

SCAN APRIL 2015



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRIDGE at 7 pm-10 pm THURSDAYS - contact Neil Plumb 01234 391040 • CRANFIELD BRIDGE CLUB meets at Astwood Village Hall virtually every SUNDAY at 6.55 for 7 pm start to play. Details on http://www.cranbridge.org.uk, or ring Paul Goddard, 01234 881409. 			
PILATES: Monday at 8 pm – contact Helen Terry on Helen@1to34pilates.co.uk			
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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

7.30 pm

All are welcome

LETTER FROM CHURCH WARDENS

Dear all,

We the below churchwardens will be in charge of arranging the church services during the vacancy. This could be at least 9 months.

Mandy's last services will be on Easter Day. The pattern of services will remain the same as it is at present but there may be some unfamiliar faces taking some of them. Pam and John will officiate at their current amount of services.

If you have any church related enquiries please phone any of us, our numbers are on the back of SCAN.

We wish Mandy and her family all the best for their future in Duston.

David, Malcolm and Judith

APRIL SERVICES

1 April

8pm Scan Service of Compline - Chicheley

2 April Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

3 April Good Friday

12 – 1pm Reflections for Good Friday – Sherington

5 April Easter Day

6.00am Easter Dawn Vigil – Chicheley (followed by breakfast)

9.30am Easter Family Celebration with Holy Communion –
Sherington

12 April

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

6pm Scan Evensong – Chicheley

19 April

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

26 April

11am Scan Service of Holy Communion - Chicheley

6pm Scan Evensong – North Crawley

MAY SERVICES

3 May

10.30am 'Something Different' – Sherington

10 May Rogation Sunday

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

5pm Scan Rogation Service – Grange Farm - Chicheley

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

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

On Sunday 1st March 2015 Joshua Thomas Adcock and Youcef Djaidani were welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism at St Laud's Church Sherington

May they grow to know, love and serve God in your life. God Bless you.

Funerals

RIP Gwenn Hetherington - the funeral took place on 23 February at St Laud's Church Sherington

'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'



Confirmation 12th July 2015

Are there any more young people out there who are interested in being confirmed or in finding out more about the Christian faith? If so please contact Pam Fielding before 10th April.

01908 616763 - pamfielding@hotmail.com

There may be adults too who interested in being baptised or confirmed, or who would like either to explore the Christian faith or to refresh their understanding of it. If you would be interested, please contact Pam as above.

DATES OF CHURCH MEETINGS in APRIL

7 April	8pm	Chicheley DCC	Village Hall Chicheley
16 April	7.30pm	'Finding a Perfect Priest'	4 Griggs Orchard, Sherington
21 April	7.30pm	AGM	Village Hall Chicheley

Souper' Luchtime Get-together

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

01908 616763

12pm -2pm Wednesdays

1 April

15 April

29 April

20 May (Holy Communion at 11.30 am)

3 June

17 June (Holy Communion at 11.30 am)

All ages welcome (children too!)



BANGERS AND BRASS
a concert in North Crawley Church
featuring Great Linford Silver Band
9 May at 7.30pm
Tickets £10

from Janice 391350 Ann 391692 and Joan 391517



‘Snippets from those wonderful Church Ladies and their typewriters’

‘Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.’

‘Don’t let worry kill you – let the Church help.’

‘Miss Charlene Mason sang “I will Not Pass This Way Again”, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.’

Contributed from a reader in Canada (SCAN gets everywhere!). Ed.



ASTWOOD MUSIC QUIZ
in **THE OLD SWAN**
+ steak, chips and salad supper

In aid of:
The village hall and village garden fund

Friday 17 April 2015
7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. sit down

Scan villagers welcome
Questions for all ages!

Tickets £12.50 - available from
The Old Swan



A STWOOD

Well by the time you are reading this we will in the time of year when the sun will be shining for longer than it is set. We will have said goodbye to the long dark winter nights and we should be looking to spend productive time in the gardens, however I don't know how much help I am going to get from my puppy. Also reflecting on March we have had a solar eclipse, which was amazing or disappointing depending on what the weather was like on that day, this is the first solar eclipse we have had this century.

There was a very successful charity evening held at the Swann comprising of an excellent supper and a Valentine disco which raised £100 for Keech Hospice for which they were very grateful, the Village Hall fund also benefited, so our thanks go to Bob and Janet for providing the appetising food and DJ Doug for the disco and entertainment.

Amongst future attractions there is a music quiz to be held together with a delightful supper on April 17th cost £12.50, courtesy of Bob and Janet, so now is the time to concentrate on 'popmaster' on Radio 2 and any other music quiz. Not only is it a good idea to swot up on the music questions, but also time to think about your team, so good luck everyone. Again it is the intention to share the proceeds between the Village Hall and charity and personally speaking I think it is a great idea that local charity benefits from the members of the village socialising, so give yourselves all a pat on the back.

Want to enjoy a free bacon roll and some worthwhile fresh air, then why not come and lend a few hours tidying the Village Garden on Sunday 12th at 10.30. As long as we have enough volunteers then a couple of hours will make a big difference to the garden.

Of course the burning discussion is the forthcoming election, NO not the General Election!! But there is an even greater epic, the Parish Council election, which is sure to overshadow that other election on the same day. The Parish Council is a great example of grass root politics, which has no party alliance and discusses the issues that are happening on your doorstep. There are vacancies on the Council so new councillors are welcome. In fact if we had a picture of General Kitchener we would probably have a poster stating Your Village Needs You!. Seriously if you feel you can give a little of your time (just 4 meetings a year) and you do feel community spirited then why not give Pat The Parish Clerk a ring, she would be delighted to hear from you.

As mentioned earlier on we now have a puppy and again we are enjoying walking through the village and enjoying the social chats all very invigorating and the perfect way to unwind after day toiling at work. I must confess I do find it a bit embarrassing at times

where you reach in your pockets for change or your phone and end up pulling out an unused poo bag or some doggy treats which I have done on numerous occasions even when we went to Brussels last week end.

Future events

April 1st Village hall committee meeting.

Sunday 12th April Village garden maintenance 10.30

Friday 17th April music quiz and supper in the Swann

May 6th Parish Council elections

Plus the usual bridge nights, Sunday and Thursday and Pilates on a Monday

Lieutenant Pigeon



C HICHELEY

The dry weather we have been experiencing in March has been of help to our farmers enabling them to sow the spring crops and to we gardeners as we prepare the soil ready for planting vegetables. Harvesting the results and using them almost immediately is very satisfying, so if you have some ground you can use for growing then put in the effort now, it will be well worth it.

I had the pleasure of attending two Lent lunches this year, at Chicheley and Sherington, both with an excellent repast thanks to the sterling efforts of the cooks and other helpers. As I have said many times before we are so lucky to have so many willing people to organise these functions.

A reminder that on Good Friday 3rd April teas as usual will be available in the village hall from 3pm to 5pm and on Easter Sunday we will be holding a dawn (6.00am) service in Chicheley church followed by breakfast in the village hall. This will be Mandy's last service as our priest at Chicheley so set the alarm early and come and join us. Through these notes I should like to thank Mandy for her time with us over the past few years and wish her, Andrew, Peter and Charlotte a happy and successful time in their new home and parish in Duston.

A Chicheley Parish meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th April at 8pm in the village hall. Democracy in action and much quieter than parliament at PMQ's.

A final reminder about the gig at Chicheley Hall on the 18th April. There are still some tickets available so stop wavering and contact Christine on 01234 391489 or email christine.girard@btinternet.com . You can also buy tickets online with the link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/148778> .

SCAN PCC presents

Rob Vincent & Band

An evening of great music in aid of SCAN Parish funds

Saturday 18th April 2015

The Wolfson Theatre, De Vere Venues, Chicheley Hall

Doors open 7.30pm

Tickets £15

These days the bells in Chicheley church are not rung very often but also on the 18th April the local guild of ringers will be holding a branch practice there in the late afternoon. A special reason for choosing Chicheley in April is that the guild have set out to ring in every church in our area to remember former bellringers who lost their life in the First World War. Arthur William Wright was killed in action on the 28th April 1915 in the Ypres Salient aged 23. He is commemorated on Chicheley's war memorial, a brass tablet in the church and on the Menin Gate in Ypres as he has no known grave. I see the first two remembrances often, it was quite moving a few years ago to look at the latter one. You can find out more of Arthur on the guild website.

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.

A supper to celebrate St. George's Day will be held in the village hall on Saturday 25th April. If you would like to attend please call me on 01234 391371.

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

David

NORTH CRAWLEY SCAN NEWS AND COMMENT

Having spent just over a week away hoping for some milder weather but getting 3 days of snow showers during the stay, it was great to return to the balmy weather of the village. In fact I have already had my shorts on pottering around the garden, so spring must be just around the corner.

On Saturday 14 March the IMC staged a musical event with a superb singer who covered numbers from a variety of old favourites including Nat King Cole, Sinatra, Michael Buble and Neil Diamond. Very entertaining evening with audience participation throughout, and an ample buffet was also included. Everyone appeared to enjoy the occasion and the IMC hope to stage more of the same later in the year. Big thanks go to Joan Mitchell for organising the event and the committee who all pitched in on the night.

The campaign to recruit new faces onto village committees continues, and I'm pleased to say a number of people have shown an interest. The first of these to take on a role is Chloe Bristow (Tel. 07817 645 383) whom I'm sure you will all meet over the coming months. Please make her welcome and wish her all the best in the role as Bookings and Lettings Secretary. This is great news and I am very optimistic that new people with new ideas will get the wheels of North Crawley organisations running at full tilt once more. Further appointments may follow the IMC meeting at month end, so a big thank you to those who have shown an interest and also to Bullfinch, whose wise words in Scan last month in support of my pleadings, obviously made an impact.

A recent meeting was held in St. Firmins to discuss how the long-term future of the church might be secured, and 50-60 people turned up which was very encouraging for the organisers. The original building on the current site, dates back to the 13th century and over many years was developed into the church we now see. Although there is still a devout number that attend services, the building has reached a point where the cost of repairs and maintenance far exceeds the means of a congregation. Therefore it is being suggested that an organisation is formed from interested parties who would like to help preserve this fine building with its unique and interesting history. The suggestion is that this organisation would be run autonomously (ie. separate from current church obligations and ties), and the proposed name for this organisation to be 'Friends of St. Firmins'. Malcolm Rose who presided over the meeting was very pleased with the comments made and interest shown, so proposed another meeting is held on 23 March to progress proceedings to the next stage.

It was confirmed at the last Parish Council meeting that Superfast Broadband is on its way

to North Crawley. Someone actually spoke to an engineer at the Chicheley road sub-station whilst he was doing installation work and was told the potential capacity will be ten times what it is now. However a word of caution as it is not clear whether every household is correctly wired to receive the service, but it will become clear as testing of the system is progressed and a launch date is known.

North Crawley Cricket Club

The season is not far-off now with the first league game scheduled for 26 April. Dust off those whites and start oiling the bat. Below is a first mention of a special event to be run later in the year, and is brought to your attention now, as tickets are likely to be in high demand.

Date for Your Diary! Don't miss the Cricket Club's end of season ***Celebration Race Night***, which will be in the NC institute on Saturday 17th October. Come along and enjoy the celebrations to mark what will hopefully be another successful season for our cricket teams, and also enjoy the thrill of backing a horse and maybe seeing yours romp home for big cash prizes! Food will be included, and a full bar, to make it a great value for money evening, so make a note now, don't miss this one. Tickets will go on sale in the early summer, so watch this space for details!

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 24th: 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 26 April, 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.

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 3rd March, 2015.

Apologies

Councillors Flower, Hobbs and Stapleton plus Ward Councillors Geary and Hosking.

Planning

One application to consider this month; 53 Kilpin Green has applied for retrospective planning permission for the installation of a garden fence. It was agreed that the Councillors would review the application forms in detail and respond to the Clerk following the meeting.

Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Keith McLean provided an update :

- MKC has finally reached a conclusion on the second attempt in late February, this includes a council tax increase of 1.9%. Many services are likely to be affected, but he was pleased to report that the Citizens Advice Bureau, Age Concern and the YMCA will still receive funding. The cuts to the bus services are not as harsh as initially proposed and there is a review of library funding and parking charges in Central MK for employees.
- Cllr McLean confirmed that he had awarded part of his ward budget to NCPC to contribute towards the restoration and cleaning of the War Memorial, for which he was thanked by Cllr Hatton.
- Ousedale School is reviewing their admissions policy which has generated a high degree of concern. The proposal has been amended following input from our Ward Councillors. The board of governors are due to provide a recommendation by 15th March.

Finance

A total of £1,169.99 had been spent in the previous month, all to cover expected items. Receipts totalled £700.00.

Churchyard Matters

It was agreed that next month's meeting would include a discussion relating to the cemetery guidelines, with particular attention given to the exclusive rights of burial rules.

NAG Report

Recent traffic speed monitoring results were discussed, these were far better than the previous results. These were discussed in some detail.

There had been no area NAG meeting since the previous PC meeting.

The Ford Project

Progress had been made with works scheduled to take place prior to our next meeting. Cllr Hatton reported that there continued to be a high level of silt deposits, this is a significant concern as there are potential developments in Cranfield that are likely to result in an increase in water run-off. It was decided that MKC should be asked for support with regard to any work that happens in Cranfield (including increased traffic)

Residential Safety – Pavement Widening

A meeting with MKC representatives is scheduled for 16th March to finally resolve the issues with the High Street pavement.

Landscape

A contract has been received from RTM who are the contractors responsible for grass cutting (from April 2015). This will be reviewed by the Finance Officer prior to signatures.

Councillor Items

A letter has been received from the Church Warden in response to last month's question related to the church clock (accuracy and chimes). The response was very thorough, citing a lack of bell ringers and mechanical issues with the clock that will be addressed in the future. However, it was noted that some residents complain about the clock chiming. A suggestion from a member of the public was that there may be either apprentice or engineering training establishments who may take on the project of fixing the current issues.

The continuing issue of parking of pavements was raised again following reports from residents. In particular there had been reports of parking in Chicheley Road on the corner of Orchard Way. All instances should be reported to the police who will attend when possible.

Resident Items

A brief discussion related to pavement widening and road narrowing in the High Street took place.

Please note:

The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th April, at 7:30pm. This is to enable the attendance of Officers from MK Council in respect of the High Street pavement issue.

Cllr Keith Rogers

Polite Notice

Please can all residents and their guests be mindful that parking on any of the footpaths in and around the village causes issue with access and is damaging our grass verges.

Following advice from the police we will now report all instances.

North Crawley Bowls Club

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association

Open Day

Sunday 3 May 2015

at the Bowls Club, High Street, North Crawley

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Have you ever thought of trying your hand at bowls but never got round to it? - then this is your opportunity. Bowls is a game for both ladies and gentlemen, so whether you are 9 or 90 (or even younger or older), bowls could be the game for you.

Why not come along on Sunday 3rd May 2015 between 2.30pm and 4.30pm to our free Open Day and have a go. Our Club coach and experienced members will be there to show you the basics and all you need to bring is a pair of flat-soled shoes or trainers – everything else including the bowls will be provided plus tea and biscuits.

What better way is there of enjoying a sunny Summer afternoon, in friendly company and getting some exercise at the same time, than playing a game of bowls. Come along and give it a go – and kids....it's just grown up marbles!!

For further information about the Open Day, please contact either

Sheila Hart - Secretary (01234 750221)
John Kayne - Chairman (07969 238588)
Anne Larr - Captain (01234 391496)



NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL

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

This half term has been **very** short and **very** busy! The children from North Crawley CE School presented a fantastic Mother's day service in St Firmin's church on Friday 13th March. All the children had learnt their lines and performed them beautifully. The children had the chance to tell their mums how much they loved them and the service was followed by a presentation of some thoughtful gifts and cards hand-made by the children. Many of the Mums were

reduced to tears of joy! A huge ‘thank you’ to the kind members of St. Firmin’s Church who very kindly provided teas, coffees and scrumptious cakes.

On Tuesday 17th March, the Year 2’s enjoyed a trip to ‘Hazard Alley’, the Safety Centre, in Milton Keynes. The Safety Centre is a purpose-built interactive centre where the children experienced twelve hazardous scenarios in perfect safety. The children were encouraged to identify everyday hazards and develop safe strategies to deal with potential emergencies, helping to change their behaviour to keep themselves and others safe. Following the trip, the children enthused about their learning and were able to discuss how to keep themselves safe.

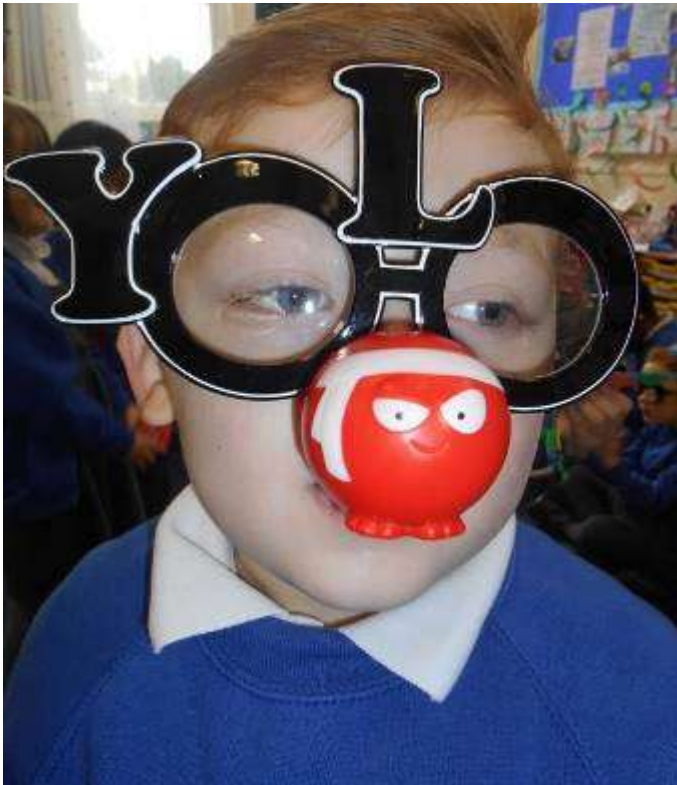
The whole school were involved in ‘Book Week’ which this year had a focus on ‘Rhymes and Poetry’. The children had fun making long alliterative sentences and rhyming paper chains, whilst classroom doors were transformed into nursery rhyme displays. North Crawley School hosted a “Parents, Pastries and Poetry” session. Parents were treated to a cup of tea and a selection of pastries, some made by the Foundation Stage Children, whilst enjoying reading rhymes and poems with their children. Earlier in the week all children had been set the task of learning and performing a rhyme on stage to the rest of the school. They spoke clearly and confidently as they recited rhymes including “The Old Lady who swallowed a fly” to “Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear turn around”. On Friday morning the school doors opened to the Queen of Hearts looking for her tarts, a lost sheep and The Grand Old Duke of York to name but a few!

North Crawley CE School recently supported ‘Red Nose Day’ by coming to school in crazy glasses and red noses. The children decorated cakes and sold them at the end of the day to raise money. Well done to the North Crawley CE School Council who organised a collection and enthusiastically counted the donations.

At the end of the spring term we say a sad but fond farewell to Reverend Mandy Marriott. Reverend Mandy has been a treasured part of our small school community since 2006; she has been a Foundation Governor, has undertaken weekly collective worship and has supported and cared for pupils, staff, parents and governors over that period of time. Reverend Mandy Marriott has unfailingly supported our school with Christian celebrations throughout the church’s calendar; we will miss her friendship, kindness and commitment but wish her every happiness and success at her new ministry in Northamptonshire.

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2010 and 31st 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 or telephone 01234 391282 to make an appointment to look around our school.

Red Nose / Book Week



North Crawley Coffee Shop

Did you know that there is a Coffee Morning in the village on Tuesdays? It is held in the small Village Hall between 10.30 am and 12. The coffee and biscuits are not 'Costa' but 50p!

We have a laugh and a good natter. Any profit goes to help SCAN magazine and the Church. Come along - all welcome.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY !
CELEBRATION RACE NIGHT
SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER

Join us for a fantastic evening of celebrations with North Crawley Cricket Club. The thrill of horse racing with cash prizes, plus food & full bar too! North Crawley Institute. Watch this space for tickets!



NORTH CRAWLEY WI

The speaker at our last meeting was Dru Ellis, a very energetic ex-teacher from Hanslope, who talked to us about 'Fabric, Fashion and Furniture'. She was very interesting and knew a lot about materials and how they changed through the years from 1600 onward. The members were remembering Liberty's, Sanderson, etc. fabrics and we all know who made their own curtains and clothes.

The W.I. is 100 years old this year and we are celebrating during this year. Her Majesty the Queen is allowing us a Buckingham Palace Garden Party on June 2nd. Each WI has the chance to send one member to this and the Duchess of Cornwall will be welcoming us. We are also sending one delegate two days later to the A.G.M. held at the Albert Hall in London.

On 15th April our speaker will be Alistair Borland MBE from a charity called SERV (Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers). They run an emergency 'our of hours' service transporting blood, vaccines, drugs, X-rays and donor breast milk, free of charge to the N.H.S. He will come and talk about what they do in this area. Come and listen to him, you will be most welcome.

Pam Pinder



Mailbag and Announcements



TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

April	7 th	Pam Ellis, 3 Hillview
	21 st	Doris Stephens, 1a Church Road

A big thank you to all those who supported Sherington's Lent Lunch and also all those who helped to organize it; as a result £200 was sent to Willen Hospice.
E.F.

Willen Hospice – 2015 “House to House” Collection in Sherington

I am still hoping to find two or three volunteers to help with the House to House Collection which takes place during the month of April. As identified in an article in last month's SCAN, Willen Hospice is in a very difficult financial position and needs all the help it can get. If anyone can spare an hour or two, to enable us to cover every road in Sherington, please ring Julie on 615043.

Thank you.

PETSOE END WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND

The committee for the above meets periodically to consider funding applications from communities local to the wind turbines at Petsoe End. These applications must be for energy saving capital projects. Sherington has benefitted from this fund to the tune of several thousand pounds for new energy facilities at the village hall. The current Sherington representative on the committee would like to hand over to someone else so if you can spare an hour just 2-3 times a year and would like to be on the committee and represent Sherington please contact the chairman Paul Flowers at mrpflowers@btinternet.com

“The BBC & Glenn Miller in WW2 Bedford” - 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, 2nd April

to enjoy a PowerPoint presentation

by an accomplished speaker, David Fowler.

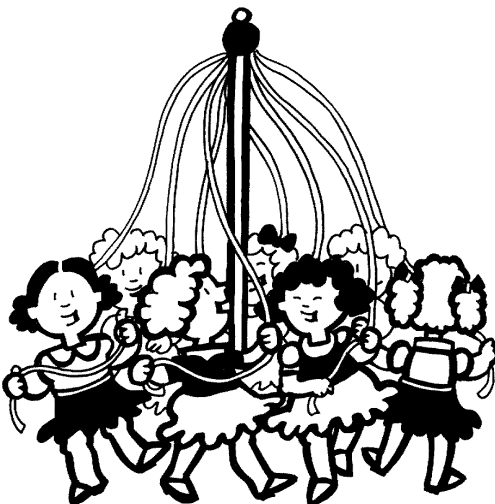
We will find out about the BBC relocating to Bedford during WW2 and
also about the well known band leader, Glenn Miller's
connection to the town.

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



Thumbsticks - 5th April

We shall be driving a short distance to start our walk
this month. Please meet as usual at 9.30 am at The Knoll. J & A.



*Come along and join in the May Day
Celebrations on The Knoll, Sherington,
11 a.m. Monday 4th May.*

*Dancing, Stalls, Refreshments, and
a wonderful way to keep an old tradition
alive.*

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 contact me by **Wednesday 15th April**.

This is now a Facebook Group and Calendar Event. Just search "The Great Sherington Garage Sale" in Facebook.

Mark Vale

01908 216543 / mark.vale@getronics.com

Notable Dates:

3 rd April	Good Friday
5 th April	Easter Day
21 st April	Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II
23 rd April	St George's Day

SHERINGTON ELECTION MEETING – Monday 4th May

As with 3 of the 4 most recent Westminster parliamentary elections, it is planned to hold a meeting in Sherington for villagers and other members of the public to see and put questions to all of the candidates for the Milton Keynes North constituency. This will be on the evening of 4th May just 3 days before polling day.

By that stage we will no doubt be heartily sick of hearing the party line on the main election issues, but this is an event at which you may have an opportunity to assess candidates' views on other important topics. It will also be a chance to explore their personal positions, and maybe their tendency within their party.

We expect the event to take place in Sherington Village Hall from 7:30 until 9pm. Confirmation of the date and venue will be posted on village notice boards, and also on <http://www.sherington.org.uk/electionmeeting.htm>, where you will be able to track the latest details. Of course, you will also be able to find details in May SCAN. R.B.



Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

Time marches on and my Scan copy is due yet again. As I made mention of last month my seed potatoes have been delivered and I am pleased to say that the International Kidneys (aka Jersey Royals) are now in the ground in my polytunnel. They have been in for two weeks now but have not yet shown their heads above the ground but I anticipate that they will do soon.

I had a report recently that fishermen on the lake near to Sherington Bridge found four dead swans there and that someone fishing there actually witnessed a mallard and a goose being taken in the water by an otter so it is probably very likely that otters were responsible for the killing of the swans as well.

Talking of dead animals it was very odd to see a dead chicken on the ground outside the Village Hall on Sunday 15th March. I don't know of anyone who keeps chickens close to the Village Hall so have no idea how it came to be there.

We had some American visitors recently, arranged by the Historical Society. The family name is Chibnall which I am sure will be a familiar name to many people of the village. In 1965 A. C. Chibnall (a fellow of Clare College Cambridge and resident of Sherington) published a book called 'Sherington: Fiefs and Fields of a Buckinghamshire Village' and then in 1979 a further book called 'Beyond Sherington'. The Chibnalls who came here, John and Kate who live in St Louis,

were most interested in their family history and John, who is a university professor, has compiled a family genealogy which runs to 62 pages and traces the family line back to around 1066, a most impressive work. John and Kate were introduced to Phil Smith who took them on a short tour of the area including a visit to St Laud's where he entertained them with playing the organ and explaining about the bells. They found him entertaining and informative - now there's a surprise! We then took them up to the White Hart for lunch and I was very pleased and surprised that John really enjoyed Banks's bitter, I assumed that he would probably go for Budweiser but no, he doesn't like that, good for him. After we had eaten Caroline Lesley took over and took them to her summer house for tea, then a tour of the old family gardens at 23 Crofts End, on to Astwood church which has family connections although sadly they were unable to go inside and then to The Swan at Bromham which was leased to one of the family in the late 1700s. They were returning to a hotel in London and the next day visiting relatives in south London. They really want to spend more time here and have said that they may return in September and would like to stay in one of the letting rooms at the pub.

Strange coincidences but Mrs D's paternal family originated from Astwood and one of her aunt's kept The Swan at Bromham for a while. So we had lots to talk about.

Stephen Kennedy and Oliver Powell, who have engaged with The Neighbourhood Plan project, have been doing some community service as a really good example to all of us. They started by cleaning down some of the road signs which had become difficult to read and then continued with path clearance around Carters Close. Stephen has reported that several other residents joined in, either by helping or by lending green wheelie bins (5 full ones on one Sunday morning!). The work will have continued through March. Thank you to Stephen and Oliver for such an enterprising and productive community effort.

You may have read that the Parish Council has received two more resignations – from Alec Denman (Chairman), and James Cook. New councillors are obviously required and the opportunity is there on 7 May when local elections will be held at the same time as the General Election. If you would like to put your name forward please contact Milton Keynes Council.

As we write the Sherington Twinning Association's Big Quiz, which has been taking place for many years, is again a complete sell out. We'll report next month on the winners, although the chances are it'll be the same team as the last few years!

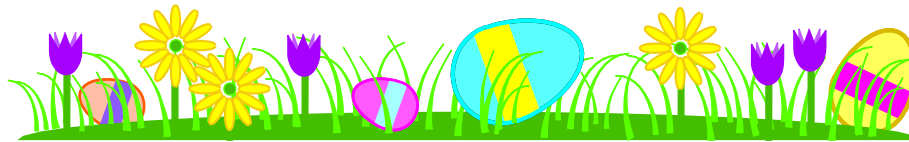
By the time you get your next SCAN some of the twinning association families will be on their way to Saméon for the annual get-together, and many of you will be enjoying some of the village events such as The White Hart's Beer and Sausage Festival and May Day on The Knoll.

And finally ... someone in Carters Close believes they heard a cuckoo at the

beginning of March. Find this a bit hard to believe but in these days of global warming (writing this on 19 March it's only 6 degrees centigrade) who knows?

Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

Don't forget to keep me up to date with what's going on – Tel.: 01908 216214 or <mailto:jackdaw@fastfreenet.com>.



NOTICE OF ELECTION

Milton Keynes Council

Election of Parish Councillors

for the Parish listed below

Parish	Number of Parish Councillors to be elected
Sherington	Seven

1. Forms of nomination for the Parish Election may be obtained from Clerk to Parish Council or Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ from the Returning Officer who will, at the request of an elector for any electoral area prepare a nomination paper for signature.
2. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ on any day after the date of this notice but no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 9th April 2015.
3. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday, 7th May 2015.
4. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes and amendments or cancellations of proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ by 5 pm on Tuesday, 21st April 2015.
5. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ by 5 pm on Tuesday, 28th April 2015.
6. Applications to vote by proxy at this election applied for on grounds of physical incapacity, where that physical incapacity occurred after 5 pm on Tuesday, 28th April 2015, must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ by 5 pm on Thursday, 7th May 2015

Dated Friday 20 March 2015

Carole Mills, Returning Officer

SHERINGTON PARISH **COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

THURSDAY 7th May 2015

Why not apply to join your parish council this year and do something positive for your community?

The elections will be on Thursday May 7th 2015. If you are 18, are on the electoral register (or live within 3 miles) you could be eligible.

Your parish council meets 11 times a year on the first Tuesday evening of the month in the village hall.

Contact the Elections Officer at MKC on 01908 252 529 (email Pamela.loose@milton-keynes.gov.uk) or Hannah Balazs the parish clerk on 07872 101 183 (email hannah_balazs@hotmail.co.uk) for a nomination form.

Deadline for nominations is 4pm on Thursday 9th April 2015.

If you want information about the duties of a parish councillor, contact Bucks Association of Local Councils (BALC) on 01296 383154 or balc@buckscc.gov.uk

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Milton Keynes Council

Election of Borough Councillors

for the Wards listed below

Wards	Number of Borough Councillors to be elected	Wards	Number of Borough Councillors to be elected
Bletchley East	One	Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope	One
Bletchley Park	One	Newport Pagnell South	One
Bletchley West	One	Olney	One
Bradwell	One	Shenley Brook End	One
Broughton	One	Stantonbury	One
Campbell Park & Old Woughton	One	Stony Stratford	One
Central Milton Keynes	One	Tattenhoe	One
Danesborough & Walton	One	Wolverton	One
Loughton & Shenley	One	Woughton & Fishermead	One
Monkston	One		

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WANTED INFORMATION

Will you help prepare the Sherington Neighbourhood Plan?

Now that our Parish Council has set the ball rolling by applying for Designated Status we are at a stage where we need guidance from the village as to the issues and content which should form the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan. Whereas the NP Steering Group is busily researching data and establishing evidence which will support our bid, local knowledge offers a vital resource which must not be overlooked. The stuff that is probably not available in archive form or on the internet.

Members of the Steering Group are, or will be, individually taking responsibility for key subject areas and themes viz;

Housing Need *young/elderly/affordable/feasible*

Infrastructure *main services/drainage /public highways/flooding/capacity*

Businesses *local employment/work live/expansion/sustainable/premises*

Schooling *pre-school/first school/catchment area/capacity*

Village Services *pub/shop/church/local interest groups/sustainable*

Environment *green spaces/wildlife/protection/impact assessment*

Conservation *expand protection/redefine existing areas*

Land Owners *aspirations/site availability/new prospects/planning gain*

NP Management *key stages/publicity/meetings/communication/data*

Clearly the above is not a definitive list, but let us know if you would wish the Steering Group to add to it and also please share with us relevant information on any subject which you believe can help steer us in the right direction at this crucial stage.

Two events to report since the last newsletter. Firstly over 100 people attended the **Drop in Session** at the Village Hall on 28th February. Lots of good feedback and more of these events as we progress. Secondly two of the Steering Group attended a **specialist NP seminar** at High Wycombe on 12th March. Presentations were delivered by members of DCLG, Winslow Town Council (who have successfully delivered a NP through referendum with an impressive 98% yes vote on 60% turn out) and Head of Planning from High Wycombe Council.

For further information see parish website www.sherington.org.uk/nplan or contact Ian on 01908 618223 email: nplan@sherington.org.uk

Keith Carey on behalf of Sherington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

SHERINGTON SCHOOL NEWS (MARCH)



The dashing of expectations raised seems to be a bigger disappointment than the lack of an opportunity in the first place. It matters not whether we are five or fifty (and then some). So it was with the recent bouts of snowfall. The first glorious whitening of the school grounds promised a playtime full of seasonal magic but the temperature rose and all we had to make this promise come true was an inch of cold slush – no snow people to be had there. But a week later the promise was renewed and this time kept and children of all ages explored this malleable material for a couple of days in glorious sunshine. “January cold makes my feet and fingers glow” – hearts as well?

Over past years student teachers have enriched and enlivened the teaching practice of Sherington School adding their new perspectives, youth and energy to our small staff and settled traditions. Our current incumbents, Miss Megan Jounet and Miss Emma Penny continue this process in our Reception and Key Stage 1 groups respectively. The privilege of teaching children, extended to the next generation of teachers themselves, is not one to take lightly and we are pleased to see the excellent results and preparation undertaken by their respective universities.

While the Reception children celebrate and learn about customs surrounding the Chinese new Year the Key Stage 1 group grapple with the contrasts between artists such as Mondrian, Jackson Pollack and Andy Goldsworthy and their own attempts to emulate their work. So it is that we seemingly gallop toward Easter, observe the new shoots of daffodils and await the hoard of frogs that descend upon the pond each year, we look optimistically to the future as only schools full of young people can.

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

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office@sherington.milton-keynes.sch.uk

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

Colin Storey: AST & Assistant Headteacher

“January cold makes my feet and fingers glow” – hearts as well?



SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Our 'Promises Auction' on Saturday 14th March went extremely well, parents and residents from Sherington supported the fundraising event and we raised £2,280. We would like to say a 'Big' thank you to every one locally who offered a Promise to be auctioned and to those people who came along or sent silent bids.



The children have been busy drawing pictures of their families as well as making some excellent drawings on their Mother's Day cards. Making marks is an important part of a child's physical development and a variety of media and materials is always available for them to use. Shaving foam, chinks, runny glue, sand, rice and paint all allow for exploration allowing the child to make marks and create movement which develops their gross and fine motor skills. Hand prints in paint are always popular and we are promoting 'kind hands' as part of promoting positive play and behaviour.

On world book day some of the children dressed up some as Super Hero's and others as their favourite character.

On Red Nose day some of the children had their faces painted, there was a clown, Batman, rabbits and more scary faces with spiders.

We are ending the Spring term with several visits to Tom's garden. We hope to plant our seed potatoes and the overall theme of this years gardening will be based on a book called Supertato by Sue Hendra. This story will reinforce our commitment to Healthy Eating as a lot of what we grow is eaten back at the snack bar at Pre-school.

The children are looking forward to hunting for their chocolate eggs before we break up for Easter on 27th March as well as some other egg-citing activities. The Summer term starts Monday 13th April.

Dates for you diary, May Day 4th May come down to the Knoll and 'hook a duck or two' at the Pre-school stall and voting will be taking place in the village hall 7th May so there will be no Pre-school on both these days.

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY EASTER FROM ALL OF US AT
SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL.

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

2nd 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.

6th May

Theatre Visit to see “The King’s Speech”

Please note that this visit has been arranged to take place on a Wednesday due to the Village Hall being used for the General Election.

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 Bell Ringers:

When you start ringing you never stop learning. The first thing you learn is how to ring the bell, when to pull and when to catch, to the point that it becomes almost automatic. Then you'll learn how to ring the other bells in rounds (bells ring in order 1-2-3-4-5-6) To ring a round of six bells like at St. Lawrence's it takes about 2 seconds, so that is about 1/3 of a second between each bell. Then when you master that, you will learn Call (or Called) Changes, where the conductor will call the bells into different orders. Then when you get good at that, then you will start to learn Plain Hunt, this is where the bells move place in every round. Once that is mastered then you are ready to ring a Method, an easy one to start with but there are 1000's you could learn.

Methods are what are rung for peals. A peal will normally take about three hours and for it to be considered correct the order of the bells for every round (or change as it's known) must be different. Depending on the number of bells that are being rung means that there would be about 5000 changes in a peal. Quarter-Peals are more popular and these take about 45 minutes and will have about 1250 changes to them.

The last peal that I am aware of was rung at Sherington on January 13th 1991; this was 5040 changes and took 2 hours 43 minutes. The ringers were

- 1 Eileen Stevenson
- 2 Ian R Fielding
- 3 Colin M Turner
- 4 Stephen A Wheeler
- 5 Peter G Ellis ©

Our next few practices are:

9 th April 7.30 pm – Sherington	23 rd April 7.30 pm – Chicheley
14 th May 7.30 pm – Sherington	28 th May 7.30 pm – Sherington
11 th June 7.30 pm – Sherington	25 th April 7.30 pm - Chicheley

If you want to come and see us you are very welcome, just come up and say Hi!
Mark



SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

web: <http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs>
email: SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk

WELCOME ALL

We had a very good AGM in March, with about 30 members coming together to hold the committee to account and we then showed a couple of short films that were put together by Dave and Liz Revell. We are still in need of a Secretary so if you would like to help please let me know.

April sees the start of the new season and we have Elizabeth Knight from Olney coming to talk to us about Victorian Farms. We will also have music from the "House Band" with a selection of old farming or agricultural songs, so come along for another great evening's entertainment where you might learn something too.

I meant to mention last month that, thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council, we were able to obtain a grant to replace the worn and battered folders that hold our archives. On the 25th March we will have had our first session of replacing and re-organising them.

At our next meeting in May, we are hoping to continue this process, so please come and help, as many hands make light work.

After the success of last year's outing to Milton Keynes Museum we are going to visit the Cowper and Newton Museum in Olney this June. All are welcome. More details nearer the time.

HAPPY EASTER



Mark Vale
Sherington Historical Society

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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 the Deputy Mayor.

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