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SCAN 455 – SEPTEMBER SCAN

Last month David wrote about his favourite parable, 'the sower' sowing good seed. As we look around us now particularly in a rural parish like scan we see the results of our local farmers sowing 'good seed'. Most of the fields are a golden colour and as we hear the combines going late into the night we know they are working hard to make sure we are well provided for in the coming year.

For many of us harvest is a time that looking back always brings fond memories, the summers always seemed to be longer with endless sunshine and local rural communities all used to be involved in 'brining the harvest home'. They would then celebrate with harvest suppers and thank God for the fruits of their hard work with a harvest festival in the local church. Traditionally harvest festivals are held on the Sunday nearest the harvest moon, also known as the autumn equinox.

I am sure like many of you I can remember that on the weekend of the harvest festival the church would seem to come alive on the Saturday, full of people cleaning, decorating and preparing for the service. The following day you would need to arrive early or you may not get a seat.

In the church I attended, the aisles were always full of vegetables, fruit, sheaves of wheat and flowers, filling the church with a scent all of its own that you only found at that time of year. People have always enjoyed church hymns and those sung at harvest are amongst their favourites, particularly with lines like 'the valleys stand so thick with corn that even they shall sing', what a fantastic image that conjures up.

The autumn equinox this year occurs on 23rd of September and harvest festivals in scan parish will begin as we come into October, look out for the dates they really are an enjoyable service.

Harvest, particularly in villages is an important time of year, we see the end of one season and the beginning of another, fields turn brown in colour as they are cultivated and new seed set. This is a reminder for all of us that nothing stands still and we see this in scan parish as we prepare the ground for a new rector. For us this means people working hard at what's called a mission action plan and parish profile, this will eventually form the basis of the advertisement for a new rector which we hope will happen as we come into 2016.

You can find more information at www.scanparish.org.uk
Malcolm, Churchwarden

CHURCH SERVICES

30th August 3 p.m. Harvest Festival Service, Hardmead Church

SEPTEMBER

6 September

10.30am 'Something Different' – Sherington

13 September

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

6pm Scan Evensong – Chicheley

20 September

9.30am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Sherington

27 September

11am Scan Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley

6pm Scan Evensong – North Crawley

OCTOBER

4 October

10.30am 'Something Different' – Sherington

11 October

11am Harvest Festival Family Service (followed by Harvest Lunch) – North Crawley

6pm Harvest Festival Evensong – Chicheley

NOVEMBER

29th November

3 pm Carol Service, Hardmead Church



**St Lauds' Late
Summer Tea Party**

FREE ENTRY

SAT 5TH SEPT

ST LAUDS CHURCH

2:30pm 'til 5:00pm

Tea, Tombola, Cakes, Games
Fun for all the family!

For more information please contact Pam
(pamfielding@hotmail.com / 01908 616763)

All proceeds to go to St Lauds Church,

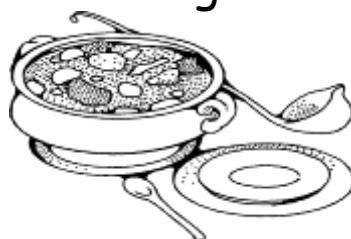
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A GALILEE EVENING September 12th (REVISED DATE)

We had to postpone the first date for this event, but come to St. Laud's Church in Sherington, Newport Pagnell (MK169PD) at 8pm on Saturday the 12th September. Enjoy a careful distillation of more than 700 photos that John took on his and Pam's recent visit to the Galilee. See views that Jesus saw, and enjoy an approximation of the food he ate!



'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

9 September (Holy Communion at 11.30am)
7 October (Holy Communion at 11.30am)

All ages welcome (children too!)

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

RIP Roger Harland Barry from North Crawley whose cremation took place on 31st July 2015 at Crownhill Crematorium followed by a service of celebration of his life in St Firmin's Church

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



Weddings

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

We ask for God's blessing on:

Victoria Braniff and Mark Evans who were married in St Laud's Church Sherington on 24th July 2015

and

Emma Stapleton and John Douglas who were married in St Lawrence's Church Chicheley on 25th July 2015

And

Jacqueline Brandon and Christopher Harper who were married in St Firmin's Church North Crawley on 15 August 2015

In your goodness Lord watch over these couples you have joined in the covenant of marriage.



A STWOOD

We have had a small population boom with two new arrivals in the village; Congratulations to Piers and Cat Powell Sheddon who have a daughter and Jamie and Sarah who have a son!

A few 'SOLD' boards mean that we will be losing two families who have been in Astwood for many years. I don't want to be definite until "completion" has happened but Good Luck when it does!

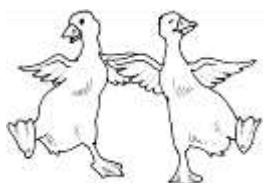
Two new houses are taking shape on the Cranfield road; a few months of disruption, noise and dirt for the neighbours but it is amazing how soon new builds become part of the landscape and we forget they are new. The photograph in the Village Hall of Astwood before there were any houses in Cranfield Road in between Main Road and The Close is worth perusal.

Another change to the outlook for the village is the new Wind Turbine on the horizon which apparently can supply enough electricity for over 200 houses if only there was enough wind! Has anyone noticed how much bigger it looks from the Cranfield Road side of the Village than when you get close to it?

The Village Hall will soon be smartened up with two new front windows. The Village Hall committee has decided to start on a programme of improvements to the Hall; this has to be a slow process as there is no grant available from the original "Wind Turbine Fund" at the moment and so any money spent must come from accumulated funds.

Earlier in the year a female Mallard was spotted crossing Main Road in Astwood by the Old Post Office followed by nine tiny ducklings, they looked very vulnerable but seemed to turn up later on one of the ponds at Astwood Grange; I wonder how many have survived till now?

Don't forget the Harvest Supper on Monday 28th September in the Village Hall. Tickets available from Bob and Janet at The Old Swan or from Dave and Val at Swan Cottage. Not to be missed!

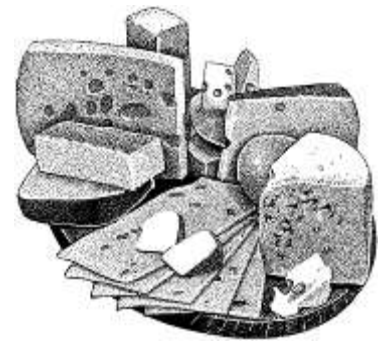


That's all for now folks from Mallard and M'lady

C HICHELEY

The weather for the last few weeks, I'm writing this on the 16th August, has been quite pleasant with sun and wind that must be helpful to gathering in the harvest. A short spell of rain very recently seems to herald a continuation of the drier weather, you will know if that is correct by now. Sitting outside yesterday evening just before dusk we watched formations of gulls flying overhead, some towards Milton Keynes, others towards Cranfield, presumably to roost for the night. They must enjoy this time of the year as the start of cultivating the fields for replanting brings a good supply of food for them to the surface.

A final reminder that a Cheese and Wine supper is being held in Chicheley on the 5th of September. The cost is £10 including the first glass of wine. There should still be time for you to come so if you are interested please contact Mrs Pat Townsend on 01234 391367. The proceeds are for Chicheley church funds.



On October 3rd there will be a QUIZ AND SUPPER in the village hall. Competition will no doubt be intense as usual, but not forgetting to have fun as well. If you would like to take part the details are below.

Join us at

CHICHELEY VILLAGE HALL

Start 7.30 pm

£10.00 per head (children £5)

Includes hot supper + dessert

RAFFLE

Teams between 2 & 6 persons

Please notify of attendance by 30th September

To either David R: 01234 391371

Or Alan/Judy 01234 825075

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

The annual sponsored bicycle ride to raise funds for Bucks Historic Churches takes place on Saturday 12th September. Any funds raised are split 50/50 between the BHC and Chicheley church. If anyone would like to take part I (tel. 01234 391371) have sponsorship forms and a list of the churches that are



open. We took part in this for some years with friends from Chicheley and North Crawley in all weathers. It was always a good day out, lots of fresh air and exercise, how about giving it a try?

The Annual General Meeting for the village hall will be on Tuesday 29th September at 8pm in the village hall. If you would like to find out what we do, perhaps volunteer to join the committee, do come along, you will be most welcome.

August has seen the commemoration seventy years ago of the surrender of Japan and the conclusion of the Second World War. As far as I am aware no-one from Chicheley died as a result of the conflict although many took part and suffered in various ways. More of that in a future SCAN. No names had to be added to our war memorial, but as a way of marking the passing of the years and to remember all who suffered, four rose bushes have been donated by villagers and planted around the memorial, a very thoughtful gesture. They are red roses so stand out well against the stonework.

As usual if you have anything you would like to include in this magazine please contact me.

David



HARDMEAD CHURCH

Please don't miss the Carol Service at 3 pm on Sunday 29th November. ALL WELCOME.

AND.....

If SCAN is delivered early this month, please note that there is a harvest festival service at 3 pm on Sunday 30th August.

M.D.

NORTH CRAWLEY – PHONE BOX DELIVERIES

PLEASE NOTE:

For those houses I am unable to deliver The Phonebox to due to being out of the Village, I will now be leaving magazines in the shop should you want to collect one. I deliver the magazines usually the last weekend of the month so they will be available to collect just after this. Thanks to the shop for agreeing to this.

Amy Garfirth.

NORTH CRAWLEY SCAN NEWS AND COMMENT.

At the time of writing it feels like autumn has come early, with several days of rain and damp days with dim light, all of which appeared quite suddenly. Hopefully the weather will change and summer will finish on a high.

News from the allotment is that as always at this time of year almost everything is coming to fruition and thoughts turn to what to do with the produce. Obviously eating as much as you can is the number one option and storage works for some, but not all vegetables, so there may be a number of porches in the village which will mysteriously benefit from the situation. Latest problem, having been pestered by a mole for most of the summer, would appear to be a rabbit that has dug a tunnel in the middle of the main potato crop. Either that or the mole has tripled in size due to the surplus of produce.

The 'Friends of St. Firmins' held a barbeque on 20th July hosted at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Currie. It was an excellent charity event to raise funds in support of the village church and well attended.

The 'Bowls Club' held their annual treasure hunt event which this year ended with a pig roast in the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Kinns. Unfortunately, it poured just before the treasure hunt began which deterred some from participating, but there was still a good few who made it round the course.

The family funeral of Roger Barry was held on 31st July, and was followed by a service in St. Firmins Church to celebrate his life. On the way out of church two MG sports cars were parked which had been ongoing restoration projects for Roger, and which had been completed by close friends when he had been unable to continue the work due to his illness. Afterwards the congregation gathered in the Cock Inn where further reflection and stories from Roger's life were shared.

Historical Society

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

North Crawley Cricket Club

All three sides are doing well, with the first team once more challenging for the league title. One of the younger members of the side, Dean Bryce, was recently picked for the senior Bedford side, and duly performed rather well from all reports. So our

small village cricket set-up has once again produced a minor counties player, congratulations Dean.

The following is notice of an up and coming event being hosted by the cricket club, and all are welcome, so don't be shy as many people from the village other than cricketers will be in attendance.



CELEBRATION RACE NIGHT

WITH NORTH CRAWLEY CRICKET CLUB

SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

10 RACES – HOT MEAL INCLUDED – CASH BAR

GREAT VALUE TICKETS ONLY £9

From: Andy Gresty, 35 Kilpin Green, North Crawley 01234 391411

From: Fred Flower, North Crawley Correspondent 01234 391480

From: Mike Archer, NCCC Chairman, 07775 440900

From: The 3 Team Captains of North Crawley Cricket Club

7.15pm start in The Institute. Don't miss out, limited to 120 tickets!

Walks – Further support for the village walks is required, otherwise they may not be worth continuing.

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 27th September, meeting as always **at 10 a.m.** outside the Institute.

Should you go out walking as a regular past-time do look out for 'fly-tipping' as it seems to be on the increase, especially further along Folly Lane. The Milton Keynes Council website has a page through which you can report any incidents and to-date the response to clear up the mess has been very good. Should you be able to note down details of vehicles caught in the act, this information can also be fed into the website.

If anyone would like to contribute newsworthy information, please don't hesitate to send it to Hawk-eye before the next Scan deadline (17th September) to the following email address: christopherflower@btinternet.com

Hawk-eye.



MRS ALMA PLATTEN

The family of Alma Platten (sons Keith, Roy and Alan) would like to pass their thanks on to everyone who attended the memorial service for their Mother (Alma) at St. Firmins Church on 9th June 2015.

Also, for the many kind donations (totaling £526) which was split evenly between Willen Hospice and the Salvation Army.

FRIENDS OF ST FIRMIN'S AUGUST 2015

Well, it seems our first big social event: the barbeque, was a great success. The weather was kind (no mean feat in a dubious summer) and a final sum close to £1400 was raised towards the interior decoration and guttering project. Many thanks to Pat and Brian Currie for hosting the event so generously and to the cooks, sellers of raffle tickets and other helpers. Above all, to those who supported us so enthusiastically, our gratitude.



Hopefully we shall soon see workman, scaffolding, and other indicators of work in progress in the church environs.

We are still awaiting a date from Jeremy Sampson as to when he can give a concert in the church. Hopefully it will be sometime in September, but we'll publicise it as soon as we know. Something to look forward to for the autumn anyway.

In the meantime we are working hard to increase our bank of longer term, core supporters : you can become an official *Friend of St Firmins* for as little as £3 per month or £36 per year. Forms can be picked up in the church, requested from Jim Wilmore (treasurer), or you can always contact me. They should then be returned to your bank.

To establish a viable restoration fund, we desperately need a stable, long term income, which only a *Friends* scheme can provide so if you feel able to support it, we shall all benefit in the long run. Yesterday, as I was going to post a letter, I saw a wedding party arriving outside the church. The sun was shining and everyone was smiling and cheerful, looking forward to their big event. It made me think what a loss it would be if there were no more such events and St Firmin's was locked and boarded up, which seems to be the fate of some village churches these days. This week the church wardens will be giving us a presentation on aspects of the building most in need of repair. Only we, the village, and particularly The Friends, can supply the necessary funds, so do please consider becoming a regular donor if you can.

Hopefully 'The Friends' is not only about money and we look forward to enjoying your company at our next event. Thank you all for your support so far.

Ann Shaw 01234 391797

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 7th July, 2015.

Apologies

Councillors Hobbs and Stapleton, Finance Officer Bushnell plus Ward Councillors McLean and Geary.

Planning

Change of use from amenity land to garden for 1 Bryans Crescent has been refused.

26 Orchard way has submitted revised plans for a single storey extension which received no comments.

Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Hosking provided an update :

- MKC have appointed a new Head of Highways Department who will be the focus of our attention during the High Street pavement installation this summer.
- Cllr Hosking will investigate with MKC what relevant action can be taken with regard to speed control and road width in Brook End.

Finance

A total of £2,506.13 had been spent in the previous month, all to cover expected items. Receipts totalled £564.21.

It was agreed to part finance a resident's fence which has been damaged by a tree under NCPC care.

Churchyard Matters

The PC will arrange a site visit in order to assess locations for possible additional grave plots.

War Memorial Cleaning Update

This will be completed prior to Armistice Day.

Brook End Traffic Issue

As previously mentioned, Ward Cllr Hosking will seek guidance from MKC on what solutions are available in order to satisfy complaints of speeding and cars travelling in the middle of the road.

Residential Safety – Pavement Widening

The pavement alterations plus the addition of strategically placed bollards are due to take place in August. MKC will be chased for an accurate date plus samples of materials to be used.

Residential Safety – Landscape

MKC have agreed to cut back vegetation from the path between Nixies Walk and Violets Close.

The issue of footpaths across farm fields not being reinstated has been raised. Cllr Flower will contact MKC in order to progress.

NAG Report

No progress to report.

Councillor Items

Following a letter from the Clerk concerning speeding drivers, Nissan have responded in writing; apologising and seeking registration numbers if this continues to be an issue. They have also reminded their staff of their social responsibility.

It appears that Superfast Broadband is now available as some residents have received a letter offering them the option to pay for an upgraded service. However, there is some confusion as the BT website is still stating that it is not available, and reports of phone calls to BT and other providers appear to back this up. Either way, progress is anticipated soon.

A complaint has been received about the height of a garden hedge in Orchard Way, which is causing visibility issues for drivers. The Clerk will contact the resident and request that they take appropriate action.

Resident Items

A resident requested an update related to why the church clock does not chime; they were referred to speak to the Friends of St. Firmin's as this is not a PC issue.

The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1st September, at 7:30pm.

Cllr Keith Rogers

NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.

It seems a long time ago now, but on 15th July we had an outing to the Milton Keynes Museum. If you have not been there it is an interesting place. They happen to have a room done out with our Banners on the walls and then something from all the W.I.'s in Buckinghamshire. We took the embroidered tablecloth made in 1951 by Katy Greenaway (who was Mrs Boswell's maid and came here from Germany) and designed by Gwen Goodman from Little Crawley. We also included letters from officials of the W.I., a letter from the Government saying we could have an extra 1lb of sugar a year for our meetings, lots of pamphlets explaining how to bottle fruit, clean and tan rabbit skins, salt runner beans to keep them, and everything else to keep us alive. This was six years *after* the War. Another letter we included was one from Mr. Boswell's office saying we could hire the Village Hall for sixpence a meeting.

The rest of the Museum was also interesting. Lots of little shops of all kinds, a Victorian school room, a room full of very old toys, a barn full of farm implements and machinery, and large room full of telephone equipment, some very old.

We had our tea and scones in the restaurant run by ladies dressed in Victorian clothes. It is a really good day out.

Our next meeting is 16th September and will be our Harvest Supper. *It is also the Anniversary of us being 100 years since the first W.I. was formed in Anglesey. If anyone would like to attend please add another place at the table.*

Call 01234 391586.

Pam

**HM The Queen
Centenary Annual Meeting**



I am delighted to join you here today for the national Annual General Meeting in this, the 100th year of the Women's Institute in Britain.

In the century since the first W.I. groups were formed in North Wales and in Sussex, so much has changed for women in our society.

There has been significant economic and social change since 1915. Women have been granted the vote, British women have climbed Everest for the first time and the country has elected its first female Prime Minister.

The Women's Institute has been a constant throughout, gathering women together, encouraging them to acquire new skills and nurturing unique talents.

In the modern world, the opportunities for women to give something of value to society are greater than ever, because, through their own efforts, they now play a much greater part in all areas of public life.

Over the past 100 years, the W.I. has continued to grow and evolve with its members to stay relevant and forward-thinking.

In 2015 it continues to demonstrate that it can make a real difference to the lives of women of all ages and cultural backgrounds, in a spirit of friendship, cooperation and support.

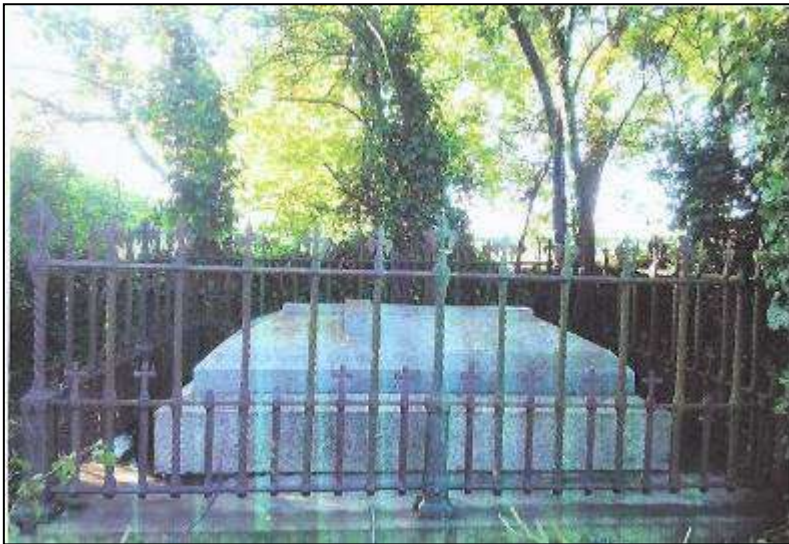
I congratulate you all on this significant occasion and formally declare this Annual General Meeting open.



MAIL BAG AND ANNOUCEMENTS

Our beautiful and special St Laud's Church is in desperate need of some loving care in terms of regular cleaning. It is a large building and cannot be cleaned by one person alone. To this end I would be so grateful if you could contact me if you could spare half an hour a month to be on a cleaning rota to help keep our gorgeous building looking at its best for our community and all the visitors it receives. Thank you Paula Noble 01234 216925/ paula-me@hotmail.co.uk

A huge thank you to Steven Beal from our village for accepting the challenge of tending this very ancient tomb in St Laud's Church. A



descendant of the Umney family living in Northampton contacted me asking if I could help. I had never noticed it before and the reason was clear when she showed it to me. It was overgrown so much that it couldn't be seen! It was well beyond a quick prune! Steven very kindly agreed to take on the enormous job

of returning it to its former glory and did a great job. It is difficult to read the inscriptions on the sides. If you know anything else about this tomb, I would be interested to learn more. The Umney family donated two stained glass windows to our church – can you spot them? Steven is available to undertake tomb/ grave clearing jobs for St Laud's Church – I would happily recommend him. (by Paula Noble - paula-me@hotmail.co.uk)

THUMBSTICK WALK



We will be leading a Thumbstick walk from the Knoll on Sunday 6th September at 9.30 a.m. It will be a local walk, all welcome, but no dogs please. K & G.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL

Thank you to all who have supported this over the years.

Briefly, covered shoe boxes packed with small gifts, are distributed to children in poorer countries. Samaritans' Purse (a Christian organisation) coordinates this through local churches in these countries.

For information, or a leaflet, please 'phone 01908 617 599.
The leaflets give details of what is required, including Samaritans' Purse address, telephone number, Email and Web details.

Completed boxes may be delivered to 3, Hillview, Sherington by Monday 2nd November.

Pam Ellis

Rotary

Have you heard of Rotary, and do you know what it does?

There are 1.2 million Rotarians globally, belonging to autonomous clubs within Rotary International.

Rotarians are professional and business people united in the ideal of "Service Above Self". Rotary Clubs from different countries often work together to support local and global causes.

There are several Rotary Clubs in this area. The nearest to SCAN Parish is the Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell, which meets in the Swan Revived Hotel every Wednesday evening. The Club raises funds through events, and makes donations either direct, or via other charities. Rotarians also provide non-financial support such as organising mock-interviews, science tournaments and international exchanges for schools and students.

Causes supported by the Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell include: Willen Hospice; Rotary Foundation program for eradication of polio; Christmas trees to local schools; The Jaipur Limb Clinic producing low-cost prosthetics; Rotary "Shelter Boxes" for emergency disaster relief; providing a mobility scooter to a local child.

Rotary welcomes new members. If you are interested to know more please contact Ian Townsend on 07785 368101 or ian.townsend8@btinternet.com

A WALK ON THE WET SIDE WITH THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

The NTG decided to have a walk for their July meeting and met together at Bury Fields. About 12 members and one dog set off across the common on a pleasantly warm evening; the pace was just right for chatting between the walkers, and the dog was off the lead exploring but keeping an eye on "she who must be obeyed but very often isn't!". The group split into two smaller groups - a forward one and the rear group which consisted of 5 ladies and the dog. Along the way the dog managed to find a muddy ditch but no one worried as we were nearing the river. Once the river was reached the dog was in her element and rushed IN and OUT a few times. However, the next time she went in she couldn't get out as the river was fairly low and the bank too steep! Two ladies attempted to reach down to the dog's collar but that didn't work; the dog's owner then thought that a clump halfway down the riverside would take her weight. **WRONG!!** Down she slid (elegantly, she hoped) into the Ouse - waist deep! There was not a problem now in rescuing the panicking dog as, once the lead was attached to her collar, it was easy for the lady in the river to hand it up to a friend on the bank side who pulled whilst the river lady pushed. Now the problem was how to get the lady out of the river! "There's never a man around when you need one" observed one wit in the group but all was not lost as two young men with a dog were spotted further along the river bank. The group waved to them and they, obviously thinking that the natives were friendly, waved back! However, once they understood that their help was needed they sprang into action and with one of them sitting on the bank side and the other kneeling, they managed to grab the hands of the now very wet dog owner and haul her up the river side onto the grass. Profuse thanks were given and the group of five plus the dog set off on the rest of their walk. Julie Smith, the walk organiser, received a 'phone call from a member of the forward group, who had arrived back at the cars, asking where the rear group was. Julie assured the caller that all was well and that the group had "had a little adventure"! Soon the four dry ladies, one rather wet and squelching lady and a subdued dog met up with the rest of the original group and told them the story of their adventure.

Who was the lady in the river? Well, the dog is that well known "spaniel around Sherington" named Sherry.

So ladies, the New Thursday Group cannot always guarantee an adventure but come along to one of our meetings on the first Thursday of each month in the Village Hall at 8pm and we can guarantee you a warm welcome.

Sherington New Thursday Group present

“Mine’s a Jameson”

***A curious family tale by Sherington Resident,
Mr Stephen Kennedy of :-***

Emigration
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Drowning
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Shipwreck

Royalty
Conspiracy
Freedom
Identity
Temperance
Politics
Feasting
Family Reminiscence

all in one happy lifetime

Thursday 3rd September 2015 at 8 pm
Sherington Village Hall
All Welcome



Wanted: Secure garage or lockup space in Sherington to keep either one or both of my motorcycles (depending on space available). They are modern motorbikes that are clean and do not drop oil. I'm happy to pay a reasonable rent for the space. I use the bikes regularly so would need to be free to access it/them as required. Please contact Roger Leslie on 01908 616426 or 07939 308833.

Friends of Willen Hospice

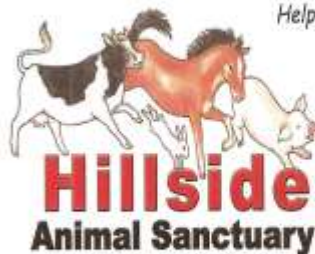
Barn Dance & Fish & Chip Supper

**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



Alan and Judy Plater, ex-residents of Chicheley, send 'best wishes' and request your help please. As some of you know, we support various charities including the HILLSIDE ANIMAL SANCTUARY in Norfolk. Once a year we visit to take items suitable for animal winter bedding so if you have any **duvets, blankets, sheeting and towels** (sorry no pillows or cushions) that we could take, we would be delighted. We plan to visit end of October, so would appreciate your call – 07745569044 or 01234 825075 and we can arrange to collect your donation.

If you would like to learn more about the charity go to – www.hillside.org.uk.

Many thanks

Alan and Judy on behalf of the rescued animals.

ST. LAUD'S
HARVEST SUPPER

(TRADITIONAL FARE)
& HARVEST AUCTION

SHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Monday 5th 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 weather continues to be mainly hot and dry and whilst we have had the odd rainy day the ground is still very dry and needs watering frequently. Some news this month on matters to do with nature.

I received the following email from a resident of Carter's Close: "I expect many of the SCAN readers will have noticed that we occasionally have a red kite over the village (sightings getting more frequent). One afternoon some weeks ago, we saw a red kite swoop in low over our garden wall in Carter's Close, and almost land in the garden (which is not big) before taking off over the trees towards the Small House. It then circled over the area for about half an hour. We discovered there was a dead bird on our patio, so we assume that the kite was interested in this." This reminded me that when I was at the farm auction last month I glanced upwards to see a red kite lazily circling over Carter's Close and then it gradually drifted off towards North Crawley. Another report from Dave Carter that on 27th July he spotted a sparrowhawk demolishing a pigeon on the green in Carter's Close and that he had also seen a humminhgbird hawkmoth twice in his garden. We had a elephant hawkmoth in our garden recently. Then in early August a report from Pat and Jim Fleming in Church End that they had had a sparrowhawk in their small garden eating a ring dove and all that was left was a heap of feathers and a beak. Interestingly we also had a heap of feathers left in our drive a few weeks ago and I suspect that this could have the same cause although at the time I blamed one of the local cats.

Some very good news now via Tony Pilcher:

"Our Sherington Community Shop's local Post Office facility is expected to re-open on SEPT 14th. (a date which coincides with managers Kahna and Bavna's young son Youg's Birthday!) This re-opening will of course be very much welcomed by all here in the village and especially those who have endured the long queues and parking difficulties at peak times in Newport Pagnell or Olney, or who have perhaps not been able to get to those places (through infirmity) at all.

So, thank you to those in the community and beyond, who helped secure this facility for us. As we write (July 23rd.) Bavna is in Croydon undergoing her training course in the management of the P.O. counter systems to be employed here. Thanks very much for that Tony.

Some news now of a notable celebration.

Golden Wedding Celebration.

Fifty years ago on July 31st 1965 The Rector of Sherington Rev. L.R. L. Bearman officiated at the marriage of his son Michael to Christine at St Lauds church. The church was decorated with flowers from Chicheley Hall by kind permission of Lord and Lady Beatty. Michael and Christine had a house built on land in Water Lane which had been Peter Gardner's orchard and have lived there ever since. Christine taught for a short time at the village school and was a founder of the village playgroup whilst Michael started his career for the local agricultural merchant J A Price of Newport Pagnell.

Their children Christopher and Caroline went to the local school and the whole family celebrated this momentous occasion together at the Farmers Club in London.

The White Hart Danglers had a very enjoyable match at Alders Farm Fishery, near Great Brickhill, on Saturday 1st August.

Our total weight was 865 lb, our best weight so far this year.

The winner was Danny Coles with 130 lb 12 oz - his best ever weight in our matches.

Robin Storey was second with 103 lb 8 oz, and John Bailey came third with 98 lb.

See the full results at - www.whitehartdanglers.co.uk

Thanks to Tony Barry for the above item

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

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - News

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break. The PC did not have one – here is my look at what we have been doing.

The ownership of the shop building has now transferred to the PC, so we are responsible for its maintenance. For our tenants, it is business as usual, as the PC is not involved in the shop business itself.

MKC Housing own the main part of the Pavilion car park, which is leased to the PC. They have now filled in some the potholes (those nearest the garages) and we continue to press them to complete the job. The Pavilion Working Party has compiled a prioritised list of maintenance and enhancement work, and quotes are now being obtained for the first items. To provide a more efficient and effective service, the roles of caretaker and cleaner are being combined and the new role will be a 'proper' PC employee, like the Clerk. If you are interested in applying, please see the separate notice for more details. Bookings are being taken for the new football season, and for the function room. Hire charges are very low and represent a real bargain! We may need to review the charges in future.

The public consultation on the MKC Minerals Plan has been delayed, as it has been called in for review. It remains to be seen whether this affects the proposals for the local Lathbury site. Also, we have been told the MKC Housing Site Allocations Plan will now focus on the urban area, provided the Sherington Neighbourhood Plan (NPlan) delivers the required 20-40 houses. Whilst this significantly increases our workload, as we will have to do the site assessment ourselves, it is good that greater control has been devolved to us. Most of the village has now had a visit from a Councillor (and volunteer) followed up by the survey. This is just the start of the consultations taking place over the next few months. See Keith's separate article for more NPlan news.

Just a reminder that the Village Hall Play Area is for children. Dogs must be on a lead. There are notices!

A resident has expressed interest in having an allotment. Is anyone else interested? If so, please let us know, so we can assess demand.

PC meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month and the public are very welcome. Agendas & Minutes are published on the PC website. Suggestions or comments on the PC's services or facilities are welcome at any time. Just contact me, the Clerk or one of the other Councillors.

Ian Collinge (Chairman)

Vacancy for Combined Caretaker and Cleaner for the Pavilion to Sherington Parish Council

The Parish Council is seeking an enthusiastic and organised individual to work up at the Pavilion in Sherington. The position available is a part time job as a combined Caretaker and Cleaner.

To present the Sports Ground and Pavilion of Sherington to all users and members of the public in its best possible light with regards to cleanliness, tidiness, good repair and readiness to be an excellent facility for those that make use of it.

Sherington Pavilion Duties include:

- Discussing with the Parish Council and Clerk the work required each week and being in good contact with the Parish Council so all bookings/maintenance can be dealt with seamlessly.
- Unlocking and relocking the building before and after bookings.
- Ensuring the building is ready for each booking.
- Carrying out the cleaning, including running the showers and taps through once a week.
- Replacing Janitorials (soap, paper towels, toilet rolls etc...) as and when necessary.
- Advising the Parish Council and Clerk of damage, vandalism, repairs etc immediately on discovery.
- Advising the Clerk when Janitorial are running low so they can be replaced.
- Setting up / clearing away the function room including tables for / after bookings when requested.
- Window cleaning.
- Intensive cleaning – cooker, fridges, kitchen cupboards etc...
- Painting/ minor maintenance as and when required.
- And any other relevant duties connected to the cleanliness & tidiness of the pavilion inside and outside necessary for the hire and general good upkeep of the facility.

Sherington Sports Ground Duties include:

- Weekly play area inspection checked and signed Inspection Report to be completed after checking each time. Inspection Report to be delivered to the

Parish Council monthly to authorise action, unless there is a more urgent requirement. *Continued.....*

- Litter clearing in and around children's play area, sports field, car park and surrounding areas.
- Emptying of outside litter bins if they have not been done by the Council.
- To tidy the car park, and sweep pathways and access road in and around the facility to keep it tidy.
- To mark-up the football pitch before matches and cricket boundary line.
- To erect the football goals, nets, spectator rope barriers etc as required before every game during the relevant seasons.

To apply, send a brief CV and accompanying letter setting out the reasons why you would be right for this role to:

Hannah Balazs – Clerk to Sherington Parish Council
130 Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, MK16 9BH
Email: parishcouncil@sherington.org.uk

Closing date for applications is 18th September 2015. The parish council intends to interview suitable applicants during September so please indicate your availability and give full contact details with your application.

Sherington Pre School End of Term – Jo with the children



Sherington Neighbourhood Plan

Overview

By the time that you read this you will have received, and hopefully have completed, the Village Questionnaire. The purpose of this survey is to tease out village opinion on a wide range of topics and use the responses to mould the basis of the Plan. There is still much work to be done in preparing the detail, receiving feedback from all stakeholders, organising events, negotiations with landowners, technical studies, working with MKC to ensure compliance and so on and so forth. It is no easy task and we really do need your assistance and forbearance because it is necessarily a lengthy process.

Communication

The basis of effective communication must be two way. The PC and Steering Group are duty bound to keep everyone informed of progress and crucial issues that may arise. Equally the community should make a contribution to the debate. This can be done in several ways and to include:

- Attend meetings (all are open) and events, listen to the discussion and have your say. Monthly meetings of the Steering Group are held last Tuesday of the month, 7.30 pm at the pavilion. The next 'Drop in' session is 5th September, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.30
- email to Cllr Will Bush or Cllr Ian Collinge
- pop a message in the Village Shop, Neighbourhood Plan post box which will be retained for an extended period

Compliance

We are governed by certain defined rules of compliance e.g. Local and National Planning Guidance and some EU environmental protocols. Beyond that the NP can include only specified areas and subject matter. Principally the NP is about land use and designation i.e. housing and commercial development prospects, recreational facilities, amenity areas, green spaces, heritage, habitat and associated essential infrastructure. We shall be tested on compliance by an independent Examiner prior to any referendum.

Interface with MKC Site Allocations Plan

Things have changed somewhat recently, therefore the update on the Village Website dated 3rd August is essential reading

Keith Carey Sherington NP Steering Group

SHERINGTON INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Following the death of Marion MacDonald we decided to hold an interclub annual competition between Sherington and Denton, the two bowls clubs that Marion belonged to. Marion's two daughters, Lindsey and Gillian, kindly offered to donate a cup and also came to watch the first match which was played in Sherington Village Hall on the 14th July. I am pleased to report that Sherington won and will hold the cup until the return match (we plan to retain it!), which will be held next year in Denton. Lindsey and Gillian presented the cup to Mike Stoneman, the skipper of the Sherington team.



SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Well, it was a very emotional end of term, which saw us say a sad farewell to Jo. We wish her all the best in her retirement, but we're sure we will still see her around. Jo was presented with flowers and gifts from the committee, parents and staff. Jo's speech was emotional as she reflected back on her time at the pre-school.



Jo shares one of her present to the children on her last day

The children participated in our end of year performance of a Squash and a Squeeze and were fantastic! The children who were leaving told the story of the little old lady who invited various animals into her house only to shoo them out again. They then sang their favourite songs before being presented with their special books. It was really nice to see so many of you, thank you for coming and showing your support. Before we broke up the children planted seed potatoes for a Christmas, a variety called Duke of York. Blue berries, French beans, peas and lettuce they have been steadily harvested. We are just waiting for the tomatoes to turn red. Also in Tom's garden one of our sunflowers has reached a staggering 4 meters in height! Definitely a record.

We start back in September by welcoming two new members of staff: Shell Taylor who will be the Supervisor and Colette Johnson, Pre-School Assistant, who you may recognise as she has been a volunteer at Sherington for some time now.

We also welcome all of our new starters; Luca, Imogen, Gyana, Thomas, Benjamin, Rae, Eoin and Buddy and their families to the setting. We look forward to meeting and getting to know them all as they start their journey with us at the Pre-School. Our topic when we return will be Harvest. We will be exploring all areas of this, from how things are grown, vegetable printing and even making our own bread, this then will lead us into Autumn.

If you wish to contact the Pre-school please call 01908 611398 or 07538 695918.



Toms garden August 2015



JUST LOOK AT OUR GIANT SUNFLOWER - WOW, IT IS TALLER THAN KAY!

Sherington Bell Ringers:

The North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers (our local branch) holds a practice night on the 1st Friday of each month for the not-so expert ringers, so they can practice at different towers and improve their bell handling. In October and November they are coming to Chicheley and Sherington respectively, so if you hear the bell's ringing on the Friday evening , this is what is happening.

Our next few practices are:

10th September 7:30pm – Sherington	24th September 7:30pm – Sherington
8th October 7:30pm – Sherington	22nd October 7:30pm – Chicheley
12th November - 7:30pm – Sherington	26th November 7:30pm – Sherington

I think I need to add a small apology, as we are a small number sometimes the practices get cancelled due to the small numbers of the group. So apologies if you turn up and find no one there. If you want to come and have a look or a go, you are very welcome, if you hear the bells just come up and say 'Hi'. Or you can call 01908 216543 to confirm details.

Thanks

Mark



SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

email: SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk

Generally the Society meets in Sherington Village Hall

on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

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

Wild Sherington

Following on from last month's notes on the photographic competition there has been a nice increase in number of photos that have been submitted, but it seems that we could do with some more from the younger (under 11 years) and middle (11 years- 18 years) category as we have not had very many at all. It would be great to get the teenager's view of the wildlife they see in the village. Just to remind you the deadline has been extended to the end of the year and all images should be emailed to the following email address: shs_photos@mediadrome.co.uk. Any queries should also be sent to this email address. So get snapping.

September Meeting:

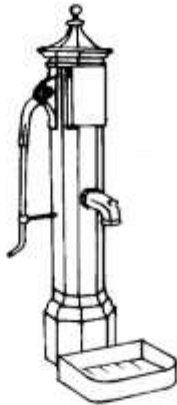
On the 8th September we will meet up to prepare for the Open Day (26th September) - the Sherington Authors' Open Day exhibition. Work has started on putting this together, but it would be great to get as much help as we can on the 8th.

October Meeting:

Stephen Kennedy is coming to talk to us again on the 13th October. The talk this year is called "A Doctor in the family" with a sub title of: Tales from the Boer War to WW1, A selection of poetry and prose interspersed with contemporary newsreel footage.
ONE NOT TO MISS!

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The Sherington Historical Society



Sherington Historical Society

Open Day

&

SHERINGTON AUTHORS

A retrospective look at some of the published works and their authors, who have been residents of Sherington.

ALSO

*****Full archives open to all*****



Sherington Village Hall,
Saturday 26th September 2015 12:00pm to 4:30pm
Raffle & Refreshments available
Free Entry

Web: www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs Email:
SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

(See also 'Announcements' Pages' for more New Thursday
Group News)

3rd 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).**

8th October **Visit to Stoke Goldington
Thursday Club for 7.30 pm.
Lifts will be arranged.**

*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.*

**SCAN IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO READ ONLINE,
THANKS TO OUR SHERINGTON WEBMASTE
IAN COLLINGE:**

Here is Ian's helpful guide to those of you who are not familiar with all the technical procedures.

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