It is an excellent way to get to know other people in the village and to make friends. Ring Ella 610560 for details.



Kath Hulston, Pete and Jane, would like to thank family and friends for the cards, flowers and donations in remembrance of Den.

Thanks to Andrew Geary for taking the service. Also thanks to Dr. Rocque and Nurses Frances and Karen; always at the end of the 'phone when we needed them.

The Children's Society

Following the recent opening of house boxes, £157.00p has been sent for the Society's work. There are currently fifteen box holders across the SCAN parish. More would be welcome. It entails keeping a collecting box at home for small change. The boxes are opened annually and the money paid into Barclays Bank for the Society's funds. Please 'phone 617599 if you could help in this way.

Postcards old or new, used or unusual, British or foreign, are sold to raise funds. Addresses can be deleted, providing this does not cause damage, affecting the value.

In 2008, following a note in SCAN, three parcels of cards was sent to the gentleman who fund raises. He had written an article in the Society's magazine, stating that his grandfather founded the Society. He has been selling cards to dealers at postcard fairs around the UK and over the years raised considerable amounts.

Having 'phoned to enquire, I am assured that he is still fund raising and welcomes any unwanted cards. They can be sent to Mr. S. Fortescue, Allington, Awliscombe, Devon. EX14 3NW. Thank you to everyone who donated postcards. Any given to me will be sent to Mr. Fortescue. You can also put them in my door, or 'phone and I will collect.

I now have pouches for the collection of **unwanted foreign currency**. Old coins and bank notes that are no longer in circulation, as well as obsolete currencies will be accepted. From pesetas to old 50 pence, value will be given for all coins and notes donated.

Travelex Foreign Coin services are working in partnership with the Children's Society and will be counting every coin and note received, and converting it into a pounds sterling donation.

The pouches are quite large; so many coins are needed to fill just one. Each one when filled, will be collected by Travelex. Any unwanted currency will be gratefully received.

Any queries please 'phone 617599.

To find out more about the work of the Society online –

www.childrenssociety.org.uk supportercare@childrenssociety.org.uk

Thank you,
Pam Ellis

DOG WALKERS AND OWNERS IN SHERINGTON

DO YOU WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BLINDING A CHILD or making another person, or pet, seriously ill?

We assume the answer to this is no. If this is the case, then why is there so very much dog mess littering our streets, pavements and grass verges?

The amount of dog mess on our pavements is a health hazard to the residents of the village, particularly those not old enough to look for, and avoid, it. There is frequently dog mess right outside Sherington CE School and on the popular routes to Sherington Pre-school and the park.

It's also a bit of an embarrassment. Visitors to the village must be disgusted and amazed that we do not take any pride in our environment.

- Please, please take the necessary steps to clean up after your dog(s) at all times and not just in the day-time when you think someone might be watching.
- Please try to ensure all dog-walkers in your household are doing the same.
- Please don't allow your dogs to wander alone around the village fouling the pavements and park.

Dog waste is similar in composition to sewage and we'd all be very quick to complain if our streets were littered in that. Moreover, dog mess on the ground can affect the quality of the water in local streams and rivers, and cause disease amongst livestock.

TAPEWORM, E.COLI, ROUNDWORM, CAMPYLOBACTER & TOXOCARIASIS can all be carried in dog waste.

Please bag it and bin it before someone is seriously affected.

We have alerted the Dog Warden to this problem but please do consider reporting any dog-fouling offenders directly to Milton Keynes Council or the police and, in the case of stray or wandering dogs, maybe consider contacting the RSPCA or the Milton Keynes Council Dog Wardens.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

Milton Keynes Council's (MKC) Environmental Services on 01908 252400 for environmental issues, dog warden, instances such as dog fouling, glass, litter, or graffiti.

The Dog Warden is Michael Bryant. He has been invited to attend the parish council April meeting to discuss the issue of dog fouling further please come along and show your support.

Sherington CE School, Sherington Pre-School, Sherington Toddler Group



Thumbstick Walk on Sunday 7th April

9.30 am from the Knoll. Please bring cars as we shall be visiting another local village for about 4 mile walk. No dogs please. We look forward to seeing you all.

Kate & Graham

Thumbsticks Walk - Sunday, 5th May

The Thumbsticks will be driving to Weston Underwood from where we shall undertake a three to four mile circular walk, taking in the village of Ravenstone en route. Please drive down to the Knoll for 9.30am. No dogs please. J & A



As I write this on Sunday the 17th March, watching the thermometer hover about -3 and the snow still falling, I comment that our “1st Sunday in the Month” Thumbstick walk for March seemed to drop neatly somewhere between winter and “eh...em” winter. We stepped out on a bright warm Sunday leaving the Robin Hood - 345 yds (or thereabouts) heading up Spring Lane over the disused railway line at the bridge and walking on a well surfaced

bridleway toward Lavendon Mill. We crossed the fast flowing river at the sluice gates – and what a lovely spot that is! A bit of a trek then (but soon



put behind us) as we dodged the Sunday traffic en route to Cold Brayfield. Thence a right into pasture land and a quiet meander down by the river where it breaks into two, passing the central island. Then over the planks to Newton Blossomville Church and village. We continued our walk in peaceful chit chat, on good footpaths, as the dappled sun continued to push through

the still bare trees. By now, coats unzipped and hats & gloves off. Another mile of so further saw us back on track and home by lunchtime.



“Jack Sparrow”



A quick message to all our readers to highlight how incredibly easy it is to register with easyfundraising.org.uk and raise funds for St. Lauds Church. There are already a number of registered users, and over £60 has been raised to date. All you have to do is register and then get to whichever online shop it is you wish to visit via the easy fundraising site, they take care of the rest at no cost to you. I encourage anyone that shops online, even if its just for groceries, to register with easyfundraising.org.uk and help toward much needed church funds. If you like the idea but you're not sure how to go about it, I'm more than willing to lend a helping hand - get in touch at chloe_woods@hotmail.com. Thanks, Chloe. Contact number: 07803 724 297

EASTER LILIES

If you would like a lily placed in Church in memory of a loved one, please contact Jill Burgess (611163) or Ella Field (610560) by 20th March.





Friday Afternoon Tea – new dates!

**Our huge thanks go to everyone who support
us.**

It's amazing what your company, a cuppa and a slice of
homemade cake can do!

- *Bring friends and family!*
- *Books only £1 each!*
- *Homemade greeting cards £2 each (thank you Chloe's mum!)*
- *Hold your end of week meetings here!*

Fridays 19th , 26th April and 3rd ,10th ,17th ,24th May

Thank you for supporting Red Nose Day

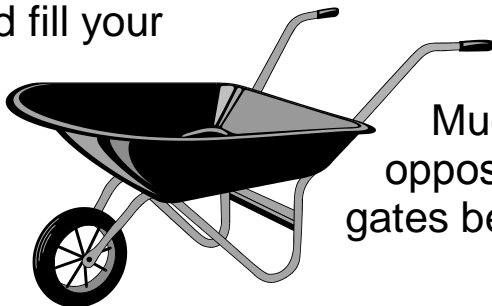
(delicious, most impressive Red Nose Day cake Caroline!!)

2:30pm to 4:45pm

(Funds being shared – St Laud's Church and Sherington CE School)

Paula Noble – 01908 216925

Calling all gardeners in the SCAN area free horse manure is available
from 44 Water Lane Sherington. No appointment necessary just come
and fill your



bag, barrow or trailer. Manure will need
to rot down and does contain straw.

Muck heap is sited to the left through gates
opposite Smith's Yard - please ensure you close
gates behind you and leave area tidy.

SHERINGTON VILLAGE FETE 2013

at the SPORTS FIELD, Perry Lane

22nd June 2013 - 12:00-5:30



We Need You!

We can confirm the above date and timings for the fete

This year's Fete will be run similarly to the previous one at the Sports ground. The theme for this year is "village involvement" and to this end we are going to run more participant activities. Some of the activities that will run and hope to run are

- Village Bake Off Competition (details to follow)
- Mini Sports (all ages)
- Village Recipe Tent (bring along your favourite recipe for others to try)
(we may even make up a Sherington cook book)
- Village Folk Group
- French Café
- Vintage Vehicles
- Tractor Pull Competition
- Child and Dog look-a-like Competition.
- Kidsplay Climbing wall
- Archery have a go (Newport Pagnell Archery club)
- Various local crafts, games and activities stalls
- Birds of Prey

We need more helpers to assist the groups already committed to the day's events. We also like stalls from both within and outside the village.

Our next meeting is on Saturday 20th April at the Pavilion 11:00 am.

No idea is too small, large or extravagant to be considered. Please come and share your ideas.

If you cannot make the meeting please feel free to contact

Jeff Charles 617998/ 07527550816

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**GREAT BRITISH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER
- FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2013
For SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION**

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 17th May 2013 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR REQUEST A FUNDRAISING PACK CALL ELIZABETH WRIGHT ON 0845 071 4350 OR EMAIL fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk



SHERINGTON SYNOPSIS BY JACK DAW

Well, it seems that last month's Scan has only just been delivered but it is already time to write for the April edition.

Seriously though you will have been aware of the tardiness of March Scan which apparently was due to a major breakdown of the printing machine and so it ended up being some 10 days late. Hopefully this month's will be back to the normal delivery time.

We had a couple of days in early March when I really thought that spring had arrived, the sun was really warm and I went so far as to put up our parasol on the patio. Shortly afterwards the rain came back along with strong winds and the parasol took to the air! It has been really wet once more and currently the fields along Newport Road are yet again flooded, Whilst walking across the play area by the Village Hall I was surprised to see how much standing water there is on the ground, a sure sign that the land must be completely waterlogged. We did manage a bit of digging of the vegetable patch recently but it still needs a lot more work before we can even consider putting things into the ground and the temperatures are generally a bit disappointing.

I saw a very unusual sight on 6th March, a red kite in the sky above my garden. I have seen plenty of these around the Wendover area but never up here before. It circled around for while before disappearing over Carters Close but then it reappeared and looked to be heading towards Newport Pagnell. At first I thought that there were two of them but then I noticed that the second bird was much smaller and appeared to be attacking the kite. It was too far away to tell for certain but I assume that the smaller bird may have been a kestrel or sparrowhawk taking exception to another predator on its territory. In talking to a friend of mine who is a bit of a twitcher he said that as well as kites being re-introduced south of here they had also been introduced in the Rutland area and the signs are that the two regions are beginning to join up so we may see more in the future.

My comments about Hazelmead Farm has produced a couple of responses. Julie Smith told me that she had noticed a sign for the farm while out on her bike going north on the High Street on the left hand side, it appears that it was the land as tended by Miss Hill when she was alive. It was also mentioned to me that I could have found the information on the historical society website. However, not everyone has a computer and it should not be necessary to have to use such a machine to locate a place, to my mind if a place does not have a postcode then it is not a valid address. It would surely have been better to have said that the High Street would be closed from its junction with

The Knoll (Church Road does not actually extend down as far as the High Street) to the 30 limit signs to the north, then everyone would know what would be affected. As it is nothing happened on 4th March and it still hasn't as of 19th March. In case you are wondering the road is supposed to be being resurfaced.

As you may have gathered news is somewhat thin on the ground this month but perhaps more will have happened next month.

Don't forget to keep me up to date with what's going on – Tel.: 216214 or <mailto:jackdaw@fastfreenet.com>.

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2013

1 YOUTH CLUB PROJECT 2013

The clerk has asked for the assistance of the Housing Department at MKC with the possible Youth Club project to paint the wall behind the garages at the Recreation ground.

2 TREE MAINTENANCE

The parish council is asking for a quotation to carry out the maintenance on trees on the Knoll and in the Village Hall play area as identified as being required over the next 12 months.

3 DOG WARDEN

The dog warden is being invited to the next parish council meeting to give advice on further measures which could be taken to deal with the problem of dog fouling.

4 RESIDENTS' CAR PARK IN SCHOOL LANE

An application has been made to make the remainder of this area into car parking.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

55 High St – Tree and hedge maintenance in a conservation area

Approved by MKC

Alban Hill Nursery Approved by MKC

Manor Farm courtyard Approved by MKC

4 High Street Approved by MKC

6 SHERINGTON SPORTS GROUND

The new fitness equipment has been installed. It was agreed to ask MKC to install signs stating that people use these items at their own risk and that they are intended for use by adults rather than by children.

7 WHITE HART LICENCE VARIATION APPLICATION

After the February meeting the chairman met with a representative from the White Hart. The parish council then sent the following response to the consultation:- *“Sherington Parish Council considered the licensing application at its meeting on 5th February 2013 and is aware of the views of some residents who are opposed to the application. The Parish Council is keen to balance the viability of the pub (so that it remains an essential part of village life) and the amenity of residents. We consider that the Committee should also balance these factors. The PC suggests that there is a compromise position which reduces all the proposed extensions of hours by 30 minutes and places appropriate limitations on music played outside”*

8 MKC ELECTORAL REVIEW

It was agreed to reaffirm Sherington Parish Council’s wish to remain in a single councillor ward but also to submit reasons to support this request.

9 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)

The local NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) is interested in redeploying SIDs but the parish council questioned the overall effectiveness of the devices and therefore did not support the additional suggestion of having to source and contribute funding in order to install, manage and maintain them.

10 PUBLIC ACCESS DATABASE

Ward Cllr McLean reported that a new Public Access Database has been created at MKC so that the public can report, access and track any environmental issues raised. It is hoped that a demonstration will be available at the June NECAF meeting.

11 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd April 2013. The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 7th May in the Village Hall commencing at **7 pm**, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm.

Cllr David Hyde



SHERINGTON C OF E SCHOOL NEWS

Federated with St Andrew's C of E School

We waited anxiously to see the first frogs in our pond as harbingers of spring; they came on a lovely warm sunny Tuesday only to be frozen in by a cold snap. At the time of writing a snow flurry whirls around the school, ice covers the pond and we rediscover the need to remember hats, gloves and scarves for the walk to school and playtimes.

It was such a day that our Reception group walked to the playpark to investigate materials and structures; fairly easy to distinguish cold metal from wood or plastic and to appreciate the need for safety and caution on slippery surfaces. "It was a good walk in the cold sunshine." "Yes why is it cold and sunny at the same time?"

"It can be sunny and raining then you get a rainbow!" "Where's the rainbow?" Leaving the classroom for outdoor activities can multiply the opportunities for diverse learning.



99 out of 100 Pink fairies

Not to be out done by the search for 100 pink fairies the 'Moshi Club' sprung into existence to create 1000 mini-monsters for the greatest Sherington School hunt of all time (the photocopier might help $10 \times 100 + 1000!$). So far we have 50 + original and derivative designs. We'll keep you posted.

Anyone finding our remaining pink fairy is advised to give her a warm drink (dandelion nectar sweetened with daisy honey), a snack (iced party ring crumbs) and send her toward home. They definitely don't respond well to prolonged captivity.

Our **Child Reach** project linking us with Poonam's school in Nepal continues to develop with a Partnership Day alongside our sister school St Andrew's. A day of Literacy and creative activities were planned to allow our small cohorts to experience short and long community cohesion in a supportive environment.



Making a Spiders Web



Construction building winding up mechanisms

Mothers' Day was celebrated with cards, presents and a special assembly at which the children sung and recited heartfelt sentiments; smiles aplenty and a few moist eyes. We now look forward to Easter with bonnets and egg-rolling and the final arrival of Spring. We'll keep you posted on those frogs, fairies and monsters in our school grounds.

Colin R Storey
AST & Assistant Headteacher
Sherington CE School

If you have a child due to start school in September 2013 and would like to visit Sherington CE School to see us at work then please call or e-mail us.

01908-610470

sheringtonf@milton-keynes.gov.uk

www.sherington.org.uk



NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY:

*We will be joining in the
May Day celebrations
Monday 6th May,
11 am, The Knoll*

SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL NEWS MARCH 2013

We're delighted to say that all the new children have settled into our Pre-school routine and we continue to receive new enquiries. Places are fast being filled so, if you would like your child to attend Sherington Pre-school, please do register your interest using the contact details below.

Over the last few weeks the children have been very industrious indeed. Activities have included making delicious rock cakes which were enjoyed after a super healthy snack of baked beans with toast. We continue to offer a variety of fresh fruit and other healthy options at the snack bar and we ask that our parents consider contributing to this through our Wishing Tree scheme.

At the snack bar, children are heartily encouraged to choose what they prefer to eat and to pour their own drinks. This helps them become independent and assists in their physical development and coordination.

We are pleased to report that we recently had a visit from Miss Angela Lea of Sherington CE School. Miss Lea, who herself attended Sherington Pre-school in 1998, popped in to introduce herself to the children, join in the mornings activities and read them some stories. During the summer term, we intend to make plenty of visits to the local schools which will enable our older children to become accustomed to their new environments ready for a smooth transition to big school in September.

Our theme, 'Under the Sea' has been a huge success and has presented us with some wonderful new experiences for learning and discovery. Large wooden blocks have been turned into boats of different shapes and sizes. The story, 'Rainbow Fish' allowed the children to understand the importance of sharing and inspired creative work which subsequently developed into a beautiful collage now displayed in the hall. Children were encouraged to paint their hands in different colours and use the prints to make colourful rainbow fish. Lentils, sand and rice introduced them to textures similar to those of star fish and sea urchins. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring lovely bubbly water and playing with a variety sea creatures. The latter really helped to develop and expand their vocabulary and it was pleasing to discover that sharks are still everyones favourite!

For Mother's Day, the children created wonderfully individual art work by drawing pictures of their Mums. The children showed an abundance of

creativity and imagination and went into great detail, some drawing their Mums in a garden filled with beautiful flowers. The activity was observed to see how the child held the pen and in which hand. Such observations are an important part of the EYFS and serve to highlight and help us record each child's stage of Physical Development.

Upon return from the Easter holidays, we will venture out to Tom's Garden to prepare our buckets for planting. We plan to base our 3rd year of, 'Homegrown in Sherington' on the story, 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. This will be reinforced as our main theme for the first few weeks of term. We aim to develop many areas of the children's learning using this story so will be exploring; how the children react to a new learning environment, using elements of a new story to introduce children to new vocabulary, whether the children are able to handle gardening tools and encouraging them to make marks (e.g leave a letter or a picture for the Giant in the garden). This theme will further develop numeracy through counting, for example, how many beans we are planting. Importantly, we will be observing how the children show care and concern for the living things they may find in the garden such as worms, spiders or lady birds. They will also be exploring the colour and texture of different materials they experience in the garden.



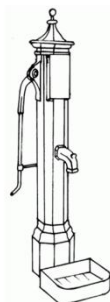
Finally, a huge thank you to all the marvellous egg-heads who supported our Sherington Easter Fundraising Quiz. More than 50 people took part as teams competed to win an egg-celent prize. A total of £383 was raised for Pre-school funds and the winning

team, 'The Olney Baloneys' looked very pleased to be awarded special chocolate medallions for their efforts. Thanks to everyone who took part and

made it a super evening all round. We hope to be planning similar events in the future so don't worry if you missed out this time.

Should you wish your child to start Pre-school at Sherington then look at our website at www.sherington.org.uk/preschool, telephone Jo Tough on 617685/07866409169 or call in to Sherington Village Hall, Church Road, Sherington any term-time morning Monday to Thursday between 9:15 and 12:15





**Sherington
Historical
Society**

presents

A musically illustrated talk

Crime Sex and Retribution in English Folk Song

Written by Steve Harrison

**Performed by Annie Dearman (voice) & Steve Harrison
(melodeon, mouth organ, banjo)**

Tuesday, 14th May 2013, 8.00 pm

Sherington Village Hall

**Entry fee – members £1.00, guests £2.50. Raffle,
refreshments**

**The show uses songs that were popular in England in the
19th Century to illustrate aspects of British social history**

- true histories of murder and mutiny;
- experiences of the penalty of transportation to the colonies;
- stories of slaving and piracy;
- stories of naval pressgangs and army desertion; and
- attitudes to true and false love and sex

The songs are linked by a commentary and visuals that explain the historical background to the songs and their sources in 'broadsides', ie cheap popular printed song sheets.

The show is not suitable for young children.



SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

web: <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs>

email: SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk

9th April: Members Meeting

Please come for a low key evening archiving and chat

8 pm

Village Hall.

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

4th April **In-House Meeting**

Pat and some of our members will share some funny stories and readings with us. Come and be amused!!

18th April **Garden Perennials and Autumn Colour**

Matt Peck from Alban Hill Nursery is returning to talk to us again. This time about Cottage Garden plants and how to achieve colour in our gardens during the Autumn months.

The New Thursday Group meets in Sherington Village Hall on the first and third Thursdays in each month at 8.00 pm, unless otherwise indicated. It is open to all ladies from the village and surrounding area and new members are always very welcome. There is a varied programme of talks by visiting speakers, outings and events throughout the year. If you would like more information please contact Julie Smith on 01908-615043 or, alternatively, just come along to the village hall for one of the meetings.

NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.

Our get together on the 20th March the first day of Spring, supposedly, it turned out to be like Ladies Day at Ascot. It was an open meeting so we all brought a hat along and in turn gave a short story on when and what occasion we wore it. We had a wonderful evening very lively and entertaining, we could write a book on our experiences so a big thank you to all concerned.

Teas were provided by Pat and Betty thank you, competition was won by Joan and raffles by Pam, Jessica and Barbara.

Lynda our President who had worked so hard getting us organised for the evening and proceeded to tell us about future events.

Ravenstone W.I. have invited us to their group meeting on April 11th at Weston Underwood the speaker will talk on the history of the gardens at Woburn Abbey.

Aylesbury W.I. will be holding a literary lunch on the 12th June the speaker will be Duncan McNair a well known author.

On Tuesday 21st May a coach will leave Stony Stratford to visit Royal Greenwich and the Cutty Sark see newsletter for details.

Our next meeting on April 17th will be a talk about our garden birds given by Mr G S Kingsworth from the R S P B. The competition will be a bird in any form (not live) so I hope you will be able to join us, you will be most welcome.

We send our best wishes to everyone who haven't been too well just lately and having a rough time. We are thinking of you and hope you will soon feel better .

JL

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