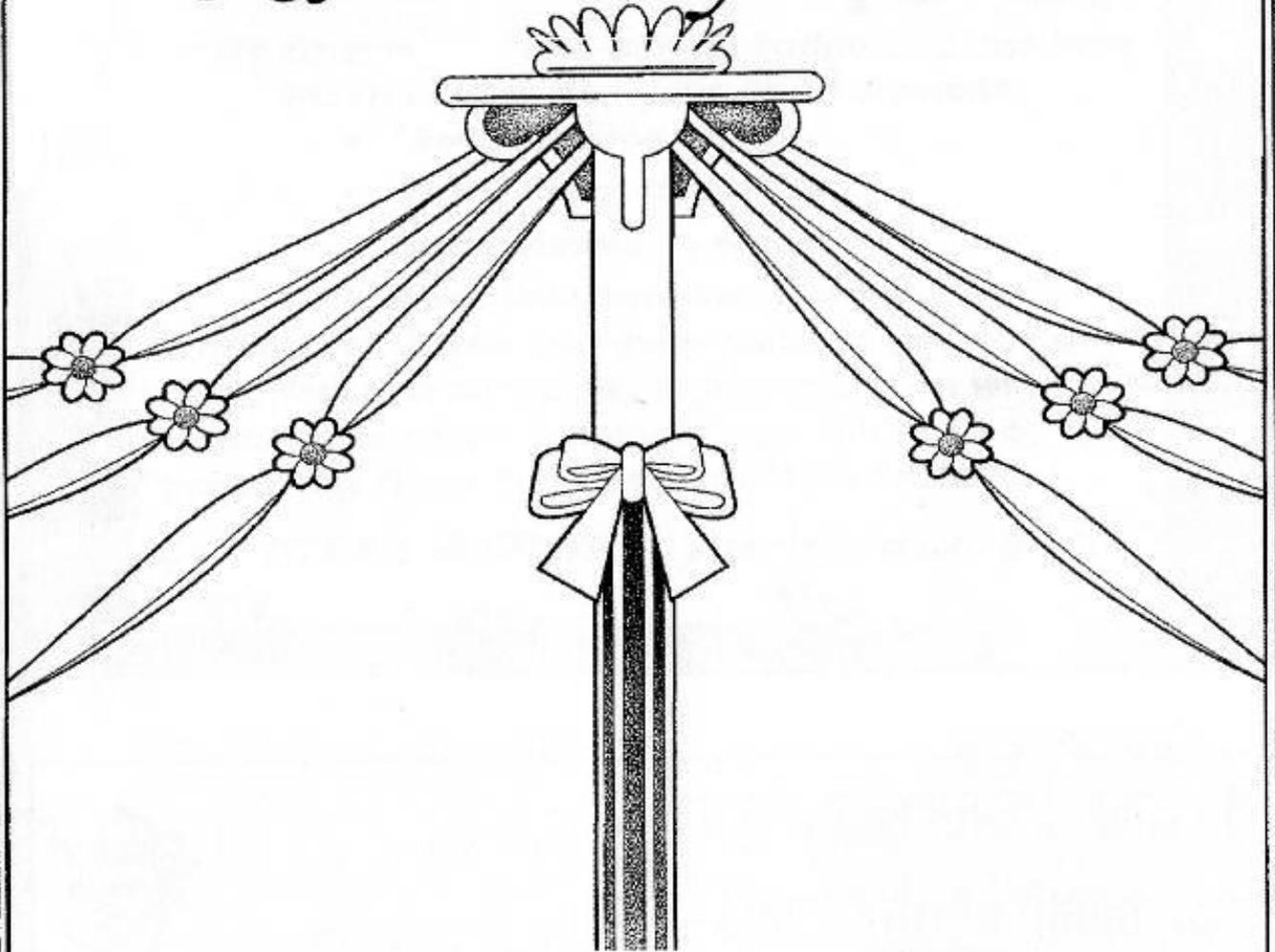


# SCAN May 2013



*All around the Maypole we will trot  
From the very bottom to the very top  
On the first of May.  
First come the buttercups  
Then come the daisies  
Then come the gentles  
Then come the ladies.*

OLD MAY DAY SONG  
'CATTERN CAKES AND LACE'

## SCAN 429 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY MAY 2013

<b>BROWNIES</b> – Every <b>MONDAY</b> term time, Sherington Pavilion - 5.30 – 7 pm - contact: KERRIE MAXWELL 07917610115 / 01908 60144 OR PATSY CLIFTON 01908 616009			
<b>FRIDAY AFTERNOON TEA</b> , St. Lauds, 2.30 – 4.45 pm: contact Paula 01908 216925 see page 22			
<b>SHERINGTON YOUTH CLUB</b> : 7 – 9 pm <b>Wednesday</b> Nights (term time) contact Jay: 07799005568			
<b>SHERINGTON FOLK WORKSHOP</b> : 8 – 10 pm Sherington V.H. - <b>2nd Thursday</b> of month – Liz 07941 403492			
<b>NORTH CRAWLEY BABY &amp; TOTS GROUP</b> , The Institute, <b>MONDAYS</b> 9.30-11.30 am (term time)			
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Cranfield Bridge Club meets 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 [hppt://www.cranbridge.org.uk](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.

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IAN COLLINGE:

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Editor*

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**Tim writes .....**

Here is a riddle. Can you name the day when fire fell upon thousands of people but nobody was burnt?

Imagine if you were living in a country under occupation and you had been following a leader that you hope would become king and overthrow the so called government and rescue you. Not an improbable possibility for those who remember the war or have come from war torn parts of the world to live in this country. Sadly that leader is tortured and killed by the occupying forces that see him as a threat to their own regime. Having publicly followed him you would hide away in the hope that you didn't follow the same fate.

Well this is exactly what happened 2000 years ago to the followers of Jesus. They had hoped he would overthrow the Roman occupation. Instead he met a grizzly end by being crucified on a cross. So his followers were hiding in an upper room when suddenly they heard a sound like a storm blowing. Then it seemed tongues of fire came down and rested on them. Suddenly they were no longer fearful and strange things began to happen. They began to speak in tongues – foreign languages they didn't understand, but the foreigners they were speaking too did. One of the group, Peter, instead of being afraid went outside to talk to the crowds. He told them that a prophet called Joel (who you can read about in the Old Testament), had said that in the last days God will pour his Spirit out on all people, sons and daughters will prophecy, amazing things will happen and all who called upon God's name will be saved.

He went on to tell the crowd that if they repented and were baptised, their sins would be forgiven, and they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. That day about 3000 received this gift of the Holy Spirit.

Today many people work long hours to get the things they want. Now there is nothing wrong with hard work; indeed the government seems to lavish praise on 'hard working families'. But it is easy to get caught in the rat race, always wanting a bigger house, a better car, or the latest gadget, or for some people inexplicably more shoes, many of which are hard to walk in!

Yet God is saying he will give the gift of his Holy Spirit to anyone who asks. This gift is God himself. Many of us have been brought up believing that God, if He exists at all, is a distant and indifferent God. The truth could not be more opposite. God loves us and wants to live in us, and pour the fire of His love in our hearts. We all have a hole in our lives to fill. It is a Holy Spirit shaped hole, and no money or alcohol or drugs or sex will ever fill it. But until we receive the fire of the Holy Spirit there will always be a cold part of us.

Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of Pentecost, where Christians celebrate the

outpouring of the Holy Spirit 2000 years ago. The great amazing and wonderful good news is that God has not stopped pouring the fire of his Spirit into our hearts. Whilst God will give us His Spirit when we are on our own, more often it helps to get together with others, just as the apostles were gathered in that Upper Room 2000 years ago. So this Pentecost, why not consider getting together with other people on a journey to receive this Holy Spirit.

In May, Scan Parish will be inviting people to meet together and explore the possibility of getting to know God better and receive His Holy Spirit. For details check out the SCAN website [www.scanparish.org.uk](http://www.scanparish.org.uk). You are warmly invited and if you would like to, do please come along, then you could join billions around the world who have experienced the fire of the Spirit without being burned.

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

*'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Messiah, then your sins will be forgiven and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'*

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013 Thomas Robert James Hagan was welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism at St Firmin's Church North Crawley.

Thomas may you grow to know, love and serve God in your life. God Bless you.

### 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 Eileen West. Funeral held at St Laud's Church Sherington on Tuesday 23rd April.

## REMINDER

Don't forget the Rogation Service at Manor Farm, 3.00 pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May. (With thanks to Michael and Grace.)

This service represents the 'other side' of Harvest, as we ask God's blessings on our farms and farmers, their crops and stock and our whole communities. There will be lambs to see and afternoon tea afterwards. So do put the date in your diaries and let Mandy or Pam know if you can provide a contribution for the tea.



On behalf of the Church in SCAN Parish, I would like to invite you to a series of six evening sessions where we will be exploring some basics of the Christian faith. We shall be watching various DVD clips from a course called Christianity Explored and looking at the story of Jesus as told in Mark's Gospel. This will be an opportunity to help you think about faith, to ask questions, and discover who Jesus is. We hope that these sessions will encourage you to reflect on Christianity, the Church and your own life.

**We will be meeting on the following Tuesday evenings: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at The Cock pub in North Crawley. Coffee and drinks will be available to buy and we aim to finish our sessions by 9.30pm. We hope very much that you will be able to come and that you will have a fun and informative time discovering more about God and yourself!**

If you would like to attend, or if you have any queries about the course, please contact me on 01908 610521 or e-mail me at [aj.marriott123@gmail.com](mailto:aj.marriott123@gmail.com)

Thank you  
Mandy Marriott.

## MAY SERVICES

### **5 May**

8.00am SCAN BCP Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley  
9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley  
3.00pm SCAN Rogation Service – Manor Farm Yard – Sherington  
(followed by tea)

### **9 May**

7.30pm Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion - Sherington

### **12 May**

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington  
11.00am Service of Holy Baptism – North Crawley  
6pm SCAN Evensong – Chicheley

### **19 May**

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington  
10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH – North Crawley School

### **26 May**

11 00am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley  
6.00pm SCAN Evensong – North Crawley

## JUNE SERVICES

### **2 June**

8.00am SCAN BCP Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley  
9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

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

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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***



**DATES OF CHURCH MEETINGS**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 8pm Sherington DCC at The Rectory Sherington**

**Thursday 16th May 7.30pm SCAN PCC at Chicheley Village Hall**



## Calling all Artists, Crafters and Makers



An exciting opportunity for local creatives to display your work at the Sherington Village Fete in June and compete to be included in a unique Local Crafts Calendar.



Submissions will be displayed at the Sherington Summer Fete, where visitors can vote to determine which pieces will be included in the calendar.

3-dimensional pieces receiving votes will be photographed for inclusion in the calendar, so whether you are a potter, woodcarver, knitter, photographer, painter or poet, ALL entries are welcome. Submission is £3, All proceeds to St Laud's Church

To register your interest in taking part and to receive submission guidelines, please contact; Chloe Adcock on:

07803 724 297 or MK 614 168, or email; [stlauds@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stlauds@hotmail.co.uk)

or pick up a form at Friday's Afternoon Tea at St.Laud's Church

Look out for details of how to purchase the calendar in future editions of SCAN magazine!

# ASTWOOD

Matthew Oates, a naturalist for the National Trust, said: 'There is a really good link between late springs and very good summers, and we are due, overdue, a very good summer.' Let's hang on to that thought!

While not exactly Mediterranean, the weather outside as I write this feels really life-affirming after a seemingly endless winter. We are told that the prolonged wet and then very cold weather may have caused bulbs to rot and die in the ground so perhaps next autumn would be a good time to replenish some of the lovely daffodils that line the entrance to the village?

After sourcing new plants for the village garden at a local nursery in arctic conditions (Kim and I were forced to reward ourselves with large pieces of cake!) there were fears that the tidy-up and planting session on 7 April would be a disaster but, for once, the sun shone, villagers came out in force and the village garden was transformed. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard and to John and Vicky for supplying sustenance in the form of bacon, sausage and egg rolls. Also to David H for buying the die-hards 99s from the ice cream van! We couldn't help thinking what a difference that many people could make to the mountain of work in our own garden, in just a couple of hours. Perhaps we should work our way round the village as a group on a rota basis .....?!! (If anyone has lost a pair of secateurs please call at Swan Cottage).

The new Astwood Book Club (ABC) is up and running, with an impressive 14 members. There was a lively discussion in the pub last night about our first book 'Before I Go to Sleep' by S J Watson, currently being made into a film.

The Monday evening Pilates class has been going for a few weeks now and the sessions have been enjoyed by all – although not necessarily the aching muscles on Tuesday morning! The class is now full but if anyone else wants to take part Helen Terry will put names on a waiting list, or even start another class if there is sufficient interest. Andrea from the School House, who has been working to promote the class, has had another idea:

"As a newcomer to the beautiful village of Astwood I was delighted when Helen Terry set up a Pilates course for beginners. No more getting in the car to drive to a lesson. The one hour class from 8pm on a Monday evening is a great way to start off the week.

Astwood Village Hall surprised me because I had not realised that there was such a pleasant hall so close by. At £7.50 for residents and £10 for non residents it is an under-utilized "jewel" in the local community with a seating capacity of up to 55. With this in mind I would like to organize a yoga course (maybe on a Wednesday?) Sabine Weber will be running yoga (Hatha) for beginners, so if anyone else is interested would you please email me: [andrea@edoneinvestments.com](mailto:andrea@edoneinvestments.com)"

We have been asked to mention that, in common with other SCAN villages, there is still an ongoing problem with dog poo being left at various points round the village. Everyone knows that the vast majority of local dog owners religiously carry appropriate bags with them so could the remainder do the same PLEASE.

The date of our summer event is fast approaching. Please come along to the barn dance on Saturday 1 June if you can. We have hired a good band with caller to play in the village marquee so the evening should be fun and there will be a welcome drink and lots of lovely food on offer – hopefully to be served in the village garden but, as the saying goes, if wet in the village hall! Please book as soon as possible so that we can work out numbers for catering. For contact numbers see the following advert.



**Cob and Pen**

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# **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**

**To book contact either:**

**Val and Dave Emsley    01234 391988**

**Kim Durden                01234 391066**

**David Hulance            01234 391247**

**Vanessa Wright         01234 391181**

**Justyna Wiklik            01234 391631**

**or email: [astwoodvillagehall@hotmail.com](mailto:astwoodvillagehall@hotmail.com)**

# C HICHELEY

To, I believe most people's relief, spring has finally arrived. The consequences of the extended cold, wet summer, autumn and winter are still visible with many fields still looking brown as the spring sown crops gradually start to appear. We planted a lot of daffodils many years ago and I think this is the latest they have ever flowered for us, but they have and it is a cheering sight. I am now looking forward to a pleasant spring period, my personal favourite time, and a warm summer. I hope not to be disappointed.

Not a lot of news from the village. As most of our villagers are aware, we have a few among us who are not well just now. I won't name any of them but let them be assured they are much in our thoughts and if they need assistance I'm sure they will know who to ask. Chicheley has always had a strong community spirit, perhaps because we are quite small, but it always needs to be worked at.

The recent Chicheley Parish Meeting was interesting. You will eventually see the minutes from that on the village website, but just a few pointers. Representatives from the Royal Society and De Vere Venues explained the new arrangements for managing and operating Chicheley Hall. Our local policeman gave an insight into the recent reorganisation of the policing for our rural communities, spoke about the crime statistics, speeding and other matters of interest. Various matters pertinent just to Chicheley were reported on by the Meeting chairman, Mr Robert Ruck Keene, and clerk, Ms Jo Parker, who were also re-elected for a further twelve months term of office.

The Quiz evening on April 6<sup>th</sup> was good fun. The questions were well varied testing our general knowledge. However one round gave most of us much food for thought as it required us correctly locating 49 European countries on a map in a short time. Only one person managed this, to genuine acclamation from the rest of us, well done Pierre. As usual we had an excellent spread of food. Thanks are in order for the organisers, we will look forward to the next one.

The SCAN churches' annual general meeting duly took place. The meeting elected churchwardens and members of the various committees' needed to run the parish. Reports were presented by the Revd Mandy Marriott and from the villages, together with details of the past years finances. You should find details of all these on the parish website.

**Chitchat** will be on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** from 10.30am until noon in the village hall. I am not aware of anything else planned for May in Chicheley, but please keep an eye on the notice boards in the village. The next planned event is a **French Evening at the home of Pierre and Christine Girard on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**, more details next month.

David

# **N**ORTH CRAWLEY NEWS AND COMMENT

**Bowls Club News.** This month's article starts with the subject of horses and horse riding. My own opinion as a 'townie', having only been in the village for just on 25 years and being repeatedly reminded that I don't qualify as a villager, is that I welcome all things rural including horses. It would also make me a happy person if people, dogs, cats, horses, and all God's creatures were given rights of ways over cars. It rattles me that cars get more consideration than people especially the good citizens of North Crawley, and implementing a 10 m.p.h. speed limit for cars in built up areas summarises my view on this matter. Anyway, getting back to horse riding itself, about which a number of comments have recently been made regarding an ongoing issue with riders using footpaths. Verges to the side of paths get churned up and the horses do what horses do, which in these currently wet and muddy times leaves a sticky and unsightly mess in the view of the complainants. According to the law as explained to me, horses are not allowed on the pavement and should use the road. As the police have now received complaints they may have to get involved, but prefer persuasion and common sense to prevail and for horse riders to change their behaviour. If this doesn't happen and the complaints persist, then prosecution would be the only route available and the riders, in the main children, would be in the firing line (no-one wants this). For me the most important issue in all of this is the safety of the children, so forcing children to ride on a busy road is also not the answer. Call me naive but why do horses need to go on roads when there is farm land and bridleways available to use. If the aim is to teach young people riding skills can't they learn off-road? If adults want to use the roads then so be it, as they appreciate the dangers. If the motive for taking youngsters out on the road is because 'we know our rights', then I hope everyone involved knows the dangers as well. If the motive is that going out on the road is an integral part of the learning process, then fine, but make sure that part is learnt at a sensible time in good light and light traffic, as I have received complaints about youngsters riding out in half-light and at the beginning of rush-hour. Surely some common sense and flexibility on the route taken should be dependent on the conditions prevalent at the time, which hopefully will result in a safe experience for all concerned.

This leads onto an associated topic regarding residential safety in the face of increasing volumes of traffic. I'm sure everyone is aware that there have been long and ongoing discussions about traffic calming for the village. Our biggest problem is that we are surrounded by large and growing populations all of whom try to find the shortest or quickest way to their workplace. To be fair this is what we all do, so it is pointless to moan about the individuals. However if we as a village believe it is a growing problem then we need to find a way to change people's behaviour, and the reality is that cars are allowed to use our village as a rat run to Cranfield, and some, not all by any means, ignore the current 30 m.p.h. speed limit so are a danger we all have to live with, until someone in high authority decides that perhaps more consideration should be given to

the safety of residents. Folly Lane is another concern for me as the road is only one vehicle wide in many places, so when two cars come from opposite directions, to avoid each other they have to go off-road, which has led to massive damage to the verges and sides of the road structure. With the Cranfield Business park growing, and plans for Cranfield to double in size over coming years the problem can only get worse. A number of people have suggested that the only real solution is to make Folly Lane residential access only and block the road somewhere before Hurst End Farm. The structures used to block the road, could perhaps be either bollards or a gate, both of which would allow horses, bikes and pedestrians to pass. Personally I am warming to this suggestion and wonder if the residents of Folly Lane would welcome this as a solution. Comments please.



### **Cricket Club news**

Just to repeat last months comment, 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.

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

The new season approaches and the club's 'Welcome Roll-up' is on Sunday 28th 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](mailto:sheila-hart@supanet.com))).

### **History Society**

On Friday 5 April a talk titled 'The Civil War' was presented by Julian Hunt, who for many years was in charge of the County museum at Aylesbury.

A slide show of portraits, many by Van Dyke, of the principal individuals involved on both sides of the conflict were shown, and details of their backgrounds and social standing were described. These were used to illustrate how the conflict split families and communities during the many battles that raged in the ensuing Civil War. Of local interest was the role of Newport Pagnell as

one of two garrison towns for the Parliamentarians in Buckinghamshire, the other being Aylesbury.

It was a riveting presentation, following which local author Richard Meredith aka Jack Reynolds, who has written a book titled "Newport Pagnell, Cromwell's Garrison Town", joined in a question and answer session with the audience.

For those wanting to know more about the Civil War and the role of Newport Pagnell, a small exhibition is currently being staged in the main public library in central Milton Keynes.

### **Coming events for your diaries.**

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**A Guided Walk around Historic Stony Stratford with Robert Ayer**

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

**September 2013 – Heritage Weekend Walk (date to be confirmed)**

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Visit with Guided Tour to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford**

*(Coach will be arranged if there are sufficient numbers.*

*Please let John or Chris now know if you are interested.)*

### **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 two walks are on **Sunday 26 May and 30 June**, both 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](mailto:hawkeye.scan@hotmail.co.uk)



Hawk-eye.

# NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MEETING NOTES.

**Author – Councillor Fred Flower**

The Council met on Tuesday 9 April 2013.

## Planning

1. An extension to 29 High Street received no adverse comments.
2. A two storey extension to the front of 16 Orchard Way, was discussed and comments made were that the building should be in line with neighbouring houses, and the bricks used should be a good match to the existing structure.
3. No adverse comments made regarding necessary restorative work to Church Farm.
4. An appeal is underway in support of a change of use order for the shop at 25 High St. Unless there is a body of villagers formed to support the restoration and running of the shop, it will go.

**Gas supply to the village** - There doesn't appear to be an up-swell of support for this project so it will be removed from the agenda. Thanks go to Roz Hatton for all the hard work in chasing the gas board and establishing the financial details involved in getting gas piped into the village.

**Trees** - Contractors recently turned up in Nixy's walk to undertake an agreed body of work on a number of trees. They clearly didn't complete the task as agreed. A new team will be sent out to complete the job to the satisfaction of the Parish Council before any payment is made.

**Flooding / Drains** - Agreement to dig a new drain across farmland to take excess water away from the recreation ground and adjacent housing is close to being finalized. It has been slightly complicated by the regulations that Councils have to work within and, on the other hand, the urgent need to get the job done, but it seems a satisfactory way to proceed has been found,

**NAG** - PC Andy Perry informed those gathered that he has responsibility for a very large rural including Olney. However North Crawley appears to have a low crime rate with only 13 offences recorded for the 12 months April 2012 to March 2013. Some of these offences were credit card fraud, so were not crimes actually committed in the village. We fare very well when compared to other communities of similar size, so just need to remain vigilant and ensure we lock our houses securely as 4 burglaries have taken place.

**Horses using Pavements** - The ongoing issue of horses using pavements has again been reported to the Parish Council and other authorities. The law covering this issue is as follows:-

**Section 72 of the Highways Act 1835 states that a person is guilty of an offence if they wilfully ride an animal upon a footpath or causeway by the side of a road, made or set apart for the use or accommodation of foot passengers.**

It is hoped that all parties will join in a consultative approach in respect of this issue, as this law would apply to the riders (ie. mainly children).

## **Finance.**

The Finance Officer reported that the Parish Council finances were still in good shape. The renewal of the annual insurance premium covering village assets, was quoted at £1,011.89, less than last year, and was agreed.

Other payments included an additional £1,000 of support money for the IMC, as the Institute is in need of urgent repairs to the roof. The Church will also receive a sum of £500 in support of its clock restoration fund.

**Parish Councillor Contact.**

Please attend the Parish Council meetings to have your say, or send your comments through the Clerk via email address: [patclerkncpc@btinternet.com](mailto:patclerkncpc@btinternet.com)

The above advice is the best route to follow in most cases and ensures that points are formally recorded, but of course if there is a real emergency that can't wait, contact your councillors by whatever means possible.

**Date and time of next meeting:**

The next Parish Council meeting is in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 pm. for the AGM followed by the First Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served between the meetings.

Annual Fete planning meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May,  
7.30 pm in St Firmins Church.

We are always looking for new ideas and people to help; if you feel you could contribute in any way please feel free to come along, or call Malcolm Rose on  
01234 391785

## **News from North Crawley Church of England School**



Ouse Valley Partnership

North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE F

*'Together in Learning - Sharing Excellence and E*



The children of North Crawley Church of England School have had another very busy month! As part of our very own 'Christian Reflection Week' the children invited some special visitors to school. Bridgebuilder Trust worker, Geoff Morris, sang some songs with the children and they all created a small figure of themselves saying a small prayer for someone special and displayed them onto a large parasol. The Christian Reflection Week concluded with a special assembly when all the children wrote a thought or prayer on a card and placed it with a small battery operated tea light candle. Some of the thoughts were: "I am grateful for clean water" "Let us pray for people that don't have water" "Let us pray for all our food and all the nice treats we have" - wonderful thoughts and prayers from such small children.

During this special week of thinking about others, the children also celebrated 'Comic Relief' in the usual way of wearing as much red as possible. The children brought in a cash donation and some food for the MK Food Bank. The school was overwhelmed by the generosity of the parents and the children had many trips up Church Walk to Mr Freeman's cottage to deliver all the bags of food. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Other highlights of the month included a visit from Olney tennis coach Nigel Willard who came into school to talk to the children about learning how to play tennis. He kindly presented all the children with a foam tennis ball to practice with and develop many cool skills which will be used at the after school tennis club which he is hoping to run.

At the end of the term the children had an Easter bonnet parade. As always the children and parents had made an incredible effort and the bonnets were of a magnificent standard. The children also enjoyed singing their favourite song of the year to the parents about spring chickens. Well done to everyone.



The Friends of the School organised an end of term disco for the children on the last day of term which the children thoroughly enjoyed and they would like to say a big 'thank you' to the committee and their helpers for such a fabulous event.

Come and see for yourself the small class sizes, the caring and nurturing environment and the inspirational learning which takes place.

Telephone **01234 391282** for more information, a prospectus or to make an appointment to view the school.

# Nu 2 U sale

When? **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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

**Open Day**  
**Sunday 12 May 2013**  
**at the Bowls Club, High Street, North Crawley**  
**2.30pm - 5.30pm**

when visitors of all ages are welcome to come and see and use our facilities, to meet our members and, if new to the game, try their hand at bowling. Stop wondering if bowling is for you and come and try out your skills. The only requirement is a pair of flat soled shoes. **We are particularly looking for new members from North Crawley Village and surrounding local areas.**

**For further information about the Open Day, please contact either**

Sheila Hart (01234 750221)

or

John Clifford (01234 391551)

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## **St Firmins Church, North Crawley**

At the beginning of last year the interior of the church had become to look rather unloved and uncared for. Since then all those on the cleaning and flower rotas have been doing a great deal to improve things. The church is much cleaner and the fresh flowers are a welcome sight at all times. The church council are most grateful to all of you who help in this way. They also do not forget those who open and close the church each day and make the building available to all to enjoy and for private worship.

Thank you very much to each one of you.

Kind regards, Nick Freeman

## **NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.**

Our meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> April (and it's getting warmer, I think spring has really sprung), was opened by our president Lynda Barber. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Ella.

Lynda thanked all who helped at the table top sale on Easter Monday, it was a huge success, quite a nice social event to bring friends and neighbours together.

We have been invited to an outdoor painting session with local artist Julian Renouf in July and also a day out at the W.F.W.I. headquarters it should be very interesting, there is also a fruitcake competition so all you bakers start mixing, details are in the March news letter.

Doreen is taking orders for Diaries and calendar for 2014. Yes, I know, who wants to think about Christmas!

Our outing to Jeyes Museum in Earls Barton on the 19<sup>th</sup> June has now been finalised, everyone should have details, so we can look forward to a great day out.

Our speaker of the evening was Mr G Kingsnorth from the RSPCA whose passion for our native birds shone through, he brought some wonderful slides of our garden birds and explained how we must not neglect looking after and protecting them. A vote of thanks was given by Barbara Jackson.

Teas were provided by Jan and Pam, thank you. Competition was won by Anne Larr, well done and the raffle winners were Jan, Mary and Daphne.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> it will be our Birthday celebration when we will have a beetle drive, the competition on the night will be any insect or animal made out of a vegetable what a challenge. Why not come along and join us, 7.30 pm on Wednesday give us a try, you will be most welcome.

JL



## Mailbag and Announcements



### TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS



7 <sup>th</sup> May	Pam Ellis, 3 Hillview
14 <sup>th</sup> May	to be arranged
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Doris Stephens, 1a Church Road
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Ella Field, 4 Park Road

*Barbara and Ro Smith would like to say  
a **BIG THANK YOU** to all our family and friends  
for their support and help since Barbara fell and broke her wrist.*

**WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT FAMILY AND FRIENDS?**

### *PETER'S BENCH*



Sally, Jack, Katie and Annie Cook are delighted to give a beautiful European Oak bench to the village in memory of devoted husband and father Peter Cook who sadly died in March 2011. Peter was a wonderful asset to Sherington with his acts of kindness and great sense of humour being remembered by many. He was a much loved and valued friend and member of Sherington Parish Council for several years, contributing considerably from his experience and knowledge of farming and local affairs.

The installation of the bench marks the second anniversary of Peter's untimely passing; and you are all warmly invited to take a moment now and then from your hectic lives, sit down on 'Peter's bench' and pause for some quiet reflection on what is important in life.

**Mrs. Eileen West passed away on her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday, 11th April 2013 in Milton Keynes Hospital.**

*Our condolences are sent to Vivienne, Paul, Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren and all the family.*

With her husband Albert, Eileen was a devoted supporter of Sherington Village Hall, serving for many years on the Management Committee and organising numerous functions to fund the building of the first extension.

She was a member of the W.I., the New Thursday Group, Sherington Historical Society and loved her garden and flower arranging. In her latter years Eileen became an enthusiastic short mat bowls player. She and Albert were founder members of the Sherington Club and derived great enjoyment from the sport and the companionship of a very sociable group.

*Eileen was a good friend and neighbour for over forty years and will be much missed.*

Betty – Editor



## *Margaret Hue*

April 25<sup>th</sup> 1931 – March 24<sup>th</sup> 2013



It is with great sadness that I must tell you of the sudden passing away of my lovely friend, Margaret, from North Crawley. She ended her days in a care home in Bletchley. She loved and missed her late husband, Quhn, so much and longed for the day to be reunited with him. It's comforting to know they are back together again.

I loved Margaret for her fantastic sense of humour, loving heart and for calling a spade a spade! She adored her family; had a passion for watching boxing on TV; delighted in cooking Jamaican food; loved a game of Bingo with her friends in North Crawley and relished a ride out in the car for lunch or afternoon tea (which we enjoyed together as often as we could!).

Her funeral was in Surrey on April 10<sup>th</sup> where her mother and sister were laid to rest.

I will remember her for ending every conversation with “... and apart from that, everything is good!” This was no matter how bad things had got. She was my ‘glass is half full’, wonderful friend and I will miss her very much.

*Paula Noble*



## MAUNDY THURSDAY PRESENTATION

This year’s Maundy Thursday Service, which took place at Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford, included candidates from Newport Pagnell Deanery and one of those was from Sherington, in the person of Mrs Evelyn Goss of Griggs Orchard.

Very much a local person and a member of the Burgess family, it is fitting that Evelyn was presented before Her Majesty the Queen to receive the Maundy Money and an appreciation of her service to the community. Faithful Church Worker, Samaritan Member and Willen Hospice Volunteer are part of Evelyn’s regular community service, all of which were recognised in the Maundy accolade.

That SCAN Parish was represented by Evelyn Goss was a privilege indeed. It was her Majesty’s first visit to Oxford Cathedral in her over sixty years reign and we could not have done better than ask Evelyn Goss to represent Sherington at such an outstanding royal event.

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Spring has sprung!

On 9<sup>th</sup> April our garden pond was full of frogs (stopped counting at 26!) and the spawn soon appeared.

Our regular pair of visiting ducks was happily taking their daily wander round the garden after enjoying a paddle and the pheasant was showing off his beautiful plumage. What a restorative after the long, cold winter.

Editor.

## **CONGRATULATIONS to Helen Braid of Perry Lane, Sherington**

Helen is nearing the end of her 3 year degree course in Midwifery. As well as being a busy Mother of three boys and completing a 2 year access course before embarking on her degree, Helen has found time to write an essay entitled 'What Midwifery Means to Me..'. alongside completing her final dissertation. After submitting the essay to STUDENT WIVESNET she has been declared the winner of the SMNET MIDWIFERY Elective Scholarship sponsored by Women and Children Tanzania [www.womenandchildrentansania.com](http://www.womenandchildrentansania.com).

She is being sent off on the opportunity of a lifetime to Tanzania for 2 weeks to undertake a midwifery placement in both a local hospital and out in the Arusha region of Northern Tanzania. There will be a one week placement in the local hospital labour ward, mentored by the midwifery sister and the obstetric head of department. Three days/two nights spent in a rural Maasai village around 50km from Arusha, staying in an authentic Maasai hut and working in the healthcare facility observing/assisting with antenatal care, women's health, baby weighing and vaccinating etc., plus, supporting delivering babies. A further two days will be spent in antenatal clinics in Arusha.

In addition:

- Her essay will be published on SMNET and in The Practising Midwife Magazine.
- The blog of her experience in Tanzania will then be transformed into a downloadable SMNET e-book and put in the SMNET shop – proceeds from the e-book go the placement Hospital in Arusha, Tanzania.
- She will take a copy of the African/International edition of Myles' Textbook for Midwives to donate to her placement hospital kindly provided by ELSEVIER.
- A donation of \$250 will be given to the hospital for essential resources – made on her behalf. She will be provided with a handheld video camera to record pictures for her e-book and video of the trip.

SMNET is an education based community supporting student midwives and those thinking about a career in midwifery.

### **FINAL REQUEST: 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](mailto:kay@cartersclose.co.uk)**

**THANK YOU**





## **THUMBSTICKS - SUNDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> 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



## **THUMBSTICKS - 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN JUNE – ROWLEY WOOD, 09:30 AT THE KNOLL**

For those who have not previously been invited to Hartwell with Philip Smith, June's walk affords a rare insight into the management and conservation of a small privately owned wood. New visitors with just a little sense of adventure could be surprised by what is to be found high in the trees. This short (possibly narrated) woodland journey meanders through a lifetime and is to be enjoyed by the whole family. No dogs please as there are generally sheep in the fields nearby and this is private land.  
Tony & Madeleine.

## **DISPLAY OF INTERESTING VEHICLES AT SHERINGTON FETE**



**Do you live in the SCAN group of parishes?  
Do you own an OLD, POSSIBLY VINTAGE, OR  
INTERESTING VEHICLE?**

(This to include Push Bike, Motor Cycle, Car,  
Military/Civic /Utility vehicle, Tractor or Stationary Engine)

**Would you be prepared to bring it to the Sherington Fête (June  
22nd) for others to view?**

Your vehicle would form part of a supervised "ROPED OFF" display area where hosted viewing only would be offered. Thus your cherished possession should be relatively safe from knob twiddlers!

**Please contact; Tony Pilcher on 07860 370558**

**email [t123ajp@btopenworld.co.uk](mailto:t123ajp@btopenworld.co.uk)**

if you can offer a display exhibit and especially if you are prepared to give one hour to act as host / chaperone for this area during the afternoon.

**SHERINGTON VILLAGE FETE 2013**  
**at the SPORTS FIELD, Perry Lane**

**22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 - 12:00-5:30**



**We Need You**

The Pavilion Management Group are hosting this years Fete on the date above for the whole community to enjoy.

The continuing idea of the fete is to foster the community spirit and to simply organize a fun event for the people of the village. Any money raised will be donated to good causes and organisations within the village and local area.

We have already organised some great entertainment, activities, competitions, food and stalls for the day.

What we do need though, is you to get involved whether it's running a stall, giving up some of your time during the day to help out or just attending and taking part.

We had a brilliant time in 2011 and want to repeat and enhance the experience.

**We are having a meeting on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Sports Pavilion at 11:00 for all those still interested in joining us in progressing the idea further. 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**

**[jeffrey\\_charles@sky.com](mailto:jeffrey_charles@sky.com)**

Activities so far: Birds of Prey, Alpacas, family sports races, French Café, Curry tasting, Craft Stalls, Grand Prize draw, Bouncy castle, Games zone, Archery (TBC), Vintage cars, various stalls, locally produced ice-cream sales, local folk group, dunking chair, afternoon tea area, historical society and the Great Village Crafts competition (see advert elsewhere in SCAN).

*HOLD THE DATE! - SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE*

*FOR THE SHERINGTON SUMMER CONCERT*

*With the Newport Pagnell Singers...*

**THE SCAN TEAM SEND MANY THANKS FOR**

*Donations this month from*

- ☺ Two ladies in Newport Pagnell
- ☺ A Hardmead Church Treasurer



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# MKPA RURAL PLAY PROJECT

*We're back in Sherington*

**FREE ACTIVITIES IN SHERINGTON  
FOR 4-19 YEAR OLDS!**

**Milton Keynes Play Association is thrilled to announce that Sherington Parish Council has kindly agreed to fund another Rural Play Ranger Project in your area.**

Activities will take place on **Thursday afternoons at 3.30pm, for 16 weeks, term time only**

on the play area by Sherington Village Hall - whatever the weather.

**Activities commence on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

Look out for our big shiny blue van!

**For further information, call MKPA on: (01908) 263033**

**Or e-mail [steve@mkpa.co.uk](mailto:steve@mkpa.co.uk)**



## **Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw**

It looks as if we might finally have come to the end of a long cold and wet winter. As I write the temperature is up in the low 50s (around 11 C) and whilst there is a strong wind it is at least coming from the south so is relatively warm. At last it has been possible to do some digging of the veg patch and we can think about getting some seeds in, albeit later than normal. However, I have got some carrots, spuds and radish in the polytunnel and the radishes showed signs of growing after only a week, let's hope that the other produce follow that example! Next to think about planting some stuff outside if we are confident that we have seen the last of the frosts.

I mentioned seeing a kite last month and on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April I was talking to our neighbours Carole and Ray Rowan across the garden fence when I looked up and saw another (or perhaps the same) kite much lower than the previous one. This was also being attacked but this time I could see surprisingly that the assailants were a couple of crows which were quite a bit smaller than the kite but presumably they saw it as a threat and were unaware that kites only eat dead meat, they would not attack a live bird with a view to eating it. The next day I

again looked into the air and saw a single swallow (or house martin). Now as we all know one swallow does not a summer make but it is at least a hopeful sign. This is the earliest that I have seen a swallow down this end of the village but I know that they tend to arrive early at the top end of Sherington. We have also spotted the pheasant again a couple of times so it would appear to have taken up residence here permanently.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> the popular annual Twinning Association Big Quiz took place in the village hall. As usual it was well attended with some 80 participants who also partook of the traditional fish and chip supper. The quiz master was up to his normal high standard although a little hampered by the failure of his laptop computer so there was a lack of the graphics that we generally expect to see. This did not detract from the evening though and everyone enjoyed the event.

Word has it that Michael Cook became an octogenarian on March 30<sup>th</sup>, congratulations Michael and long may you continue.

No-one can have missed seeing the large (in number and in size) potholes around our roads. A number of residents have been in touch with the council to make complaint but they have been very slow to respond. Eventually though on April 9<sup>th</sup> I saw a man in a high vis yellow jacket coming down the road marking the worst of the potholes with white spray paint and the following day a gang of workmen came along to dig them out and make good. They have not done them all though so unfortunately I expect to see some of the smaller missed holes become larger before too long. There is also no sign of anything being done about the kerbs where in many places the stones have collapsed causing the pavements to deteriorate quite badly in places like where the bus stops on The Knoll heading for Newport Pagnell.

The only road in the village which does not seem to have suffered with pot holes is the High Street but on April 15<sup>th</sup> a number of men and machines arrived to plane off and re-surface about 150 yards of it. In their wisdom they decided to divert traffic via Gun Lane and Church Road rather than via the A509 as had been projected and this led to some problems for larger vehicles like the buses. They completed the work efficiently and quickly though and were finished by around 3 the following day so disruption was kept to a minimum. I'm still mystified though as to why the work was considered necessary.

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

## **THUMBSTICK WALK**

The first Sunday in April saw the thumbsticks out on a beautiful bright sunny morning. Still a chill in the air however and quite a bit of drifted snow sitting in the ditches around Stoke Goldington, where our walk was centered. Our perambulations took in views across the fields and valleys beyond the Church which sits almost on the village boundary as it is now and hiding just a short distance up Purse Lane. We followed parts of (two) walks recorded recently in the Olney Phonebox by Graham; about 4.5 miles in all and on excellent trackways with just a few undulations. A clear line of sight toward Hanslope tower across the M1 and in the other direction the edge of Salcey Forest at our furthest point. But the stiles were in such abundance that we started giving "Strictly (come dancing)" marks to those who made best efforts to get over in one toward the end! Next walk is the first Sunday in May. 9:30 at the Knoll.

Jack Sparrow



## **SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL APRIL 2013**

### **1 COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

Three people have expressed an interest in this vacancy. It was decided to set a deadline for applications of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

### **2 PARKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES PROPOSALS**

Cllr Denman put forward two proposals to alleviate parking issues on Perry Lane. 1) to re-open the recreation ground car park to residents at night, 2) to cut back the grass verges either side of the entrance to Hillview. Councillors will also consider at the May meeting the idea of giving a key to the gate to designated residents. Matched funding of 50% is available from MKC and it was agreed to get drawings and an idea of costs for the May meeting.

### **3 SHERINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP**

The Shopco AGM will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> April; Udi and Dina will talk about the past year of business and the committee will present a draft of the past year's accounts.

Cllr Keene will look into whether the planning consent for the permanent building will need to be extended.

#### **4 NEW BENCH OPPOSITE MANOR FARM**

The family of the late Cllr Peter Cook has installed a new wooden bench complete with plaque in his name opposite Manor Farm. The bench has been gifted to the parish council. Cllr Keene thanked Sally Cook and her family and took a moment to remember Peter.

#### **5 DOG FOULING**

The dog warden was unable to attend the meeting but has visited the village on a number of occasions. It was agreed to invite him to attend a future meeting to give his advice on this issue.

#### **6 VILLAGE FETE DONATION**

Councillors agreed to make a donation of £300 towards the expenses for this year's fete.

#### **7 TREE MAINTENANCE**

Councillors accepted a quotation of £375 per day (maximum two days' work) to carry out recommended tree maintenance in the Village Hall area and on the Knoll. It was noted that the pre-school have asked for the horse chestnut in the pre-school play area to be removed.

#### **8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS**

**22 Crofts End – Single storey rear extension and internal alterations to staircase and dining room (retrospective).** There were no adverse comments.  
**Decisions.** None.

#### **9 SHERINGTON SPORTS GROUND**

**Pavilion Management Group** Cllr Ager reported that bookings are doing well.

**Lighting in the pavilion car park** Councillors are considering two proposals for improving lighting in the car park behind the pavilion; 1) low level lighting 2) additional wall lighting.

#### **10 No 1 BUS ON SUNDAYS**

Councillors expressed concern that the No 1 Bus on Sundays is being discontinued.

#### **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

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. The next normal meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde



## Sherington Church of England School News

The Easter break worked its magic; after healthy doses of chocolate children and staff returned refreshed and ready to begin the summer term. With the relative thaw in temperatures our frog population returned to the pond and spawned in short order. Off set against a backdrop of different daffodil varieties that formed the subject of our initial art and science work. *Where did they all come from?* Describing domestication and the work of Charles Darwin in explaining (simply) variation amongst species seemed to satisfy most.

Clubs also blossomed around the school. That hardy perennial, *Recorder Club*, started with the ever spring like Lydia. We hosted a training session for *Energy Club* an initiative to help children stay fit and healthy in a fun way. Parents and staff will use this



experience in extra-curricula ways enhance our provision.

Gardening Club re-emerged from hibernation to catch up with planting in the veg beds and starting our pumpkins and salads in seed modules indoors.



And of course it wouldn't be spring without the cheerful tones of Maypole music being heard between gusty showers and the always cheerful exhortations of Mrs Betty Feasey reminding us all of the correct steps. *How does Mrs Feasey remember all this, Mr Storey? Lets ask her shall we Nell? Probably because I've been doing this for 36 years! 36 years, WOW!* We hope to see you on the Knoll on May Day.

The star of this first very busy week was however an enduring classic. Mr Jim Fleming kindly brought his 1961 Bentley for the children to study as part of their *Vehicles* topic with student Mr Simon Spillings. We all marvelled at the well maintained luxury of the car and at how many advanced features it had for its time and design. Children then went on to make designs for their own constructions.



Colin R Storey  
AST & Assistant Headteacher  
Sherington CE School

Footnote; Fairies doing well and Moshis in production. CS

*If you have a child due to start school in September 2013, or later, and would like to discuss or change your current school placement please call or e-mail us to arrange a visit.*

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**WE ARE PLEASED TO  
ANNOUNCE THAT THE DEPUTY  
MAYOR OF MILTON KEYNES,  
Cllr BRIAN WHITE HAS AGREED  
TO ATTEND THE MAYPOLE  
CELEBRATIONS ON THE KNOLL  
ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 11 A.M.**



## SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL NEWS APRIL 2013.

As mentioned in our most recent news bulletin, we were delighted when Miss Lea from Sherington CE School paid us a visit towards the close of last term. During the same week, Mrs Ramsden and Mr Storey, also from Sherington CE School, popped in to play and share a book with the children.

As we return from the Easter holidays, it will be the last term at Pre-school for a group of our children who will move on to their Primary Schools in September. As such, each child's key worker has been busy preparing the progress reports which are required by Ofsted. The reports provide an overview of each of the seven areas of learning and give evidence of the child's preferred learning style.

As the end of the academic year comes in to focus, visits to Sherington CE School for our leavers will take place on the afternoons of Friday 3rd and 17th May. We look forward to helping all our children make a smooth transition to their chosen Primary School.

Back to the day of Mrs Ramsden's visit, the children were busy making special dinosaur-shaped jam sandwiches and preparing an accompaniment of grapes, baby tomatoes, carrots and peppers.

Once preparations were complete, the children carefully laid all the components out on a tray to make a very delicious and colourful food collage. All the children enjoyed their snack a little more that day and some even asked for seconds.



We were also very industrious in making a Dinosaur themed artwork for which the children contributed paint hand prints in earthy colours for the back ground, then leaf-shapes and trees to develop the overall picture. The finishing touch was a large Dinosaur. The children participated in the story, 'Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs'

and playing an array of dino-themed games. Thank you to Mr Storey for loaning us the Sherington CE School Dinosaur herd.

As the late cold snap continued, our large indoor climbing frame provided an exciting diversion and wonderful addition to the children's physical activities. Some of the newest children had not seen it before and the novelty meant they climbed and slid most of the morning.

As the weather becomes warmer, we have an abundance of exciting projects to develop in Tom's Garden. Due to the prolonged cold spell, our chitted potatoes have not yet been planted but we will ensure they find their way to the big black buckets on Tom's patio. In the meantime, the children have created pictures of the potatoes to be laminated and used to label the buckets.



If you have any spare small, plastic flower pots we would be very grateful if you would consider donating them to Pre-school so each child can grow a bean and a sunflower during the early part of the summer term. Just pop them round to the village hall any morning we are in session. We thank you for your support and look forward to updating you on our progress.

We celebrated Easter by sending the children on a chocolate hunt in the secure Pre-school outdoor play area. Each child was charged with locating two chocolate bunnies and a hard-boiled egg to use later in our egg rolling game. All the children designed an Easter card for their families some using shiny paper and Easter themed stickers. Clearly inspired by our recent dinosaur theme, one or two cards even showed baby dinosaurs emerging from a cracked Easter egg. At snack time on our last day of term, the children enjoyed hot cross buns with a healthy option of sliced apple.

A busy term lies ahead so should you wish your child to start Pre-school at Sherington Village then do look at our website at [www.sherington.org.uk/preschool](http://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.

## **THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP**

2<sup>nd</sup> May

### **The Linus Project**

Joan Mason is going to tell us about the Children's Charity, "Linus" where donated quilts are given to traumatised or terminally ill children.

16<sup>th</sup> May

### **Dressing for Success**

Josephine Thomson is a personal shopper and colour consultant. She will be offering help and advice on how to look your best.

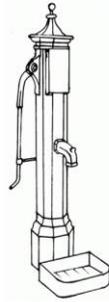
6<sup>th</sup> June

### **Wrest Park [Open Meeting]**

Wrest Park at Silsoe has undergone a major renovation in the last few years. Corinne Price will tell us all about it.

***Gentlemen are welcome to attend this meeting.***

*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.*



## **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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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  
19<sup>th</sup> 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

### ***Do you have a favourite recipe?***

*Perhaps it is one that has been handed down in the family or a dish that has special memories for you? Would you be happy to share it with friends and neighbours?*

*It can be cake, pudding, starters, main meal, snack, etc. If there is a story/photograph to accompany the recipe, so much the better.*

*Sherington Historical Society is planning a stall for **Sherington Village Fête** and would love to receive all your contributions. It would be great if we had enough to make a booklet to issue after the fête.*

***Overleaf there is a page for you to complete and pop through the letter box of any committee member i.e.***

*Knoll Cottage*

*23 Carters Close*

*Yew Tree Farm*

*13 School Lane*

*20 Crofts End*

*1 Church Road*

*OR*

*Email [betty.feasey@btinternet.com](mailto:betty.feasey@btinternet.com)*

**Don't forget: SHERINGTON VILLAGE FETE 2013**  
**at the SPORTS FIELD, Perry Lane**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 - 12:00-5:30**

MY FAVOURITE RECIPE .....

