

SCAN June 2014



Happy Birthday!

1914 - 2014

TWO LONG TIME RESIDENTS OF OUR PARISH –
DORIS COLLIER AND GEORGE FLEET - CELEBRATE
THEIR 100TH BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR.

WE SEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND
VERY BEST WISHES TO DORIS AND GEORGE ON
REACHING SUCH A NOTABLE MILESTONE.

(There must be something very good in the air around these parts! Ed.)

SCAN 441 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY JUNE 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			
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			
JUNE	Group/Event/Place	Time	
3	Sherington Parish Council – Village Hall	7.30 pm	
3	North Crawley Parish Council – Village Hall	7.30 pm	
4	SCAN P.C.C. Chicheley Village Hall	7.30 pm	
4	Souper Lunchtime Get-together – 4 Griggs Orchard, Sherington	12 – 2.30 pm	
5	The New Thursday Group, Sherington	8 pm	
10	Open Morning – Sherington Pre-School	9.30 – 11.30 am	
10	Chitchat – Chicheley Village Hall	10.30 am	
10	Meeting re First World War – Chicheley Village Hall	8 pm	
12	Chicheley D.C.C. Chicheley Village Hall	7.30 pm	
16	SCANS – North Crawley School	10.45 am	
17	Sherington Village Hall A.G.M.	8 pm	
18	Souper Lunchtime Get-together – 4 Griggs Orchard, Sherington	12 – 2 pm	
21	Judging Day – SCARECROW Competition, Sherington	10 am onwards	
21 & 22	St. Lauds Flower Festival, Sherington	11 am – 5.30 pm	
22	MidSummer Garden Party – Mercers Farm, Sherington	3.30 pm	
24	ChichTea – Chicheley Village Hall	2.30 – 4 pm	
24	Chicheley Village Hall Meeting	Evening	
28	Chicheley Summer Tea – The White House, Hall Lane	3 – 5 pm	
29	North Crawley Village Walk	10 am	
JULY			
1	Sherington Parish Council – Village Hall	7.30 pm	
3	The New Thursday Group – Sherington	8 pm	
5	Summer Concert – St. Lauds – Newport Pagnell Singers	7.30 pm	
5	North Crawley Village Fete	3 pm	
6	Astwood Village BBQ/Gathering	6	
6	Thumbsticks Walk, The Knoll, Sherington	9.30 am	
20	Fishing Trip, Sherington	2.30 pm	
26	Trailer Auction – The White Hart, Sherington	7 pm	
27	North Crawley Village Walk	10 am	



Mandy writes.....

In 2013 Songs of Praise conducted a nationwide survey. Tens of thousands of people voted for their favourite hymn. From the top 20 ‘Thine be the Glory’, that great Easter hymn, came in at number 20; our local favourite ‘Amazing Grace’ was 16 in the chart; ‘Abide with me’ came in at number 7 and number 1 was ‘How Great Thou art.’

Hymns are a great way of expressing faith and through the combination of words and music celebrate eternal truths about God. Many hymns are based on verses from the Bible. The hymn ‘Praise my soul the King of heaven’ number 22 in the Songs of Praise chart, is a hymn based on psalm 103. Incidentally it was chosen by Queen Elizabeth for her wedding to the Duke of Edinburgh on 20th November 1947.

Well, this year in SCAN Parish we shall be having our own **Songs of Praise service in St Firmin’s Church North Crawley on the afternoon of Sunday 10th August.**

We are hoping to make it a very special occasion as we shall be welcoming the congregation from St Firmin’s Church Thurlby, Lincolnshire, on the edge of the Fens. We plan to meet in church for tea and share notes on the two churches dedicated to St Firmin and then celebrate together in our Songs of Praise service. We hope that many will join us to sing praises to God and if you have a favourite hymn which you would like included in our service then please let me know. I can be contacted on 01908 610521 or e-mail aj.marriott123@gmail.com Thank you. David the writer of many of the psalms in the Bible played the harp. He played the harp to soothe King Saul’s nerves. Throughout the psalms he encouraged people to use music to praise God, be it their voices or any instrument to hand. I rather like this interpretation of Psalm 150 from ‘The Message’. Enjoy!

¹⁻⁶ Hallelujah!

*Praise God in his holy house of worship,
praise him under the open skies;
Praise him for his acts of power,
praise him for his magnificent greatness;
Praise with a blast on the trumpet,
praise by strumming soft strings;
Praise him with castanets and dance,
praise him with banjo and flute;
Praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum,
praise him with fiddles and mandolin.
Let every living, breathing creature praise God!
Hallelujah!.*

DATES OF CHURCH MEETINGS

Wednesday 4 June SCAN PCC at 7.30pm in Chicheley Village Hall

Thursday 12 June Chicheley DCC at 8pm in Chicheley Village Hall

SCAN Parish AGM

In April the Church community met for its AGM. The full report can be found on the church web site www.scanparish.org.uk

At the Annual Vestry Meeting our church wardens were elected. My thanks go to David Robertson, and Judith Duncombe who were re-elected to St Lawrence's Church Chicheley and Malcolm Rose who was re-elected to St Firmin's Church North Crawley. Unfortunately we currently have no church wardens for St Laud's Church Sherington, but are grateful to church members for stepping up to the plate and helping fulfil wardens' duties.

We are hugely grateful to all who help raise funds not only for our beautiful churches but also to enable Christian ministry to continue in the SCAN Parish.

We were very glad to celebrate with Pam Fielding the ending of her curacy and essay writing and welcomed her officially as our Associate Minister.

This past year saw the closure of Astwood Church for public worship. Oxford Diocese in conjunction with the Church Commissioners and Milton Keynes Council are now investigating any possible avenues for Community use of the building in the future.

We noted the new service that has started in Sherington called 'Something Different' and are pleased to see this service being attended by a good number of people.

To the best of our ability and by the grace of God we seek to maintain a Christian presence in our communities and provide for those important and life changing moments through our contact with families through Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

Further news from the churches can be found in our full report.

With thanks.

Revd Mandy Marriott - Rector of SCAN Parish.

JUNE SERVICES

1 June

8.00am 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)

8 June

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

6.00pm SCAN Evensong – Chicheley

15 June

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

10.45am Sunday Community At North Crawley School (SCANS)

22 June

11am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley

6pm SCAN Evensong – North Crawley

29 June

11am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

3pm Evensong – Hardmead (to be confirmed)

*Book of Common Prayer

JULY SERVICES

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

RIP John Baker of North Crawley. The funeral took place on 1 May 2014 at St Firmin's Church.

'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.'

Baptisms

On Sunday 11 May 2014 Christopher Thomas Roberts and Lily Roberts were welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism at St Laud's Church Sherington.

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

Weddings

'Marriage is a way of life made holy by God'

We ask for God's blessing on:

John Ruck-Keene and Gala Godfrey-Glynn who were married in St Lawrence's Church Chicheley on Saturday 17 May 2014.

In your goodness Lord watch over this couple you have joined in the covenant of marriage.

Souper Lunchtime Get-together'

**SCAN FELLOWSHIP, A FORTNIGHTLY CHANCE TO ENJOY A
SIMPLE LUNCH TOGETHER**

at 4 Griggs Orchard Sherington

01908 616763

12 pm – 2 pm Wednesdays

June 4th

June 18th

July 9th

July 23rd

Sunday Community At North Crawley School



SCANS met on our usual third Sunday of the Month at North Crawley School. This months topic was Forgiveness and the story of the Prodigal Son. The children enjoyed several crafts related to the subject and enjoyed getting creative with wool, paper plates and glue!! We all enjoyed a pastry or two and a cup of coffee. We are meeting again on Sunday 16th June at 10:45am in North Crawley School. Bring your fathers along as this date is also Fathers Day.



A STWOOD

Well yet another month seems to have flown by and if today's weather (Saturday 17th May) is anything to go by summer is arriving - I only hope after that statement that by the time you read this the heavens haven't open. The weather this year has been sunny and damp so following the relatively mild winter the grass and wild flowers are certainly shooting up, which means the hedgerows and verges are looking overgrown and certainly causing a headache to Milton Keynes Council's contractors who are desperately trying to get on top of the situation. I know the dead daffodil husks are not helping the verges look tidy, but I believe it is well worth the sacrifice for the stunning display in March.

First of all apologies for omission of the Astwood news from last month's SCAN and I am assured this was due to a technical fault and there is absolutely no truth in the rumours that our bearded correspondent was busy rehearsing for Austria in the Eurovision competition. However I am indebted to him as I have now more details to include in my article.

We had a very productive morning in the village garden and our thanks go to all of the volunteers who did such sterling work and in such a light hearted atmosphere. Again many thanks to you all and your efforts certainly showed dividends. Also you will have noticed that the big willow tree has had a trim and looks a lot better for it. Those eagle eyed spotters will also notice that much needed insulation work has been going on at the Village Hall. This not only spruces the floor up, but also increases the insulation and improves the ventilation, this will make the Hall warmer and also reduce our future energy bills. Hopefully you will remember from previous SCANS that this work has been funded by a grant from the wind turbine company.

At the recent Parish Council meeting we were given a demonstration of the defibrillator which will soon be sited at the village hall in a locked cabinet. So after it is installed and if you come across a situation a quick phone call to the emergency 999 service not only will they despatch an ambulance but they will also give you the entry code number so first aid can be provided for the patient. Hopefully there will be no call for such drastic action, but it is certainly reassuring to know that one is available.

The village book club is going well – new members are always welcome. It is all very casual, but a great way to find books that you might not otherwise pick up. For details of the next meeting please phone Dave or Val on 391988.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARYS – We are holding a village BBQ/gathering on the village green on Sunday 6th July, more details nearer the day, but please try and keep the afternoon free and come and join your friends and neighbours for a bite to eat, a few drinks and a few laughs.

Before I sign off they say you learn something new everyday and I learnt today that Nigel Farage has appeared on BBC's Question Time 15 times in the last 5 years, which is more than any other politician. This information was of no use to me nor probably yourselves.

Lieutenant Pigeon



C HICHELEY

I have retreated from the garden to the cool of the house to write these notes as the very fine spell of weather we are experiencing is a little warm for gardening tasks. This year's weather continues to spring surprises.

On Saturday 17th May John Ruck-Keene and Galadriel Godfrey-Glynn were married in Saint Lawrence's church. The church had been beautifully decorated and the grass outside mown to perfection, altogether a lovely spot to celebrate the most important commitment that two people make to each other. We wish them every happiness for the future.

Earlier in the month, on the 7th May, three SCAN churchwardens, Judith Duncombe, Malcolm Rose and myself, were officially sworn into office at the Archdeacons Visitation in Newport Pagnell's church. A little disappointing that there were once again no candidates from Sherington to join us, unusual for such a large village. We are Officers of the Bishop and serve for a twelve month period, have various duties to perform including keeping good order during any service of worship. The role of churchwarden is one of the oldest offices in our country.

Chichchat will be on Tuesday 10th June from 10.30am until noon in the village hall. There will be also be a ChichTea, with cakes, on Tuesday 24th June from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. In the evening of the 24th there is also a village hall meeting.

On Saturday 28th June there will be a tea for village hall funds in the garden of Chicheley House, by kind invitation of the Tarrant family. Details are included below and we look forward to seeing you.

I mentioned in last month's SCAN that a date of Tuesday 10th June had been set for a meeting to discuss what Chicheley might like to do to commemorate the First World War. I have included just a few ideas to stimulate the little grey cells.

An obvious subject is to find out more about those in Chicheley who were on active service in the war, and of course those who were killed doing so. We could widen this to find out more about what our village looked like during that period and the wider population. However we mustn't forget that many living in Chicheley now had no connections with our village 100 years ago, but would have connections from all over our United Kingdom and the wider world, as that great conflict drew so many into its grasp. So perhaps we should widen our interest to reflect that. I'm sure that you may have further ideas or interests that you would like to pursue.

We could also give an initial thought as to how we could present what we find both for our immediate interest and for future generations, perhaps physical and digital archives, although the first task is to collect the information. There is already a wealth of material written about that war and how its eventual end led on twenty years later to another world wide conflict. It changed fundamentally the lives of our predecessors so perhaps it would be a good lesson for us all to find out more?

The meeting is at 8 pm in the village hall.

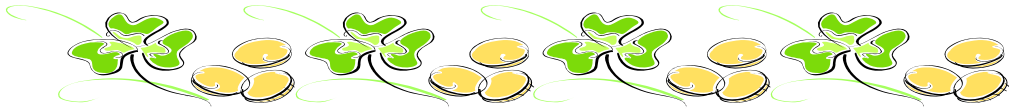
David



☺ **Grandparents Corner**

3. *After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"* Ed.

Chicheley **welcomes you to our** **Summer Tea**

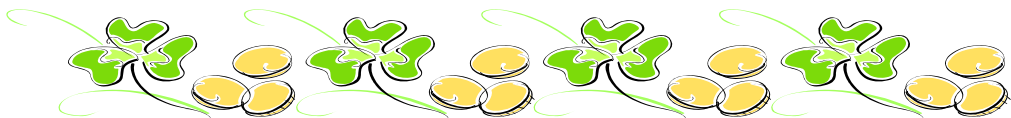


In
the Gardens of
The White House
Hall Lane
(if wet the Village Hall)
3.00pm – 5.00pm
28th June 2014

Admission: Adults £5.00
Children £2.50

Proceeds for Chicheley Village Hall

ALL WELCOME



NORTH CRAWLEY SCAN NEWS AND COMMENT.

Strolling up to the recreation ground one day on a minor mission for the cricket club, I noticed someone in the village shop. It turned out to be the new owner who asked me in for a chat. He is a very pleasant young man with a young family who really wants to provide a good service for the village. There is quite a lot of work to do to make the place presentable but at the time he hoped to be opening on Saturday 24 May; so with any luck the event will have occurred successfully by the time you read this. Opening times are 07.00 to 19.30 Monday to Saturday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Sunday. He is very keen to make a success of the business and will endeavour to provide the goods we require, but needs some time to get used to what our demands are. I very much hope we will all try to support the shop and remember that it is a valuable facility for all sorts of reasons, including the cost of travel elsewhere, and property in villages with shops tends to stay ahead of general market values.

News from the allotment is that no matter how dubious you may feel generally about weather forecasts, never ignore the one that uses the 'f' word as in frost. We did and our just emerging potato plants were in places burnt resulting in black and brown leaves. They do seem to be recovering but it is the first time this has happened, and I guess it's just a case of putting it down to experience.

Well done Gary Cobain (chef at the Cock), for his sponsored skydive from 15,000 feet on Saturday 3 May at Sibson airfield Peterborough. He raised £600 for the charity 'Pensions 4paws' which was started by North Crawley's Paul Nally in aid of retired police dogs. Gary's efforts have produced the biggest single donation to-date for the charity, and he would like to pass on his thanks for all the support he received from the patrons of both pubs in the village.

On Sunday of the early May bank holiday weekend a group of walkers, fifteen in total, decided to go on a there and back stroll to Sherington, setting out at 11.00. It happened to coincide with a 'Sausage and Beer' festival at the White Hart public house and gardens, so what may have taken circa 3 hours, resulted in a rather long break in said gardens and we didn't arrive back until late afternoon. Just another example of how lucky we are in a village that seems to be on the doorstep of wonderful days out no matter the direction you wander off in.

The road repairs in Chicheley Bottoms seem to have been completed, despite a delay allegedly due to the wrong type of tarmac being ordered. Several

comments have been made through the Parish Council about the drainage scheme at the roadside and further talks and possible repairs could be forthcoming. I don't know if it was a coincidence but I know of two people from the village who on the same day found they had punctures after travelling along the Chicheley road when it had been left in a state of semi-repair. Did this happen to anyone else?

North Crawley Cricket Club

The next big cricket event open to all the village young and old is 'Presidents Day' on Sunday 29 June. It will follow the usual format with a two course lunch including wine starting around 13.00, and a pay-as-you-go barbeque later in the afternoon. There will also be a senior cricket match and maybe a junior one taking place on the field, but my experience of this event is that few are concerned about the games, following the long and leisurely lunch. The cost has not yet been decided but is normally around the £12 mark. Look out for posters in June and contact club members regarding tickets, or call Fred Flower on 391480 nearer the date to reserve a place.

The club is running sessions for Under 7 to Under 12 age groups 18:00 to 19:30 from Friday 2nd May until Friday 25th July. Over successive years the age groups will be expanded to accommodate the players as they get older. Please contact Sam Howe by emailing youth@northcrawleycc.co.uk for more details, or visit the NCCC website (www.northcrawleycc.co.uk).

North Crawley Bowls Club

No matter your age or standard, come along and join in, as all are welcome and if you don't have any woods, there are always some spare you can use. For further details contact Sheila Hart (Secretary) on 01234 750221.

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 will be Sunday 29 June and 27 July, 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



Doris Winifred Collier Born 28th June 1914

Congratulations Mum, on reaching your centenary.

Mum has lived in and loved North Crawley all her life. Since the Sixties her home has been Ivy House (now 22 High Street) where it was her pleasure to provide an opportunity for friends to rest and chat, formerly often linked to Co-op shopping before the journey home, when a slice of Victoria sponge or Rock cake would be served with a cup of tea and a smile.

The central core of her long life has been caring for and serving others including several sick relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs children, London evacuees, Mr. Peters (the Grange chauffeur), poorly elderly villagers and of course her own large family.

The church has played a very large part in her life through worship, arranging altar flowers since her twenties and taking her turn on both the cleaning and key rotas. Much time has been given to fund raising activities and she became PCC secretary in 1956 making use of the skills learned at Wolverton Technical College.

Mum was an enthusiastic founder member of the WI and a loyal member of the Mothers Union for around 70 years.

It has been a matter of pride for her to make sure that, on behalf of the Boswell family, the Village Hall has been run smoothly to the benefit of all North Crawley residents.

Unfortunately, after several falls and deteriorating health Mum now needs nursing care. Her short term memory may fail her but she enjoys talking of her younger life, e.g. gathering cowslips for wine making or gleaning during Harvest, so making history come alive for us.

Thank you very much to everyone who has given their time to care for her by doing jobs, chatting, making cups of tea, etc. All the family is greatly appreciative of this and very proud of her, particularly in her roles as 'Mum' and 'Nannie' and as an important contributor to happy village life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
Love from all your family



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DORIS

28th June is Doris Collier's 100th Birthday

For the past 100 years Doris has been a very important member of our Church. We would like to thank her and her family for all their unfailing love and support.

Have a good day, Doris. We will be thinking of you and praying for you.

Best wishes from all your friends at St Firmin's Church.



If anyone wants to send a card Doris is at:
Isis House, Cornwallis Road, Donnington, Oxford. OX4 3NH



NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL

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

"O, the month of May, the merry month of May" has certainly been a cheery month with a myriad of activities, visits and seasonal events at **North Crawley CE School**.



Just before the Easter Holidays the Foundation children enjoyed a spring time trip to see the sheep and lambs at Home Farm in Castlethorpe. The children had a fantastic time and were fortunate enough to see two lambs being born. Indeed it was an amazing experience for us all.

SPORTS WEEK

The whole school participated in “Sports Week” which was action packed, energetic and lots of fun. The week began with a ‘round robin’ of activities, hula hooping, competitive sports and badminton. **Gail Emms** visited the school to talk about her sporting experiences, showed the children her Olympic medals and let the children hold them! She talked about hard work and perseverance. Gail coached each excited year group on badminton skills and games. On Tuesday the children dressed up as their favourite sports personalities and were invited to share a healthy breakfast and make fruit smoothies. Wednesday was action packed too with hockey in the morning and a talk by Mrs Allan about her preparation for the London Marathon in the afternoon. All



the children were taught how to warm up, jog around the field and cool down. On Thursday we boarded a coach and spent the morning at Olney tennis courts with tennis coach, Justin. The children learnt how to do fore-hands and back-hands and by the end of the session some children were hitting rallies over the nets.

Thursday afternoon involved a kick boxing demonstration by Isabelle’s mum. The children learnt how to protect themselves and mastered some self-defence moves. By Friday, although exhausted, the challenges continued! All children were given a pedometer to wear for the day. Who would walk the furthest on Friday? A special assembly was held at the end of the day where the children were invited to talk about the sports clubs they attend after school. These ranged from, horse riding, to skiing and trampolining. Congratulations to Che who won the pedometer challenge. The children of North Crawley School are officially fit and healthy!

TESCO VISIT

Following the ‘healthy’ theme, the children in EYFS are currently enjoying finding out more about their food in their current topic ‘From Farm to Fork’. Our youngest children were invited to visit the Tesco store in Kingston and were shown round a range of departments with a special behind the scenes tour. A favourite was watching hot cross buns being made and naturally the children and staff did some quality control tasting! There was a fascination with the fish counter where some of the catch was bigger than the children! The trip included a brief visit to the freezer and a slightly longer visit to the

chiller. It was a fantastic learning experience and the children discovered the huge variety of fresh produce that comes from around the world.

Back in making pizza, hot chocolate drinks and exotic fruit kebabs. Masterchef here we come!

PLANTING POPPIES

The Foundation children took part in a national campaign by the Church of England and the Royal British Legion to get a patch of poppies growing in every church and church school to mark the centenary of the break out of the Great War. Reverend Mandy led the act of worship and helped the children scatter the poppy seeds, provided by the Oxford Diocese, on our flowerbed in the school field.

WARWICK CASTLE

Meanwhile the Key Stage One children enjoyed a fantastic day out at **Warwick Castle**. Our arrival coincided with the opening of the portcullis and the children were suitably

impressed. The children were able to dress up and act out some of the 'Horrible Histories'. Activities throughout the day were 'full on' and included the firing of the trebuchet and watching the birds of prey. The children visited the Merlin Tower where Levi was the Dragon master and Ella was the princess. Morgan commented, "We didn't like it.... We loved it!"



LION KING

The whole school was invited to the dress rehearsal of The Lion King at Tickford Park Primary School. They enjoyed seeing their friends from the village and joining in with the songs. Anya's favourite part was when Timon did the hula dancing. Thank you to TPPS for the kind invitation.

Would you like to support North Crawley CE School?

easyfundraising
.org.uk

is a great way to support and raise money for **North Crawley CE School** just by doing your normal on-line shopping. Here's an example. Let's say you want to buy a pair of shoes from John Lewis. Instead of going to johnlewis.com, you go to **easyfundraising.org.uk** You click from the 'easyfundraising' website through to John Lewis to make your purchase. The price of the shoes is exactly the same as if you'd visited John Lewis directly. After you buy your shoes, John Lewis will give you a cash reward that you can turn into a donation for school. 'easyfundraising' collect this and send it on at no extra cost. If you shop on-line at Amazon, Waitrose, Tesco, M&S, Argos, Next, Debenhams and a whole lot more famous retailers, you can support **North Crawley CE School** and add to the **£62.24** already raised.

Vacancy

As from September 2014 school will be providing free school meals for our children and we are currently looking to appoint a midday meals supervisor for 2 hours each day (Monday to Friday term-time only) to help prepare and serve the 'delivered-in' meals. Training will be provided. If you are interested in joining our team at North Crawley please contact Mrs MacLennan or Mrs. Bruce in the school office on 01234 391282 for details and an application pack.

Would you like your child to attend a school judged by Ofsted as outstanding? Unexpectedly there are a few places available at both partnership schools for September 2014 – please telephone North Crawley on 01234 391282 or Stoke Goldington on 01908 551253 for further details.

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL – AGM and May Meeting

The Council met on Tuesday 5th May, 2014.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chairman's Report

Cllr Hatton read her report, including thanks to all who have supported her over the past year.

Financial Report

A draft summary of the receipts and payments for the financial year ended 31st March 2014 were distributed and discussed. The annual return is currently with the auditors and will be available to electors between 24th June and 19th July 2014.

United Charities Report

Christine Stapleton and Malcolm Rose presented the annual report. One of the objectives for the next year is to help younger people with donations, this in addition to the regular Christmas contributions to elderly residents.

Milton Keynes Ward Councillor's Report

Keith McLean presented the key activities affecting our Ward within the upcoming months :
Upcoming local elections will see a new arrangement for Ward Councillors. Our Ward will see three Councillors elected, who will share responsibility.

MKC has awarded a new landscape contract saving £200,000 for the whole of Milton Keynes. This will commence in June.

Further road resurfacing activities are planned throughout the year in order to bring the quality of roads back to the expected standard, these have been awarded to a new contractor. Chicheley roundabout is scheduled for 8th/9th May 2014 and Tickford roundabout scheduled for June this year.

Traffic calming within North Crawley is going to plan and should be actioned in the summer.

Community Governor's Report for North Crawley C of E School

Cllr Hatton read the recent Outstanding School report on behalf of Mrs Kathryn Crompton, Head of the school. The Clerk will write to the school to congratulate the Head and her staff for the continued amazing results.

NAG Report

Cllr Hunt read the report that he had prepared; he has worked tirelessly on this project for some years now and was thanked for his efforts.

IMC Report and Accounts

The Chairman of the IMC, Keith Hall, had prepared a report which was read out by Cllr Flower, this included a summary of the accounts to the end of the last financial year.

WI Report

The prepared report was read by Cllr Hatton; this included a summary of the past year's varied activities and upcoming events.

Questions from the Public

There were no questions.

The meeting was closed.

MAY MEETING

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chair

Cllr. Hatton was reinstated as Chair following a unanimous decision from all of the other Councillors. Cllr. Flower decided to resign from his role as Vice-Chair (but not as a Councillor), Cllr. Hunt received unanimous support to step up to this role. Cllr. Flower was thanked for his contribution.

Planning

One application to consider this month; Myrtle Cottage has applied for a single storey extension which received no adverse comments. However, there is a concern that contractor's vehicles may block Chequers Lane. It was decided that the Clerk should notify MKC Planning Department of this concern and ask the owners of the Cottage to avoid using Chequers Lane.

United Charities Commission

The Board of Trustees asked for the Parish Council to select four new trustees to fill vacant positions that had arisen over the past year. There were five applications, so selection criteria had to be applied.

Defibrillator Update

The recently purchased defibrillator and associated equipment has been delivered and will shortly be located outside The Cock. Despite generous permission of the current Landlord and Landlady, it was considered that permission should be obtained in writing from the brewery. Once installed, the PC will provide further details on how and when to use it in a later edition of SCAN.

The Ford Project

It has been agreed to order one bench for the rest area overlooking the Ford. This will be installed presently.

Residential Safety

Traffic calming measures are scheduled to take place this summer. This includes white lining in Folly Lane and widening the pavement in the High Street (between numbers 11 and 25), as further efforts to slow traffic.

Two residents from Brook End raised the topic of amending the speed limit in this area of the village from 40 to 30mph. The efforts would be supported by the PC, it was decided that this will be an agenda item at the next meeting so that it could be discussed in greater detail.

Landscape

Additional work is required to cut back many of the trees in the cemetery. It was agreed that the Finance Officer would confirm that finances are in place to cover this before starting work.

It was agreed that the barrier for the Village Green would be purchased and fitted.

The churchyard is running short of burial space, Cllr Hatton has recently discussed this with Rev. Marriot. There is an option to re-use any plots that are over 100 years old, this will be discussed in more detail at the June meeting.

It has been noted that grass cutting has not been taking place. This may be due to weather conditions, but it was agreed that Cllr Hatton would contact the relevant department in MKC.

Finance

A total of £2,905.127 had been spent in the previous month, all to cover expected items. Receipts totalled £5,745.13.

The insurance premium includes an additional amount for the new cricket nets, this will be sent to the Cricket Club who have agreed to cover this cost on an on-going basis.

Councillor Items

It was agreed to purchase a flower trough to locate near the bus shelter. Cllr Hatton will obtain quotes and designs for the next meeting.

Cllr Flower is also pursuing MKC to obtain details and permission to use an old design of footpath map that is no longer in print. These include details of all of the paths surrounding the village, and the PC would like that these are available for residents.

Following up a previous correspondence about electric fences and dog access we have been assured by MKC that these are acceptable and not dangerous.

It was decided that all of the Councillors would meet to sort through the old PC records.

Resident Items

The village map outside the church requires replacing, this was agreed.

The fence at the front of the churchyard is starting to show signs of wear. As this is owned by the church it was agreed that in the first instance Rev. Marriott should be contacted.

The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd June, at 7:30pm.

Cllr Keith Rogers

St Firmins

Traditional Village Fête

3pm

Saturday 5th July

and

Teddy Bear Jump

**at St Firmins Church
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FLOWER FESTIVAL MEETING

7.30 pm

WEDNESDAY

4th JUNE 2014

A MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ST. LAUDS TO DISCUSS FINAL DETAILS FOR THE FLOWER FESTIVAL. IF YOU CAN HELP WITH FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS, REFRESHMENTS, STEWARDING, ETC. YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME.

SHERINGTON FLOWER FESTIVAL AND OPEN GARDENS 21st & 22nd June

**Afternoon Teas will be served in Pearl's garden at
33 Crofts End
on the Saturday and Sunday
2.00 pm – 4.30 pm**

If you are able to help in any way by providing cakes and/or giving assistance on either the Saturday or Sunday for one hour or more please contact Pearl on 610661 or e-mail: pt@croftsend33.freeserve.co.uk.

Help needed:

Setting up anytime between 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm

**Making/serving teas and other drinks anytime between
2.00 pm and 4.30 pm**

Washing up!

Clearing up after 4.30 pm.

Many, many thanks to all who are willing to help.

JOYCE TRANTER

Sad news reached the Editor on Friday 16th May, of the death of Joyce Tranter, greatly loved former Headteacher of Sherington School and long time resident of Hardmead. Joyce was at her home near Sedgefield with her husband, Harry and the family. She died following a very short illness.

Joyce accepted the appointment of Headteacher of Sherington School with great pleasure on Friday 8th February 1985. Her warm and friendly nature soon became a hallmark of the School, which flourished and grew under her leadership. The building became a brighter place and the children thrived. She had a real talent with the 'special needs' of pupils and her considerable experience in this field benefited many.

Her retirement on 20th December 1995 was; to quote her own words *"A day that I thought was going to be heart-breaking turned out to be happy/sad all at the same time. The Governors gave a Cheese/Wine party where I met so many old friends, pupils and ex-members of staff. Lovely gifts followed. Everyone has been so kind and generous. I will miss them all."*

However, Joyce continued to keep in contact with the school and followed the careers of many ex-pupils after her retirement; returning to work as a volunteer with a new generation of children until she and Harry moved from Hardmead to Sedgefield to live near her daughters and grand-daughters. Once settled there, she went into the local Primary School [considerably larger than Sherington) and was a much loved and valued assistant, helping on a regular basis up until two weeks ago. R.I.P. JOYCE

THUMBSTICKS WALK SUNDAY 6th JULY



We will be driving to Turvey where we shall be going for a three mile walk in and beyond Turvey Abbey Park. Please meet at The Knoll for 9.30 am. No dogs please. J & A.

Sherington Village Hall Management Committee

ANNOUNCE THEIR

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Tuesday 17th June 2014 at 8pm

At the Village Hall, Sherington

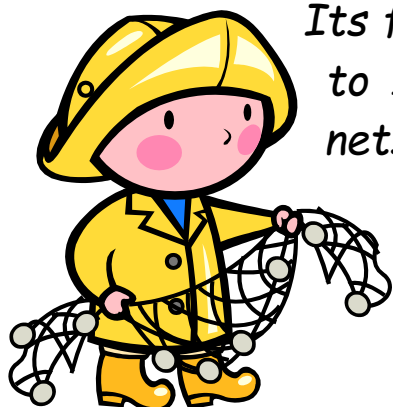
All Welcome

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**If you would like to talk about the role, please contact
Helen Vale on 01908 216543 before 10th June 2014**



*Its fishing time again for those children aged 4 years
to 10 years - give or take a bit. Bring your fishing
nets - your hand towels - your parents and most
important, your best behaviour to*

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PLEASE DON'T BE LATE.*

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At 7 pm prompt

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NEWPORT PAGNELL SINGERS

Saturday 5 July, 7.30pm

St Laud's Church
Sherington

All Tickets £10

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Available from

Ben Smith: 01908 610961

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Rev Pam Fielding: 01908 616763



Proceeds to St Laud's Church & Newport Pagnell Singers

It promises to be a splendid occasion as usual, with some fine works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, a selection of great pieces from the last night of the proms and a lovely new work by Karl Jenkins which will bring tears to a few eyes. Roger has lined up some fine soloists as well.

Roger has asked if we have any talented young musicians in the SCAN villages who would like to perform a piece. He is keen to encourage any emerging talent.

We would be very pleased to hear from you.

David Williams 611946



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' BYGONES '

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE
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(Christening 12 – 1.30 pm)

11 am – 5.30 pm

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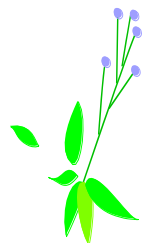
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WILLEN HOSPICE. There will be**

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On 22nd JUNE at 3.30 p.m.

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**Tickets £5 (available from Grace
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Includes cake, Sandwiches, Tea.

There will also be a raffle

ALL PROCEED TO WILLEN HOSPICE

News from Blinsby.

It's not a rogue village that has somehow snuck into the SCAN parish – Blinsby is in fact the second novel from Sherington author, Adam S. Leslie.

Written with his childhood friend Peter Tunstall - and a labour of love for almost exactly 20 years - Blinsby was finally released by Crooked Cat Publishing this month.

Set in the wilds of the English countryside sometime during the recent past (it's unspecified, but is probably the mid-1980s), Blinsby is a meditation on childhood and nostalgia, topped off with a darkly comic conspiracy thriller plot: the charismatic new boy in class has gone missing, and 10-year-old Erasmus suspects a cover-up that reaches right to the top – Blinsby School's mysterious, nameless Headmaster.

“It's effectively a rural memoir,” says Adam. “It's all about what it was like to grow up in the countryside in the 1980s. But as nothing especially interesting happened to us, we've added elements of dreams and the subconscious, plus this central mystery about the missing boy who may be good or may be evil. It's sort of a memoir of our imaginations.”

Suitable for all young and old, Blinsby is available from www.blinsby.com, to buy from Amazon or order from bookshops.



Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

With some of us having spotted a swallow last month I can report that we heard our first cuckoo on April 21st and then on 5th May I saw four swallows flying round together with two buzzards circling high above them and the next day there were 5 swallows so I think that spring has definitely arrived.

It was good to see the flag of St George flying on The Knoll on his saint's day of 23rd April.

At the end of April there was a lot of 'stuff' in the air. It seemed to be coming from the direction of The Knoll, floating over Knoll Cottage and thence into our garden and beyond. It looked a bit like small pieces of cotton wool and each bit had one or two seeds in it, the seeds being about the size of a tomato seed and no, before you say it, it was not

dandelion seeds. If anyone knows what it was and I suspect that one or two of you do, I would love to have the answer.

I am told that Literoc, produced exclusively by Sherington Nurseries, will soon be on the way to Hong Kong to be used on a large golf complex. It is surprising that the Chinese have not been able to reproduce it successfully but good news for Peter and David Crook.

May Day weekend saw quite a bit of activity. There was the visit by our twinned French village, the Beer and Sausage festival and maypole dancing on The Knoll.

Eleven French families took the trip across La Manche, some on the ferry and some on Le Shuttle and this included two families and one individual who had not visited Sherington previously. There was another family wanting to come too but unfortunately we could not source another host here. Most people arrived here on Friday afternoon/evening and all met up at the White Hart for a drink and a chat. On Saturday afternoon many people went to Milton Keynes Museum and some to Bletchley Park. The evening was spent with host families entertaining, often in conjunction with another host family. On Sunday morning a number of families joined the Thumbsticks for their walk round Hollington Wood to admire the bluebells following which we took lunch at the Carlton Club in Olney where sixty five sat down to an excellent meal. Most families then departed at various times of the afternoon although one stayed on until Monday afternoon.

The Beer and Sausage event kicked off at midday on the Saturday and continued through until Monday evening. The weather was good although according to the forecasters it should not have been. Security had been improved this year and free parking was provided in a field near the pub. This year also saw the introduction of portaloos and all the measures provided for meant a trouble free event which was also virtually litter free. We did not manage to get up there on Saturday or Sunday due to our French hosting duties but we did go on Monday and found it to be very friendly with lots of Sherington families in attendance. Now to the all important figures. Overall this year's festival was a resounding success and with a very small top-up the amount donated to Willen Hospice was a magnificent £2,000, a record to date. It has been calculated that the amount of beer sold would have cooked 94,464

portions of 'Beer Battered Fish' (as sold with chips on Fish Fridays from 5 pm) and the sausages sold, laid end to end, would be the length of just over 45 Routemaster double buses! All in all this year saw a smoothly run operation and congratulations should go to all involved and we look forward to the 16th Beer and Sausage Festival next year. Due to some extent the good weather a lot of folk gathered on The Knoll on May Bank Holiday to watch the children dance around the Maypole, also watched by the Mayor of Milton Keynes. Refreshments were on sales and the Historical Society had on show items of interest and paintings of the village. The Mayor officiated with the raffle handing out the prizes to the lucky winners.

The older residents among you will remember George Fleet who lived at Village Farm and among other things he was the village milkman for many years. He retired and moved out of the village to the other side of Stony Stratford and is now resident at Maids Moreton Manor and on 18th May he will have reached the grand old age of 100 years. Congratulations George from Sherington villagers.

The following report comes from Tony Barry:

Congratulations to Oddsy O'Dell who won our second match of the season on 26.04.14 at 3 Island Lake, Stewkley, with 39 lb 8 oz, his best weight so far this year. During this match Danny Coles caught the heaviest fish so far this year with a beautiful Ghost Carp of 11 lb 4 oz.

Our next match was at Alders Farm on 10.05.14 where Trigger Alexander, once again, showed us all how to do it! Despite losing several good fish he still won the day with 72 lb. Former landlord of The Swan, Trevor Findull, had what he described as his best catch for many years with 19 lb 8 oz.

Didder Heffron is still the points leader with Trigger Alexander and Oddsy O'dell in hot pursuit.

See the full results at get4me.info/whd



Trevor with his catch.

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

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MAY 2014

The **Annual Parish Meeting** was held in the Village Hall at 7.0 pm on Tuesday 6th May. The Chairman gave his report on the past year. This was followed by the Financial report from the clerk, a report from Cllr Northfield as co-chair of Shopco and by public questions. The meeting closed at 7.15pm to be followed at 7.30 pm by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MAY 2014

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Denman was elected as chairman and Cllr Ager as vice-chairman for 2014-15.

2 CLERK'S REPORT

Fence at VH play area Councillors were disappointed with the repair to fencing between land at the Old Rectory and the village hall play area. Mr Mark Hine has now agreed that he will carry out a further repair to the correct height and quality.

Bid for Highways Capital scheme Cllr Collinge has carried out a survey of the roads in the village and this has been forwarded MKC Highways. A part of the High Street is

due for re-surfacing in July and School Lane in September. Bedford Road is due for work in 2015. Councillors expressed surprise that Water lane was reported as having “no intervention level defects”.

High St (Alban Hill) ditch and drainage update Following work carried out earlier this year, MKC is carrying out a detailed survey which will be recorded electronically and available for reference.

3 WARD COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Keith Mc Lean confirmed that this will be his last report as Councillor for Sherington ward prior to the election on 22 May when three councillors will be elected for the Olney-cum-Sherington ward. He thanked councillors and the clerk for working with him over the past four years and mentioned Oliver Powell and Cllr Collinge for their vigilance in reporting road defects.

The £50m 10 year contract for maintenance of highways, redways and footpaths has been awarded to Ringway and the landscaping contract to Serco.

Public toilets are to be installed on Station Square in Central MK.

Ousedale School will have a new Maths block in January 2015 and refurbishment has been agreed for the Humanities and Sixth Form blocks.

The confusion over bus routes and contractors has been resolved. The All in One Travel card is now being honoured.

4 FINANCE

MKPA Play Scheme The Olney Masonic Club has donated £250 which will largely pay for two additional sessions.

MKC Parish Partnership Fund 2014/15 A programme of work relating to showers, changing rooms and the exterior of the pavilion has been agreed with Jeff Charles of the Pavilion Management committee. Total cost is likely to be over £20k; £10k has been included in the Precept and it was agreed to apply to the Parish Partnership scheme for 50% matched funding.

Audit and Annual Return The clerk reported that the year-end accounts for 2013/14 were complete and had been audited satisfactorily. The chairman signed the Annual Return and this will be submitted to the external auditor in due course.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

1 Park Road – Tree work to Ash and Silver Birch – no adverse comments.

10 High St – Conversion of existing outbuildings into annex accommodation
Councillors had no objection to the conversion of outbuildings, but wished planning

consent to include a condition that the newly converted annexe accommodation is not then sold off as a separate property.

The Manor 4 High Street, Water Lane Farm, Alban Hill Nursery, all approved by MKC.

6 SHERINGTON RECREATION GROUND

Management Committee. There is a vacancy for a new secretary. Interested persons can contact the clerk or Jeff Charles.

7 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd June 2014 and on Tuesday 1st July 2014 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde



Sherington Church of England School News

Sherington Mud!

We have known for many years that the soil at Sherington School is superb for growing. Flowers, fruit and vegetables grow well and give us many opportunities for learning. We have recently extended the range of learning activities by the arrival of Mrs. *Ramsden's Glorious Mud Kitchen Adventure*. With many thanks to master carpenter Sid Currie we have a



mud-kitchen added to our Early Years outdoor learning classroom. With soil, water and a variety of natural materials to we can combine and blend and stir to make potions, stews and mixtures. Officially opened by Mrs. Betty Feasey, MBE, the mud kitchen has proved a popular addition to the activities on offer.



Mayday saw us dancing on the village green, The Knoll, as part of the annual village celebrations. Choreographed once again by Betty (an *Institution* no less) we are grateful for the community atmosphere and support that attend this venture. Miss Colbie Robinson successfully completed her school experience as student teacher with us in the Reception class and we said a fond goodbye with jelly and cake. Now enrolled in the life-time-friends of the school she and former students are most welcome to visit and make further contributions.



A stakeholder exercise, whereby parents and children viewed all the work on display, was a new adjunct to our 'Open Door' policy and yielded some interesting feedback to our efforts.

"My perfect vegetable - Jake's favourite display; lovely and colourfulJake was learning about vegetables and where they come from." *"The playgrounds display is lovely. It shows the children about the construction, design and functionality of their environment and shapes. Child Reach "Children's rights are something good for children like children should be safe."* *"Weaving; Evan likes weaving. he talked me through what he did with Mrs. Jolley and what parts he did. Daffodils; he told me that he enjoyed the collage and that he did it for Mothers' Day. Very good work and well presented".* *"Emily thought the activity was very fun. They were making connections between numbers and explaining why they were important."* *"We were writing about an important number...and why it is important. I did number 36" (Mum's age!). Polly.* *"Lydia was able to tell me about how they made the rainbow...the display boards are clear, not too busy or full, bright and eye-catching."* *Jo Lusted.* *"Learning about Jack and the beanstalk and planting the magic beans and they are going to grow up to number*

15. *The beans are just starting to grow.*” A Gamlen. *“Mihir liked planting vegetables...lovely counting beanstalk...beautiful collage art work....wonderful work - looks like learning is super fun!”* *“Charlotte loves to see the beanstalk growing....”* *“Good work, well displayed, marvelous imagination.”*

Candy comes to Sherington School !



With our new Sherington motto **“We care, we share, we learn, we grow...together!”** recently adopted we needed to bring it to life and illustrate the many facets it brings. We also need to bring it to life and make it a part of school life. To this end we invited Candy and her handler, Emily, to demonstrate the caring and sharing

that is central to *Pets as Therapy*. Specially selected, trained and assessed for her calm and patient demeanor, Candy visited to share a lesson with us on her first official engagement. She will go on to visit old or lonely or ill people and help them feel more positive.

The PTFA continue to be very busy bees with another very successful 'Fishy Friday Movie Night'. A film, fish and chips, popcorn and good company proved to be a winning combination for adults and children alike.



We are thankful the *Lions Club* of Newport Pagnell & Olney (*what, are they real lions?*) thought of us when they were handing out free seeds to encourage school gardening.

We are most grateful to Mr O’Brien and our Reception group is looking forward to his visit to see how things are growing. So far, so good. C.S.

SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Welcome this month to Tivvy and Huxley! We hope they will enjoy making new friends and enjoy the activities at Pre-School. Our latest theme is 'People Who help Us' and we were delighted when Jenna, an NHS nurse came in to talk to us about her role in hospital. Some children spoke about their recent visits to hospital, and others allowed Jenna to put bandages on their heads and arms.



We also had a session with 'Big George' who taught various ball skills and played games with a parachute amongst other equipment. He will return in the second half of the summer term to continue developing the children's confidence in Physical Activities.

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DINOSAUR LANDSCAPE

Our older children, due to leave Pre-school in September were invited to spend two hours at Sherington Church of England First School earlier this month. We were welcomed by Mrs Ramsden and Miss Lea and were soon engrossed in many activities both in and outside of the classroom. Another visit will take place soon ensuring a smooth transition to First School.



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'Tom's Garden' will soon be open to the public as Pre-school is taking part in the 'Open Gardens Event' during the upcoming Flower Festival weekend. Tom's Garden came about as part of a healthy eating project

started four years ago called 'Home Grown in Sherington'. It has taught us where our food comes from and how it grows. We have grown some tasty snacks including tomatoes, blueberries strawberries, beans and potatoes. The garden gives the children an opportunity to observe nature and they often dig in the soil finding worms and examining snails. Thank you again to Anita and Ian Thatcher for allowing access to the garden.

Thank you to everyone who supported us at the May Day Celebrations! We raised a fantastic £511.85 for Pre-School. The Italian Hamper, was won by Irone & Kevin Moore and the lucky winners of the Lotto Board were Richard & Charley Southon.

Our next Open Morning will be on Tuesday 10th June from 9:30-11:30am, if you know of anyone looking for a Pre School in a lovely village setting please ask them to pop in and see us.



Thank you to every one who came by the Sherington Historical Society Gazebo on the Knoll on May Day. A few people gazed over the copies of the old school photographs which were on display and old school chums reminisced and mums went ah!!

We also had a visit from Ann Metcher who was visiting from Australia. Ann is related to the Joyce family and was delighted to visit the village. Ann met Liz from the White Hart who invited her up to the pub to view the rush work in the snug as Ann had found out her relations had made rushmatting.

The committee are working towards gathering information for the displays for our 'Open Day' 20th September. If you have any WW1 family stories or artifacts please get in touch with Mark 01908 216543.



SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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Scarecrow

Competition 2014

Sat. 21st June - Sat. 28th June



Image by Caroline Leslie

Judging will take place on

Saturday 21st from 10am

Flower Festival Weekend

Entries £1 per Scarecrow

This year's competition will be judged per household

Please register your Scarecrow and get your entry form from
the Sherington Village Shop Church Road

last entry Thursday 19th June

Display your Scarecrow where it can be seen attaching the entry form
so it can be judged

Queries phone Mark 216543 or Kay at 23 Carters close

THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

5th June

Karibuni

A charity working for children in Kenya. Freda and Les Driver from Newport Pagnell will talk about Karibuni and their latest visit to the village.

3rd July

The Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway – OPEN MEETING

The past, present and future of this proposed connection between Kempston and the Grand Union canal.

A talk by David Fowler.

**Visitors are very welcome to join us at
this meeting.**

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 6th July.

We will be driving to Turvey where we shall be going for a 3 mile walk in and beyond Turvey Abbey park. Please meet at The Knoll for 9.30 am.

No dogs please. J & A.

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