

Happy Christmas to all our readers



SCAN
DECEMBER 2014

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

SEASONS GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL, NEAR AND FAR.

From Tim at No. 27



JOY AND JOHN OSGOOD WISH ALL THEIR SCAN FRIENDS
A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR



JIM AND MANDY SKINNER OF 8 KNOLL CLOSE
WISH ONE AND ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Donation will be made to Willen Hospice instead of individual cards



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR 2015
TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS IN NORTH CRAWLEY AND THE SCAN VILLAGES
from Riki Fay

Donation will be sent to Willen Hospice



SALLY, JACK, KATIE AND ANNABELLE COOK
WISH ALL THEIR GOOD FRIENDS IN THE SCAN PARISH
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR
A donation will be made to Willen Hospice instead of cards



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FROM
Sharyn and Nigel

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Donation to Willen Hospice and SCAN



**I WOULD LIKE TO SEND ALL MY OLD FRIENDS AND
AQUAINTANCIES MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS
AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR
I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO VISIT YOU ALL ONE DAY.**

Monica Cheeseman

Donation to Sherington PCC & SCAN



ALICE PEACOCK

**SEASONS GREETINGS TO FRIENDS
IN NORTH CRAWLEY AND ASTWOOD
Donation to SCAN (no cards please)**



**BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
TO MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS IN NORTH CRAWLEY**

Mrs. Phyllis Couch

Donation to SCAN

MICHAEL AND GRACE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THEIR FRIENDS



AND READERS OF SCAN

**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND MAY 2015 BE A REALLY
HEALTHY AND HAPPY YEAR FOR YOU ALL.**



JOHN AND EVELYN

SEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Donation to St. Lauds



Brian and Irene Morris would like to wish their friends a Merry Christmas.
A donation to Scan has been given in lieu of cards.



**“AND ALL THE BELLS ON EARTH SHALL RING”
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
From all at Yew Tree Farm, Sherington**



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR 2015
TO FRIENDS IN SHERINGTON AND IN THE SCAN VILLAGES
From David Hyde**

Donation to Willen Hospice instead of sending cards locally



**DORIS COLLIER AND FAMILY SEND BEST WISHES TO ALL FRIENDS
IN THE SCAN PARISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR
Donation to SCAN**



**TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS
WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**

Barbara and Ro

Donation to SCAN in lieu of Christmas cards



**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN SCAN PARISH
John and Jill**



**JUDY & ALAN PLATER
SEND GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS TO ALL FRIENDS AND FOLK
IN CHICHELEY & SCAN VILLAGES
Donation to SCAN in lieu of cards**



**GOOD TIDINGS WE BRING TO YOU
AND ALL OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS IN THE SCAN VILLAGES
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Michael and Christine Bearman

Donation to Willen Hospice in lieu of Christmas Cards



**ROBIN AND VIV WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR FRIENDS
IN THE VILLAGE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND BEST WISHES FOR 2015**



**SEASONS GREETINGS FROM KAY AND OLLIE
BEST WISHES AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN THE SCAN AREA AND BEYOND
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DAVID, SHARRON, OLI & TOM WRIGHT

**HOPE THAT YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS
AND WISH YOU A HAPPY, HEALTHY, FUN-FILLED 2015!**

**In lieu of cards, we will make a donation to the Neonatal Unit at
Milton Keynes Hospital in memory of our little star.**



**SHEILA AND PAT QUINN WISH FRIENDS, GOLFERS AND BOWLERS IN
SHERINGTON AND SCAN VILLAGES
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**PAUL, MAXINE, GEORGE & HARRY O'DELL WISH ALL THEIR FRIENDS IN
SHERINGTON A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.
Donation to Willen Hospice**



**MAY HOMES BE WARM AND
HEARTS BE LIGHT THIS CHRISTMAS!**

**With our love, Pam & John Fielding xx
*Instead of sending cards locally, we will be
giving a donation to the MK Food Bank***



**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM
PEARL TEASDALE IN SHERINGTON**

**I send my very best wishes for a joyous Christmas time
and a peaceful New Year to all my good friends in the SCAN parish.**

Donations to two different charities in lieu of Christmas cards.



**TO ALL OUR SCAN FRIENDS
WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR,
HOPING ALL THE BEST FOR YOU, ALONG WITH A FESTIVE CHEER!
Helen, Mark, Jess & Doug Vale
Donation to Willen Hospice**



TO OUR READERS, CORRESPONDENTS, ADVERTISERS,
AND TO ALL WHO HELP IN ANY WAY TO PRODUCE, DELIVER, OR
DONATE TO SCAN, WE WISH A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR

*Betty -
Editor*



*Christine -
Treasurer &
Advertising*

DEADLINES TO CUT OUT AND KEEP!

SCAN 2015

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Mandy writes.....

This month I would like to share the story of Isaac's carol recorded in a Christian resources Compilation called Hay and Stardust, by Ruth Burgess.

In 2003, Malvern Churches asked John L Bell if he would judge a carol writing competition which was open to three age ranges – Primary School, Secondary School and adults. Entries were to be set to a well known Welsh carol tune.

Around 60 manuscripts were sent. There were w few good entries but nothing outstanding until John came across a supplementary batch at the back which consisted of material which didn't quite fit the bill, most often because it didn't go to the prescribed tune. That was where Isaac's carol appeared. It seemed a totally unaffected expression of love for Jesus, and it stood in stark contrast to everything else.

So John decided to give it First Prize, even if it didn't meet all the criteria.... and then discovered that the author didn't meet the criteria either for Isaac Hutchings was only three and a half, too young even for the Primary class.

Isaac's mother wrote to say that there had been considerable interest in his achievement but Isaac couldn't understand why the newspapers and radio wanted to interview him. He just wanted to play.... presumably at Bob the Builder.

Here is Isaac's carol....

Father God I love you
and your little Jesus.
I would like to kiss him
and give him a cuddle.
I would share all my toys
And play lots of games with him.
Bob the Builder we could play;
We would be the best of mates.

What Isaac expressed, certainly better than I could, was a simple but profound love for Jesus and a willingness and a desire for Jesus to be part of his life and if that meant asking Jesus to play Bob the Builder well all to the good. Christmas, after all, is about God's Son Jesus coming to earth to be with us, in our playing, in our working, in our living, to be the 'best of mates'. I wonder will you open your hearts to Jesus this Christmas and discover Emmanuel – God with us?

*May you be touched by the love and peace of Jesus Christ this Christmas.
God Bless, Mandy.*

DECEMBER

- 7 December Advent Sunday
9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley
10.45am ‘Something Different’ – Sherington – (refreshments at 10.30am)
- 14 December
9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington
3pm Carols at Chicheley
- 21 December
9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington
6pm Scan Parish Carol Service – North Crawley
- 24 December
5pm Candlelight Service – North Crawley
11.30pm Scan Christmas Night Service of Holy Communion - Sherington
- 25 December
9.30am Scan Family Service – Sherington
11am Scan Holy Communion (traditional form) - Chicheley
- 28 December
11am Scan Service of Holy Communion - Chicheley

JANUARY 2015

- 4 January
10.45am ‘Something Different’ – Sherington – (refreshments at 10.30am)
- 11 January
9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley
6pm Scan Evensong – Chicheley
- 18 January
9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington
- 25 January
11am Scan Service of Holy Communion - Chicheley
6pm Scan Evensong – North Crawley

DATES OF CHURCH MEETINGS
22nd January 2015 Sherington DCC at 28 Carter's Close

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings

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

We ask for God's blessing on:

Mark Fitzgerald and Lucy Cole who were married in St Lawrence's
Church Chicheley on 8th November

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

Funerals

RIP Tommey Macpherson of St Mary's Hardmead. The funeral took
place on 4 November 2014

RIP Marjorie Waldron of St Laud's Sherington. The funeral took place
on 5th November 2014.

RIP Valerie Linder of Sherington. The cremation took place on 6th
November.

*'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.'*

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
ST FIRMIN'S CHURCH

Despite an advanced notice being put in Scan, notices and cones being put out
requesting the area be kept clear as there would be a Memorial Service for the
laying of poppy wreaths at the War Memorial at 6pm on Sunday 9th November, it
was disappointing to see that a car was left parked immediately in front of the
War Memorial. It was also very sad to hear fireworks being set off within North
Crawley Village at the time the outside service started. Hearing loud fireworks
going off during the two minutes silence was thoughtless and disrespectful to our
War Dead. *(name and address supplied)*

'SOUPER' LUNCHTIME GET-TOGETHER

SCAN fellowship, a fortnightly chance to enjoy a simple lunch together
4 Griggs Orchard, Sherington home of Pam and John Fielding

01908 616763

12 pm – 2 pm Wednesdays

7th January

All ages welcome (children too!)

ASTWOOD & HARDMEAD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**Held on Wednesday 29th October 2014 at 8pm in Astwood Village Hall
5/14**

Present: Cllrs M Powell-Shedden, C Mitchell, D Chapman, R Stilton, Clerk P Reynolds-Nunn, Ward Cllrs K McLean, P Geary & D Hosking, PCSO R Michel, Martyn Smith of MK Council, 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Hulance, apologies accepted.

Minutes of the meeting on 13th August 2014 were adopted and signed as a true record with one small amendment.

Super fast broadband roll-out

Martyn Smith came to speak to us regarding this issue. Contrary to hearsay there is no broadband fibre along the A422, the nearest connection is 2 miles away in Gog Lane, North Crawley, but there is to be a project in 2016 called “fibre to the remote known” which will provide much faster broadband; it could be sooner if there are any funds left because there is a 20% clawback to be reinvested in the network.

Matters arising from the last meeting-

Hedge pruning on A422 still needs attention on both sides when pulling out from Astwood, Clerk to deal with.

Pot holes in Cranfield Rd, Astwood still bad, Clerk to chase.

Traffic Issues:

Miranda had walked around with a member of the highways department at MK Council to point out to him our main concerns, which are pulling out of Astwood onto the A422 and also at the Hardmead Turn. Regarding Astwood it is clear that keeping the hedges cut well back regularly makes a big difference to vision and safety when pulling out. The Hardmead Turn is only dangerous when speeds are exceeded more than 60mph.

It was suggested that speed tubes put down may help; also Miranda will speak at the next NAG meeting for more or better signage along the A422 when approaching the Hardmead Turn. Clerk will speak to MK Council to ask them to cut the hedges well back and also to a resident to ask how much hedge they would be prepared to trim in order to improve vision.

Hardmead Play Area – Cllr Stilton reported that he had been busy therefore this project had been put on hold for a while. The main problem is raising 50% ourselves but he was advised

to contact Heather Baker or Rob Ward or Phil Snell to check if the funding they had agreed is still available. It was mentioned that we can apply to MK Community Foundation for a grant as well. Our Ward Councillors agreed to help with this and will support our mission for grants if Cllr Stilton copies them all in to emails. He was advised to apply via email to MKCF, and the Hockey Foundation (possibly would need to include a basketball net to comply)

Village Hall Report – Cllr Hulance had prepared a report which the Clerk read out. The harvest supper had raised over £600 and the recent improvements to the hall are being felt. New windows are being considered and it was suggested the Parish Council may be able to claim back the VAT element of the cost. The Clerk will check on the legality of this and report back. Cllr Mitchell mentioned that there could be some more funds available from the Community Benefit Fund and if so, he could apply for some to be used towards the cost of new windows. The car park next to the Close was covered in the Ward Councillor's report to follow.

Ward Cllr's report – Keith McLean and David Hosking and Peter Geary all gave us a brief report on items relevant.

The Minerals Local Plan consultation ends on 5th November 2014 and it was mentioned that if a certain proposal was agreed it would generate more traffic along the A422.

The planning strategy would not have a huge effect on rural areas.

The car park was mentioned in Main Rd, Astwood regarding MK Council selling it. Cllr Geary reported that there are no plans to sell this piece of land at present but there could be in the future should they need to boost their income by selling bits of ground. Peter explained that there would always be a consultation before this took place.

Cllr Hosking noted that Hardmead do not receive the "Phone Box" magazine although Astwood does. He will look into this on our behalf as it is worth reading.

Cllr McLean reported that there is now a new email address for the three ward councilors which is Olneyward@milton-keynes.gov.uk

The NE Forum is on 4th December 2014 at Weston Underwood.

Mike Hainge is to action a ward visit on 19th November 2014 so we were advised to let them know if we have any issues to mention.

NAG – Neighbourhood Action Group update – had been dealt with earlier and no recent meeting had taken place.

Planning:

There were two planning applications to be looked at.

- 1.) 7&8 Turvey Rd, Astwood – new dwelling and renovation of the cottages for guest house and storage, - no adverse comments
- 2.) Manor Farm, Hardmead – barn for conversion, looking into as planning system complicated and needs refreshing.

Finances:

Bank balance stood at £1327.32 after bills were settled this evening as follows:-

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| 100441 | Kim Construction | £1561.28 + £312.26 VAT | = £1873.54 |
| 100442 | HMRC Quarterly payroll | | = £45.00 |
| 100443 | P Reynolds-Nunn Expenses | £81.20 + £6.20 VAT | = £87.40 |
| 100444 | P Reynolds-Nunn Annual Salary net | | = £720.00 |
| 100445 | M Elsey Grass cutting | | = £1320.00 |
| 100446 | Astwood Institute Various | | = £230.72 |
| 100447 | Astwood Village Hall 4 x meetings rent | | = £60.00 |

Balance above includes our second half year precept of £1808.11 (£1750.00 asked for + £258.11 Council tax grant) also VAT refund of £1592.01.

Clerk requested help with purchase of a new laptop after seeking advice from BMKALC. It was proposed to make a donation of £265.00 (50% towards the cost of £530.00) with no stipulations. Proposed Cllr Mitchell, seconded Cllr Stilton, all in favour.

Clerk's salary was reviewed and agreed an increase of £100 p.a. with effect from January 2015. It was also resolved to pay £120 p.a. to the internal auditor for pay roll work which the Clerk has been covering up to now, with immediate effect, all in favour.

Councillor's Items:

PCSO Ryan Michel was called away so gave a very quick update, mainly to warn us to be extra vigilant now the dark nights are upon us. Cllr Mitchell told him about cars racing around Hardmead between 1-2am recently near Church Farm; he advised to ring and report other similar incidents on 101.

AOB / Questions from the public.

Some villagers have shown concern regarding St. Peters church being for sale. This is not a Parish Council matter but anyone wanting more information is welcome to contact Howard Cattermoll of the Oxford Diocese on 01865 208200 who is happy to receive calls. There is the war memorial inside the church which residents would like to move and site elsewhere should the church be sold; Clerk will look into this and report back.

A light is flickering opposite 5/7 Cranfield Road, Astwood, Clerk to action.

The next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 28th January 2015 in Astwood Village Hall at 8pm. Be agreed then the other meeting dates will

ASTWOOD

Well Christmas is rapidly approaching and this is the last edition of the SCAN this year, so it is properly fitting that we have a quick review of the year.

Several people have moved into the village in the last year and they are quickly making their presence felt and they are all very welcome and I hope their time in the village is a happy one. Also some people who like the village so much and although felt the need to move even stayed within the village.

Talking of new blood there has also been some babies born, Rebecca little girl Suri, Justinia's little girl who together with her parents have moved onto pastures new and also just the other day Martina who use to live in the village with Ann and Steve produce a little girl. Well done to you all, it is always very pleasing to see new life in the village.

After last year when we had a plethora of weddings - 7 in all, I don't think we had any weddings at all this year, which is perhaps understandable.

We have had a couple of very successful functions in the village hall, a Wimbledon BBQ in the village garden and a Harvest supper with Bob cooking the main course.

Also several ladies from the Village took part in the Milton Keynes Moowalk and together with the subsequent ball raised well over £2,000 in aid of Willen Hospice, so well done to you all.

Forthcoming events

Christmas Carol in the pub courtesy of Bob and Janet on Monday 22nd of December, so come along and join in the fun, children welcome. The perfect way to start of the Christmas week celebrations. Look out for notices nearer the time.

Parish Council meeting 28th January, I know it's a long way off, but there is no SCAN until February.

I would have written more but I seem to be spending all my time with my 'Movember' and quite frankly my pathetic effort needs all the help it can get.

I keep thinking there is something else to mention, my memory these days is terrible - oh yes I remember now!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Lieutenant Pigeon

SCAN NOTES FOR CHICHELEY December 2014 and January 2015

On Remembrance Sunday 9th November 35 of we villagers gathered at the War Memorial for a short service and the laying of a poppy wreath. The service was conducted by Professor John Fielding with the wreath laid and exhortation given by Mr. Chris Errington assisted by Miss Jessica Sparshot. The service then continued in the church with the Reverend Mandy Marriott.

From my observations and our farmers reports the winter crops are now all planted in the fields and the annual battle with slugs is underway. The wet, cool weather has arrived; will it I wonder be similar to last winter? I read somewhere that the meteorological service now have an even more powerful computer that will assist in producing more accurate weather forecasts. Should we be sceptical? I still tend to rely on the view that today's weather will be very like yesterdays with only a gradual change, which seems to work. I do find the wind turbines useful for the direction of the wind as they always face into it. They give a clue as to whether to wrap up or not.

The village hall committee has been looking at what needs to be done to the hall to modernise it and keep it in good condition. Whether any grant assistance could be obtained has been explored although so far without success, although this will continue. An action plan has been proposed and will continue in 2015. The best way Chicheley villagers can help is by supporting any fundraising events and perhaps considering joining the committee.

The next fundraiser for the village hall is on January 24th for a celebration of Burn's Night. Details will be on the village notice boards.

Before then we have a Social Evening in the village hall Saturday on 20th December from 7.00pm. The format is simple, please bring along some food/drink to eat and share with others, games to play, your favourite Christmas cd's. We will also have the North Crawley and Chicheley HANDBELL's for you to ring carols with. If you have tried them before you will know its good fun, if not then come along and try them, instruction will be given. All Chicheley villagers, young and old, new or ancient are very welcome.

A well-attended Parish Meeting was held on October 14th with all three of the Olney and Sherington ward councillors in attendance. A wide range of subjects was discussed including roads, traffic, gravel extraction, future plans for the borough included.

Chichchat's will be on Tuesday 9th and Tuesday 23rd December and also on Tuesday 13th and Tuesday 27th January all at 10.30am until noon in the village hall. There will be a carol service in Chicheley church on Sunday 14th December at

3.00pm with refreshments, and on Christmas Day a service of Holy Communion at 11.00am. The final service for the year will be on the 28th December at 11.00am.

This being my last Chicheley notes for 2014 I would like to express our thanks to Betty and Christine for all they do to keep SCAN magazine going. Even in this day of much social media SCAN magazine provides a much needed local presence that would be difficult to replace. I would also like to thank David Blamire's who collects and delivers the magazine throughout our village every month without fail. It is often said that this country of ours runs well because of those who volunteer to do things, here we have three good examples of that. I am still looking for someone to share the 2015 writing of these SCAN notes so please contact me if you are interested.

Have a Happy Christmas and New Year.

David

NORTH CRAWLEY SCAN NEWS AND COMMENT.

The first piece of news is about something that didn't happen during November or to be more precise on the fifth of November. One of our older residents Mr Bill Maslin has pursued an interesting hobby for many years; in fact a figure of 66 years was mentioned. The hobby demonstrates an incredible knowledge of chemistry and pyrotechnics which result in the most fantastic fireworks. Nothing has ever been advertised about viewing the product of his endeavour and ingenuity, but over the years friends and groups of villagers have ventured onto his property on the fifth of November and witnessed amazing explosions and colourful displays on the fields to the rear of his house. All that have seen and heard his amazing creations will never forget the experience, and stories abound as to how he acquired his knowledge. Unfortunately Bill has been unwell of late, so it seems his fireworks will become part of village history which is a great shame, and those who have witnessed the spectacular sights that have lit up our evening skies on the fifth of November should feel privileged to have done so. There are a number of people who are currently trying to get Bill some formal recognition for his contributions towards our village, and I'm sure we all wish them every success in this venture.

Having recently spent a short while in the south of Ireland, I was reflecting on some of the differences found in the small rural community there when compared to our own. An often emotive and continuous topic of conversation in North Crawley concerns roads, what travels them, signage, parking and state of repair. Well in the area just visited these appear to be something that has to be put up with, but not worthy of too much attention. The comment I heard which summed up the rural roads was "don't buy a second hand car here, because they're badly shook up". Tractors and farm machinery are many, always seem to be on the roads

and are just about impossible to get around, plus the odd horse and cart suddenly appears often driven by kids, which are very tricky to overtake. The attitude towards parking in the local town is also pretty relaxed, an example being double yellow lines, which appear to be an invitation to double-park, no-one bats an eyelid, and traffic saunters along at between 10 to 20 m.p.h. It made me wonder whether encouraging our farmers to get their machinery out on the roads a bit more often and turning a blind-eye to a bit of chaotic parking in the High Street and Folly Lane, would actually be a better deterrent for reducing traffic volumes and slowing speeding motorists, than the solution recently implemented by Milton Keynes Council.

The following is a moving account of a recent trip by the North Crawley Historical Society to World War 1 battlefields.

The Battlefields Tour Report October 23rd 2014

As everyone knows, this year sees the one hundredth anniversary of the start of World War One. Our Historical Society has already staged an important, and very moving, tribute to the 106 men (and records of the contribution of 3 women) from our village who served in the UK Forces during the conflict which changed our world for ever. We feel especially for the 25 of those men who did not return.

In late October thirteen of our members took part in a guided battlefields tour, visiting, and learning about, both the Ypres Salient in Belgium, and key areas of the July 1st 1916 Somme offensive mounted by the British army with such sacrifice, courage, and selflessness. We experienced many poignant and emotional occasions and places, Tyne Cot cemetery, Passchendaele, Sanctuary Wood and Hill 62, the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate, Thiepval and the Schwaben Redoubt, and the overcast weather seemed to catch the mood (there were lighter moments too!). We stood where the actual attack at White City trenches was filmed by David Maitland (who was blown off his feet by the preparatory mine explosion), and were shocked and saddened to discover that what we had thought was staged cinema was in fact real.

So lots to reflect on, and we were all deeply affected by the experiences. For the writer the most telling moments were when we found the grave of Henry Ager in Ypres Town Cemetery, the names of Arthur Ementon and Walter Riddy on the Tyne Cott wall of remembrance, and Leonard Fulford, Harry Ruffhead, and Owen Young on the Somme Thiepval Memorial (these five have no known grave). We laid a cross for each. We never knew them, but we know their families, and we walk the same paths and fields; somehow this knowledge created a bridge across the years.

JB 7th November 2014

North Crawley cricket club.

By the time Scan is next issued the Christmas Quiz will be imminent, and then all

concerned will be taking a break before sitting down to plan next season's campaign.

Wishing a Merry Christmas to all our supporters.

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 on Sunday 25 January, 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:

christopherflower@btinternet.com



Hawk-eye

'A Winters Tale'

Friday 5th December

St Firmin's - North Crawley

7.30pm

'Special Community Event For All'

Contact Janice Freeman 01234 391350

christmas bazaar

2.30 PM

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

THE INSTITUTE

NORTH CRAWLEY

Traditional Christmas Bazaar

Stalls, Games, Raffle & Refreshments

Come and enjoy the Christmas

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 4th November, 2014

Planning

Two applications to consider this month;

- 7 High Street, side extension. No adverse comments.
- 26 Orchard Way, two storey side extension (resubmission). No adverse comments.

Grass Cutting Contract

Received tenders require clarification, so a decision for next year's contract will now be made in the December meeting. The delayed decision has no adverse effect.

Ward Councillor's Report (Cllr Hosking and Cllr McLean (part))

Our 3 Ward Councillors are chasing the MKC Service Director for progress on a number of issues that affect the village :

- The pavements in the High Street,
- Pot hole in Brooke End
- Folly Lane white lining

They asked for patience from our Parish Council as they pursue all three matters at a senior level.

The Ward Councillors provided direction to the PC in relation to both the current and future grass cutting contracts. Cllr Hatton will discuss with the relevant department in MKC.

The next MK North East forum is scheduled for early December. Councillors from NCPC will attend.

A 'Plan MK' drop-in session is scheduled for 12th November.

Residential Safety

MKC, along with Thames Valley Police, are reviewing the current 40mph speed limit in Brook End after being alerted by the PC. A decision is anticipated in early December.

In connection with the Brook End speed limit, the width of the road was discussed, particularly as there are a high number of wider vehicles crossing the white lines as they travel around the bends. Cllr Hatton will contact MKC to discuss whether the road could be straightened or widened, however, it was accepted that this should be taken into account of the speed limit on this stretch of road. This point was also raised by a member of the public who recalls conversation from previous PC meetings.

The Ford Project

The PC is still evaluating options in relation to cleaning out the debris from the Ford.

NAG Report

The next NAG meeting was scheduled for the day following the PC meeting, however, Cllr Hunt updated the meeting with the recent road speed data collection activities. SIDs machines have been used recently, these collect speed data which will be analysed and will contribute to road speed decisions by MKC and Thames Valley Police.

Cllr Hunt undertook to raise at the NAG meeting the issue of cars parking on pavements, particularly on the High Street at the Eastern edge of the village.

Finance

Payments over the past month total £959.69, all to cover expected items. Receipts totalled £11.00 (one NC map).

Churchyard

A request has been received for a remembrance stone to include a small, coloured motif. A decision will be made when the size and placement of the design are understood.

It appears that the churchyard rules and regulations are not being followed in terms of the placing of ornaments and flower pots placed on and around graves and remembrance stones. It was proposed that the existing rules should be simplified and issued not only to funeral directors (for distribution), but also to all applicants. Additionally, it was also decided to serve notice that any unauthorised items should be removed by the end of January 2015, following which the PC will remove (and store) any such items.

New Notice Boards

It was agreed to order new notice boards to house village maps for the outside of the Institute and the Churchyard.

Landscape

Work has been completed on cutting back the trees in the churchyard – all agreed that the quality of the work is outstanding. Further work to churchyard trees, the hedge around the garden of rest, plus three benches has been agreed.

Councillor Items

The village shop owner has applied for a Post Office licence. All agreed that the shop is a real asset to the village and would like to pass on thanks to the new owner.

The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd December, at 7:30pm.

Cllr Keith Rogers

Bill Maslin – Thank You

North Crawley Parish Council, on behalf of all North Crawley residents, would like to express our sincere thanks to Bill Maslin for his contribution to our village. For 63 years Bill has lit up our 5th of November with spectacular firework displays, a selfless act that has contributed to a real sense of community.

Thank you Bill

North Crawley Parish Council REMEDIAL WORK TO GARDEN OF REST

As highlighted within the minutes of the November Parish Council meeting (published in the **December 2014** issue of SCAN), the Parish Council is now ready to carry out the necessary work to re-establish the Garden of Rest in line with the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

In light of this December 2014 Notice we cordially ask you to remove any unauthorised items (trees, lanterns, ornaments, etc.) that you wish to keep **before the 31st of January 2015**, we will endeavour to store any unauthorised non-perishable items that have not been removed by this date for a period of six months. If you have any queries on this matter please contact the Parish Clerk. Copies of the regulations are available from the Finance Officer.

NOTICE is hereby given that work will start Sunday 1st of February and this will include the removal of unauthorised objects and plantings.

Clerk

Mrs. P Reynolds-Nunn



NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL

North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE First School

'Together in Learning – Sharing Excellence and Expertise'

You may recall from last month's SCAN report that the Early Years Foundation Stage children have been working on the theme of 'Percy the Park Keeper' and his animal friends. As an ending to the Foundation Stage focus on "owls" the children were treated to a visit from the 'Birds of Prey Centre' in Bedford. Four beautiful owls named Monty, Florence, Cassie and Simba were the star attractions in school. Children and teachers learnt lots of new and exciting information about owls as well as seeing them fly around the classroom, with Monty finally resting on top of the computer! The highlight was being able to handle the owls as they perched on each child's arm.



Meanwhile the children in KS1 have been learning about World War 1. Having reflected on the centenary poppies at the Tower of London the children and staff were inspired to make their own. Each child and staff member created a poppy

from clay. These were taken to St Firmin's Church and displayed as part of the village Remembrance Day service. The whole school marked the two minutes silence at the village war memorial on Tuesday 11th November at 11 o' clock. It was rather poignant to be joined in this act of remembrance by the workmen at The Cock. The children and staff visited the church to admire the poppy display. Each child then carefully carried their own poppy back to school where they are being displayed in our entrance hall. We were all moved and privileged to be part of the centenary events in our own small way.

North Crawley School was full of 'Super Heroes' on Friday, from Spiderman to Super Woman! This was to support fund raising for Children in Need. The children were asked to be a hero at home by undertaking tasks in return for a donation. The children had tidied their bedrooms, helped with the shopping and setting the table, to name but a few. A magnificent total of £83 was raised – a magnificent gift for Children in Need - well done.

The children are already starting to think about Christmas and in particular, the significance of giving and receiving gifts. On Monday 8th November our children were visited by, Margot Jordan, a local church volunteer, to tell them all about 'Operation Christmas Child'. The children were shown a short DVD about the joy that a kind donation of a 'shoebox of gifts' could bring to a child, less fortunate than themselves, at Christmas-time. The enthusiastic children were presented with ideas they could put in the box, such as fun items like small toys and teddies, along with more practical items like toothbrushes and toothpaste. The children were very keen to help and we hope to gather some wonderful shoeboxes to send to a special child, somewhere else in the world at Christmas time.

Sadly we will be saying a fond farewell to our KS1 teacher Mrs Chris Hoten who has taught at North Crawley CE School for countless years. Mrs Hoten is taking early retirement from teaching at Christmas and I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her professionalism, her dedication and her valued contribution to the education of many children in the village.

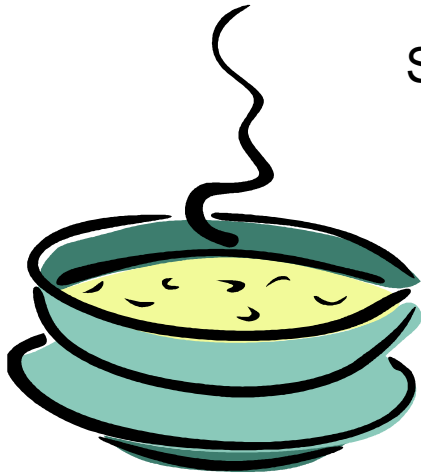
The staff and children would like to express their thanks and appreciation to FONs for organizing the recent Christmas Fayre and for all their efforts to provide a special Christmas party at the end of term. Finally everyone at North Crawley CE School would like to wish readers of SCAN a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011? Would you like your child to attend a school judged by Ofsted as outstanding? Parents can choose where they send their child to school. Visit our NEW website at www.northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk

VACANCY AT NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL - Job shares will be considered.
We have a vacancy for a Midday Meals Supervisor to help with supervising the

children at lunchtimes. Information packs, application forms and further details are available from the school office (01234 391282) or by emailing the office@northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk

NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.



North Crawley W.I. Winter Warmer
Saturday January 17th 2015 12 - 2 p.m

Come along for a warming bowl of soup and roll,

Cheese and crusty bread

Coffee and cake

Raffle

Adults £5 Children £3

We look forward to seeing you and your family

For more details call Lynda 391888

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Mailbag and Announcements

WE SEND BEST WISHES TO ARCHIE WHATTON,
SHERINGTON'S OLDEST GENTLEMAN,
WHO CELEBRATED HIS 97TH BIRTHDAY ON 12TH NOVEMBER
From SCAN readers everywhere

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS



December 9th Eileen Milne, 4 Hillview

January 13th Doris Stephens, 1a Church Road
27th To be arranged

FLOODLIGHTING ST. LAUD'S

Many people have commented on how welcoming it is to see the Church floodlit for a longer time over Christmas and New Year. So many people supported us last year, for which I am very grateful and I thought that once again people might like to sponsor the lighting and therefore help towards the cost of the extra electricity. If this idea appeals to you please contact Ella Field, 4 Park Road or phone 610560. A list of sponsors will be put up in Church over the Christmas period.

ST. LAUD'S CHURCH CLOCK

Many Sheringtonians, including me, are always uplifted by the sight of the floodlit village church at Christmas so I am sure that many will also be pleased to see and hear our new, 'electrified' church clock back in action again.

It has long been a wish of mine to see this happen and I would like to express my sincere thanks to the group of 'friends' of Sherington Church' who have made this possible. A special thank you is due to Derek Ferris, who, as he has so often done, undertook the organisation of the project, no mean task as he had to spend many hours chasing up the firm who undertook the work.

Will you also give thanks to the memory of the valiant souls, who in the past, had to climb the tower steps daily to do the winding.

My Christmas wishes to all my Sherington friends, without whom I would find it difficult to continue to live among you.

Doris Stephens.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (Samaritans' Purse)

This year twenty seven gift filled boxes have been sent, and a donation for transport costs in lieu of a box.

Thank you to Sherington School P.T.F.A., and to everyone else who gave.

Pam Ellis



THE GIRL GUIDE MOVEMENT

As a district (Newport Pagnell) we were very pleased and proud when Patsy Clifton, Sherington Brownie Guider, was invited to Westminster Abbey for her long service (42 years!!) in recognition of voluntary work for Guiders and Scouters of the United Kingdom. THANK YOU PATSY.

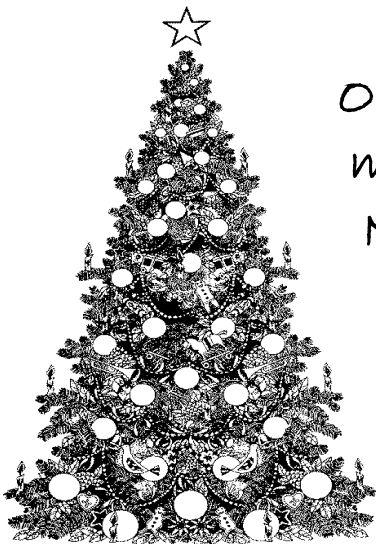
One of her past Brownies is Jessica Vale who is now a young leader with Newport Pagnell Brownies. Jessica has gained her Baden Powell award, the highest a guide can obtain. Again, we are proud of her and also her part in the Remembrance Service in St. Lauds where she read the piece to be read by a young person. WELL DONE JESSICA.

TRAI DCRAFT EVENT IN SHERINGTON

Pearl Teasdale wishes to thank all her friends who supported The Annual Traidcraft Event on the 8th and 9th November this year and to those who didn't manage to get to the event, so sent donations.

Sales, orders and donations amounted to over £1,200.

Many thanks to the many folk who give continued support year after year.



On behalf of the Parish Council we send many, many thanks to Alban Hill Nurseries, who have provided this year's Christmas tree for The Knoll. Thank you all at Alban Hill for your kind and very generous donation.

Re: Harvest Supper Auction:

RECEIVED FROM NORTHANTS & WARWICKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE:

Thank you for your donation of £308.00. Thanks to people like you we're able to save so many lives which might other wise have been lost.*

We receive no Government funding and rely entirely on kind donations like yours to keep flying and saving lives. You really have made a difference.

Thank you again for your support.

Your Air Ambulance.

**Gift Aid brings total to £383.00*



THUMBSTICKS

Thumbstick Advent Walk. Sunday 7th December at "9.00 am"
(**please note 9.00 am**), from the Knoll.

This year we will be doing a local walk, but to maintain something of the tradition we will call into Alban Hill Nursery for a cup of tea/coffee and/or light breakfast, before continuing our way back to Sherington. If you wish to join us please call 07714 760 873 or email katengraham@hotmail.com to let us know initial figures.

We will have a menu to choose from at the start (or one can be emailed back to you) so that we can forewarn the tea room of numbers and choices once we are on our way.

No dogs please.

THUMBSTICKS BOXING DAY WALK

Please meet at the Knoll for 9.30 am if you would like some fresh air and a gentle walk across some of the fields surrounding Sherington. Please wear appropriate footwear. If there is heavy rainfall, the walk will not go ahead. No dogs please.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A THUMBSTICKS WALK IN JANUARY. OUR NEXT WALK WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 1ST FEBRUARY 2015.

Christmas Concert

With Newport Pagnell Singers

**Saturday, 6.00pm
20 December
St Laud's Church
Sherington**

**All Tickets: £10 available from:
Bess Williams, 611946
Ben Smith, 610961
Rev Pam Fielding, 616763**




Proceeds to be shared between
St Laud's Church
& Newport Pagnell Singers



SHERINGTON BELL RINGERS:

Ever heard the bells of St Lauds' or elsewhere and wondered how that happens, and thought you would like to learn how to ring?

The Sherington Bell ringers are now meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month, with the alternate 4th Thursday ringing at Chicheley. We ring from 7.30 pm to 9 .00 pm and you are very welcome to come and see how it's done and have a go if you want to. It does not take too long to pick up and it can get as complicated as you want. You can start ringing from any age, it's all about technique, not brute force.

Apart from our practice night, we ring for Services (when we can get anyone) weddings and special occasions, the last one being at 12 minutes past 8 in the morning for the 2012 Olympics.

We are very small in number and are looking for new members to come and join to help and preserve this ancient tradition and to keep it alive.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

The next few practice night dates are:

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| 11 th December | 7.30 pm – Sherington |
| 25 th December | Night off! |
| 8 th January | 7.30 pm – Sherington |
| 29 th January | 7.30 pm – Sherington |
| 12 th February | 7.30 pm – Sherington |
| 26 th February | 7.30 pm – Chicheley |

If you have any questions, then please contact me (mark.vale@getronics.com) 01908 216543. If you can make it to one of our practices, it would be wonderful to see you. MV.



Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

Who would believe that December has come round again so quickly? I have only just finished harvesting our tomatoes and so far Mrs D has got 13 Kilner jars full of bottled tomatoes with probably enough to do two more jars, so much tastier than the tinned ones that you buy from the supermarket.

Some advance notice of two events that will occur in the future:

The first is the Christmas Market at the White Hart on 6th December between 1 and 6 pm. There will be stalls selling seasonal goods and we understand that Father Christmas will be in attendance plus the Salvation Army Band. There will also be a hog roast and seasonal refreshments.

Further ahead is the ever popular Twining Association Big Quiz which takes place in the Village Hall on 20th March next year, see the advertisement elsewhere in Scan for more details.

The late, late Harvest Supper took place on 21st October at the Village Hall. It was well attended with some 70 diners sitting down to eat a nice supper and then take part in the auction, expertly done of course by Derrick. The meal itself raised £382 for the Church and the auction raised £308 to be donated to the Air Ambulance.

On 24th October we saw a number of people looking at an old lorry outside C J Haynes garage on The Knoll. Being somewhat inquisitive I wandered down to see what was occurring. Stuart Haynes told me that the vehicle was believed to be the first Scania truck to be imported into the U K in 1966. It had been beautifully restored and was attracting a lot of photographs.

The Oakley hunt was back again this year and met, as before, on the grass outside Mercer's Farm. We were not forewarned this time but happened to drive by on our way back from Milton Keynes and so walked back to watch the proceedings. As it was Armistice Day there was a two minute silence following which the hunt left to go about their business.

A little while back I was pleased to report the return of two missing pets, a cat and a tortoise, but sorry to mention that Merlin, a black cat from Griggs Orchard was still missing. Following that I had a call from a resident of Water Lane to say that she had seen what could have been Merlin up in Perry Lane. Sadly this was not the right cat but amazingly on 30th October I had a call from the owner to say that Merlin had turned up at End Farm, some $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from home and ten weeks after he had gone missing. He had been seen in the fields on occasions but this time he actually came to a house which coincidentally was next door to one of the daughter's of the owner. She was called and was pretty sure that it was her mother's cat and so drove him home with him sitting on the passenger seat. His chip was checked to make certain that it was Merlin and it was. He was checked by a vet but found to be in good condition and so must have been successfully hunting on his adventure. The owners would like to express their gratitude to everyone who helped in search for their beloved cat.

As is traditional at this time of year we should thank those in the community who serve us in whatever way and that should include our paper girls and boys, our milkman, our shopkeepers and the lighting crews for the Christmas tree and the church and, of course, the good folk who deliver this most important publication, SCAN. A Merry Christmas to one and all and a Happy New Year.

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

SHERINGTON SCHOOL NEWS

Children in Need; As usual the Sherington School community showed it's compassion on this special day by a generous commitment to this charitable cause.



The children dressed as their favourite superheroes and the PTFA supplied cakes and prizes for a 'guess the pumpkin weight' competition. The latter, kindly donated by local gardener and ex-pupil Stevie Beal, was a hefty 20Kg (44.1lbs in old money) or about as heavy as the average Sherington pupil.

Early preparations for our Christmas play, a traditional Nativity performed in St Laud's Church but seen from a new angle, may have caused some early excitement but the children seem to be in good voice and the season does draw near as witnessed by the gloom or spectacular sunsets at home-time.

We wish all our friends and supporters all the best for 2015 and thank them again for the difference they continuously make to school life.

Please e-mail or telephone if you wish to visit us.

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Our new website can be found at <http://www.sheringtonceschool.co.uk/>



SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Collection of Firstly a huge welcome to the world to baby Buddy and warmest congratulations to Carly (our admissions lady on the committee) and the whole family I have to say seeing the gorgeous new babies coming into pre-school is really lovely.

It's amazing to find ourselves in the middle of November already, this autumn term is always busy and it hasn't disappointed so far. Our themes of 'Halloween, Bonfire night and Sounds all around us' have seen the children's imagination 'fired' up, (sorry for the pun). We have had loads of fun with these themes; the children have been using musical instruments and making their own shakers to explore the sounds they can make. We have also made 'potions' using oats, water and sand, which as you can imagine really engaged the children and had them asking for more oats & Weetabix! We shall be continuing with the music theme as we move up towards Christmas, when, yes that dreaded word will also become a theme for discovery.

When possible we shall spend some time with the children out in the fresh air so as the weather gets colder please remember hats, gloves etc (labeled where possible so that they can always be returned to the right owner when misplaced).

We have a number of dates for your diaries:

28th Nov Village Christmas Bazaar.

Pre-School will have a stall selling Craft.

6th Dec Christmas Market at the White Hart.

Where we will be selling homemade fudge, thanks to one of our lovely mum's for making and organising.

11th Dec Pre-School Christmas Nativity Play

Parents arrive at 11:00 for coffee and mince pies and we will start the performance at 11:30. (Once again a not to be missed performance – don't forget to book the time out).

12th Dec Pre-School Christmas Party

Our last day of term and we invite all our children to attend even if it is not their usual day at pre-school. It will be a complimentary session for all and will begin at 12:30 ending at 15:30. Our thoughts are to have this as a fun Xmas jumper day or, of course, party clothes. Nearer the time a list will go up with suggested food donations.

7th March 2015 'Grand Promises Auction'

An early date for your new diaries. If you have any talents or skills you would like to donate, anything will be gratefully received; an hours gardening, a meal for 2 or 4 people, a free haircut!

This will be our main fundraiser for 2015 so please continue to support us.

5th January & 21st May 2015 Pre-School INSET days.

On Friday 14th we had a fundraising 'girls' evening at the J-T's house when Huxley's grandparents changed rolls to chef and waitress to give us all a break from the children and a noisy/fun night out. £'s raised for pre-school is yet to be finalized as we are hoping for matched funding but it is looking good.



A final fundraising note and reminder about our Christmas raffle chocolate and booze for our very popular Chocolate Bouquet and Barrow of Booze. We really are so grateful for the support we receive from our families and friends in the community, thank-you all for your support past and future.

As we head towards the final part of this term, we are very much looking forward to welcoming and having lots of fun with our new starters, Imogen, Susannah, Ellie, Lois, Isabella and Rhianne to start the new term in January.

And finally the whole pre-school team would like to wish all of our children, old and new, their parents and their wider families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I'm sure they have all been very good and Santa will come.

SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On November 11th we all met up for the Members Can Talk meeting, and it's theme this year was, as might be expected, was focused on the "The war to end all wars". Caroline has put together a varied program that entertained as well as gave reflection of the time and experiences of people that lived through the First World War, with songs from the war years ably accompanied by Tony, Liz, Philip and Caroline, with the whole group singing along to some of the songs of era introduced by Liz, which gave us a jolly start to the preceding. We then had contributions, from Pearl, Mark, June, Caroline, and Roger as well as a further recital from the band of the song The Battle of the Somme. All in all a very good program or events. Thank you Caroline.

December sees us meet in the Village Hall on the 9th for an 8pm start to our Christmas Party meeting, so if you are coming, please bring along some nibbles for a shared snack, where we will be having festive fun, with a selection of entertainment that will make the evening disappear before you know it.

After the Christmas break the next meeting is on the 13th January. This is down as being an archiving meeting, but there is an idea that we will combine this with the January Jolly and get some caterers in and have a "Super Supper" in the village Hall rather than for the following Tuesday have the Jolly. If we go for the Jolly the venue is not fixed, we could have it in the village, or elsewhere. Members, we need your thoughts on this, please let us know by the December meeting.

A date for your diary for February, 10th at 8pm we have Chris Rowe coming to give a talk entitled "Eleanor of Castile". I am sure that we will learn something about the story of the Eleanor Crosses and much more. Hope to see you all there.

Sherington Historical Society wishes it's SCAN readers
the best festive cheer!

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THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

4th December

Hand Bell Ringers

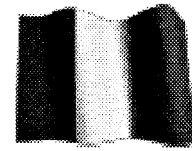
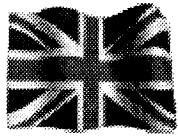
By popular request, a small team of hand bell ringers from St. Mary & St. Giles Church in Stony Stratford will be entertaining us this evening. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

15th January
(Members

only) New Year's Luncheon

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.



**SHERINGTON
TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

**THE BIG QUIZ
AND
FISH AND CHIP SUPPER**

Friday 20th March at Sherington Village Hall

Doors open at 7.00 pm for prompt 7.30 pm start

Make up teams of 6 or come on your own and join a team

ALL WELCOME

TICKET ENTRY £8.50 TO INCLUDE FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

Licensed bar - beer, lager, wine and soft drinks

Raffle

Tickets from Mick Inskipp 216214

or any other committee member

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Sherington Ward was abolished in May 2014. We are now part of the new **Olney Ward** which has 3 councillors: Peter Geary, David Hosking and Keith McLean. Details are on the MK Council website. Keith McLean is now the Deputy Mayor.

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