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<b>AUG</b>			
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11	Chichchat , Chicheley Village Hall	10.30 am	7
13	Sherington Bell Ringers Practice,	7.30 pm	25
19	North Crawley W.I., Village Hall	7.30 pm	15
23	Chichchat, Chicheley Village Hall	10.30 am	7
27	Bell Ringers Practice, Chicheley	7.30 pm	25
27	Coach trip to Bucks County Show, The Cock car park	9.15 am	10
29	North Crawley Bowls Club Annual Horticultural & Craft Show – The Village Institute	2.30 pm	14
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3	Sherington Pre-School Returns		22
3	The New Thursday Group – OPEN MEETING	8 pm	27
5	Cheese & Wine Supper		7
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10	Bell Ringers Practice, Sherington	7.30 pm	25
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24	Bell Ringers Practice, Sherington	7.30 pm	25
27	North Crawley Village Walk	10 am	10
<b>OCT</b>			
3	Quiz and Supper, Chicheley Village Hall		7
5	St. Laud's Harvest Supper, Sherington Village Hall	7 pm	17
13	Sherington Historical Society, Village Hall	8 pm	27
17	NC Cricket Club's Celebration Race Night		10

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All church services include readings from the Bible and over the years some become quite familiar. My own favourites are the parables, in particular that of the “sower”. You know, the one about seed being spread on good, and not so good, ground and the results in each case. Living as we do in our beautiful countryside it is an easy story to understand as what it says is reproduced around us continually.

Recently, along with other volunteers, I attended the Ousedale school campus at Olney, whilst other volunteers went to the Ousedale campus in Newport Pagnell. We were there to be speed interviewed by the fifteen year old pupils about our careers in the workplace. So, for ten minute sessions, we were quizzed by two or three of them at a time. Some of the volunteers were in employment now, others of us had retired, but we all seemed to have or have had different careers. The purpose was not to recruit the pupils to any particular career but rather to inform them that there were many different possibilities for them to consider. The young people (I dislike the word “kids”) were polite, inquisitive and good company, a credit to their school, and seemed to appreciate our visit to them. To modify the sower parable I think we were spreading seed for them to use when they have to make the important decisions as to what they will do with their lives in the not very distant future.

Which brings me to our present vacancy for a new “Priest-in-charge” for our SCAN parish? The parable of the sower is not just about sowing seeds but also reminds us of the seasons. We identify spring, summer, autumn and winter and what they mean, but of course, although they repeat on a regular pattern, what we don’t know is what each of those will bring. The important thing is that each new year gives the opportunity for a fresh start and challenges. Out there somewhere is someone who will join Pam and John and us all in a few months’ time to continue God’s work in our parish. They will be there for the good and bad times we all have, they may even be the “perfect” priest we all seek. How easy that task will be is up to us, so my hope is that we all welcome whoever is chosen and embrace the opportunity for a new start.

Churchwarden, David.

# FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

## Confirmations

We ask for God's blessing on Judith Alexandra Cairns Tarrant and Douglas Stephen Vale who were confirmed on 12 July at St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church Olney

*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ  
To him be glory both now and for ever!*

## CHURCH SERVICES

### AUGUST (alteration to usual service pattern)

#### 2 August

Please note there are no services in Scan Parish

#### 9 August

#### St Lawrence's Day

11am

Scan Service of Holy Communion - Chicheley

#### 16 August

9.30am

Scan Service of Holy Communion - Sherington

#### 23 August

9.30am

Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

#### 30 August

11am

Songs of Praise – Chicheley

## SEPTEMBER

#### 6 September

10.30am

'Something Different' – Sherington

'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

12 August (Holy Communion at 11.30am)  
26 August  
9 September (Holy Communion at 11.30am)  
7 October (Holy Communion at 11.30am)

All ages welcome (children too!)

Friends of Willen Hospice  
Barn Dance & Fish & Chip Supper  
7.30pm, Saturday 26 September, Working Men's Club,  
Newport Pagnell.

Music provided by the Ouzel Valley Ranters

Tickets including supper £12.50. Available from 1st August at Cambourne Travel, Newport Pagnell High Street, tel: 01908 610282; Working Men's Club, tel: 01908 610007

Email: friends@willen-hospice.org.uk or phone Liz on 01908 312807 or 07891 280904 or Chris 01908 612622

# A STWOOD

With the school holidays upon us it is lovely to see the crops in the fields and enjoy the warm weather. With harvest coming up it seems the right time to mention that we will be having the annual **Harvest Supper on Monday September 28<sup>th</sup> in the village hall with food provided by Bob and Janet from The Old Swan.** Last year even saw some of the delicious cottage pie auctioned off. Unfortunately our sunflower seedlings are unlikely to win the best sunflower competition, but the kids have enjoyed seeing how they grow.

Pilates continues to run on a Monday night from 8pm through much of August (3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>) so if now is the time you would like to try this please do contact Helen on 07887 354234

One piece of sad news is that Glenn and Diane, who have been delivering papers from Cranfield for far longer than I have been in the village are now retiring on 25<sup>th</sup> July. With his cheery smile and kindness to dogs they will be missed, but if you want newspapers delivered to your door Cranfield Newsagents are taking over on 01234 750778 but you need to ring them (it's not an automatic handover).

Wishing you all a lovely summer, The Owl



# C HICHELEY

Starbeque in Chicheley

A big thank you to all those who supported our Starbeque held in Chicheley on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. We had an enjoyable evening, with a total of 40 people attending.

Unfortunately, the weather was awful (although the rain was perfect from a gardener's point of view!). We opted to have the event in the Village Hall but barbeque food was enjoyed by all. The Chicheley Ladies, and some from the MK Astronomical Society, brought along a wonderful selection of delicious desserts. Thank you to them all.

The evening closed with a presentation from Pierre on the wonders of the universe and the customary raffle. A few brave souls came back to the garden to inspect the telescopes, but unfortunately we could not see any stars until after midnight – by which time only Alan, Linda, Pierre and Christine were still up.

Altogether, we raised a total of £450 which was divided between St Lawrence's Church in Chicheley, the Milton Keynes Astronomical Society and Chicheley Village Hall. Thank you to all who contributed to a most enjoyable evening.

## **Christine and Pierre Girard**

Looking through the diary I can find no fund raising events planned for Chicheley in August, but we do have a Cheese and Wine supper planned for the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. If you are interested please contact Mrs Pat Townsend on 01234 391367 for further information.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a quiz and supper in the village hall. Both events are to raise funds for our church in Chicheley.

Chichchat will take place on the second and fourth Tuesday's at the usual place and times (10.30am until noon) during the month.

*Last month I wrote about bicycles. I have a Giant Twist electrically assisted bicycle that I find I am not really using, so would like to sell it. It has had very little use so if anyone is interested please contact me on 01234 391371. If a SCAN reader purchases it I will make a contribution towards the magazine's costs.*



I'm often tempted when writing for SCAN to nostalgia, perhaps many of us are. Harvest and the celebrations following it are a point in case. To find out how the past was really viewed is to read about it. A favourite book of mine is "Lark Rise to Candleford" by Flora Thompson. I discovered the book after the National Theatre staged a musical adaptation of it using folk music and folk musicians. (I taught myself to play a melodeon because of that.) Flora was born in 1876, at Juniper Hill near Buckingham, and had schooling typical of village children in those days. What she really possessed was the ability to observe and record the life around her, particularly the fields, hedgerows and woodlands and all that inhabited them. We, in our modern world, have so much to entertain and inform us, but how well do we, I wonder, use our eyes and ears to look at what is all around us?

On that thought I will close for this month, enjoy the holiday season.

David



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

In the words of the comedy duo some of you may remember 'Bring me sunshine'. It has been wonderful weather of late as long as you take it easy, do very little in the way of strenuous activity, lie back and relax. This is of course easier said than done if you have a job or an allotment, but as truly hot weather is very occasional, following this advice as closely as circumstances permit is a comfortable way to get through it.

Great drama a few weeks back when four police cars arrived with sirens blazing to surround a house in the High Street. Allegedly a robbery had taken place in Bedford and a car in the vicinity was tracked back to North Crawley. My informant tells me that it was a case of mistaken identity, so the excitement was quickly over.

Sunday 28 June the cricket club held their 'Presidents Day' which was well supported by both club members and villagers generally. The two course lunch with wine went down well, and the bar supplied by Gary from the Chequers did a good trade. The cricket match although foreshortened to a two innings 20/20 format due to rain in the morning, was played in good spirit with emphasis on attack, and provided non-stop entertainment throughout the afternoon which resulted in the home side shading the

result but was a credit to both sides and their captains. Later in the afternoon when many more people had wandered up to the recreation ground, a barbeque was provided featuring the infamous 'Maxi full bangers', which as always proved very popular and attracted a big crowd. A further game was staged at this point in the afternoon with the North Crawley Juniors taking on a squad from Olney, which was highly entertaining with both sides showing much enthusiasm.

The above is just one of a number of events held by the cricket and bowls clubs, and the IMC Committee, other examples being the 'Village Ramble', 'Horticultural Show', 'Christmas Quiz', all of which are occasions when there is a general invite for all who would like to participate and have proved very popular over many years, so if new to the village don't be shy, join in, meet new friends and enjoy these events.

News from the Rose family features son Matt, who has spent 2 years at Moulton college studying for a diploma in Agriculture, and at his award ceremony a couple of weeks ago, not only did he gain his diploma with a distinction, he was also awarded student of the year by JCB, who sent along their Marketing Director to present him with his award.

Needless to say he was thrilled to bits with this as were his parents who commented it was a just return for all of the hard work he had put into his studies.

Are you planning to take up an apprenticeship or go to college or university when you leave school this year? Grants are available from North Crawley United Charities for the purchase of tools, equipment or books to help you with your studies. Please contact the Clerk to the charity, Chris Stapleton, at [chris.stapleton23@gmail.com](mailto:chris.stapleton23@gmail.com) for further details.

At the church fete on Saturday 4 July, lots of people turned out to support, and many children enjoyed seeing their teddy bears parachuting from the church tower. In total a sum of £1088 was raised for church funds.

A resident has complained to me about the amount of debris left behind after recent trimming of trees and hedges. This made me think about the amount of hedge cutting activity I've witnessed of late so thought I would just check out what the law says. It does seem a bit open to interpretation and varies between farmland/hedgerows and gardens, but the common ground for both is as follows. 'It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act to intentionally damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird whilst in use or being built.' The period this applies to is March to August. Just to be clear I am not having a go at anyone in particular, and am sure people do ensure there

are no birds nesting in hedges that they cut, but my own view is that in a world where wildlife is continually put under pressure from human activities, why not resist the urge to trim hedges for just a while longer just in case birds are still nesting.

For those who enjoy a day out at county shows or would like a new experience, back by popular demand and being organised by Joan Mitchell, is a “**Coach trip to Bucks County Show, Weedon, near Aylesbury Thursday 27th August 2015**”.

Departing from: **The Cock car park 9.15 a.m.**

Admission Pre-show including coach fare:- Adults £18.50, OAP - £16, Children (5-16 years) £12.00. Contact - Joan Mitchell on **391542**.

### **North Crawley Cricket Club**

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. Tickets will go on sale in the early summer, so watch this space for details!

### **Historical Society**

Please contact John Brandon on 391365, or Chris Stapleton on 391205, for details of future events.

**Walks** – The village walks are not being supported by the village so will cease unless enough people get back to me asking they continue. Many thanks go out to Peter Bushnell for giving up his Sunday mornings over a number of years to keep the walks going. If sufficient support is shown, the next walk will be on Sunday 27 September, 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 next Scan deadline (17<sup>th</sup> August) to the following email address: [christopherflower@btinternet.com](mailto:christopherflower@btinternet.com)

Hawk-eye





The summer term is a-buzz with outdoor learning activities at North Crawley CE School.

The KS1 children enjoyed a wonderful 'Science storytelling' session with Delphine Wolfe. Delphine is an illustrator, graphic designer and children's author. The children heard an entertaining and amusing story of 'Sophia the seed'. They loved listening to the story and were able to tell Delphine all about the lifecycle of flowering plants from what they had learnt over the previous week's science lessons. You can visit Delphine's website to learn more about the fabulous morning via <http://delphinewolfe.co.uk/2015/07/07/learning-about-plants-with-sofia-the-seed/>

All the North Crawley children have been on a fascinating trip to Hollington Wood to learn more about mini-beasts. This was a 'revisit' for the Foundation children who had already been earlier in the year for a teddy bear's picnic and had enjoyed it so much, they thought they would invite their key stage one friends too for their mini-beast topic work! The children enjoyed a wonderful morning, hunting and finding out more about mini-beasts showing how well they can work and co-operate together. The Key Stage one children have produced some fabulous posters and information booklets following this inspirational morning. Children in foundation have made some fantastic ladybird houses. Our caterpillars have changed into butterflies and been released. The children were fascinated with them and there were lots of delighted gasps as they flew free.

Summer would not be summer without a school Sports Day. Children from Stoke Goldington CE First School joined their friends at North Crawley for a whole day of sports celebrating the theme of the rugby world cup. During the morning session the children enjoyed a 'round robin' of team games followed by a more restful picnic lunch. England, France, Australia and New Zealand competed against each other in a variety of games. The overall winners were Australia. Everyone cheered as the 'Australian' captains collected the Trophy. All children received a medal donated by Premier Sports. The afternoon also saw the traditional races, including ones for mums, dads and toddlers, interspersed with a welcoming refreshment break of lollies and water kindly provided by FONS.



The Year 2 children are currently preparing for their leavers assembly. We will be saying our farewells to Sam, Laurie, Alex, Isabelle A, Isabelle C, Ella and Daisy and wish them every success as they move onto the next stage of their educational journey.

Is your child due to start school in September 2015? North Crawley CE School has a small number of places available for September 2015. Parents have the choice of where they send their child to school; why not choose a school with an outstanding Ofsted rating? Visit our 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 small village school.

## FRIENDS OF ST FIRMIN'S



It is with great pleasure I can reveal that our funds have now reached over £5000, which has enabled us to become a registered charity. Even better, we now have the funds, and the Archdeacon's permission, to replace all the decayed gutters and drainpipes, essential to the preservation of the building.

The support we have received has been overwhelming and we thank everyone who has made this amazing start possible. The more support we have, the more we can do: we are hoping to raise another £5000 quickly, so that we are in a position to consult the Churchwardens on their next project. More money is needed urgently for ongoing repairs.

Tickets for the BBQ, which will be over by the time you read this, are a sell out, but news of a very special musical event in September will be available soon. Besides supporting our events, you can become an official friend of St Firmin's by giving a regular, or one off donation. Regular donations give us a reliable income stream to plan for future projects more precisely.

Donations can now be gift aided if you are a taxpayer. "Friends" membership forms and Gift Aid forms are available in the Church, or from the Treasurer, Jim Wilmore, at 3 Orchard Way. They should be returned to him on completion.

Many thanks Jim, for the hours you have put in, setting up the bank account and dealing with The Charities Commission on our behalf.

Ann Shaw (Secretary)  
01234 391797

# **NORTH CRAWLEY BOWLS CLUB**

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association

## **ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SHOW**

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2015**  
**In the Village Institute , North Crawley**  
**Starting at 2.30 pm**

This is an annual event with many horticultural, handicraft and children's classes to enter.

Trophies for the category winners.

Much of the produce will be auctioned after the show approx 4 pm

There is a tombola, a raffle, tea and cakes

**For a copy of the show schedule please contact**  
**Stephen Martin – Tel. 01234 391292**

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

Last month our speaker was Mr. Ray Rowleson on “The Art of Photography”. He was a very competent photographer who left the banking world to actually do a job he loved. We saw family, wedding, travel and animal photos, but as a member said how she missed the excitement of collecting your photos from Boots and how we enjoyed putting them in books etc. and this we have lost due to digital cameras and computers.

Carol Hall and Mary Mason went to the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at Waddesdon on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Lovely warm day and Waddesdon was such a good background for hundreds of women having picnics on the lovely lawns outside the house.

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June we dressed up our little tree in Nixies Walk with small jam pots, flags and other decorations and had a cake stall. My memory of the day was Milo, our first customer, on his bike with £1.80 to spend. Took four cakes back home, slightly wet due to rain, while we looked after his bike.

Next, Michael Huffer arriving with a home baked sponge for us to sell (his mother Mildred would have been proud of him) and Barbara Potts who walked up from Little Crawley and we had just sold out.

One of our members now writes: *“Saturday dawned bright and sunny. Then the rain arrived. Nevertheless it did not dampen the proceedings and soon a Gazebo, tables and bunting were erected, thanks to Graham and Tony. North Crawley W.I. has been taking part in village events, etc for the last 64 years and hopes to continue being supportive of the village and each other. Our members provided lots of cakes, which were sold within the hour. So thank you all for coming along and also Michael for your sponge, it was very much appreciated. By-the-way, we made £100. THANK YOU”.*

Our next meeting in July was a trip to the trip to Milton Keynes Museum and our August Speaker (on the 19<sup>th</sup>) will be a gentleman named Dusty Rhodes. No, he does not work on the M1, but will talk to us on “County Superstitions”. 7.30 pm in the Village Hall – maybe we will see someone new?

Pam

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## **Mailbag and Announcements**

Our thanks go to those who supported the Trailer Auction at the White Hart on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

The evening being conducted under the hammer of Neil Bowditch Esq of Stoke Goldington, our worthy auctioneer, the financial result topped a thousand pounds. The accounts being kept under the watchful eye of Alan and Judy Smith.

The grateful thanks of Willen Hospice go to you all.

### **THUMBSTICKS - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

Please meet at the Knoll at 9.30 am for a local walk. No dogs please. J & A.





## **HELP WITH DELIVERING NEWSPAPERS REQUIRED**

Sherington Village Shop urgently need one or two people, young or old, to help deliver papers within Sherington on weekdays. Deliveries usually take place between 7 and 7.45 am.

If you regularly go out for a walk round the village why not combine it with delivering a few papers and earn yourselves some pocket money?

If you are interested, please speak with either Kana or Bhavna at the Village Shop.

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Andante under the direction of Roger Windmill, and accompanied by Ed Tomlinson, gave us a wonderful evening in St Lauds Church on Saturday June 27th.

The church was full of wild flowers, sunshine, music and people enjoying themselves. Pimms and strawberries were as popular as ever, and, thanks to a generous gift of vouchers from The White Hart and a bottle of wine from a member of the audience, there were two lucky winners of a door prize.

Andante and Roger gave their time and talents for the charity of our choice; St.Laud's Church have received a cheque for £594.

David, Ben, Bess and Deborah would like to thank everyone who helped us put things together, and all of you who supported the event.

We look forward to seeing you all again for the Christmas Concert.

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**GALILEE EVENING – POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

ST. LAUD'S  
**HARVEST SUPPER**

(TRADITIONAL FARE)  
& HARVEST AUCTION

SHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October

7 p.m.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE**

£7.50 adult

£4 children

Contact:

JILL BURGESS 611163

PAM FIELDING 616763

TINA FERRIS 611083



Please come and bring your preferred drinks

Any contributions to the Auction

gratefully received



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

The year continues to fly by and it seems such a short time ago that I put hand to keyboard for last month's Scan. That is probably because our revered editor has brought the copy date forward for this month so that she can have a holiday.

The garden continues to be challenging, probably due to the relatively warm winter and the lack of moisture in the ground. My tomatoes are well behind where they should be now as are the runner beans and there are many more pests and diseases than is usual. Blackfly is rife and my soft fruit bushes and apple trees are suffering. On the other side though I have a very good crop of cherries, the grapevines are full of fruit and I have two small olives covered in flowers. Whether they will translate into actual olive fruits is in doubt though. Whilst looking at the state of an apple tree I noticed some smallish red and black insects looking a bit like ladybirds but not quite the same shape. My neighbour and I studied them and looked in our various insect books but could not identify them so repaired to our computers for research. We both came up with the same result – a multicoloured Asian lady beetle (MALB) in their fourth stage of 5 pupations before emerging as a type of ladybird that unfortunately is somewhat aggressive to our own ladybirds.

July 10<sup>th</sup> saw what is effectively the end of an era with all the remaining farm machinery at Manor Farm going under the auctioneers hammer. There were certainly a lot of people in attendance, I counted at least 100 vehicles there most of which came with two, three or four occupants. There were many and varied items for sale ranging from small spare parts up to a large yellow Caterpillar tractor and I understand that the vast majority of lots were sold on the day. Michael will be moving on now to farm at Lathbury but the Cook family have a lot of history with farming in Sherington. Michael's parents, Jack and Cis Cook purchased Mercers Farm from the Jeffersons family in 1931 to live at the farm and renting 200 acres. When Jack started farming he had 13 cows which had to be walked from Houghton Conquest to Sherington and then milked three times a day. In 1943 Mercer's Farm bought the first combine harvester in the district under the least lend agreement with the USA.

The following day saw another auction, this time at the White Hart and it was the annual trailer auction in support of Willen Hospice. I was not able to attend on this occasion but I hear that many others did and were able to raise a very creditable amount of £1,000 towards the charity. Well done to all concerned.

Mrs D was talking to Yvonne from Park Road recently and she was very surprised to look out of her back window to see a large fox there in broad daylight. Keepers of chickens beware and make sure that your security measures are in place and adequate.

On Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> the annual Twinning Association barbeque took place at the Pavilion. As usual it was well attended with some 70 members there to enjoy the food which, as usual, was plentiful and well cooked. That was followed by the boules competition. Unfortunately and unusually play was stopped twice by some quite torrential rain, a very rare occurrence at the event. Play was able to resume though and terminated by the final that this year was won with a very tight 9 – 8 score by David Keene and Jim Lee. Well done to them and commiserations to the Davis family who have figured as winners for some years now.

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

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*More from those lovely church ladies with typewriters:*

*'The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.*

*'Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5 pm - prayer and medication to follow.'*

*'The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.'*

**Craig Barton - Senior Media Relations Officer:** Tel. 01908 252009

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## Ofsted Success for Sherington School

The team and pupils at Sherington School Church of England infant School are celebrating after being judged as 'good' by government inspectors, Ofsted, with the behaviour and safety of their pupils judged as 'outstanding'.

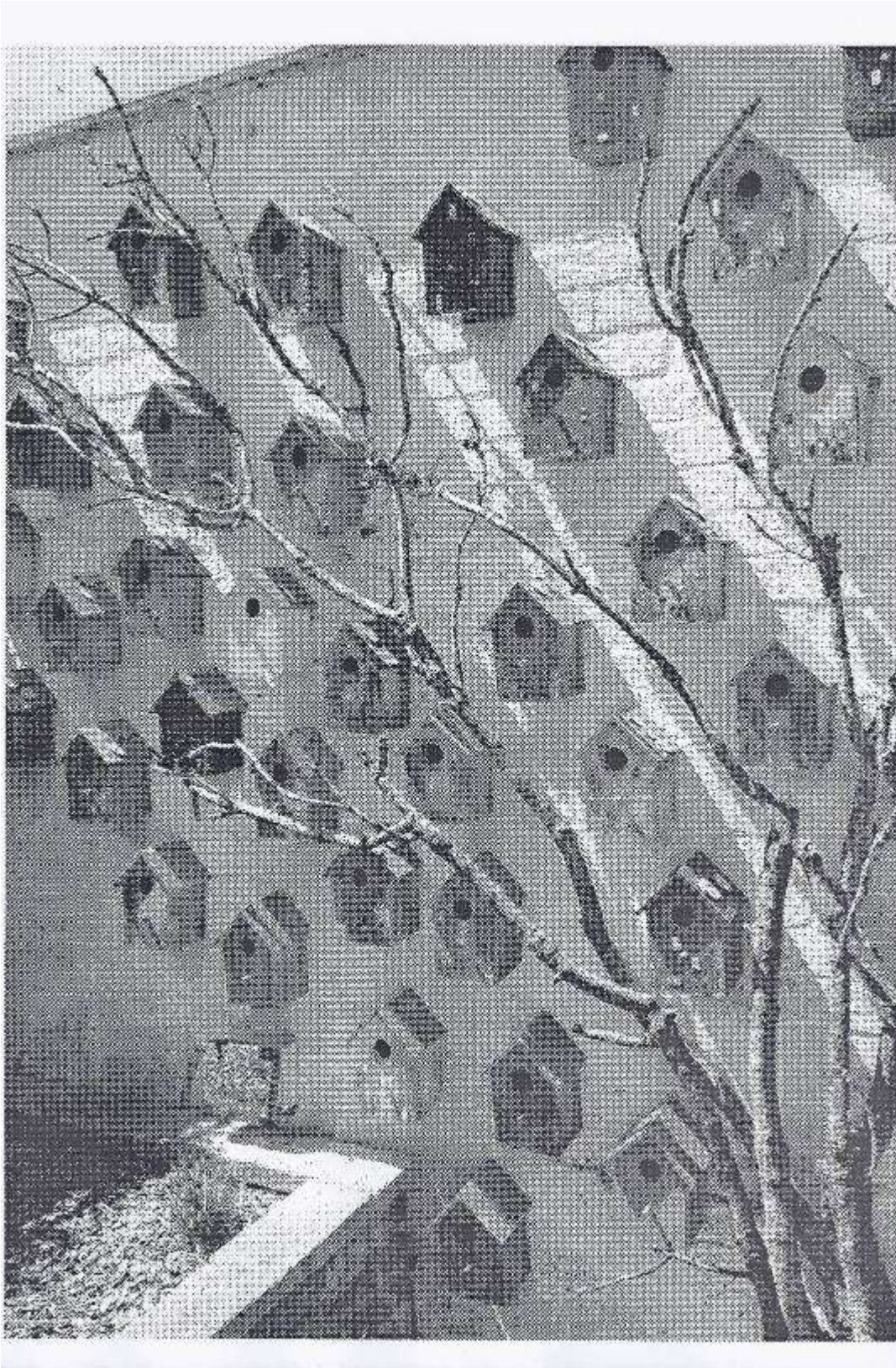
The school caters for children aged 4-7 and is said to be 'good' in terms of leadership and management, the quality of teaching, achievement and early years provision and judged as 'outstanding' in terms of behaviour and safety.

The report, which was officially published on Thursday, states: "Relationships in school are warm and nurturing at all levels, and this generates high levels of respect and care. Pupils are highly motivated to learn." Commenting on the 'outstanding' nature of the behaviour and safety of pupils, the report states: "Pupils say that they feel very safe in school because they care for each other and know that adults will help them when necessary. Staff are well trained in order to protect pupils and keep them safe."

Headteacher, Anne Shedden was delighted with the result: "The staff, governors and local authority continuously work together to provide a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum for each individual child at our school, enabling them to realise their full potential and thereby help prepare them for the challenges of our contemporary world. We are thrilled that Ofsted have recognised the good quality of education we are providing our pupils with and I would like to thank our wonderful team of staff and governors as well as the local authority for their support."

Cllr Norman Miles, Lead Member for Children and School Improvement, said: "Sherington School should be very proud of themselves for again being judged as 'good' by Ofsted. The staff and governors work very hard to provide the children with a fantastic learning environment and encourage each individual child to reach their full potential. This latest rating by Ofsted is well deserved and a testament to that hard work."

The full Ofsted report can be viewed at [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk).



This is the beautiful bird box project which the children of Sherington School created with artist Pippa North. *(Our black and white copy does not do this artwork justice, the colours are stunning and well worth seeing if you get the chance – Ed.)*

## **SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL**

We have had an exciting summer term with lots of activities and healthy eating from our produce from Tom's Garden. On the 24<sup>th</sup> June the children took part in a 5 fruit and vegetable challenge to receive a certificate. They had nine choices which included apple, strawberry, orange, banana, pear, Satsuma, baby tomatoes and grapes. The majority of the children really enjoyed the selection and trying foods they thought they may not like!

The last session of Action Kids took place on the field on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, the children have thoroughly enjoyed these activities and we must say a big thank you to George and George for making them so much fun. We also had Pyjama Drama in to perform and involve the children in two exciting sessions called 'Green Fingers' and 'First day at School'. It was a lovely opportunity for the younger and older children to act out scenarios.

We transported our first big tub of potatoes back to Preschool on the back of the scooter much to the delight of the children helping and unfortunately our harvest was rather less than expected when only 19 tiny potatoes tumbled out! We still enjoyed them for snack with home grown lettuce and peas and a smidgen of salad cream. The children loved popping and eating the peas fresh from the pods on several visits to the garden. Two of our sunflowers are over 130cm high and our small trees are growing and one little boy commented 'That's an oak tree.' Tom's garden is in its 5<sup>th</sup> year now and we are so grateful to Anita, Ian, Tom and Jessica for giving us the opportunity to explore nature, plant, water and tend the produce we grow there.

We are very pleased to announce that the OU match funded our £100 fundraising from Mayday so many thanks to Maxine one of our Mum's for organising this. Finally we have been snapping away taking photos of mini beasts we have found either outside at Preschool or in the garden and these will be entered into the 'Wild Sherington' competition which is being run by the Historical Society.

As the end of term is upon us we all wish you a happy and restful summer. We look forward to hearing all the children's exciting news in September.

*Pre-school returns on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.*

# Pre-School Drama Session



Playing Snail Game







Freshly picked peas!

# Sherington Bell Ringers:

The last month has been quiet for a number of reasons, but we did manage to get the tower clean and a maintenance session on the Bells, for a couple of hours. There was a working party on the bells and another in the Ringing Chamber. Those below made a fantastic difference and now there is a smell of polish, where previously the smell was of damp, and everything gleams. Those further up (with the bells) worked through a checklist of inspections, oiled things that need to be oiled, tightened nuts and adjusted things that needed adjusting.

At the end of the sessions there was a visit to the roof where pictures like the one below were taken :



Our next few practices are:

13th August 7:30pm - Sherington TBC	27th August 7:30pm - Chicheley TBC
10th September 7:30pm – Sherington	24th September 7:30pm – Sherington

If you want to come and have a look or a go, you are very welcome, just come up and say Hi.

**Mark**



# SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**Generally the Society meets in Sherington Village Hall  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday on the Month.**

**Entry: £2 for members, £3 for non-Members, this includes  
refreshments.**

## **July Meeting**

On 14<sup>th</sup> July a large audience enjoyed an evening packed full of amusing anecdotes and historical facts, given in the unique style of Sherington's very own Philip Smith, B.E.M. and historian extraordinaire. His descriptions of the accompanying evocative photographs brought to life the characters from his childhood, remembered with such obvious affection and humour, and the everyday life of working folk in Sherington many years ago. To newcomers and those who have lived here many years, it was delightful entertainment. Thank you Philip.

## **Wild Sherington**

After some consultation, we have extended the deadlines of the Wild Sherington photographic competition to the end of the year, this was to allow a wider selection of pics to be used, so all those wonderful Autumn colours and wildlife activity could be caught up in this the first year of this annual competition.

Just to remind you, there are 3 categories of entry – Under 11, 11-18 and Over 18. Take as many photographs as you want of any wild animals, insects, birds, reptiles (no domestic animals, e.g. dogs, cats, pet rabbits etc. or farm animals), or any wild plants (no cultivated garden plants). Each photograph must state the time, date, location, subject (put 'not known' if you can't identify the subject), and the category it will be entered into (Junior entries to include the age of the photographer). All images should be emailed to the following email address: [shs\\_photos@mediadrome.co.uk](mailto:shs_photos@mediadrome.co.uk). Any queries should also be sent to this email address. So get snapping.

## **August Meeting**

There is no August meeting - see you all in September where we will be preparing for our Open Day , more details soon.

## September Meeting:

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September we will meet up for the preparation for the Open Day (26<sup>th</sup> September) for the Sherington Authors exhibition. Some of the authors may be a surprise to us all, so for sure it will be good to come and visit. More details in the next SCAN.

## October Meeting:

Stephen Kennedy is coming to talk to us again on the 13<sup>th</sup> October. It seems we did not put him off last time. But another interesting talk to be had about a member of the Kennedy clan. More details to follow nearer the time

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## THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

6<sup>th</sup> August

### **Annual General Meeting**

Please attend the AGM where we will review the events of the past year and discuss how we continue to move forward.

3<sup>rd</sup> September

### **“Mine’s a Jameson” - A curious family tale by Sherington Resident, Stephen Kennedy.**

*This presentation was first made to the Sherington Historical Society and was so well received that we have invited Stephen to repeat his talk about his fascinating family history in Ireland.*

**This is an OPEN MEETING (all people from the SCAN Parish are welcome 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.*

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IAN COLLINGE:

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*Let me do the jobs you hate during the  
week, so you can.....*

## **GET YOUR WEEKEND BACK!**

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**DECKING** – looks weathered, dirty, slippery, needs attention?

**PATIO/DRIVEWAY** - looks green or black, oil spots, needs a deep clean?

**GARDEN FURNITURE** – looks tired & weathered, but worth rescuing?

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*Call Andy, your Weekend Saviour. 01234 391411  
or 07771 974520*

*\*As required. SCAN village resident for 26 years. Simple good value hourly  
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- **Music**
- **Zorbing (human hamster balls on water)**
- **BBQ**
- **Kiddies Corner**
- **Face painting (Fab faces)**
- **Tombola**
- **Stalls (book yours now)**

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PLEASE CONTACT ZOE ON 01908 519187  
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