



SPRING INTO ACTION

1st March -
St. David's Day

4th March -
Shrove Tuesday

5th March -
Ash Wednesday

10th March -
Commonwealth Day

17th March -
St. Patrick's Day

20th March -
Vernal Equinox

30th March -
Mothering Sunday

30th March -
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SCAN 438 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY MARCH 2014

ASTWOOD VILLAGE HALL: contact Andrea on andrea@edoneinvestments.com			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIDGE at 7 pm-10 pm THURSDAYS - contact Neil Plumb 01234 391040 • CRANFIELD BRIDGE CLUB meets at Astwood Village Hall virtually every SUNDAY at 6.55 for 7 pm start to play. Details on hppt://www.cranbridge.org.uk, or ring Paul Goddard, 01234 881409. 			
PILATES: Monday at 8 pm – contact Helen Terry on Helen@1to34pilates.co.uk			
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			
NORTH CRAWLEY BABY & TOTS GROUP, The Institute, MONDAYS 9.30-11.30 am (term time)			
SHERINGTON FOLK WORKSHOP: 8 – 10 pm Sherington V.H. - 2nd Thursday of month – Liz 07941 403492			
SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB: Monday 2 – 4 pm and Friday 7 – 9 pm contact Sheila 211153 or Bob 01234391436			
SHERINGTON YOUTH CLUB: 7 – 9 pm Wednesday Nights (term time) contact Jay: 07799005568			
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4	Sherington Parish Council – Village Hall North Crawley Parish Council – Village Hall	7.30 pm 7.30 pm	30 17
5	Souper Lunchtime Get-together – 4 Griggs Orchard, Sherington Dancing – North Crawley Institute	11.30 am 7.30 pm	4 20
6	New Thursday Group – Village Hall	8 pm	35
7	Beetle Drive – Sherington Pavilion	7.30 pm	33
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19	Souper Lunchtime Get-together – 4 Griggs Orchard, Sherington	11.30 am	4
21	North Crawley W.I. Table Top Sale Big Quiz & Fish and Chip Supper, Sherington Twinning Association	10 am 7 pm	19/22 36
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27	Sherington DCC	8 pm	5
28	North Crawley History Society		15
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Dear Friends,

Last month Mandy wrote about the storms – since then they have been worse and many more people have suffered flooding and loss. If you are a person who prays, do keep those places and people in your prayers as they struggle with all the implications of flood and wind damage which go on for months for some.

I heard two men discussing climate change on the radio this morning. One was an expert, the other had opinions. They obviously had opposing views, fair enough, but the second man seemed to think it was appropriate to sneer at the views of the other, and at efforts to find ways of producing energy which do not damage the environment. How unnecessary and how unpleasant – especially as the one thing that was clear was that even those who really know cannot be sure if what is happening is due to human activity or not.

It is so easy to sneer, to make judgements about people or their views on the flimsiest of evidence. We see it all the time in the papers and on TV where programmes can be edited to show just what the maker of the programme wants us to see, and in the process blackening people's names, rather than giving a more balanced and truthful view. It doesn't make for such 'exciting' TV or sell papers I suppose, but to lump people together as all the same, be they immigrants, people on benefits, elderly people or teenagers is simplistic rubbish. It encourages us to judge others rather than to try to understand.

We looked at Jesus' story about the 'Good Samaritan' at the last 'Something Different' in St Laud's. People from Samaria and Jewish people loathed and despised each other in Jesus' time. None of those listening would have expected the Samaritan to have helped the man who was mugged. In our version it was a group of 'hoodies' who came to his rescue. In my experience all people are individuals and to lump them together is to assume they are all the same and therefore somehow not worthy of respect. Jesus said 'don't judge so you aren't judged', that is common sense not religious mumbo jumbo, and as relevant today as it was when he said it. He also said 'love one another like I loved you.' What a difference it would make if we did. 'Love is patient, love is kind, love is not envious, or boastful, or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth'. Do we love like that?

Every blessing, Pam

P.S. Check out the crocuses in St Laud's churchyard!

MARCH

2 March

8am Scan Service of Holy Communion (BCP) - Chicheley
9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley
10.45am 'Something Different' – Sherington – (refreshments at 10.30am)

5 March

11.30am Scan Service of Ashing – at 4 Griggs Orchard Sherington (followed by the usual Soup Lunch – all are welcome – donations from lunch for the Foodbank)

9 March

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

16 March

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington
10.45am Café Church – North Crawley School

23 March

11am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley
6pm Scan Evensong – North Crawley

30 March

11am **Mothering Sunday**
Scan Morning Service for Mothering Sunday
3pm Evensong - Hardmead

APRIL SERVICES

6 April

8am SCAN Service of Holy Communion (BCP) – Chicheley
9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley
10.45am 'Something Different' – Sherington – (refreshments at 10.30am)

‘Souper Lunchtime Get-together’

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

At 4 Griggs Orchard Sherington

01908 616763

12pm – 2pm Wednesdays

All ages welcome (children too!)

**5 March (preceded by Holy Communion with
Ashes at 11.30am at Griggs Orchard)**

19 March

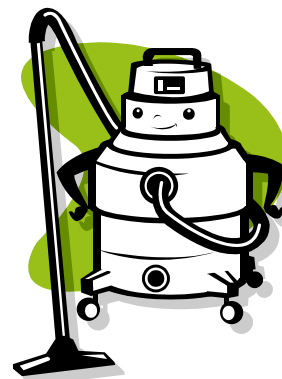
2 April

16 April (followed by a reflection for Lent)

30 April

**‘Spring Clean’ for St Laud’s Church
on Saturday 12 April at 10am**

**If you can spare a couple of hours to help
please come along to lend a hand**



SCAN PARISH AGM

The AGM for our churches will be held on

Tuesday 29 April

Chicheley Village Hall

7.45pm

All are welcome

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

RIP Maureen Lewis from Sherington. The funeral took place in St Laud's Church on 21st January 2014 and subsequent committal at Crownhill Crematorium.

RIP Ian Donnelly from Sherington. The funeral took place on 13th February 2014 at St Laud's followed by a burial in the churchyard.

RIP Michael Cumberbirch Lewton from Chicheley. The funeral took place on 17th February 2014 and subsequent committal at Crownhill Crematorium.

'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.'

Dates of Church Meetings

27 March - Sherington DCC - 8 pm - 28 Carters Close

Lent Lunch Chicheley Village Hall Wednesday 26 March 12.30 pm
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Changes for Church Cafe in North Crawley

With a new craft team in place, Church Cafe in North Crawley has changed its name to SCANS:

S Sunday
C Community
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N North Crawley
S School

"This seems to give this family friendly monthly Church event a more local identity" explains Sally Foster, one of the new volunteers. Sally, along with Nicola Hemming has

taken up the new challenge of creating new crafts and activities for the children based on the month's theme which currently is exploring the traditional church stories starting from the very beginning. Over the last two meetings we have been exploring the Creation of the World and Adam and Eve and the Fall. The children have explored these themes by making their own live gardens to watch grow at home and have made snake sock puppets.



SCANS meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month and meet again on March 16th where we will be exploring the Easter story as we will not be meeting in April. For families looking to celebrate Easter with the Church there is a Holy Communion Easter Sunday service in St Lauds Church in Sherington starting at 10:30am with an Easter Egg hunt for the children after the service. SCANS will be meeting again on 18th May.



Come and join us and support this friendly and child focused event and give your children a chance to learn the stories you learnt as a child whilst meeting local families with pastries, cakes and tea and coffee available.

Something Different
This is Church but “not as we know it”

Do join us on Sunday 2nd March when we will be exploring the theme ‘Love one another...’

S	C
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First Sunday of the month at St Laud’s Church

10.30 am (refreshments) for 10.45 – 11.30

Enjoy refreshments, each other’s company, the occasional outing and guests, and have fun working out who this God fellow is.

Wherever you stand on faith, all are welcome, young, old and in-between to join us in an informal service to explore Christian faith together on the following Sundays.

2 March
6 April
4 May

A STWOOD

My old neighbour Johnny Herbert, long since departed from this mortal Earth, had a saying, well he had many sayings, but one that springs to mind;

‘If in November the water will bear a duck, then February will be full of muck’ – and the reverse is true’

Well I think this year is the exception that proves the rule and the saying should be along the lines;

‘If it starts to rain in November, then by February the swans will be swimming in the meadow’.

And that is certainly true this year, even more so down on the Somerset levels and I am sure all of us would like to send them our sympathy.

We have all seen on the likes of 'Casualty' doctors and nurses surrounding the patient working feverishly and then they state "We are losing him!", the doctor grabs two small irons, tells everyone to stand clear and presses the irons against the patient's chest, the patient convulses similar to Frankenstein's monster is revived; brought back to life. I am sure we have all dreamed of possessing such power. **Joking apart this is a very serious subject** and it is well known fact within medical circles, for anyone who has a heart attack the first few minutes are vital and if the patient can be linked to a defibrillator as quickly as possible, but certainly within the **first seven minutes**, then the chances of survival are greatly increased, which unfortunately for ourselves living **13 miles from the nearest hospital**, is not good news.

However, please do not despair, because with modern technology as it is today defibrillators can be safely operated without a doctor being present. A defibrillator could be strategically placed (perhaps by the village hall in a locked cabinet) and when someone phones the 999 service, the operator will give a code and simple instructions are given to operate the life saver. Reassuringly, they are idiot proof so a live patient cannot be shocked.

At this stage I should point out that sudden cardiac arrests can affect anyone, at any age and even the fittest of people.

However there is a 'but' – money: - the initial cost is about £2,300 and although grants are available we would still have to find about £1,000 per device. There is thinking on the Village Hall committee to help with the fund raising so that we can provide one for Astwood and hopefully Hardmead as well.

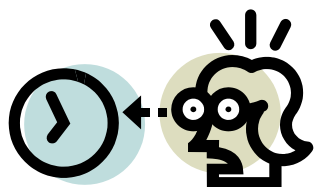
Let us hope in the future someone can say 'thank you' and not 'if only

You will see elsewhere in this report about the Parish Council, a very important part of the community without which the village would not run smoothly and after Peter Woods moved across the border to Bromham last year there is a vacancy. The work is not too arduous, there are usually only 4 meetings a year and despite the remuneration being nothing, it is quite a fulfilling post. So if any of you community spirited individuals fancy having a say in anything from planning to grass cutting, then please contact either Pat Nunn (Clerk) or Miranda Powell-Shedden (Chairperson) or any of the other Councillors.



This is Lieutenant Pigeon for SCAN news signing off from Astwood and returning you to the main magazine.

Lieutenant Pigeon



CLOCKS GO FORWARD 30th MARCH

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Goodbye, Astwood; Goodbye number 21!



Bridget & Robert

We moved into number 21 Cranfield Road, over 43 years ago, when I was only a few months old, with my Mum, Dad and big brother Terry; it was not long before my younger sister Cara joined our little family; it would be a few years on until the baby of the family.....Madeline joined us too. There were ups and downs in the house, good times and bad, but overall I remember my childhood as one of fun, laughter and happiness. Mum and Dad worked hard all their lives, the early years being some of the hardest. One thing that stands out as an abiding memory of this family home, and of the family that lived in it, is that “family” in all the Frost’s eyes is a word which meant we felt safe and secure, loved and cherished. We were there for each other growing

up (even if my brother loathed having three sisters), and are still so today. As every challenge we faced in this house, home and unit; we have done so together. We have felt each other’s pain and joy, of which there have been many of both.

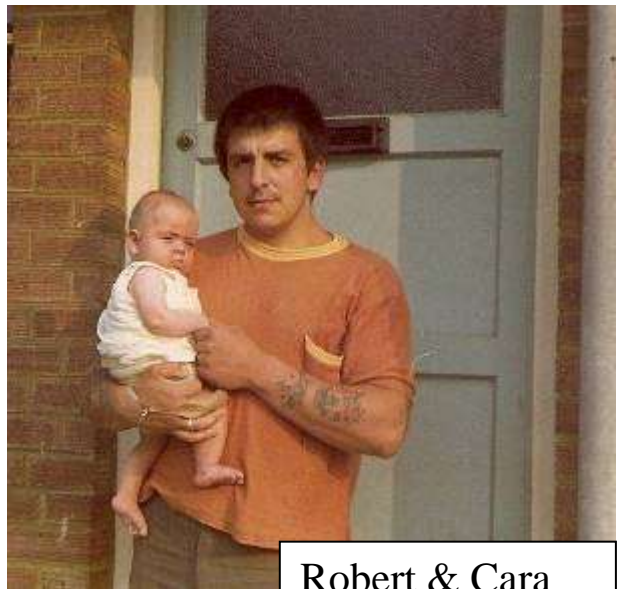
Living at number 21; in the beautiful village of Astwood we went through many life-changing moments:

- The birth of my sister Madeline’s arrival into our lives.
- Me breaking my arm playing kiss-chase.
- The house fire where I “rescued” my sister Cara and her Rupert the bear.
- My Nan’s ghost stories about the previous occupant....Mrs Wellington.
- Every Christmas. All of our birthday parties. The family BBQ’s. The noisy Sunday lunches.
- All the village fetes and jumble sales.
- The Queen’s Silver Jubilee celebrations where my Dad split his trousers, plus my sister, Madeline, won the fancy dress competition.
- The Sunday morning football matches, then to the pub for a bottle of coke and a bag of crisps; whilst Dad stopped for a pint or two.



Bridget & Cara Frost

- Toby, our dog and Heinz, Terry's rabbit. Plus all the other pets we have ever had.....of which there were quite a few!!
- The blackberry picking.
- My mum's cooking and baking.
- The village shop where we bought a quarter of sweets every week and collected our ordered comics. Beano, Whizzer and Chips and Jackie mag. Pear drops for my brother....can't remember mine or my sister's sweets choice.
- The purchasing of 21 Cranfield Road, after Maggie's policy on Right to Buy.
- The youth club in the Village Hall
- The conker collecting.
- Playing football and cricket in the front Cul-de-Sac....and breaking Sandra's front window....oops; Terry!
- All of us completing school, College and Uni plus growing up and moving out.
- My wedding in Astwood's beautiful little church.
- The family bereavements we have shared.
- The support all my family gave me and my beautiful son, when I lost my husband at such a cruel young age.
- The support we gave to Mum when that "C" word loomed.
- The birth of all our children; my parent's Grandchildren.
- All our Fabulous neighbours and village friends ...Monica with Bill, Anthony and Linda; Sandra and Bill and clan; the Thurston's, The Pages, The Burchett's, The Bennett's; Evelyn, Susan and all their clan; The Frossils, The Hodgkins....and many, many more that we had growing up knowing and now, after we have all flown the nest, that I know Mum and Dad treasure.



Robert & Cara

It all happened there - our stories evolved, our lives changed, yet the house managed to accommodate all of those changes and grew with us, having an extension built to the ground floor as we grew older and started to run out of room!

I know all of us will miss that house and the fond memories we have all shared.

This is a new era in my parents' lives and one I know they will embrace; they have worked hard for it.

We love you Mum and Dad, and are so thankful for the love you have given us and the wonderful childhood we shared.

Mandy, Terry, Cara and Maddie xxxxxxxx

ASTWOOD & HARDMEAD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday 29th January 2014 at 8pm in Astwood Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Powell-Shedden, D Hulance, R Stilton, D Chapman, C Mitchell, Clerk P Reynolds-Nunn, 2 members of the public

Apologies: Ward Cllr K McLean

Minutes of meeting on 30th October 2013 were adopted and signed as a true record

Matters arising from the last meeting- None

Defibrillator update – Nicola Roberts from South Central Ambulance Service was unable to attend therefore Cllr Stilton gave the meeting an update and produced some very good handouts; after discussion it was resolved to take steps to purchase a defibrillator to be placed in Astwood. Cllr Stilton proposed, all in favour. Clerk agreed to move forward with applying for funding towards this project.

Green Valley Farm bend update – Clerk reported that although the chevrons we wanted on the bend were not considered warranted due to the lack of reported accidents, MKC had placed a sign to try to slow down traffic on approaching the bend. We feel this is inadequate so we shall monitor the situation and report any vehicles crashing into the fence there, etc.

Hardmead Play Area – Cllr Stilton reported that the funding applied for last year was still pending and he was having difficulty liaising with Phil Snell of MKC regarding moving forward. A decision on whether to go ahead was deferred until our next meeting in May 2014 when hopefully it will be known if funding is available to us for this project.

Ward Cllr's report – Cllr McLean was unable to attend this evening due to other commitments.

Community Benefit Fund update – Cllr Mitchell reported that funds of £7000 had been received for the work to the Village Hall which is splendid news; the funds are held in the PC bank account until needed. The work needs to be completed within twelve months or we risk losing the funding.

NAG – Neighbourhood Action Group update – Cllr Powell-Shedden reported there had been a conviction of a resident possessing cannabis recently in Hardmead. There had been a discussion on boxes for defibrillators and it was mentioned that Parishes were to do their own risk assessments.

Village Hall Report – Cllr Hulance reported that the hall was doing well, being used for functions regularly, e.g. yoga, whist drives, and their finances were secure despite a loss last year. A copy of the accounts was forthcoming, placed on file. A new heater is on order to replace the broken one near the hatch, and of course the damp proofing etc will soon be under way now that funding is to hand.

14/00080/FUL – replacement barn structure to form dwelling at Manor Farm, Newport Rd, Hardmead, decision pending

13/02116/FUL – demolition of redundant agricultural buildings and erection of single storey dwelling and detached garage, at site east of 3 Main Rd, Astwood, decision pending

13/02166/FUL – demolition of existing sun roof and construction of new single storey extension at Manor Cottage, Hardmead, permitted

12/02389/DISCON – attached to planning permission 12/01818/FUL, conditional details refused

12/02643/FUL – conversion and renovation of existing main barn and attached single storey outbuilding into a residential dwelling; erection of a garage/external store/home office on the footprint of previous buildings on the site, at Elm Hall Farm, Main Rd, Astwood, permitted

Finances

The precept request was discussed and agreed at £3500 for next year, although we anticipate extra expenses for the purchase of a defibrillator (after possible funding) and possibly monies towards the play area at Hardmead, we do have a float of approximately £2500 to fall back on if necessary. This decision was proposed by Cllr Chapman, seconded by Cllr Stilton, all others in favour

Bank balance stands at £2501.33 after bills were settled this evening as follows:-

100425 SCAN donation		£50.00
100426 P Reynolds-Nunn, expenses	£63.17 + £6.20 VAT	£69.37
100427 HMRC payroll (2 quarterly payments of £45)		£90.00
100428 Cheque wasted (cancelled)		

Payments proposed by Cllr Mitchell, seconded Cllr Hulance, all others in favour.

However, £7000 is being held here until payments are needed for Village Hall insulation works.

There was a query on last year's audited accounts which was explained.

An error was made on an invoice settled in October 2013 which will be rectified this year by the Clerk

Questions from the public/Open discussion

It was proposed to remove or trim one or both of the willow trees on the Village Green garden if the parish council had no objections as one is overhanging the pavement and causing a mess when dropping leaves, etc. The other one in the middle of the area is sucking up water from the bog garden (in drier weather). There were no real objections but the general opinion was to trim rather than remove. This will be looked into further.

It was asked if anything at all could be done about the A422 problems which are ongoing but getting worse over the last couple of years. The volume of traffic has increased dramatically together with the noise pollution particularly from motorbikes; the traffic speed along there causing it difficult to pull out. It was suggested to have a 40mph limit to slow traffic, or a roundabout, or softer tarmac surfacing to ease the noise levels.

This has been a problem for years and discussed at length many times, however, the clerk will speak again to highways dept, MK Council and to Thames Valley Police to ask if they have any ideas on how to help us solve this serious issue.

It is reported that residents are exercising their dogs in the "kick about" area in Astwood; most of them clear up mess after their dog but some don't and this is a serious health hazard

for children who may want to play there; dog owners would argue that they use the area because children don't play there, but children cannot play there if dog mess is an issue – there is a slight danger even if mess is cleared up as the grass is then not sterile enough for children to play. This area is dedicated to children and there is a field opposite to walk dogs so some signs will be placed warning of a no go area for dogs, Clerk will action asap.

A street light is faulty opposite numbers 5/7 Cranfield Rd, Astwood, coming on and off periodically, Clerk will report this when the number is obtained from the post.

Cllr Hulance will mention the Councillor Elections taking place in May this year asking if anyone is interesting in putting themselves forward to join our excellent team of Parish Councillors when he actions the SCAN report this month. We only normally meet four times annually – there must be residents out there who would like to work for the community, if so, please ring the Clerk or speak to any Councillor for details.

The next meeting was confirmed as 14th May 2014 at 8pm (to include AGM) in Astwood Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.34pm, all were thanked for their attendance and support

C HICHELEY

Burns Night was celebrated in the village hall back in January with an excellent meal and good company. Mandy expertly slew the poor beast, which was then eaten with some vegetables prepared to Scottish recipes. However not one male present this year wore a kilt, perhaps we men should do better. I wonder what Robbie Burn's would have made of the present debate?

The next village event to be held will be on Saturday 1 March when we will celebrate Saint David's day at 7.30pm in the village hall. This time the food will be based on Welsh recipes followed by, I trust, some entertainment. If you would like to attend (and it's not too late) please call me on 01234 391371 to book your seat, we can usually accommodate late callers.

Chichchat will be on Tuesday 11th March from 10.30am until noon in the village hall. There will be also be a ChichTea, with cakes, on March 25th from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. This is always good opportunity to meet and chat with your neighbours.

Chicheley will be hosting a Lent lunch in the village hall on Wednesday 26th March from 12.30pm. This has become very popular over the years, with a not that frugal a meal of soup etc. and new faces are always welcome.

The winter of 1946/47 was very harsh, our country was still recovering from the aftermath of the Second World War, and the really cold spell began on the 21st January. On the 23rd

January Michael Lewton was born and he died on the 31st January this year in what is probably the mildest winter throughout his 67 years. A celebration of Michael's life was held in Chicheley church on the 17th February with a church full of his family and friends in attendance. The service was conducted by the Reverend Pam Fielding and Michael's son, Stephen, read the lesson. The organist was Nick Read, from Newport Pagnell and the congregation sang with feeling. The undertakers were Masons from Newport Pagnell who were their usual highly professional selves.

Michael's daughter Kathryn gave an eloquent tribute about her father, of which I have extracted just a small part. Michael grew up in Bromham with his parents and sister, Diane. He was educated locally and it was during this time that his love of all sport was developed. His favourite football team was Manchester United (no-one is perfect) but his real sporting passion, as I believe we all knew, was golf. A fine player himself he encouraged Stephen to take up golf and was very proud when he proved so talented that he became a professional golfer in 2008. Despite his illness Michael insisted that Stephen compete in the final tournament just a few weeks ago that has retained his tour place for the next season.

In 1966/67 Michael received a diploma in farming, and through a contact with a lifelong friend, was appointed the farming under manager, soon rising to manager, for Major Chester at the Home farm in Chicheley. This continued for the whole of Michael's working life until he retired in late 2012. As Kathryn said Michael loved farming, working with his friend, Pierre for most of those years, and latterly also Chris. He particularly liked working for the Major, a man he held in great respect. Home farm became his pride and joy.

In 1973 saw the most significant day in Michael's life when he and Jennifer were married. They raised two fine children and joined in fully with our village life, church and hall activities. Kathryn also spoke of Michael's love of collecting, seemingly anything that took his interest, and the subsequent disposal of most of that prior to his and Jennifer's move to their new home in Sherington. They became experienced users of the auctions and the "tip".

Michael finished his days dealing with his cancer, positively, resolutely and in a dignified way. All who knew him will be sorry that he was not able to enjoy a longer retirement and that we could not share it with him. He was a good, kind man, perhaps sufficient testament. Our condolences go to Jennifer, Kathryn, Stephen and their families.

Country life has a rhythm. It is dictated by the seasons, the weather, the climate and by those who live and work there. We all leave our mark, good and bad, large or small. As a friend I worked with for many years frequently said "*It's all part of life's rich pattern*".

Long may that continue.
David

NORTH CRAWLEY SCAN NEWS AND COMMENT.

I'm sure that everyone is getting fed up with the weather over the past 6 weeks or so and the boring pattern it has followed. Is it global warming, or the extremes of temperature being experienced in the USA, or is the latter a consequence of the former? Whatever the reason the USA seems to be exporting large amounts of wind and rain in our direction across the Atlantic? I also want to know what happened to the snow and ice, as it doesn't feel like winter without a covering on the ground for at least a few days. My own preferred winter weather is a few hard frosts overnight, some snow, and plenty of blue skies during the day even if the temperature dips a bit.

I was recently invited to an exhibition in the MK Gallery titled 'Treasures in MK' which provided an eclectic array of pictures from across 4 centuries. What has this got to do with North Crawley? Well Alexander and Jane Boswell played a leading role in putting the exhibition together and using their influence to encourage private owners to release the pictures for viewing (Gainsborough, Hogarth, Dura, Picasso, David Bowie to name but a few of the artists on display). This really is worth going to see and there is no entrance fee, although donations are appreciated. It's at MK Gallery until end March.

On the Friday 30 January, Moulsoe Farmers held their 60th annual dinner and dance at Mitchell Hall. I can hear some saying what has this got to do with North Crawley, well from memory it seemed that half the people in attendance were from the village. A five course meal was followed by coffee and mints, and then came the speeches. The guest speaker was a hillside farmer from Derbyshire and gave a marvellous insight into life in his neck of the woods, especially all the lost ramblers who knock on his door. Dancing and imbibing were enthusiastically pursued and a fleet of carriages delivered us back to the village in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Historical Society

On **March 28th**, there will be a talk by Robert Kendall entitled "CRM – the Chelsea Years and the Restoration of 78 Derngate". As the title suggests, the talk will cover the work of Rennie Macintosh and the restoration of the house in Northampton.

There has been a very positive response to the tour to the **WW1 Battlefields in October** which has enabled the Society to get some firm details. It will be a 4-day (3-night) tour by luxury coach and ferry. If you haven't already indicated your interest, please call Chris Stapleton on 01234 391205, or John Brandon on 01234 391365, to book your place.

Walks - Please support your village walks which are on the last Sunday in the month. The walks are suitable for young and old alike and are up to two hours in duration. The next walk will be Sunday 30th March, meeting as always **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

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL – MEETING NOTES.

The Parish Council (PC) met on Tuesday 4 February 2014.

(These notes are not the official minutes of the meeting and do not cover all of the issues discussed).

Planning.

13/02323/FUL – single storey front extension: extending width of existing driveway at 16 Kilpin Green, North Crawley – permitted.

13/02150/FUL – change of use: conversion and extension of barns to single storey dwelling and erection of detached garage – permitted.

13/02151/LBC – listed building consent for the above – permitted.

12/02004/FUL – retention of rebuilt stable block to provide three units of accommodation for agricultural workers (retrospective) – permitted.

No new applications received.

Ward Councillor report – Keith McLean.

Funds to purchase 10 'SID' devices to calm traffic have been made available to the borough.

Seventeen new grit bins are available on a first come first served basis, and so the PC need to make a bid.

The PC asked why nothing had been done to clear and widen the path from Brook End Farm up into the village. Since the meeting the path leading to Lodge Farm has been cleared, but not the one to Brook End. It was commented that the pathway running from Olney to Sherrington (via Emberton) is undergoing a major overhaul at huge expense and we only require a minor clearance activity that could be done in a day. Keith was also asked why can Emberton get a traffic order to stop people using their village as a rat run and we can't? It was suggested the PC go to MKC Highways and ask the question.

Finance & Churchyard matters.

Nothing to report regarding Finance.

Mason's have not responded to a request to remove a pile of soil in the churchyard.

Ford and Waste ground projects.

Both awaiting better weather to undertake works.

Institute Repairs.

The Chairman of the IMC briefed the PC on a number of urgent repairs that the Institute required. These include replacement of the front doors and the rear emergency doors, replacement of the guttering to the front of the building and some minor tiling work. A new window for the Gents toilet is also needed. The cost of these required works amounts to over £5,000 and a request for some support was made. The PC agreed to find some funds to meet some of the cost.

New Website.

The Parish Council has a new website, which can be found quite easily by Googling 'North Crawley Parish Council', or using the addresses shown below. One is via the MK Council site and the other is direct to the MKWeb site.

New website:- "www.mkweb.co.uk/Towns-and-Parishes/North-Crawley-Parish-Council"

From Milton Keynes website:- "<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/councillors-and-committees/parish-and-town-councils/parish-and-town-councils-websites>

Date and time of next meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting is in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4 March at 7.30 pm.



NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL



**North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE
First School**

'Together in Learning - Sharing Excellence and Expertise'

Despite the appalling inclement weather the UK is currently experiencing, the children at North Crawley CE School have been busily celebrating, not the storms, but the Chinese New Year. The 15-day celebration of Chinese New Year started on Friday 31st January, with the first new moon of the calendar year. The day marked the end of the year of the water snake and welcomed the

start of the year of the wooden horse. In school, the children have enjoyed learning about this festival by cooking and tasting Chinese food. During a special assembly the children were treated to a display of Chinese dragon dancing by our youngest children who had specially choreographed their moves to oriental music.

Our focus upon ‘culture’ has also provided the opportunity to study artists and the Early Years children have been taking inspiration from the painting ‘Bathers at Asnières’ (1884) by Georges Seurat which shows a group of young workmen taking their leisure by the river. The children have produced some fantastic art work based on the painting, were inspired to collect together various hats after spying the ones in the picture and stayed motivated to study science work connected to reflections.



Meanwhile in the KS1 classroom, the children have been focusing upon investigations. In science the children have been exploring ‘Forces’ using the strength of magnets, experimenting with bubbles and investigating with ramps and inclines. Explorations continued in mathematics with special maths mornings for parents and a whole weeks project entitled ‘What a Sweet Week’ where the children were engaged in problem solving activities involving a selection of confections! The inspired children focused upon making patterns or arrays with sweets, examining 3D shaped sweets and taking part in a ‘Smartie’ competition.



The photos above show the children with a large bag of 3D Liquorice Allsorts, making giant ‘nets’ of Liquorice Allsorts shapes and eating giant sweets - yum! After half term, we are looking forwards to a jam-packed six weeks when there will be a photography competition, World Book Day celebrations and a focus upon PE and Sports in conjunction with Sports Relief.



Stroke
association

Dear Friend,

You may have noticed that Julie and Tara are spending an awful lot of time wearing running gear. This is because we are about to run our first ever marathon to raise money for the Stroke Association.

Tara is lucky to still be with us after suffering a brain haemorrhage when Tess was only two weeks old.

If you would like to support us on our adventure we would be extremely grateful.

Any amount no matter how small is very much appreciated.

To sponsor us please can you go to

Virgin Money Giving

and enter Tara Allan Julie Kennedy in the name search.

Alternatively we can take cash.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

JULIE AND TARA.

**(From the High Street and Kilpin Green,
North Crawley)**



NORTH CRAWLEY WI ARE HAVING A TABLE TOP SALE

Easter Monday 21st April, 2014

Tables are £5

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North Crawley Bowls Club

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 11th MARCH 2014

The Annual General Meeting for our Bowls Club will be held in
North Crawley Village Hall
on Tuesday 11 March 2014
at 8.00pm,

when a review of our past years results will be held, as well as appointing our new committee for the forthcoming year.

Although we are a relatively small club, we are recognised by our bowling neighbours, both within and beyond Bucks County, as having a top-grade green, and a number of players who compete at County level.

Our 2014 season starts in April and we have another full programme organised for the season. We would like to expand our membership and would welcome new members to our friendly Club, especially those from North Crawley Village and the surrounding areas. If you are an inexperienced bowler and would like to improve your skills or you are interested in beginning to play the game for the first time we can help you along the way. Our AGM. will be an opportunity to hear more about North Crawley Bowls Club, and to meet our members. So we would welcome anyone who is contemplating taking up bowling, or is already a player, and ask that you join us in our Village Hall on Tuesday, 11th March. If you would like further details, please ring either of the following people:

Chairman Dave Shipley (01234 764891

Secretary (Sheila Hart) on 01234 750221

NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.

We started our evening with quite a lot of apologies: Ella with her knee, Anne whose husband is poorly, Jill on holiday, Patricia and Barbara are also poorly. Very sorry if I missed anyone out. We wish you all well and a speedy recovery.

Our speaker was Jo Dean author, public speaker coach and accent reduction. This was a different speaker with an insight into writing and publishing.

We heard from Dee and Angie after their outing to The Cheapside Hoard. This was a fantastic day and well worth a visit to The Museum of London. The exhibit ends on 27th April and is the first time that this hoard of jewels has been together since 1912. For more information go online to 'The Cheapside Hoard' - it is truly fascinating.

We have our council meeting coming up with Chris Beardshaw as guest speaker. We have been invited to submit an entry in The Bucks County Show but as this is in Aylesbury and we need to set up the day previous to the event we will not be taking part. Photos of a Buckinghamshire Landscape are the theme for our 2016 calendar.

We are having our Table Top Sale on Easter Monday 21st April 9am for a 10am start in The Institute, tables are £5 please book with Pam on 391586.

Joan invited us to an Institute fund raiser of an evening of magic and cabaret on Saturday March 1st at 8pm, £10, tickets from Joan.

Our competition this month was an old photo, this turned out to be very interesting and we will be doing a larger feature on this later in the year so please don't put them away in the loft. The winner was Doreen; raffle was won by Bridget and Dilys.

Next month's speaker is Paul Rabbitts on The History, Decline and Renovation of Bandstands. The competition is a picture of a musical instrument.

We have so much going on; please come along and visit us, you will be very welcome. Take care and have fun till next time. LB

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Mailbag and Announcements

THANKS

CAROL CONCERT

Thank you David and Bess, Ben and Deborah for organising a wonderful evening. The Newport Pagnell singers, as usual, gave us some fantastic music to listen to and join in! The Church looked beautiful with your decorations, which lasted over Christmas, Thank You. It was a very enjoyable way to start Christmas. JB



St. George

Thank you for flying the flag and also the person in Gun Lane who provided it.



Maureen Lewis

I wish to thank all those who attended the Thanksgiving Service for the life of my wife Maureen held on the 21st of Jan at St Laud's Church and made it a memorable experience.

In particular I must thank the Rev Mandy Marriott for the way she conducted the service.

I understand that many people could not hear my Introduction at the service and some of it deserves repeating.

I thanked but did not name the many individuals who gave us support over the long period of Maureen's illness. However I did name the organisations and activities which sustained us throughout as follows:

The Day Centre and Care home at St Giles , Stony Stratford.

The Kitchener Centre at Olney.

Crossroads Sitting service

The Care Group founded by Newport Pagnell Medical Centre.

MK Council Home Care

Age UK, Alzheimers Society and the CPN,

Ashby House Nursing Home, MK, who looked after Maureen for the last 2 years.

Also, I must thank the many people who sent messages of sympathy and encouragement.

David Lewis,
20 Gun Lane , Sherington.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY QUIZ

Huge thanks from the St Laud's Church District Council Committee to everyone who came along to support our fun 'St Valentine's Day' Quiz. The church was decorated beautifully with hearts and candles, thanks to Chloe and Jan. Martin kindly lent us his tables from the Sports Pavilion. Our quiz masters Pat and Neil were as brilliant as ever in preparing questions to suit all interests so there were topics to challenge us all. Thanks must also go to Enzo's Fish and Chip shop in Olney. All funds raised will be matched by Santander (thank you Neil!) – so your support is truly appreciated. Don't forget to add Friday 24th October (7:30pm – 10pm) in your diaries for our next quiz. Bring a team, or come on your own to boost low team numbers. Everyone welcome! Let's hope the weather will be less stormy then! - Paula Noble



from Editor * **please note correction in mobile phone number.**

After 23 years as an Allotment Holder, old age and heart surgery have forced me to retire. Pete Mynard

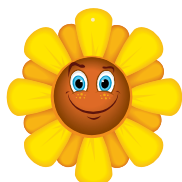
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HELP!

OPEN GARDENS AND
FLOWER FESTIVAL
JUNE 2014

For over three decades Sherington has held a bi-annual Flower Festival and Open Gardens Weekend (*which includes the wonderful display of Scarecrows organised by Sherington Historical Society*).

Help is needed with organising this event - can you spare some time to ensure this popular summer treat continues? Contact: 611163 or 611587

The Village Shop – URGENT NOTIFICATION - PLEASE READ

The village shop has now been open for two years and has been well used by the village and visitors alike. Many residents have said what a difference it makes. Udi and Dina have worked hard with their team to make it successful and to show that it is possible to have a viable shop within the village. The addition of the post office has definitely saved the time of travelling and the queuing in Newport Pagnell.

However, unfortunately, reluctantly Udi and Dina have decided to step down from running the Sherington shop in August this year for domestic reasons and to concentrate solely on running the Castlethorpe shop. They have kindly given us good notice in order that we can come up with an alternative solution to keep the shop operational.

They have introduced one potential person to take the shop over but he has decided not to take up the option and they will continue to approach other interested parties but we cannot rely on this. So where does that leave the village shop – simply if nothing happens between now and August the shop will close! We therefore need to take action ourselves if we want to continue to have a shop and post office in the village.

In order to take this forward we need to form a new committee to look at alternative means of keeping the shop open. This could be:

- Volunteers with someone or a group managing the stock
- A new manager to take over the shop from Udi and Dina
- A company to run the shop as a commercial concern
- Others options?

Whatever happens it needs to happen very soon as the clock is ticking.....

We will certainly advertise in SCAN and other appropriate media, but any suggestions are welcome. We are also contemplating holding a village hall meeting to discuss this

If you would like to be part of the new shop committee and/or have constructive ideas or suggestions please email Mel Northfield at mel@sheringtonconsulting.co.uk.

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Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

As any regular reader of Scan will know I frequently mention the weather and this month will be no exception. With almost non-stop rain the fields, our gardens and the roads have all been badly affected. As you will probably know the Newport road was actually closed for a number of days and that had a serious effect on our bus service, more of that a bit later. Then on the night of Friday 14th we had very high winds, some say gusting up to 80 mph. I am not aware of any particularly bad incidents but certainly a few people lost fence panels and some trees also suffered. It appears that the Met Office are forecasting much more rain to come so we are grateful that we are not on the banks of the Thames or on the Somerset Levels.

With regard to the bus service there are two buses which provide a service to our village, the number 1 which goes from Bletchley to Lavendon and vice versa and the number 40 which goes from Bedford to Central Milton Keynes and back. On Monday 10th I was in Newport Pagnell to meet some old friends, one of whom also lives in Sherington. Our intention was to get the number 40 back home. We waited until it was 45 minutes overdue and then called home to be picked up. We were most surprised to find that the bus had actually come through the village at roughly the right time but had missed out Newport Pagnell because of the flooding. However, the number 1 was still operating as normal but unfortunately we did not know this at the time. Whilst this was an inconvenience for my friend and me we could at least call for help, courtesy of a wife. I happened to mention this to a friend in the village who told a far worse tale. Their 17 year old son got the number 40 from Bedford and the driver said that he could not go through the village due to the floods so he put him off the bus on the by-pass and left him to walk down Bedford Road in the dark, never a good place to walk at the best of times, back to his home in Park Road. He did not have a mobile telephone and so could not summon any assistance. I think that the bus driver was most irresponsible in his actions and should be severely reprimanded.

Our church clock has eventually come into the 21st century by being electrified and the chimes have also been restored, albeit quite quietly. This means that no longer will Ella and her helpers have to climb the bell tower to wind the old clock up as they have had to up until now. This conversion was quite costly and if you would like to contribute towards it please get in touch with Derrick Ferris.

Whilst on the subject of the church you might remember that you were asked to contribute money for the planting of crocuses along the path. Many of us did and now they are all flowering and look most attractive.

Our local hostelry, the White Hart, has had some changes to the décor and furnishings and the more observant of you will have noticed from its advertisement in Scan that a discount on food is available by quoting the appropriate words. There is also now a takeaway service for fish and chips on Fridays. Another change is that Giles has returned to the pub as the full time chef and I am assured that, contrary to some people's ideas, no meals come out of a microwave oven,

The twinning association big quiz and fish and chip supper on 21st March is looking to be as popular as ever and tickets are going fast so if you have not booked yet don't leave it too long or you could be disappointed.

Operation Christmas Child: When we made our donation to cover the cost of shipping our shoeboxes we had the option to receive information as to where they were sent. This week we received an email advising that they were part of a shipment of 136,000 that went to Romania. We are told that all the children who received the boxes were truly delighted and grateful and one mother wrote to tell OCC how much the box her son was given meant to him.

If you haven't made up a shoe box for OCC before, why not think about it now and perhaps buy something for it each week with your shop so that it doesn't come as a big expense in one go in October? You can find a list of suitable items on the website www.samaritans-purse.org.uk or give Pam Ellis a call on 617599 as she usually coordinates the Sherington effort.

I was sorry to hear of the death of Ian Donnelly, a Sherington lad born and bred here. He died following a heart attack at his home in Knoll Close. Our sympathy goes to his wife Pauline, daughter Kerry, his brothers Andy and Russell and his sister Lydia. We also note the passing of Michael Lewton who farmed at Chicheley until July last year when he retired to Water Lane in our village and sadly succumbed to cancer aged 67, our thoughts are with his wife and family.

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

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2014

1 WARD COUNCILLOR'S ITEMS

Cllr McLean reminded the parish council to chase MKC over highway repairs which were identified as "28 day" defects.

Cllr McLean has awarded £166 to Sherington PC from his Ward budget towards the cost of a NHS Community First Response kit. This money will be forwarded to South Central Ambulance Service via Mike Hughes who spoke to the parish council about the service at the December meeting.

MKC has invited requests from parishes for additional grit/salt bins.

MKC has purchased new Speed Indicator Devices which will be deployed via Neighbourhood Action Groups. (Please contact parish clerk if you would be able to attend the next NAG meeting to indicate interest in using them in the village.)

2 CLERK'S REPORT

The recent inspection of roads in Sherington by MKC has identified defects needing repair in Bedford Road, Church Road, Crofts End, Perry Lane and School Lane. (See Item 1) Bedford Road may be considered for more extensive work in next year's programme.

3 FLOODING/DITCH ISSUES ALBAN HILL

MKC has finally carried out work on the road down from Alban Hill involving clearance of kerb weirs, tree/hedge clearance, hole digging and unblocking of ditches with the promise of more to come. Thanks were given to Mr D Williams for bringing this issue to the parish council.

4 FINANCE

The precept for 2014/15 has been set at £21,963, a reduction of 0.14% on last year.

A payment of £185 was approved for replacement of tiles on the pavilion roof. Heavy stone and pieces of wood had been thrown onto it causing damage.

5 PLANNING DECISIONS

1 Park Road The application has been withdrawn

2 End Farm, Water Lane Approved by MKC

22 Crofts End Approved by MKC. There was no response to the request made at the January meeting for clarification on this application and it was agreed to chase for this. (See January report)

6 SHERINGTON RECREATION GROUND

Pavilion survey Cllr Denman agreed at the January meeting to contact the contractor who had laid the flooring to get his opinion about remedial work. It was agreed to pass a copy of the surveyor's report to Bob Cook to ask for his feedback before deciding on the best course of action.

7 PUBLIC COMMENTS

A resident suggested that maybe part of St Laud's churchyard could be given over to wild life, as has successfully been done in other church yards. The parish council agreed that this was a matter for the church's management committee.

8 PARISH COUNCIL ARCHIVES

Cllr Collinge has started to examine parish council archive material held in the office above the Village Hall. It was suggested that the council should consider proper vault storage for any items of value and should contact HSBC in the first instance.

9 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th March 2014 and on Tuesday 1st April 2014 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde

Sherington Church of England School News

The Village Schools Church Partnership



"With the monetary proceeds from the *Lanterns & fireworks* evening to spend on creative resources we enlisted the help of weaving artist Mrs Alana Jolley.

Using a variety of looms and more basic tools the children in Key Stage 1 had an interesting and enjoyable day of hard work and application.



Thanking the organizers Paul and Neil has already been done *in-house* but we would like to do so publicly as well.

Reception children also had some time with Mrs Jolley but their main focus recently was Chinese New Year with the story of the animals in *The Great Race* as well as cooking enough stir-fry vegetables for the whole school to share at lunch. Key Stage 1 completed

the design stage of their topic on *Playgrounds* and will complete the models after the half-term break. With a visit from Pre-School children and staff the time since Christmas has flown by and we look forward to some spring activity (and weather) around the pond after half term.



Colin R Storey
AST & Assistant Headteacher
Sherington CE School

SHERINGTON PRE SCHOOL

The last few weeks have flown by and although the weather has been wet and windy this has not stopped the children from playing outside! We have been busy building dens, climbing and exploring role-play. As part of this term's weather theme the children have made some fantastic kites, paper aeroplanes and windmills and have had great fun painting rainbows and making weather charts.



We have spent another afternoon at Sherington C of E First School and a fine afternoon allowed the children to play outside in the outdoor classroom area, climbing and balancing on the wooden log structure.

This month marked the Chinese New Year, which we all celebrated. The children were thoroughly engaged in

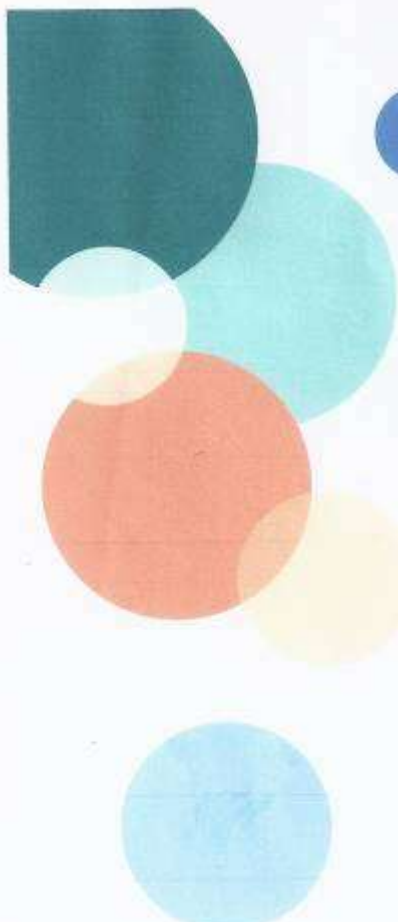
some Chinese craftwork and happily snacked on Chinese treats such as prawn crackers and noodles!

This term we have had a weekly interactive music session with local musician Lydia. She has been teaching the children new songs and has been entertaining them with musical role-play and story telling. We have also had a number of parents in to help with sessions and one mum enjoyed baking cup cakes with the children, I think they enjoyed eating them too!

When we return after half term our theme will be 'Animals Around the World'. We will be chatting about our own pets and also those wilder animals in far away places! Hopefully the weather will pick up a bit and we can start thinking about what to grow in our Pre School Garden as we continue our Home Grown in Sherington Project which is now in its 4th Year!

The Pre School Committee is busy arranging our next fundraising event and this time it's something for the Mums & Dads! Join us at **The Pavilion from 7:30pm-10:30pm on Friday 7th March** for an evening of good food, music & fun. We will be feasting on a delicious home cooked Chilli and playing the old family favourite 'Beetle.' Grab your friends & family and join us for Sherington's first ever * **BEETLE DRIVE!!** (Tickets must be purchased in advance – see poster for details).

*From Ed: before you write or email, those of us who had children in Sherington School 15 or so years ago will remember very uproarious Beetle Drives – a favourite fundraiser with the P.T.F.A. at the time!



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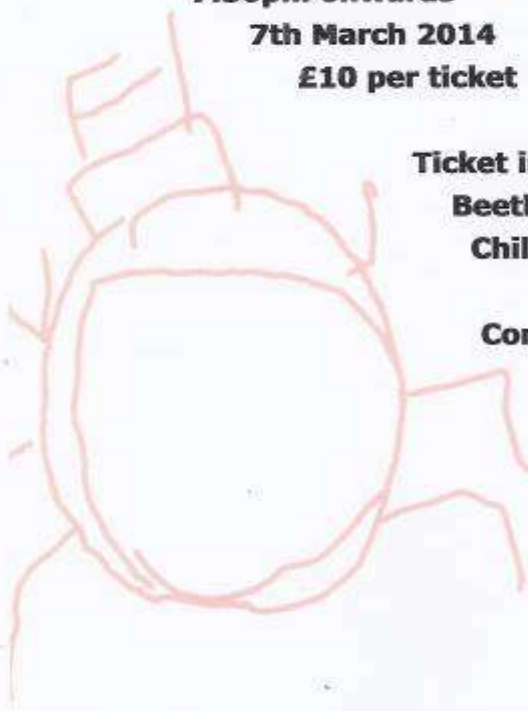
Beetle Drive & Chilli Dinner

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Ticket includes
Beetle Drive &
Chilli Dinner

Contact: Emily
43 High Street
Sherington
07939827491





SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

email: SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk

Tuesday 11th March

Annual General Meeting

8 pm

Village Hall

All Welcome

We will be sharing the new season's events for the first time and refreshments will be provided while you chat with other members and view some of the archive .

Should you wish to stand on the committee or make a nomination, but are unable to come along, please let me know in advance.

Thank you, Kay Turrell – 612153

PICTURES IN THE PARLOUR - THE MAGIC LANTERN

On the evening of 11th February, a large audience gathered in Sherington Village Hall. The air filled with a buzz of happy anticipation and, my word, Kevin Varty didn't let us down. He gave us a trip back to pre-cine, pre-tele days and the 'magic' emanating from his beautiful lantern and collection of the wonderful slides, carried us back through the years. Concentrating on the Victorian era, we laughed, gasped and admired the spooky, outrageous and cute images our ancestors marvelled at. Kevin's entertaining commentary kept us all enthralled – he even had us making sound effects with an audience participation session!

GREAT EVENING, over all too soon.

Betty Feasey

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

6th March **National Trust Gardens – OPEN MEETING**

A slide show and talk given by Mr Roger Skipper showing some of the best gardens owned by the National Trust.

This is an ‘Open Meeting’. If anyone from the SCAN villages is interested in gardening or the National Trust, please come and join us at Sherington Village Hall for 8pm. All are welcome, men and women.

3rd April **Tramps Supper – Members Only**

Details to be confirmed.

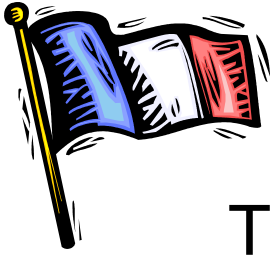
The New Thursday Group meets in Sherington Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 8.00 pm, unless otherwise indicated. It is open to all ladies from the village and surrounding area and new members are always very welcome. There is a varied programme of talks by visiting speakers, outings 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, Sunday 2nd March 2014

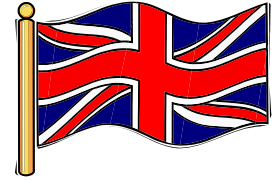
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Friday 21st March at Sherington Village Hall

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