

# Scan



March 2015

## SCAN 449 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY MARCH 2015

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<b>BROWNIES:</b> Every <b>MONDAY</b> term time, Sherington Pavilion - 5.30 – 7 pm - contact: KERRIE MAXWELL 07917610115 / 01908 60144 OR PATSY CLIFTON 01908 616009			
<b>FRIDAY AFTERNOON TEA:</b> The venue is now back at St. Laud's Church from 2.30 pm until 4.30 pm.			
<b>PILATES 10 a.m., YOGA 11 a.m., NORTH CRAWLEY INSTITUTE Thursdays. Call Debbie 07764 391687</b>			
<b>SHERINGTON FOLK WORKSHOP:</b> 8 – 10 pm Sherington V.H. - <b>2nd Thursday</b> of month – Liz 07941 403492			
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<b>SHERINGTON YOUTH CLUB:</b> 7 – 9 pm <b>Wednesday</b> Nights (term time) contact Jay: 07799005568			
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## SCAN PARISH

The AGM for our churches in SCAN Parish will be held on

**Tuesday 21 April 2015**  
**Chicheley Village Hall**  
**7.45pm**

All are welcome.

Mandy writes.....

I expect by now that the news will have reached your ears that, subject to the normal Church of England legal and administrative procedures, I will shortly be moving on to take up another post, this time as Team Rector of Duston Team ministry in Northampton. I will officiate at my final service here on Easter Day and we shall be moving to Northampton shortly afterwards.

We moved to SCAN Parish in 2006 and we shall take away with us some very fond memories of our time here. But as with all vicars and rectors, there comes a time when it seems right to move on and to make way for someone else to take up that role of church leadership in a parish.

Unlike many secular organisations, the Church of England has its own particular way of appointing a new Rector. When I am no longer in post, there will be a vacancy during which time the Parochial Church Council will be drawing up a parish profile which will describe our parish in terms of the pattern of our church services and the ministry we offer here. The PCC will also think carefully about the role of a new incumbent and the skills they may need to take up that role. At this stage we do not know how long this process will take or how long it will be until the vacancy of Rector is filled, but it will be a time of prayerful consideration for the future.

Revd Pam Fielding will continue in her role as Associate minister here in SCAN, and Professor John Fielding will continue as Licensed Lay Minister. However, it is important to note that Pam will not be taking on the Rector's duties and her role is that of supporting the ministry here. We are all very grateful to Pam and John for the ministry they offer so willingly and with such love and care. I personally wish to thank John and Pam for the privilege of sharing ministry with them over the time I have been here in SCAN parish. It has been my particular pleasure to oversee Pam as she trained for ordained ministry.

During the time I have served here inevitably the parish has seen a number of changes – the re-ordering of St Laud's Church, the closure of St Peter's Church, the introduction of different services, but the church continues to provide a Godly focus at those special times of year, Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, Easter and is there for us all for baptisms, weddings and funerals as well as weekly worship. Although the church is constantly changing, for how else will it grow, God remains constant. We are reminded in the Bible that God is faithful and loving and always there for us. Thank you for the opportunity of sharing my faith in God with you over the past eight and a half years. As I move on, I give you some words from the Bible which have given me encouragement each day.

Philippians chapter 4 verse 6:

*Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks.*

God Bless

Mandy

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'Souper' Lunchtime Get-together  
SCAN fellowship, a fortnightly chance to enjoy a simple lunch  
together

Pam and John Fielding 4 Griggs Orchard Sherington

01908 616763

12pm - 2pm Wednesdays

4 March

18 March (Holy Communion at 11.30am)

1 April

15 April

All ages welcome (children too!)

## DATES OF CHURCH MEETINGS

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 8pm St Laud's DCC  
28 Carter's Close, Sherington

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### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

RIP Roger Hardy from Sherington. The cremation took place on 11<sup>th</sup> February at Crownhill Crematorium.

*'I am the resurrection and the life' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'*

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### MARCH

Please note the changes to the usual service pattern \*\*

#### 1 March

10.30am 'Something Different' -Sherington- (refreshments at 10.30am)

#### 8 March

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion - North Crawley  
6pm Scan Evensong - Chicheley

#### 15 March

#### **Mothering Sunday**

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion - Sherington

#### 18 March

11.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion at 4 Griggs Orchard Sherington (before the usual 'Soup Lunch') \*\*

#### 22 March

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

#### 29 March

#### **Palm Sunday**

11am Scan Service of Holy Communion - North Crawley

## APRIL

**1 April**

8pm

Scan Service of Compline - Chicheley

**2 April**

7.30pm

**Maundy Thursday**

Scan Service of Holy Communion - North Crawley

**3 April**

12 - 1pm

**Good Friday**

Reflections for Good Friday - Sherington

**5 April**

6.00am

**Easter Day**

Easter Dawn Vigil - Chicheley (followed by breakfast)

9.30am

Easter Family Celebration with Holy Communion -  
Sherington

## **A**STWOOD

This month is my first month writing for Scan although I have been in the village for a couple of years. As a recent incomer I thought it would be useful to explain a little more about the Village Hall Committee and what we do. We are always looking for extra supporters and help. The Old Swan at Astwood is often the meeting place for the Village Hall Committee and we met in February to discuss how to continue to maintain the village hall and the Village Garden. At a cost per year of £2,500 it can sometimes seem like an upward struggle and our aims this year include replacing the rotting windows, fixing the men's loos and, if funds allow, look to repaint the inside of the hall. Last year saw the major renovation of the floor and a defibrillator to the outside of the hall.

The hall benefits from weekly events (Pilates and Bridge) and is available to hire from £7.50 for local residents and has a fully stocked kitchen (cutlery/utensils). Bob and Janet (The Old Swan) are kindly hosting a pre Valentines night with Doug Smith providing the music just before the publication of this month's scan and part of the profits are going to support the village hall. Additionally they are hosting a Music Quiz with steak and chips supper on 17th April with tickets available from the pub. Children are welcome as well and the events start at 7pm.

If there is anyone who would like to co-host an event the committee are very willing to help and assist if we can help a charity and the village hall as well and with our next meeting scheduled for (please can someone remind me?) please come and join us in The Old Swan at 8pm

Finally it may seem a long way away but now is the time to start thinking about sunflower planting if you want your sunflower to win the Harvest Supper Sunflower competition



### Astwood - Diary of Events

- Mondays - Pilates 8pm
- Thursdays and Sundays Eve Bridge
- Monday April 1st, 8pm The Old Swan - Village Hall Committee Meeting
- Friday 17th April - Music Quiz with Steak and Chips The Old Swan, Astwood - ticket £12.50 from The Old Swan
- Summer Event - In conjunction with another charity?
- Monday 28th September - Harvest Supper.



The Owl

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## **C** HICHELEY

Snowdrops are in flower and daffodils are slowly appearing through the grass so spring is on its way. We each have our favourite season, mine is spring closely followed by a warm summer, what I wonder reader is your favourite? In Chicheley we have a number of events planned for the next two months so I will concentrate on these for this edition.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating Saint David's day with a themed supper in the village hall. This is from 7.00pm for 7.30pm, tickets the usual price. Please tel. 01234 391371 if you would like to come.

Chichchat will take place at the usual place and times during the month.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> March it is Chicheley's turn to host the Lent lunch, again in the village hall from 12.30pm. Whilst the idea for this is a frugal repast, from personal experience, I can say it's much more than that so do come along. A modest donation may be made on the day.



During Lent there will be various services and on Wednesday 1 April we will be holding Compline in Chicheley church at 8pm. Lent is the only time this service, just 30 minutes long, is held and it is a chance to end the day with a period of quiet reflection. You will be most welcome.

On Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April teas as usual will be available in the village hall from 3pm to 5pm. These have always been very popular with homemade cakes, buns and savouries.

On Easter Sunday we will be holding a dawn (6.00am) service to celebrate the rising of our saviour, Jesus Christ. As you will read elsewhere, our Reverend Mandy is moving on so this will be her last celebration of the Eucharist at Chicheley, so if you are able to, do come along and join us. As a slight encouragement, if one is needed, after the service all who attended are invited to a full English breakfast in the village hall.

Looking a little further ahead into April:

A Parish meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the village hall.

Christine Girard writes: "Some of you may be aware that Pierre and I have a son, Etienne, who has been a professional musician for some years now. I am delighted to announce that he and his fellow musicians have agreed to perform for us at a fundraising gig for SCAN Parish.

De Vere Venues have kindly agreed to let us use the Wolfson Theatre for this gig and full details are below. Tickets are £15 each and will include a free raffle. They are available from me, so please ring on 01234 391489 or email [christine.girard@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.girard@btinternet.com) . You can also buy tickets online with the link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/148778> . Tickets are limited to 100, and we already have a lot of interest **so don't delay**. We look forward to seeing you there.

**SCAN PCC presents**

# **Rob Vincent & Band**

**An evening of great music in aid of SCAN Parish funds**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**The Wolfson Theatre, De Vere Venues, Chicheley Hall**

**Doors open 7.30pm**

**Tickets £15**

Here's another date for your diary. The SCAN Parochial Church Council (PCC) will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 21st April 2015 at 7.30 pm in Chicheley Village Hall.

At this meeting we review events of the year, and also confirm nominations for Church Wardens and members of the PCC and the local District Church Councils (DCCs). Members of the Parish are welcome to attend, but only those on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote. The Church Electoral Roll is revised each year and if you are not on this, but would like to be, please contact me on 01234 391489 or email on [christine.girard@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.girard@btinternet.com) . Formal notices will be posted at the churches in the next week or two.

Christine Girard - SCAN PCC Secretary

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A final thought this month from me.

The AGM is an important part of the administrative life of the church in SCAN parish. With the leaving of the Reverend Marriott perhaps even more so this year as we enter an interregnum. The Parochial Church Council and others will have much to do in producing a parish profile, a mission action plan, discussions with diocesan officers and other tasks before we can seek and eventually have a new incumbent. A spirit of patience and co-operation will be needed throughout our parish.

I seem to have concentrated on matters pertaining to the spiritual this month but am always happy to do the same for the secular if you would just tell me about them.

David

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‘Snippets from those wonderful Church Ladies  
and their typewriters’

*‘The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.’*

*The sermon this morning is ‘Jesus Walks on the Water.’  
The sermon for tonight is ‘Searching for Jesus’.*

## **N**ORTH CRAWLEY SCAN NEWS AND COMMENT.

Hope everyone is coping with the winter weather, which apart from some cold days and a little snow hasn't been too severe at the time of writing. In fact quite a few days have been nice enough to spend some time at the allotment digging what people call organic matter into the soil to prepare for the growing season. Onion sets are bought and potatoes are set to chit, so it won't be too long before planting begins.

It is slightly embarrassing to write the next paragraph as it demonstrates that we are all capable of forgetting things, in this case when it comes to locking doors and specifically car doors. The jury is still out on who actually left our car unlocked, but unlocked it was and an opportunist rifled through the glove box and door pocket contents leaving them neatly stacked on the passenger seat having found nothing of value. Then I happened to mention this in conversation and was told the same thing had happened to someone in the High Street, but they unfortunately had a Sat Nav in the car which was purloined. Having spoken with the resident involved it appears the neat stacking of stuff on the passenger seat, and the passenger seat door having been left just engaged rather than fully shut was a mirror image of our own experience, from which you might conclude it was the same person. Anyway the message is, make sure your doors are not only shut, but locked and be aware we have been visited by a very tidy tealeaf.

A resident writes, 'A belated "Thank You for your support", to the people of North Crawley who at short notice anonymously left advent calendars, selection boxes and chocolate coins in the Church Food Bank box. Some 60 advent calendars came from the village. They were distributed to the parents of those with children. Nick, our local contact, suggests that Milton Keynes Food bank probably distributed some 300 to 400 calendars in all. Thank you once again for your generosity and Christmas spirit.'



News of a forthcoming event as the Institute Management Committee is promoting an evening's entertainment on Saturday 14 March. A singer with West End credentials will entertain us with songs across several genres from the past up to present day. The name of the singer is Gary Priestley in case you would like to investigate his credentials, and I'm assured it will be an enjoyable evening with a buffet provided, all for the price of a tenner. Please see Joan Mitchell for details and tickets (phone 391542).

The campaign to recruit new faces onto village committees continues, and one of our elder statesmen has contributed the following words:

'This is a voice from the past that used to call himself Bullfinch. You haven't heard from me since November 2011 when I thought it was time I passed part of SCAN over to Hawkeye. I would like to try and add to what he has been doing recently by putting notices around the village, and try and enthuse some of our newer North Crawley residents. The IMC is made up of volunteers and over the years has been behind many activities such as youth club, toddlers, and events at bank holidays, all of which contributed to the meeting of villagers and their families. Many of these volunteers are no longer very active either by age or infirmity. Although Hawkeye would shy away from both of these categories, he does feel it is time for some new volunteers to step forward. North Crawley is quite unique in how many facilities and amenities it has compared to the size of its population, so please join in if you can.'

**DO NOT BE SHY, YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU.**

### **Historical Society**

Please make a note of the following dates as there are some very interesting exhibitions and talks being staged over the coming months.

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>: A talk by Tom Perrett on the Cecil Higgins Museum

WW2 tour in Autumn 2015

Please contact John Brandon on 391365, or Chris Stapleton on 391205, for further details.

### **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 29 March, meeting as always **at 10 a.m.** outside the Institute

If anyone would like to contribute newsworthy information, please don't hesitate to send it to Hawk-eye before the Scan deadline (around the 18th of each month), to the following email address: [christopherflower@btinternet.com](mailto:christopherflower@btinternet.com)



Hawk-eye



Dear North Crawley Resident

Help Save Our Church for future Generations

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 7.30pm**  
**St Firmins, North Crawley**

I hope that you will agree that for countless generations St Firmins has provided a focal point for a whole range of activities, weddings, funerals and memorial services, baptisms, singing and social events, Nativity Plays and a host of other entertainments, exhibitions and festivals. What would the village be without this precious resource? However, this is also a Grade 1 Listed building where the fabric needs to be maintained preserved and developed for the future.

That is where we the residents of North Crawley come in. We would like to discuss the possibility of setting up a Friends of St Firmins, to get together and think of ways our community could maintain the use of the church as the centre of our village. We would really appreciate your ideas, thoughts and help; all ideas will be welcome. Please come along and help us think of how best to keep our wonderful church now for the present community and for generations to come.

A recent article in the Times suggests that the churches with a long-term secure future are those that can offer more than simply a venue for services. At present St Firmin's has no cloakroom or kitchen facilities and a recent architect's report has highlighted that parts of the building are in a very poor state of repair.

Although this has the full support of the church congregation it is **not** intended that the Friends would be a religious organisation. All the efforts of the Friends will be on the fabric of the church building, along with a view to adding facilities which would enable us to expand the possible future improvements to the building.

We really hope you can join us on the 12<sup>th</sup> and help shape the future of the church building.

If you are interested and are unable to come to the meeting, or you would like to know more before the meeting, please feel free to call me on 391785 or Nick Freeman on 391350.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Rose

# **NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council met on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

## **Finance**

There were no receipts this month and only a payment for the removal of a tree and the clerk's expenses.

## **Ward Councillor's Report**

Our three Ward Councillors reported that the MKC Budget is to be presented on the 9<sup>th</sup> February and to the full Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> February. In addition to the cuts mentioned in last month's SCAN, Library expenditure could be reduced by 25% which will mean the closure of some Libraries and a reduced Mobile Library Service. There will also be a reduction in youth services and the possibility of maintenance of playgrounds and play areas becoming the responsibility of the Parishes. Subsidised bus services are being largely curtailed 37 will go altogether. North Crawley is only served by the service operated by Cranfield University so is not directly affected by these proposed cuts at the moment but we may wish to make our own provision in the future.

It was also reported that Ousedale School are changing their admissions policy, by allowing 10% of the student intake to be taken from outside the catchment area if they have a particular aptitude for music. In view of the fact that a large number of houses will be built in Newport Pagnell over the next few years, there could be a shortage of school places.

Increases in parking charges are also being proposed including charging for parking in areas that are currently free.

A meeting has been arranged with senior officers of Milton Keynes Council to discuss the remedial action required to their pavement widening project in North Crawley High Street. The work carried out was not what was agreed, with the wrong kerb stones installed at the wrong height resulting in a back fall in the pavement. Inappropriate concrete drainage channels which were not in keeping with a conservation area and totally ineffective in performing their function. The project does not appear to have been carried out in a workmanlike manner with little thought to the finishes and final appearance.

Our three Ward Councillors will be holding a surgery in the Village Hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015 from 12.30-1.30pm and will be available to answer residents' questions or concerns.

## **NAG Report**

SID equipment is up and running in the village at the moment. It records the number of vehicles and their speeds, the data is sent to MKC for traffic planning and to Thames Valley Police for them to take further action as appropriate.

## **The Ford Update**

Parish Councillors met with Mr. Boswell's Farm Manager to discuss removing debris and vegetation which are causing obstruction and blockages of the ford. The Parish Council would also be arranging, where required, to help with further work.

## **Councillor's Reports**

'Superfast Broadband' is expected to be in North Crawley between April and September 2015 according to the plans issued by MKC, Central Bedfordshire Councils and Openreach. However at the last MKNE Forum Superfast Broadband would not be available in North Crawley for several years. We will be seeking clarification.

A new pothole was reported outside the Old Rectory which will be reported to Environmental services. Hopefully this will be treated with more urgency than the one in Brook End.

Unfortunately St Firmins' church bells are no longer ringing and the church clock still needs attention. We shall contact the Church Warden to enquire of what action is planned.

## **Landscape**

There appears to be problems with the recreation ground drainage. The section between the Institute and the first manhole appears to be blocked. Maintenance of the drain involves jetting out to clear any silt. This would be too expensive and the drainage run is too long. Intermediate inspection chambers were proposed which could be purchased and installed at modest cost. This would enable blocked areas to be identified and rectified.

The date of the next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hunt



## NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL

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

In last month's SCAN we reported that our Foundation Stage children were working on "Bricks, Buildings and Lego" and that a trip had been planned to Milton Keynes to investigate the different buildings there. Well, the Foundation Stage children had a fantastic trip! They eagerly boarded the bus for their first stop - the Lego Store. At the city centre shop each group filled their tub with Lego, thinking carefully about which pieces they would need to build houses on return to school. Remarkably the children did not exceed the budget agreed with Mrs Crompton! First task accomplished, they continued onto the library where they settled in for a lovely story session. Stop three was Christ the Cornerstone Church. The children were met and led to a specifically reserved room for their lunch (they felt very important indeed!). With renewed energy they viewed the stunning church and appreciated its beauty. Father Alan heard North Crawley children were in the building and popped along to say 'hello'. Back at school the children enjoyed mugs of hot chocolate and crumpets. A lovely day was had by all.



The Early Years children hosted a Lego building session for parents and younger siblings which proved a great success. The fantastic buildings produced were used as stimulus for the following weeks work.

As part of their 'Houses and Homes' topic, the children in Key Stage one recently enjoyed a trip to the Milton Keynes museum at Stacey Bushes. During the trip, the children learnt about different aspects of 'life in the past' including exploring parlour games, listening to the 'pianola' and were fascinated by the



large number of stuffed animals on display. The children were very surprised to discover how strict school-life was in the Victorian age and were glad that their own school was a much more inspiring environment in which to learn! They also were able to learn about how washing was done in the past, even trying some of it for themselves. Back in school, the children have extended their learning by looking at their own houses, those in the village, as well as famous buildings from around the world. Some of the children researched different types of homes and presented their findings to the class in a variety of ways, including a 'PowerPoint' presentation and using their own homemade models to help explain their research.

Do you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011? Is your child due to start school in September 2015? Would you like your child to attend a school judged by Ofsted as outstanding? Parents have the choice of where they send their child to school. Visit our NEW website at [www.northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk](http://www.northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk) or telephone 01234 391282 to make an appointment to look around our school.

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

I can't believe another month has passed. We had a good meeting in January. Our speaker was Mike Bartlett on 'The Amber Room'. This is the wonderful room in Catherine's Palace, St. Petersburg, Russia. Lovely slides and the background information from World War II were amazing. Hitler and Stalin seemed to disagree where the room should be situated. It is a talk I shall remember.

Mairie (Treasurer), Barbara (Secretary) and I went to a meeting in Aylesbury to learn how to be better at our jobs. I felt I should leave immediately as most of the 30 other Presidents there were computer wizards. We did learn a lot, including how to use and not use a Sat Nav. Even though I had lessons from the wonderful man in how to operate it, I nearly went home from the meeting via Oxford!

Next month, 18<sup>th</sup> March, our speaker is Corinne Price, Curator of the Swiss Gardens, Old Warden. They won an award from the lottery which helped them to redo old buildings and restore the gardens as they were designed many years ago. We would be pleased to welcome anyone who would like to see how and what we do.

We do not make jam and unfortunately do not write stories re 50 Shades of Grey!

Pam Pinder

# **North Crawley Bowls Club**

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015**

The Annual General Meeting for our Bowls Club will be held in North Crawley Village Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 8.00pm, when a review of our past years results will be held, as well as appointing our new committee for the forthcoming year

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

Our 2015 season starts towards the end of April and we have another full programme organised for the season. We would like to expand our membership and would welcome new members to our friendly Club, especially those from North Crawley Village and the surrounding areas. If you are an inexperienced bowler and would like to improve your skills, or you are interested in beginning to play the game for the first time, we can help you along the way. Our AGM. will be an opportunity to hear more about North Crawley Bowls Club, and to meet our members. So we would welcome anyone who is contemplating taking up bowling, or is already a player, and ask that you join us in our Village Hall on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like further details, please ring either of the following people:

Secretary (Sheila Hart) on 01234 750221  
Club Captain (Anne Larr) on 01234 391496  
Committee Member (Graham Kinns) on 01234 391544

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## NOTABLE DATES:

1 <sup>st</sup> March	St. David's Day
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Commonwealth Day
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day
17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day
29 <sup>th</sup> March	British Summer time begins

## Mailbag and Announcements

### SOME NEW THURSDAY GROUP MEMORIES OF GWENN HETHERINGTON

*Gwenn joined the Thursday Group soon after her arrival in Sherington, during the early 1980s and very soon became a loyal and involved member.*

*She was a committee member for many years and, at one time, made an excellent Chairman. Gwenn's New Year Cheese and Wine parties for the Group were legendary and all the members looked forward to these occasions with great pleasure.*

*We remember one particular summer party, held years ago, in Jan Lea's garden. Gwenn appeared in beautifully tailored shorts, top to match. We looked, sighed and wished we looked like that! She was fun, elegant, interesting and interested in many things – a valued member of our Group.*

*These past few years Gwenn has been strong and determined, facing her problems with fortitude. She always remained elegant, interested and interesting, joined us whenever she could and continued to be a valued member of our Group.*

*Rest in peace, dear Gwenn. We miss you.*

#### **An Evening with Philip Smith - Open Meeting**

An invitation from the New Thursday Group  
to all Ladies and Gentlemen in the SCAN Parish.

Please come and join us at Sherington Village Hall at 8 pm on  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

to listen to our very own and much respected Mr Philip Smith, our  
guest speaker for the evening as he entertains us in his own special  
way.

Entrance fee for visitors is £2.50, which includes refreshments.

## THUMBSTICK



## 29 PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ATTENDED THE BOXING DAY WALK



MK ACT (Domestic Violence Intervention Services)  
PO BOX 790, Milton Keynes MK2 3YZ

Dear Thumbsticks

Thank you so much for the kind donation from you and your walkers. Christmas is a very difficult time for the families here in the refuge so to be able to give them a party and a present brings them some happiness. Thank you once again for thinking of us..

Kindest Regards, Sally and Staff from MK-ACT

# The Great Sherington Garage Sale:

**Saturday 25th April**



One person's junk is another person's treasure. Garage sales are a great way to make money by selling items that are already in your house. All you need is a collection of things around the house that you no longer want—old clothes, outdated household items, toys that the kids have outgrown, tools and exercise equipment that you no longer use, etc. Not to mention what you are hiding in your garage. So why

not join the Great Sherington Garage Sale, where for one day all the villagers can sell to their hearts content without leaving their own home.

## HOW IT WORKS

If you can contact me by email or phone (details below), I will send you a form that needs to be returned to me with a £5 entrance fee. With your information I will put together a brochure that will give your address and selling times. This brochure will then be on sale (for a £1) prior to and on the day of the sale. We will advertise the sale locally in and outside the village.

***This event is a fund raiser for St Lauds Church.***

If you have items to sell and want to take part, please contact me by **Wednesday 15th April.**

Mark Vale

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## ***Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw***

Time marches on as usual and we are already into March 2015. As I mentioned last month the growing season is fast approaching and my seed potatoes have appeared and are now happily chitting in the garage and the International Kidneys (otherwise called Jersey Royals) will soon be going into the ground in the polytunnel and hopefully will be ready to eat in mid-May.

We have had something keep our attention when two chaps turned up to repair Warwick Line's thatch and to completely replace the ridge thatch. They started work on 28<sup>th</sup> January when we had snow, sleet and rain but this did not deter them one bit and when I mentioned how bad the weather was the response was "yes, it is a bit parky". The work continued up until February 17<sup>th</sup> and you would have to say the finished article is a real craftsman like job. If you happen to be passing The Knoll have a look at the roof of number 8 and admire the look of it. Should you have a thatched property with the thatch in need of repair or replacement talk to Warwick to get the details of the thatchers.

There was a bit of a do recently in our Village Hall to celebrate the birthday of Jackie Cook (Gadsby). I don't know how many people were there but it was a lot. Music was provided by an Abba tribute band and they were certainly very good if not a bit loud. Part way into the evening a fish and chip van turned up and dispensed freshly cooked food to all and everyone commented on the quality of the fish. Happy birthday Jackie.

The following day we happened to be in the White Hart at lunchtime when unfortunately one of the diners was taken ill. Dan called for an ambulance and we were most impressed that a rapid response car appeared after only ten minutes followed by a full size ambulance a bit later. We don't know what the outcome was but it appeared that the patient was to be taken to Milton Keynes General Hospital.

We also understand that Philip Smith's elder daughter, Alison (aka Blue), had a nasty fall at his house in Water Lane. Fortunately although the bruising she sustained was painful, she is making a good recovery.

On the subject of the White Hart we offer our congratulations to Giles and Lisa who got married in St Lucia on, we think, 11<sup>th</sup> February. They had a small

party of friends and relatives to accompany them and were then going on alone to Florida and returning home on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. The best of luck to you both.

We were talking recently to Liz Blight on Carters Close and she told us that she had had a sparrowhawk on her bird table. That was quite surprising given that her house is pretty much in the centre of Carters Close and it is unusual to see such a creature there. I often see them hovering above the roadside but I have never seen one on the ground or on a bird table.

The Twinning Association Big Quiz and Fish and Chip supper on 20<sup>th</sup> March is proving to be as popular as ever and as I write it seems to be a sell-out evening.

There have been a few problems at the shop of late as on 5 occasions now it has been closed, albeit the outer door was open and the lights were on, at around 9 or 9.30 in the morning and then yesterday I went up for my newspaper at about 9.30 – shop closed with the closed sign saying it would be open again at 9! I went up again at 10, still closed. Walking back down Church Road the shopkeeper passed me in his car so I turned round and on the third attempt and managed to collect my newspaper. Yesterday's closure was due to Bhavna having had an accident in Stoke Goldington on her way to open up the shop, and whilst neither she nor her son were injured the car is a right-off.

By the time you read this wheels will have been set in motion to create a Neighbourhood Plan for Sherington. This is at the suggestion of our three Ward Councillors – Peter Geary, David Hosking and Keith McLean. This will give the community a say in planning decisions for our area over the next 15 years, and is being sponsored by Sherington Parish Council. Your contribution is important, and it's not just about housing, so please participate and share your views when you see events about it being promoted.

Finally, we were very sorry to hear of the death of Gwenn Hetherington of Carter's Barn in Church Road. She was a lovely lady but had been unwell for some time. Our condolences go to David.

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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Sherington Village Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group needs your help, support and guidance.

You may be aware that our Parish council has applied to Milton Keynes Council (MKC) for Designated Area Status which would enable Sherington to proceed with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

During the last month or so the Steering Group (chaired by Cllr Ian Collinge) has been beavering away in anticipation:

- we have attracted a number of volunteers onto the Steering Group. Whereas most of the group members will have views as to the best way forward no individual has a vested interest in any prospective development activity.
- we have held three 'kick off' sessions to explain the process and procedures and to determine an effective plan strategy. In addition an interactive '*information day*' was held to offer guidance and context with more to follow.
- our chair has prised £1,500 from the Parish Council annual precept to cash-flow the early stages (many thanks to the PC for that assistance). We have also identified other funding sources and shall apply once Designated Area Status is granted.
- we have met representatives from: Newport Pagnell, Great Linford and Olney each of which are at different stages in developing a Neighbourhood Plan. We considered a wide range of issues including how we may effectively work together and share information.
- we have had a productive meeting with Bob Wilson, a senior planner within the MKC Planning Team. As MKC are legally bound to provide advice and support at Key stages it is essential for us to maintain constructive dialogue with them throughout.

The primary legislation which underpins Neighbourhood Planning (*Localism Act 2011/12*) is relatively recent therefore little in the way of case studies or best practice is currently available. It is essential, however, for us to demonstrate to an *Independent Examiner* that we have engaged properly and comprehensively with residents and other key stakeholders. Failure on our part to achieve this requirement will diminish Sherington's chance of success.

**So please keep a weather eye out for future meetings and events all of which are open to the public. Regular meetings will be held generally on the last Tuesday of each month. TO BE HELD AT 7.30 P.M. AT THE SPORTS PAVILLION, OFF PERRY LANE.** *Drop in Sessions and Information Days will be notified at key stages.*

For further information see parish website [www.sherington.org.uk/nplan](http://www.sherington.org.uk/nplan) or contact Ian on 01908 618223, email: [nplan@sherington.org.uk](mailto:nplan@sherington.org.uk)

**Keith Carey on behalf of Sherington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**



## **SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL**

The first half of the Spring term has flown by and the new children have begun to settle along side those who are well established into the routine of Pre-school life. We will welcome Cora and Toby who will join us in the next half term.



Muddy footprints

During our recent theme on weather it snowed and some of the children ventured out to explore outdoors. Two sledges were quickly summoned, so with snow suits and wellies on the children had lots of fun sliding about and learning about taking turns.

The children go out to play almost every day if they wish to do so, we pride ourselves on letting the children make the choice. The outdoor play area is due for a face lift and we are looking to refurbish the whole area. It was last done in 2001 so working together with Milton Keynes Council, Sherington Parish Council and companies who design such areas we plan in the near future to provide a new stimulating play area to meet the needs of the younger members of the community as well as the preschool children.

Can you help us with this exciting project? If you can

spare any time, perhaps you work with a company who has experience in outdoor play areas or if you know of any one who would be willing to make a donation towards the cost of this project please contact our [secretary.sheringtonpreschool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:secretary.sheringtonpreschool@yahoo.co.uk).

When we return after the half term break we will be celebrating Chinese New Year as well as embracing Family Customs. World book day will see us dressing up and not long after Red Nose day will have us getting the face paints out again. We all hope the weather warms up soon so we can start our 5th year anniversary of 'Tom's garden' thank you to Anita and Ian for letting the children experience growing food in their garden and eating the rewards back at the Pre-school snack bar!

A very important date for your diary:

Our BIG fundraising event

Promises Auction

Saturday 14th March

7pm until approx 11pm.

This event is open to all, tell your friends, neighbours, hairdresser (maybe they will pledge a promise?!) even your mechanic! We would welcome any Promises that you can donate, would you be willing to mow lawns, walk dogs, offer a trip on a private plane? Please contact Stefanie Price if you can donate. If you can't pledge a promise then why not come along and bid on one! There will be food and a donations bar, so we welcome you to come and fill your glasses, empty your wallets and above all have fun whilst supporting the preschool.

If you or someone you know wish to enrol for Sherington Preschool please Contact [admissions.sheringtonpreschool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:admissions.sheringtonpreschool@yahoo.co.uk) to register your child for a place or call 01908611398 or mobile 07538 695918

Coming soon our brand new website! Don't forget you can also follow us on Facebook.



## SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

email: [SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk)

10<sup>th</sup> February at 8 pm we had Chris Rowe giving us a wonderful talk about Eleanor of Castile and the Crosses. It was a very interesting talk – thank you Chris. This has now concluded the programme for the year.

### **A.G.M.**

The 10<sup>th</sup> March at 8 pm is our annual AGM where we will announce our new programme for the year and the Committee is held to account and changes to the committee occur. We are looking for a secretary, plus another committee member if you are willing to stand, or if anyone wants to stand for election, then please send details to the Chairman at the above email address or come along on the night.

We are still hoping to show a copy of the film that Dave and Liz Revell have put together about their flight over Sherington.

Mark Vale

### **A NOTE TO OTHER SHERINGTON GROUPS/ORGANISATION:**

As you might be going through changes/contacts following an AGM, please check if your Welcome Pack details are up to date. The village website has the latest copy. If you want this updated with new details, then please forward them to me at [mark.vale@getronics.com](mailto:mark.vale@getronics.com)



# Sherington Bell Ringers

St Lauds' Sherington has five bells, the smallest bell, known as the Treble is about 5cwt and the largest, known as the Tenor is 12cwt. The notes for the bells are: Treble D, 2<sup>nd</sup> bell C, 3<sup>rd</sup> bell B, 4<sup>th</sup> bell A, and the tenor G.

The bells of St Lauds' are quite old. Three of the bells were cast in 1597 (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, tenor) by the William Watts foundry, with the other two being much newer. The 3<sup>rd</sup> was cast in 1672 by Henry Bagley and the Treble being produced in 1773, by the Whitechapel Foundry, London.

The next few practice night dates are:

12th March 7:30pm - Sherington	26th March 7:30pm - Sherington
9th April 7:30pm – Sherington	23rd April 7:30pm - Chicheley
14th May 7:30pm – Sherington	28th May 7:30pm – Sherington

If you have any questions, then please contact me  
([mark.vale@getronics.com](mailto:mark.vale@getronics.com) / 01908 216543).

If you can make it to one of our practices, it would be wonderful to see you.

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# THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

5<sup>th</sup> March            **An Evening with Philip Smith – OPEN MEETING**

Our very own fountain of local knowledge, singer, poet and storyteller will entertain us this evening in his own special way. ***This is an open meeting - gentlemen are invited to attend.***

2<sup>nd</sup> April            **The BBC & Glenn Miller in WW2 Bedford – OPEN MEETING**

We are delighted to welcome back David Fowler who will give an illustrated “Powerpoint” presentation about Bedford’s association with both the BBC and Glenn Miller during the second World War.

***This is an open meeting - gentlemen are invited to attend.***

*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.*

13th FEBRUARY 2015

## **Willen Hospice needs Milton Keynes to Go Blue for Willen**

Following a difficult period of fundraising that has seen the Hospice have a projected shortfall in fundraising of circa £500k this financial year, Willen Hospice is asking people across Milton Keynes to get involved in their fundraising and take part in Go Blue for Willen week.

Between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March, Willen Hospice will be encouraging people to wear blue, bake blue and get involved in different event activities taking place across Milton Keynes.

As well as collections at train stations and high streets across the area, Willen Hospice will be at high streets in Olney, Newport Pagnell, Wolverton and Stony Stratford throughout the week.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March sees a day of activity at Walton High in Walnut Tree. Between 8am and 12pm, the Hospice will hold its first ever Fill-A-Bag sale where supporters can fill a bag of second hand and retro clothes for just £10. £10 bags are given on entry with an early bird entry price of £3 between 8am and 9am. Then later that afternoon it's time to make some moves to some funky latin and world rhythms, with the Willen Hospice Zumbathon. There'll be two hours of Zumba with three local instructors for just £10.

Between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March, a special auction will be held where people can bid on Willen Hospice's e-bay page for a range of amazing items donated by local businesses. These include a day trip for five to Centre Parcs, a signed MK Dons football, a hamper with wine from Harrods, a weekend pass to a British Superbike event, a giant teddy, a burberry watch, a family pass to Snozone, a HD TV and an amazing digital hamper including an Xbox and a laptop.

Paul Hinson, Chief Executive at Willen Hospice, said "We're in a very difficult financial position and our Go Blue for Willen week is an opportunity for Willen Hospice to raise much needed funds to help us continue to offer our specialist care and support to our patients and their families. Willen Hospice belongs to the people of Milton Keynes and we'd urge the community to get involved in Go Blue for Willen week, have fun and raise lots of money for their hospice".

To find out more and get involved, visit [www.willen-hospice.org.uk](http://www.willen-hospice.org.uk)

# SCAN DIRECTORY

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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.

<b><u>Headteacher</u></b> - Sherington C of E School		
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