

Drovers and Ancient Routes of the Area
Sherington Historical Society – 8th October 2013

SCAN
OCTOBER 2013

SCAN 434 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY OCTOBER 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, The Pavilion, Perry Lane, 2.30 – 4.45 pm: contact Paula 01908 216925

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)

SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB: Monday 2 – 4 pm and Friday 7 – 9 pm contact Sheila 211153 or Bob 01234391436

MEETING OF THOROUGHLY MODERN MOTHERS, The Pavilion, each Monday term time, 9.30 – 11.30 am, contact Caroline 07876211071 see p. 38

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19	Chicheley Harvest Supper – Village Hall	-----	10
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12	Sherington Historical Society, Village Hall	8 pm	37
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24	North Crawley Village Walk, meet Institute	10 am	12
DEC 3	Emberton & District Flower Club Christmas Demonstration	7.30 pm	28
8	Café Church, Advent Workshop, St. Lauds	2 – 4 pm	6

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.

September Scan Newsletter

I wonder what the most embarrassing thing is you have ever done? I once had a second job interview. It was up in Liverpool and at the time I lived in St. Albans. I had to get an early morning train from Watford so decided to stay overnight at my friend's house as he lived near the station. I rose early in the morning, put on my smart shirt and suit, only to discover I had forgotten my smart shoes and tie. My friend didn't possess a tie but I managed to borrow one from his neighbour. The shoes were a different matter. I have size 13 feet so borrowing any was out of the question. The evening before, I had arrived wearing a pair of old plimsolls with a hole in the toe. So I set off for my interview with a smart suit, a slightly mis-matched tie, and old plimsolls. The train was full of commuters in sharp suits reading their newspapers. Occasionally an eye would appear over a newspaper and peer down at my feet. It was a long train journey, and the train was delayed by a bomb scare, so by the time I arrived in Liverpool I had totally forgotten about my shoes.

I was met at the station and taken into the board room to meet the directors. The Managing Director stood up shook my hand and said 'Did you run here?' I looked at him puzzled and said 'Of course not – your staff met me at the station and drove me here!' He then looked down at my feet, and I wanted the ground to open up and swallow me. It got worse though when he asked why I wasn't wearing shoes. 'I forgot my shoes!' was my truthful answer. Needless to say I didn't get the job, and I never applied for a job with that company again.

Sometimes we can feel the same way about God. Maybe we knew God when we were younger, and maybe even went to church. Then as we get older we do things we think God wouldn't approve of and so we become ashamed to talk to God or go back to church. Well the Good News is, there is nothing that you or I have done that God hasn't seen before, and there is nothing that you or I have done that he won't forgive. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans says:

Blessed and happy and to be envied are those whose sins are forgiven and covered up and completely buried (Rom 4.7 Amp).

There are many types of church today. Some are traditional, others have modern worship, some are quiet, and others are loud. In our own parish we have café church which meets once a month, normally on the third Sunday of the month at 10.45am in N.Crawley school. We shall also be starting a new service in St Laud's, Sherington soon. It will be less formal than the usual services and will be on the first Sunday of the month - time, more details and launch date to be announced.

Sometimes times and locations vary so check the website for more details. So maybe this autumn you might like to give God another try, or even try church again. Unlike the Managing Director, God always welcomes us back, and there is always a warm welcome in Scan parish, either at church or one of the many events going on.

Revd. Tim Dawson

Asst. Curate

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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 John Noel 'Robbie' Robertson from Chicheley. The funeral took place on 10th September.

RIP Shirley Wright (nee Clare) from North Crawley. A thanksgiving service and blessing took place on 2nd September.

DATES OF CHURCH MEETINGS

THURSDAY 24 October 8 pm Chicheley DCC Village Hall

'Something different!'

Coming soon to St Laud's Sherington.

A different kind of worship.

Watch this space!

'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!)

18 September

23 October

6 November

27 November

11 December

OCTOBER SERVICES

6 October

8.00am SCAN BCP Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley
11.00am Harvest Celebration Service – North Crawley (followed by lunch in the Institute)

13 October

9.30am SCAN Harvest Service of Holy Communion – Sherington
6pm SCAN Harvest Evensong – Chicheley

20 October

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

27 October

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

NOVEMBER SERVICES

3 November

8am SCAN BCP Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley
9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

Harvest Celebration Service

Sunday 6th October 2013

11:00am at St Firmin's Church, North Crawley
followed by lunch in the Institute

All are welcome!

Please let either
Cheryl Dunkley (07811337124) or Jan Weatherley (01234 391387)
know if you would like to join us for lunch



SPORTS and RECREATION PAVILION, PERRY LANE

With great parking, disabled access and an outdoor play area for the children!

4th 11th 18th October 2013/ 8th 15th 22nd 29th November

2:30pm to 4:45pm

(held every Friday during school term time)

“Happiness is your company, a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake!”

- Afternoon Tea is for everyone! Bring friends and family!
- Gluten-free & vegan cakes too. Tea/coffee= £1; Cake = £1; Juice + biscuit or fairy cake = 50p/ Greeting cards and second-hand books for sale
- Hold your end of week meetings here – we’ll set you up a private table
- If you like knitting ask Paula for the pattern of our squares (5” across) to make colourful blankets for the elderly. Donations of wool always welcome.



A fantastic way for us all to keep in touch. To keep it going, we need your help as Paula has got a new job (Manager of the Cowper and Newton Museum!)

If we all do a little bit, ‘Afternoon Tea’ will tick along as well as ever

Can you help out with just ‘1’ of these activities? Here’s what needs doing:

Put out wooden signs around the village in the morning; help set up tables and chairs at 1:30pm; bake a cake; supervise the cake rota; collect dirty cups and saucers from tables; wash up; serve tea and cake; wash and iron tablecloths and tea towels; help pack tables and chairs away at 4:45pm

Ring Paula on 01908 216925 so we can find a way... thank you!

All in aid of the continued and vital ministry of St Laud’s Church

Let's continue to add even more beauty to our gorgeous village!



Thank you so much to everyone who came to plant their bulbs on that blustery, drizzly Sunday afternoon.

It was so kind of you - a lovely, inspiring time we shared.

Did you get an envelope of bulbs through your letterbox, but were unable to join us in September to plant them? Don't worry! We're doing it again!

We will have some spare bulbs in the church if you want to plant more.

Bring your bulbs to the church and plant them in memory of someone or something special to you... *then come back next year to see the colour!*

Sunday 20th October 2-4 pm

♥ Please make a donation for an envelope of bulbs ♥

A huge thank you to

Peter Crook of Sherington Nurseries

www.sheringtonnurseries.co.uk/ info@sheringtonnurseries.co.uk

for supporting us with this fundraiser in aid of the continued ministry of St
Laud's Church



Cafe Church



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

Our next dates for your diary:

6th October

Harvest Celebration Service St Firmin's Church, North Crawley

10:45 – 12:00

and then.....

17th November

Ready, steady, go!

10:45 – 12:00

North Crawley School

8th December

Advent Workshop

2:00 – 4:00pm

St Laud's Church, Sherington

A STWOOD

Well I think you'll all agree what a fabulous summer we've had at last and how lovely to hear the Astwood children playing and having fun in the sunshine. This last week has an autumnal feel about it so perhaps we are returning to proper seasonal weather.

On a personal front it's been a summer of weddings for us with three family weddings to attend in the last six weeks. And here in Astwood recently we've had Francesca and Dan's wedding taking place at Stagsden Church with the reception of course at Mum and Dad's; The Old Swan. Justyna and Steve also tied the knot with their wedding taking place in Poland. Our neighbours Doug and Sue attended the wedding and experienced fantastic Polish hospitality. Na zdrowie !
Good luck and best wishes to both couples.

We would like to welcome new residents David and Charmaine and Keith and Sarah to Astwood, now residing in Cranfield Road.



I've been asked to bring to the attention of all dog owners who walk their dogs past the church to kindly stop using the church bin for depositing dog poo. This bin is for the sole purpose of green material. Please be aware of this and take your dog poo home with you.

October will once again host an Astwood Harvest Supper taking part in the village hall. By way of a change this year it's on a Friday. October 18th has been confirmed by the Village Hall committee and the usual flyer will be circulated in the next couple of weeks. Please keep this date free in your diary as it's always a good night. Any available produce for the event will be gratefully welcomed for the big auction on the night.

And finally ... always remember that the nice part about living in a small village is that if you don't know what you are doing; somebody else does!



All the best

Bald Eagle

Astwood Village Hall - What's On in 2013

Social Events

Parish Council in the Village Hall October 30th 2013

Friday 18th October **Harvest Supper** at The Village Hall

Tickets are £10 from astwoodvillagehall@hotmail.com. Tickets are limited so please order before 12th October. Bring your local produce, cakes etc for the evening auction

Thursday 31st October Halloween - Meet between 5-6 pm at The Village Hall. Light refreshments before we trick or treat. If villagers want to be included could they leave a lighted pumpkin head outside their house? We will only visit houses with lighted pumpkin heads ☺. Contact andrea@edoneinvestments.com for more details.

Weekly events



Monday Pilates 8pm

PLACES AVAILABLE

Helen Terry 07887 354 234 or helen@1to34pilates.co.uk



Thursday Bridge 7 – 10pm

Neil Plumb 01234 391040 **PLACES AVAILABLE**



Sunday Bridge 6.55/7pm start

Learn Bridge

Paul Goddard 01234 881409 or www.cranbridge.org.uk

ASTWOOD & HARDMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

25 Park Close, Moggerhanger, Beds, MK44 3RY. Tel 01767 641281 or 07899801719



**Interested in making a difference in your
community and representing others?**

If so, why not nominate yourself to be a parish councillor?
You must be prepared to give some of your spare time and attend
regular meetings at least four times annually

For further details please contact

Pat Reynolds-Nunn (Clerk) on 01767 641281 or 07899801719

Astwood & Hardmead Parish Council

C HICHELEY

How are you enjoying the change to autumn weather, or are you hoping for a possible Indian summer? I'm writing these notes in mid-September, by the time you read them we should all know. The summer has undoubtedly been much better than a few of the more recent ones, to the benefit of our local farmers, although their harvesting is still not quite completed. The work to prepare for next year's harvest is now underway, part of a continual cycle. Perhaps it is a good time to reflect on how in this country we are mostly blessed with sufficient for our needs, not necessarily the case in other parts of our world. However even in our local area we have need, as the local food banks illustrate, so if you are able to help meet that need you will find our three churches collect foodstuffs for that.

October is the month we celebrate our harvest in Chicheley in St. Lawrence's Church on Sunday 13th for evensong at 6pm. The following evening the sale of produce takes place in the village hall from 7.30pm and on Saturday 19th the harvest supper is in the village hall. Please contact either Christine or David to book your place for the supper.

A Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th October at 8pm in the village hall. This is an opportunity for all the electors in Chicheley to have their say on any relevant matters, so please attend if at all possible.

I understand that the flower arranging evening was enjoyed by the participants, what next is planned I wonder? The Quiz evening on the 14th September was great fun, with three generations of the Duncombe family triumphant on the night. The food was excellent and appreciated by us all. Our thanks to Judy, Alan and their friends for such a good evening's entertainment, and the boost to our church funds.

Chicheley is the smallest village in our SCAN parish but we are blessed that so many volunteer to organise events, and who come along and enjoy themselves. If you live in Chicheley, but haven't yet been tempted to join in why not give them a try?

Chitchat will be on Tuesday 8th October from 10.30am until noon in the village hall.

I finish this month on a sad note with the death of a Chicheley resident John Noel Robertson, or as he was much better known to us as "Robbie". Robbie, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, spent much of his life working abroad, in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Hong Kong in their various police forces. He, and Elizabeth (Kippur), arrived in Chicheley in the 1980's when Robbie was appointed as the comptroller at Chicheley Hall, to look after the day to day operations and organise the events as the Hall became a more public venue. When Robbie retired from that position he and Kippur stayed in the village and became an integral part of our community life. Robbie was a kindly man, very good company, and will be much missed by those of us privileged to have known him. Our condolences go to Kipper and her family.

David

NORTH CRAWLEY

Following a marvellous summer the weather has turned a little more autumnal, but the allotments and gardens could do with the rain. I don't know about anyone else but our vegetable growing has supplied an abundant crop, especially beans of various shapes and sizes, which now fill the freezer for the coming autumn and winter months. The only really disappointing thing was the over-wintering onions, eighty percent of which were smaller in May than when they were planted in October. However with only two years under our belt at this activity, it is clear that the weather conditions go a long way to determining what plants are successful and what aren't.

I'm very sorry to have to report two car thefts in the village one from Orchard Way and the other the High Street. They both appear to have followed similar lines, smashing a window to the rear to gain access, stealing anything that comes to hand, before exiting via the front door and driving the target car away. A number of people have reported seeing a car cruising around the village, and on one occasion seeing the stolen car being driven away, but had no reason to believe that a crime was being committed. It shows the audacity of these operators and that we must act as a community and call the police if we become aware of cars and people who seem out of place or are hanging around for no good reason, especially during the day when many are out at work. Therefore if you see something you are not happy about call our new PCSO Ryan Michel on Tel: 101 or Mob: 07966177415.

I have had it reported to me by one of the riding schools who comply strictly to the rules of safety, wearing high definition jackets, hats etc., and the law regarding riding on the road, that recently an impatient local motorist abused the riders with bad language as he obviously felt they were holding him up. Well it seems to me that villagers can't have it both ways. If you don't want horses on pavements then don't complain if they slow your journey down when on the road, (only temporarily in my experience, so be patient). It is also worth pointing out that drivers have no more right to be on the road than horses, so they should treat them accordingly and be patient when meeting a group of riders, and overtake only when it is safe to do so for all parties. If this takes time then so be it, as it is a rural area and part of this entails the occasional inconvenience of having to drive slowly due to combine harvesters and animals on the road. It seems to me if you cannot accept this as part of your rural life, find an urban situation in which to live.

History Society .

Saturday, October 5th 2013

The Historical Society have organised a coach trip for a guided tour around the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford on Saturday, October 5th. There are still some places

available, so if anyone is interested in coming along, please contact Chris (01234 391205) or John (01234 391365) as soon as possible. This is a general invitation to non-members as well, so please ask along friends and family, all are welcome.

Cricket Club.

A great season for the village cricket club once again. The first team won their league for the third year in a row, and the second team won their league and next year move into league 2, so are hot on the heels of the first team in the top league. The thirds who were challenging for promotion during the season didn't quite make it, but finished in a respectable position, and have plenty of young talented players coming through for the future. This years presentation evening is on 19 October starting at 7 P.M. in the Institute, and promises to be an entertaining event for members, and friends of the club. Cost is £10 per person and includes a sumptuous spread of food with a pay-as-you-go bar. If you want to attend contact a member of the club, or Fred Flower on 391480.

To find out more about NCCC go to: www.northcrawleycc.co.uk, or go via Facebook & twitter @ northcrawleycc, or, youth@northcrawleycc.co.uk.

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 and 27 October and 24 November**. As always meet at **10 a.m.** 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

Hawk-eye.

Heartfelt Thanks!

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has called, sent cards, notes and flowers. The support and love you have expressed so generously has helped Maureen so much as she gets well again. Thanks too must go to Bedford Hospital staff in Critical Care and Richard Wells Ward, and subsequently for the exceptional care from Milton Keynes hospital.

John and Maureen Brandon

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 2nd July, 2013

Planning – There were no adverse comments regarding the replacement of a wooden fence at Gable House, 13 Chequers Lane (planning ref. 13/01759/FUL).

Horses on pavements – Several residents attended the meeting and discussed the issue with Councillors. However, despite an open letter to horse riders/owners/stables and riding schools placed in Scan last month and on the parish noticeboard there has been no decrease in activity. It is illegal to ride horses on pavements, it also causes damage to the surface and verges and makes an unpleasant mess for pedestrians to walk through. It was agreed to refer this matter to the police and Milton Keynes Council.

Drains update – This work can now go ahead, Mr. Alexander Boswell has been informed.

Installation of bollards on the wasteground – It is intended to install bollards outside the Church. in order to keep the pavement free for people wishing to visit the Church. This work is being done with the agreement of Rev Mandy Marriott. Concerns have also been raised by MK Council regarding the parking of cars over a drain in the same area. Cllr Hatton will advise all residents in Church Walk when the works are to take place.

Fencing around the recreation ground – Some of the fencing, Kilpin Green side, is in poor condition and needs replacing. This cost will be met by the Parish Council, and Cllr. Flower agreed to obtain some quotes to replace it like for like.

NAG Report – There is nothing to report this month, the next meeting of NAG is on 26th September 2013.

Ford update – The contractor will clear out the ford as soon as possible, and the Clerk and Cllr. Hatton will obtain quotes for two hardwood benches which are to be installed to complete the project

Finance report – The RFO reported on receipts and payments for the month and the satisfactory completion of the external audit on the Annual Return by Mazars.

Ward councillor's report by Cllr. Keith McLean:

At the August cabinet meeting it was decided to spend more on roads from now until March 2014, all were encouraged to report any potholes in order to have them repaired by November.

The consultation on wind farms ends this month.

South Central Ambulance Service recommends that communities consider having a First Responder with some paramedic training, to be dispatched by the NHS when emergency calls are received. Cllr. McLean thought this worth considering and that, although the outlay and ongoing cost are considerable, it may be worth thinking about.

New PCSO

PCSO Ryan Michel introduced himself as the replacement for Chantelle Browne. He reminded everyone to contact him or to call 101 to report any suspicious activity

Traffic calming– Cllrs. Hatton, Small and Hunt had an earlier meeting with Phil Sears from MK Council who brought some proposals. These were explained and discussed. The village will be asked for their comments via Scan and the new website.

Councillor's items:

Cllr. Flower reported that, following his resignation, a volunteer was required for the United Charities Committee. He will confirm whether the postholder should also be a Parish Councillor.

Cllr. Flower also reported that work on the new website is in hand.

Questions from residents:

The PC was asked whether the 40mph buffer zone at the eastern end of the village can be enforced. This has been raised with the police before, but they were reluctant to act as they consider it too dangerous on that particular stretch of road to stop traffic.

Mention was made of horses being ridden on the footpath instead of through the ford, leaving another footpath messy for walkers. Once work at the ford is completed the PC will request that riders refrain from using the footpath.

Concern was raised regarding the loss of the village shop. The PC has done everything within its power to keep the shop as a village amenity, it is now up to the community to approach the owner if they wish to run it themselves, as now happens at Sherington.

The date and time of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 1st. October 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Cllr Jo Small

NORTH CRAWLEY TRAFFIC CALMING/RESIDENTIAL SAFETY
FOLLY LANE/HIGH STREET

As part of our ongoing Traffic Calming/Residential Safety Issues the Parish Council, along with Milton Keynes Council, have been discussing various ways to make the village a safer environment for all concerned.

We are focusing on Folly Lane and the area in the High Street where children cross the road to go to and from our Primary School or need to catch the bus to go to and from Secondary School. Both the Parish Council and MK Council are acutely aware that we, not only live within a conservation area, but that we do not wish to have the High Street emblazoned with signs or traffic calming humps/tables.

With this in mind we are looking at the following:

Folly Lane

Painting white lines from the beginning of Folly Lane, excluding outside driveways, up to where the lane widens for passing. This will, we hope have two desired effects:

1. Drivers will keep within the white lines.
2. Will give the impression that the lane is narrow and therefore reduce speed.

As no alternatives have been offered for Folly Lane, the Parish Council would like to see this put into action no later than the middle of October. We have included a copy of the scheme for your perusal, should you have any comments or wish to discuss the matter, either attend our next meeting on 1st October in the village hall, or let the Parish Council know before the 16th October.

High Street

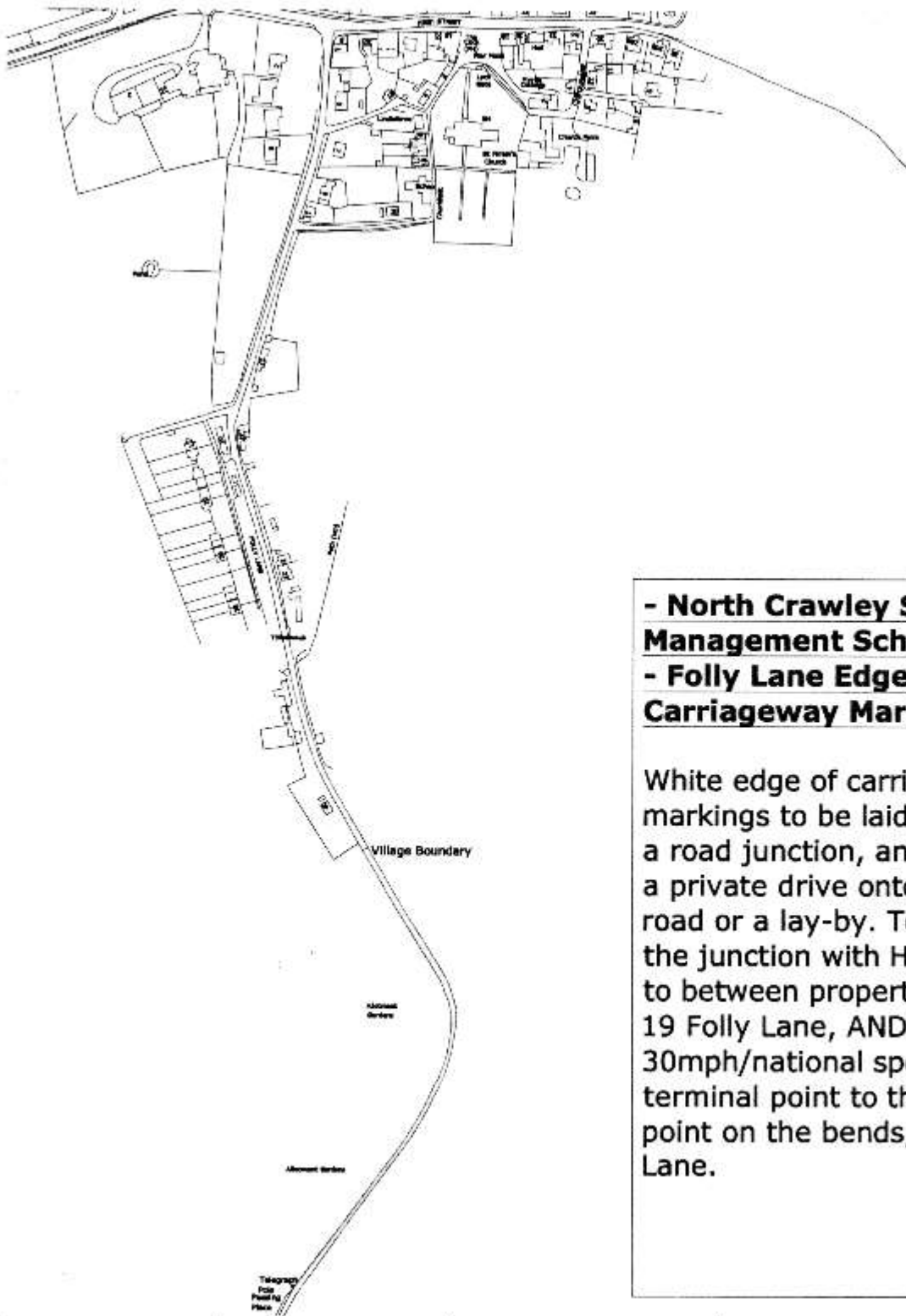
The safety of the children is of paramount importance and, therefore, one of the objectives we are looking at is to widen the existing pathway on the north side of the carriageway by approximately 0.4m tapering back to original kerblines. The existing pathway width is approximately 1.3m; the new pathway width would be approximately 1.7m. However, this is very much in the early stages of planning and the Parish Council will, with the help of MK Council, consult with the village before any works take place.

Road Signs

The existing “Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicle” sign at the junction of High Street and Folly Lane shall be replaced with a new sign in a better location.


Advanced signs shall be placed on the High Street, one on an existing lamp column and one near the entrance to the village from Cranfield. The advanced signs shall be monitored to measure their effectiveness

PLEASE NOTE: THE ORIGINAL CAN BE SEEN ON THE PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD



- North Crawley Speed Management Scheme.
- Folly Lane Edge of Carriageway Markings.

White edge of carriageway markings to be laid except at a road junction, an exit from a private drive onto a public road or a lay-by. To run from the junction with High Street to between properties 17 & 19 Folly Lane, AND from the 30mph/national speed limit terminal point to the passing point on the bends, Folly Lane.

 MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL	John Pryor, Assistant Director, Public Realm Service Group, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ Telephone: 01906 691991. Licence No. 100019923.	Project: North Crawley Speed Management Scheme			Title: Edge of Carriageway Markings.	
		Date: August 2013	Drawn by: PS	Checked by: JXX	Scale: NTS	Drawing No.: TM/13-14/P24/TM/003



North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE First School

'Together in Learning - Sharing Excellence and Expertise'

Many schools have a 'Bring Your Dad to School Day' but it undoubtedly took on a new meaning for the children at North Crawley CE School recently when one of the children's Dads dropped in! The whole occasion was a huge surprise as the youngsters thought they were taking part in a science 'listening walk' where the objective of the lesson was to listen carefully and identify the different sounds that could be heard. A helicopter's engine was soon identified but then the children were absolutely astonished when it landed on the field before their very eyes. One child commented, "This is awesome!" Helicopter pilot Tim Austen, father of Isabelle, showed the excited children and staff around the helicopter. Headteacher Mrs Kathryn Crompton said, "What a fantastic learning experience for our children. A huge thank you to Mr Austen for organising this fabulous surprise."



Meanwhile 'Strictly Come Dancing' fever has arrived at North Crawley School. The children and staff were entertained by the Milton Keynes Music Service who played a variety of different dance tunes. The enthusiastic audience were transported to Brazil for the Samba and to Vienna for the waltz. All the children were then taught the movements for the 'Cha-cha-cha' as the ensemble played along. Great fun was had by all and a Len Goodman "7!" was awarded to the children by the musicians.



OPEN MORNING

If you have a child due to start School in September 2014 (or beyond!) please come along to see us at our special **Open Morning** on **Tuesday 8th October** from 10:45am - 12 noon. This provides an ideal opportunity for parents and their children to see our setting in action on a normal school day, talk to teachers and governors and get a feel for how much a small, rural school can offer. There are excellent transition arrangements from previous early year's settings and we offer a welcoming introduction into children's first year in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Please telephone school on 01234 391282 to confirm your attendance. We look forwards to meeting you and your child.

STARTING SCHOOL

If your child was born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 then he or she is due to start school in September 2014. Basically children will start school in the September following their fourth birthday. Parents can download the booklet, find out more information and access the link to apply online at the council's website: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2014**. Parents must submit an application by this date, stating their preferred schools as children do not have an automatic right to a place at their local school. If parents or carers do not have access to a computer and require a paper application please contact North Crawley CE School who hold a small supply for collection. Alternatively, contact the School Admissions Team on 01908 253338.

In September 2013 North Crawley CE School was over-subscribed. Please be aware that if an application is received after the closing date of **15 January 2014** it will be classed as late and will only be considered **after** those received on time. The council will run several re-allocation rounds through to the beginning of the school year but **a late application may mean that your child is not offered a place at your preferred school.**

NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.

September 18th was the evening of our Harvest Supper and Linda welcomed eighteen members and two visitors, Pat and Angie. A fish, scampi and sausage supper from The Cock were all very good, and the Committee made the puddings and served the food.

Craft activities have been very much on the agenda recently with the W.I. Christmas Fayre taking place on 2nd November. We have joined with Great Linford W.I to make some handicraft items to sell and had a Saturday morning sewing, sticking and bauble making. Seven visitors came from Great Linford and Pam Pinder made sandwiches and drinks for everyone (much appreciated). There will be a further meeting on 2nd October to finish up and pack.

Some of our members visited the Poppy Factory with Stony Stratford W.I. and if you look closely you can see Dilys and possibly Mary in the group photo included in this month's Newsletter. Mary says she hopes it isn't her! The next Group meeting will be held at Great Linford on Wednesday, 23rd October at 7.30 pm.

We remembered Gwen and Arthur Goodman, who have had some bad luck recently; Gwen came home from a visit to A & E after a fall in time to see the ambulance that had come to pick up Arthur. He remains in hospital having had a hip repair. Thank you Gwen for the craft books you sent. Another of our old members, Doris Collier, is still in hospital and we hope she will be home soon.

There were six raffle prizes, pots of cyclamen, and they were won by Betty Smith, Betty Hewitson, Jan, Doreen and Pat. Other prizes were won by Carol and Angie. A present of a lovely flowering plant was given to Betty Smith, who celebrates a special birthday this month.

Betty Hewitson thanked the Committee for their hard work and a quiz, won by Dee and Jessica, rounded off a very enjoyable evening.

B.J.



G & A Adderson Raw Milk Dairy and Farm Shop

Just a little update to let people know what is happening at Lodge Farm and what products are available. As many people know Gary and I always wanted to carry on dairy farming at Lodge Farm when the decision was taken in April to stop milk deliveries and cease trading. The majority of the dairy cows were sold and we kept 22. We continue to sell raw unpasteurised milk and cream from the farm shop and we also produce raw milk drinking yogurt, butter and ice cream. We also rear rare breed free range pigs, who adore the milk, and we have recently started keeping our dairy bull calves, rather than sending them to market, and now produce rose veal, again to make the most of any surplus milk. The veal calves are loose housed in light airy sheds with deep litter straw bedding and are fed a mixed cereal based diet and milk. Pork and rose veal can be purchased from the farm shop when available. If you “Like” our facebook page we will keep you up to date with the availability of products.

A handful of people in North Crawley were unable to get to the farm shop so we agreed to deliver milk into North Crawley on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you live in North Crawley and would like a delivery of fresh local raw milk, please let us know. If you haven't tried raw milk before and would like to, give us a call and we can drop off a free sample.

Free range eggs, seasonal fruit and veg, jams, chutneys, honey and homemade cakes and bread are also available from the farm shop. We are open every day between 11am and 7pm.

Gary and Angela Adderson

01234 391250

a.adderson@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook.com/RawMilkDairy

Twitter - @AddersonsFarm



COMING SOON - SUMMER 2014 –

The inaugural **NORTH CRAWLEY COW RUN**

You've seen them run with the bulls in Pamplona. They roll cheeses on Coopers Hill, Gloucestershire. They even carry their wife's in Sonkajarvi, Finland !!

The attention of the world will soon focus on **NORTH CRAWLEY**

If you are aged between 16 and 116, please register your support and/or interest in this event by mailing us at NorthCrawleyCowRun@gmail.com



Follow us on Twitter @NCCowRun



Mailbag and Announcements

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

October	1 st	Doris Stephens, 1a Church Road
	8 th	Ella Field, 4 Park Road
	15 th	Doris Stephens, 1a Church Road
	22 nd	To be arranged
	29 th	Doris Stephens, 1a Church

New people are always welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 am for a cup of coffee and a chat. If you would like company on your first visit then please ring Ella (610560) or Pearl (610661)



Jazz and Afternoon Tea at The White Hart

The White Hart hosted a fundraising event for Willen on Sunday 25th August supported by The Five Star Swing. Jazz music from the 40's was performed with many favourite tunes being played. Our very own Steve Davis (Frank Sinatra) performed along side the other very talented members of the band to lots of happy faces who sat in the warm afternoon sun. During the interval a delightful afternoon tea was served consisting of tea poured from pretty tea pots and delicious home made sandwiches, cakes, scones, strawberries and cream.

Special thanks to Keith, Giles, Liz and all the staff.

Happy days.



ANNUAL TRADCRAFT EVENT IN SHERINGTON

SATURDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER 10.30 am – 6.00 pm

SUNDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

at 33 Crofts End, Sherington

**Craft goods, foodstuffs, Christmas cards, toys
jewellery etc. for sale**

All Fair Trade goods. Coffee/tea and biscuits served

EVERYONE WELCOME

THANK YOU

On Tuesday, September 17th, my friend and I walked down the pavement outside houses 39 to 52 Crofts End. We proceeded carefully because even on a dry summer day, let alone when it is icy; the camber on that sidewalk (made to conform to the slope of the driveways from the houses down to the road) is rather worrying. Eileen remarked that she hated walking there as she was always afraid of losing her balance. On our return, about halfway up, I suddenly heard a cry. Looking round I saw that she had indeed lost her balance and was about to fall into the road. I instinctively and, of course, with no thought of the slope of the pavement, moved to try to catch her arm and stop her from falling. I was next aware of peeling my face off the asphalt of the road. Eileen too had fallen, but had managed to get up and come to my aid. We were both immediately surrounded by kind people who helped me off the road, wiped away blood, directed traffic safely past and called an ambulance.

Surprisingly I took very little hurt. The ambulance personnel assessed me and said that I needn't go to hospital. They questioned Eileen, who said that she needed no treatment. John had come and took us both home.

I would like to thank again all those good, kind people who sorted us out. I even met a couple of ex-pupils in the event. Twenty-four hours later, except for superficial wounds, I am fine.

I feel very lucky, Harriet Milner



We record the passing of Doctor Gerald Hill - one time Musical Director, Newport Pagnell Singers and well thought of local lay preacher.

He and his family lived in more recent times in

Torpoint, Cornwall.

Gerald Hill R.I.P.

FIREWOOD suitable for bonfires and kindling for wood burners.

FREE to anyone who would like to collect it.

Telephone Pearl Teasdale – 01908 610661.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Appeal started over 20 years ago. The following is an excerpt from a letter received this year.

“Last year was a significant year for everyone connected with Operation Christmas Child. We delivered the 100 millionth gift-filled shoe box to a needy child through the programme. It took a global effort of over 23 years to do this, but OCC is as popular as ever, and it is still growing, and so we are trusting God for another 100 million shoeboxes. I hope we can count on your continued support!”



Thank you to everyone in SCAN parish who has supported the appeal over many years. For anyone who has not been involved before, leaflets are now available from 3, Hill view, Sherington. I will deliver leaflets, just phone (01908 617599 or call at 3, Hillview in person. Full details about the appeal and information on packing a shoebox are in the leaflet.

When shoe boxes are complete, please return to 3, Hillview by SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER.

If you would like to support the appeal without sourcing gifts and packing a box, any item from those listed below may be left with Mrs. J. Inskipp at The Chapel, The Knoll, Sherington:-

Suggested gifts:

Please select from the following (or similar) items.

All items should be new.

- A cuddly toy
- A toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of wrapped soap and flannel
- Note pad, drawing paper, picture and comic books
- Pencils, pens and pencil sharpener
- A set of crayons or felt pens
- A hat, cap, gloves or scarf
- A small ball or tennis ball
- A puzzle (small jigsaw)
- For boys: a toy car, truck, passenger plane or similar and football cards
- For girls: small jewellery set, doll or skipping rope or hair accessories

These will be made up into extra gift boxes.

Any queries, please 'phone 617599.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE.

Pam Ellis



THUMBSTICK WALK - Sunday, 6th October

The Thumbsticks will meet on The Knoll at 9.30 am. We shall be walking between 4 and 5 miles around Emberton. Please drive down. No Dogs Please. J & A

THUMBSTICK WALK for November 3rd subject only to the rain, please meet at the Knoll for 9.30 am, no dogs please. This month we offer a choice of an away walk from near Woburn the car park in Longslade Lane through the woods to Wayn Close with the best views of the Abbey, returning through Woburn and then back to the cars via Birchmoor Lane, and more woodlands, about 1.5 hours or so. Or a local walk out to the Bridge at Tyringham. Please bring cars for the Woburn walk. K&G



Thank you
so much for
supporting the
continued
ministry and
care of
St Laud's Church



We hope you found this message above within your envelopes... we truly appreciate your support.

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**An apology from the fundraisers of  
St Laud's Church**

Realising that the message on the front of the crocus bulbs envelope was rather abrupt, we hope you managed to find our message of thanks within your envelopes.

We had so much to think about in a short space of time to bring this fundraising idea to fruition that the wording on the outside of the envelope was not checked carefully enough. It was worded with the logistics of how to manage the project in mind, rather than the deep felt gratitude we truly felt for your kind contributions and effort to come to the church in that dismal weather

Many people have been delighted with the whole idea but we understand that some have felt annoyed by this approach. We are sorry that some have felt this way, as it certainly wasn't intended as a demand for money - just a suggestion to beautify the village and at the same time to raise a bit of money for our church building. We got the idea from the National Trust.

It is difficult to fund the church ministry in modern times. We are so grateful to those of you who support us any way you are able to.

# ST. LAUD'S HARVEST SUPPER

(TRADITIONAL FARE)

& HARVEST AUCTION

SHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

7 pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE

£7.50 adult

£4 children

Contact:

JILL BURGESS 611163

TINA FERRIS 611083



Please come and bring your preferred drinks  
Any contributions to the Auction  
gratefully received



## HARVEST TIME

The sower went forth sowing, the seed in secret slept  
Through weeks of faith and patience, till out the green blade crept.  
And warmed by golden sunshine and fed by silver rain  
At last the fields were ripened, to harvest once again.  
So says *Hymn 486, (Ancient & Modern Revised)*

But we know it anyway, it happens every year and yet, every year is somehow different. This year, 2013, brought a very wet spring time making the necessary work almost impossible, but eventually along came the sunshine and with it came harvest time. Out came the combines, the hub-bub and the long working hours, oft times into the small hours of the morning. The workforce at Manor Farm had some 3,500, say again three thousand, five hundred, acres to harvest. To give the reader some idea of that go and stand up at The Mound, look down at Russell Sharpe's farm at Sherington Bridge, then look right and follow the river course, follow round to Mare Hill and Alban nursery and Bernard Crooks and you will have roughly glanced at the 1,850 acres of Sherington Parish. Manor Farm workforce have combined twice that area. We are told that the quality of the grain has been quite good, but the yield is not quite so good. Walking past the sheds in the third week of September the huge combines stand there, hosed down, shining yellow and bright, having fulfilled their task by 7<sup>th</sup> September. The staff raised their glasses, with their ladies, at the local hostelry to acknowledge yet again the harvest is home and all is safely gathered in. The residents here will have their chance to celebrate at the harvest supper in the village hall in a few days time. As Autumn takes over from Summer the cultivations will be done and the seedtime will once again be over. And so Russell at Sherington Bridge Farm, all those at Manor Farm, Chester Estates and Soul Farms will look both back and forward to a harvest done and the next to come. Seed time and harvest shall not fail.

(name and address supplied)

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### Getting The Word Out

We are looking for new players to expand the membership of MK Scrabble Club. Our members are a small friendly bunch who love nothing more than battling it out across a scrabble board. Formed in May 2011, after meeting for two years in a noisy pub we moved to our new venue at the Royal British Legion in Newport Pagnell earlier this year, where we enjoy the peace and tranquillity of a room to ourselves. We meet every Wednesday evening from 7pm and would be very happy to welcome new players of all abilities, beginners are particularly welcome. So if you want to take your game to the next level and make new friends, why not come along to one our meetings and see what we are all about.

Visit our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MKScrabbleClub](http://www.facebook.com/MKScrabbleClub) for more details or email [mkscrabbleclub@btinternet.com](mailto:mkscrabbleclub@btinternet.com) or call Paul on 07936 412806



## **Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw**

It does seem to be getting much more autumnal now but we can't really complain about this year's summer, the garden has done really well in stark contrast to last year's disastrous harvest. Talking of harvest Michael Cook's machinery has been very busy getting the crops in before the weather turns with many tractors and other equipment being seen up and down the High Street.

I made mention last month of the increased numbers of butterflies that we had noticed in the garden and last weekend in the Telegraph there was an article on the same subject. Apparently the last few years have been poor for the insects, but this year's Big Butterfly Count saw an increase of 400% over last year's figures which is very encouraging for the creatures.

Still in the garden the same newspaper had a report on more potential interference from the EU by banning many of our favourite flowers from garden centres unless they have an 'officially recognised description' (ORD) for which sellers would have to pay, perhaps as much as £500 per variety. With perhaps 50,000 plant varieties requiring an ORD the scale of the task would be enormous and very costly. At present any ornamental plant variety can be sold if it is deemed that the name is 'common knowledge'.

Going back to harvest don't forget the St Lauds Harvest Supper which this year will be in the Village Hall on the evening of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. It was very enjoyable last year and I am sure will be again this year. More details can be found elsewhere in Scan.

*Some news from two of the White Hart associations:*

### **White Hart Guns**

Last month saw the shooting re-match of The White Hart Guns versus The Cannon in Newport Pagnell. Last year saw an embarrassing defeat for our local team when they lost by 50 shots. Following that they decided to put in more practice before the next match. At the end of the shoot it was looking good for the White Hart after the first score cards were counted with the rest to be counted at the Cannon. Unfortunately joy turned to despair when after 3 recounts the Cannon had 401 points and the White Hart 400! There was some excellent shooting by all on the day with top guns for the White Hart being Jim Constantine 48/50, Michael Bearman 46 and Mark Ayris 44. Top Cannon guns were Rooney 47, Ant 46 and Darreen 44. The team would like to thank Molly and Duncan for the food and thanks also go to Jim Gardner and the team.

## White Hart Danglers

The White Hart Danglers fished at Tingrith on Cherry Lake. With the fish feeding well it averaged out at 56lb for each angler. Honours went to the Junior Match Man Harry Odell with a superb 80.8lb catch followed by Danny Coles 71.8 and in third, Tony from Olney with 67.8.

**Don't forget to keep me up to date with what's going on –  
Tel.: 216214**

## Thumbsticks September Walk.



What a wonderful summer's morning as we left Sherington for our walk into Chicheley! Young Sparrow had talked with the principle landowner earlier and we were alerted to the possibility of harvesters and farm traffic on part of our walk. We were thus not to be concerned by the truck and digger convoy which passed a short way ahead of us when part way round. The

majority of fields we travelled through had been freshly harvested with footpaths neatly re-instated. (Well done Chester Estates – A big thank you from users of the footpaths network). Our walk initially took us up into the higher fields above Gowles farm where the views stretch for miles – picking out the water tower on the distant horizon, the Xscape dome and TV transmitter at the Brickhills nearer home. We crossed to the back of Chicheley Hall and a little later,

back toward Bedlam spinney to arrive in Perry Lane just in time to catch the harvest being gobbled up by two New Holland units as in the picture above and with only moments for a quick photoshoot before they had turned and were heading over the horizon!



Jack Sparrow



## Emberton and District Flower Club "Christmas Joy"

A flower arranging demonstration by Jane Fox, a NAFAS demonstrator, to celebrate the beginning of our 40th year.

**The Carlton Club, Olney  
Tuesday 3rd December 2013  
7.30pm**

Tickets: £8.00 members & £10.00 non-members to include mulled wine and mince pies  
Christmas arrangements and gifts for sale. Raffle and Lucky Number  
All welcome - why not treat a friend?

For tickets and more information contact Christine James on 01234 711900

# SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2013

## 1 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

James Cook was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

## 2 WARD COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS – Cllr Keith McLean

MKC will use all its crews to carry out repairs to carriageways, redways and footpaths between now and end March 2014 at an additional spend of £10m. It is hoped to repair all potholes before winter sets in.

There is a new No. 1 Sunday bus service; a local private hire company has been asked to consider providing an evening service.

## 3 WHITE HART BEER & SAUSAGE FESTIVAL

J W Cook & Son has offered the use of the “sledging” field off Chicheley Hill for next year’s festival, subject to various conditions being met. Giles Fern representing The White Hart Pub confirmed that several issues and their possible solutions were being considered. These include insurance, access, health and safety, parking, security, utilities, toilet facilities, visitor volumes, signage and lighting. He confirmed that the Licensing Officer has no objection in principle to the proposed relocation, and that the Safety Advisory Group has suggested contacting MKC Transport officers for assistance. The parish councillors unanimously gave credit to Giles and Keith for taking the village residents’ concerns on board and asked that they be kept informed of major developments.

## 4 CLERK'S REPORT

**Stonepits Copse maintenance update.** The mulching, strimming, weeding, tie removal and dead tree removal has now been carried out by Oakland Tree Services. Councillors gave approval for this work at a cost of £950 by email after the July meeting.

**MKC Devolved Landscape Maintenance service.** The parish council was again asked to consider taking on the village landscape maintenance and maps were provided to show the area currently covered by MKC for a total cost of £3800. After consideration it was agreed to leave the service provided with the local authority.

## 5 FINANCE

**Increase to Clerk's salary** Cllrs approved the 1% increase to the Clerk's salary backdated to April 2013 as recommended by NALC.

**Tree stump in pre-school play area** Councillors approved the additional cost of £65 for the complete removal of the tree stump. Pre-school will contribute half of this sum.

**Completion of external audit.** Mazars LLP has completed its external audit of the 2012/13 Annual Return; this is now available for inspection.

**Additional payment to Eon.** An additional payment of £499.58 was sent for pavilion electricity, this now brings the account up to date.

## **6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS**

**Shoulder of Mutton Field, Gun Lane – Two storey rear extension and detached garage.** There were no adverse comments.

**2 Hillview** Approved by MKC

**55 High Street** Approved by MKC

**20 School Lane** Refused by MKC

**Reserved Matters Applications.** The clerk reported that she had sought clarification from MKC Planning on this type of application. She explained that an Outline (OUT) application establishes the principle of a development and will contain an indicative plan that allows for a certain amount of flexibility. A Reserved Matters (REM) application then contains the details of the application such as parking, landscaping, materials etc and negates the need for a Full (FUL) application. The two go together and are the equivalent of a single Full application.

## **7 SHERINGTON RECREATION GROUND**

**Pavilion management group.** Cllr Ager reported that the management group are due to carry out an internal and external audit of the pavilion. It was agreed to invite the chairman Jeff Charles to the next parish council meeting to report the findings.

**Proposals for improvements to lighting and pavilion exterior.** Cllr Denman reported that works to paving, drainage and lighting would cost in the region of £3000. Cllr Denman will arrange for a specification to be drawn up and for three quotations to be obtained.

**Proposals for improvements to pavilion heating.** Cllr Denman confirmed he would be disconnecting the down flow heaters in the pavilion and would liaise with the caretaker on how to make proper use of the night storage heaters.

**Management committee vacancy for parish council representative.** Cllr Hyde agreed to be the third PC representative.

## 8 MK COMMUNITY MEDIATION SERVICE

Following a request it was agreed to donate £100 to this local service.

## 9 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 and on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde



## Sherington Church of England School News

*The Village Schools Church Partnership*

Though it seems a long time ago many of our children returned talking about the camp-out on the last weekend of the summer term. A chance to relax and wind down after a busy and successful year, to say an informal farewell to the leaving group of Year 2 children and to re-acquaint with older former pupils and catch up with their news. Excellent catering and organisation by the PTFA and a sports session from *Ministrikers* to burn off some surplus energy (aided by good weather) made the evening memorable and the following morning's den-building workshop from the *MK Play Association* rounded it off well.

We began the school year in fine form with the lingering summer weather reminding us of a lovely break from routine. Many exciting holidays and trips, far and near, were recorded in holiday diaries and the older children returned refreshed and eager to start the new term. The school was refreshed too with a thorough re-painting inside and the installation of our new Early Years Foundation Stage canopy outside. While still 'moving in' to this new resource it will further extend our provision of opportunities to those in this youngest cohort. Our new entrants, having completed the induction programme in July, were already familiar with the school and didn't really have that 'first day' hurdle to overcome. With familiar friends and resources to play with in the school these early days have been fun to share and rewarding to both children and staff as we forge new learning relationships. Already our 'listening walks' have sparked interest and practice in exploring the environment. CS



*If you have a child due to start school in September 2014, or later, and would like to discuss or change your current school placement please call or e-mail us to arrange a visit.*

**01908-610470**

**[sheringtonf@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:sheringtonf@milton-keynes.gov.uk)**



Recorder Club

Enjoying outdoor activities  
under the new canopy





It's fun to be at Sherington School

## **SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

This term, Sherington Pre-school welcomes new-starters Peyton, Jack, Mateo, Evan, Henry, Elysia, Maria, Elfie, Jacques, Cayla, Summer and Seth. Our new children return to the themes, 'Welcome' and, 'Shapes all around us' and we simply can't wait to get to know them all.

During the summer holidays, Tom's garden has flourished producing delicious French and Runner beans, blueberries, courgettes and salad leaves. We returned after the long break to unearth some fabulous potatoes to enjoy at snack-time.

Sadly, the beautiful Horse-chestnut tree which suffered damage in last years mini-tornado has recently been felled for reasons of safety. We now hope to raise the funds required to refurbish the whole outdoor area and make it a more exciting environment for play and exploration. Please let us know if you are able to help us in any way.

We're delighted to remind you that, from Monday 9th September 2013, we will be offering just TWO SPECIAL SESSIONS each week during which two-year olds can also join the fun.

These sessions will be on the Monday and Tuesday mornings (9:15-12:15) of each term-time week and will include other children up to age four. Sessions currently

cost £10 each. So, if you have a two-year old and would like to know more, please contact Stefanie (Oscar's Mummy) on tel: 07887521459

Of course we are most aware that 9:15-12:15 is a very long session for a child of two years, so please feel free to discuss flexible settling in options with our staff. Additionally, from the start of the new term, Pre-school is offering ALL-DAY Friday sessions and a TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB. Again, further details from Stefanie.

Please remember, to save the date for our next Open Morning on the 5th November at 9:30am, Sherington Village Hall. All parents, carers and prospective children are very welcome to stay, play and see what our Pre-school is like first hand.

Other dates for your diaries include Parents Evening on the 3rd October and the AGM on the 22nd October. Both events will take place from 7:30pm in Sherington Village Hall and the latter will include a presentation on Language Development from guest-speaker and committee member Faye Carlisle.

During the AGM, we will be saying a typically tearful goodbye to Anita, Caroline and Aimee who have been valued and hard-working volunteers on our Pre-school parent committee for the last three years. As their children have recently moved on to full-time education, they have decided to step-down and give new parents the chance to join a fun, friendly committee and play an important role in the running of our very special Pre-school. We're sure they will all miss the monthly late night tea-drinking and cake-eating sessions that some prefer to call committee meetings! Our huge thanks and goodbyes also to Faye and Linda who have worked hard in their roles on behalf of Pre-school over the last 12 months.

We're confident that all our departing members would be happy to tell you that making a real difference to our valuable community resources is not as difficult, or as time-consuming, as you might think. So, to all new parents, please do consider taking a role on the committee and sharing your talents, and home-baking, with us. We're always sad to see members leave but changing the way issues are approached and ideas are formed is of great importance in keeping our Pre-school up-to-date in a rapidly changing environment.

On the 24th October we will be enjoying a 'Fairy Tales and Bedtime Stories' themed morning (and weather-dependent toddle) in aid of Barnados. Donate just £1 to attend Pre-school in your very best snuggly Pyjamas or as your favourite story-time character. Will Mrs Tough be sporting her stunning fluffy Dalmatian onsie for charity one wonders? Which leads us almost seamlessly to the, 'Hairy Scary Sherington' Pre-school Halloween theme day which will take place on the 25th October. Zombies, ghosts, spooks, witches, wizards and vampires are all welcome for a day of not-too-frightening fun and games.

Pre-school then takes a well-deserved short break for half term and resumes on Monday 4th November.



As you have read, a very busy half 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 Friday between 9:15 and 12:15.

Making  
Mud Pies



Vegetable  
Harvest



SHERINGTON  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

# Open Day

Hatch, Match and Dispatch

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

12.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Sherington Village Hall

Come along and find out about some of the births, marriages and deaths of the people of Sherington over the years

**Full archives open to all**

Raffle, Refreshments available  
Free entry

Web: [www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs](http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs)  
Email: [SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk)



# SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

web: <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs>  
email: [SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk)

5<sup>th</sup> October (Saturday): **ALL WELCOME**  
**OPEN DAY – ‘Hatch, Match and Dispatch.**  
Sherington Village Hall - 12 – 4.30 pm

8<sup>th</sup> October (Tuesday): **ALL WELCOME**  
**‘Drovers and Ancient Routes of the Area’** -  
A fascinating talk given by Bruce Smith about the story  
of our local roads.



12<sup>th</sup> November  
(Tuesday): **ALL**  
**WELCOME**  
**SHS Members Can**  
**Talk** – This will be  
the third year that we  
have included in our  
programme the  
opportunity for  
anyone from the SHS  
to take to the stage  
and present an  
informal talk of  
approximately 10  
minutes. The

subject can be of your choosing, as long as it has some  
historical relevance. If you are interested please let  
me know – Caroline Leslie 616426

# *THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP*

**10th October**      **A Visit to Stoke Goldington Thursday Club**  
Lifts will be arranged

**7th November**      **Gift Wrapping**  
Alison Grantham will demonstrate the art of professionally wrapping presents, just in time for Christmas!

The New Thursday Group meets in Sherington Village Hall on the first Thursday of 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.

## **THUMBSTICKS WALK - Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October**

The Thumbsticks will meet on The Knoll at 9.30 pm. We shall be walking between 4 and 5 miles around Emberton. Please drive down. No Dogs Please. J & A



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