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SCAN 456 – OCTOBER SCAN

Dear Friends,

Autumn is approaching – I'm still waiting for Summer. Meanwhile, we are making slow but steady progress towards appointing a new rector. The rectory has been let initially for 6 months, but that does not mean we shall have a new rector by then. Meanwhile all the churches are functioning individually and are working hard together to see that things run as smoothly as possible. We are continuing with the usual services with help from Rev'd Coralie Mansfield, a curate in training based in Olney, Rev'd Robert Penman and occasionally others. Baptisms, weddings and funerals have all been taking place as usual. If all this leads you to wonder if we really need a rector – please don't, believe me, we do! We are doing all we can to keep things ticking over but we would like to be in the business of Mission rather than Maintenance.

However, St Laud's is so impressed with the 'Friends of Firmins' that they are hoping to start something similar. Many people, church-goers or not, have expressed an interest in the church building for its own sake. 'Friends' groups are formed to maintain and improve the fabric of the church building. They are quite separate from the running of church services and the payment of the Parish Share to the diocese. A very successful scheme has been running in Emberton for many years. There will be an open meeting in St Laud's on 6th October at 7pm when Mike Horton and Caroline Ellis from Emberton will explain the scheme in greater detail and answer any questions. Interested? Come along, have a glass of wine and find out more.

Meanwhile we can't ignore the poor souls trying to get away from violence and persecution around the Mediterranean. Our country has a long history or accepting, if not necessarily welcoming, refugees and migrants from different countries and different cultures. The news and pictures of tragic unnecessary death has moved the hearts of people and politicians alike. There have been protests and demands for our country to do more. The Bible encourages us to 'Love our neighbour as ourselves'. Surely these are our 'neighbours'. Imagine if these were our own children and grandchildren, neighbours and friends, desperate, driven from their homes by persecution and unspeakable violence. I am well aware of all the complications and the arguments for and against but it seems to me that the need is obvious and we must respond. We are looking into ways in which we in Scan might help practically. Any ideas?

Every blessing now, to you and yours,

Pam Fielding [Associate Priest – that means the genuine article but part-time and a volunteer!]

CHURCH SERVICES

OCTOBER

| 'Something Different' - Sherington |
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| Harvest Service for Everyone (followed by |
| Community Harvest Lunch in the Institute – North Crawley) |
| Harvest Festival Evensong – Chicheley |
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| Holy Communion (for Harvest) - Sherington |
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| Holy Communion - Chicheley |
| Evensong – North Crawley |
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NOVEMBER

| 1 November 10.30 am | 'Something Different' - Sherington |
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| 8 November | Remembrance Day |
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion (with Act of Remembrance) – |
| | Sherington |
| 11 am | Holy Communion (10.50 am at the War Memorial) – |
| | Chicheley |
| 6 pm | Service of Remembrance – North Crawley |
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29th November3 pmCarol Service, Hardmead Church

'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

7 October (Holy Communion at 11.30am) 21 October
4 November (Holy Communion at 11.30am) 18 November
2 December (Holy Communion at 11.30am)
16 December Soup Group Christmas Nibbles



All ages welcome (children too!)

More from those lovely ladies and their typewriters:

This evening at 7 pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church.

Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings

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

We ask for God's blessing on:

Lewis Alexander Tompkins and Emily Jane Thody who were married in St Firmin's Church North Crawley on Friday 28 August

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

Funerals

RIP Pat Quinn of Sherington – whose ashes were buried in St Laud's on 1 August

RIP Maureen Adams of Sherington – who was cremated on 25 August followed by a Service of Thanksgiving in St Laud's

RIP Gladys Borton of Sherington – who was buried in St Laud's on 8 September

RIP Margaret Chapman of Sherington – whose ashes were buried in St Laud's on 16 September

RIP Gwenn Hetherington of Sherington – whose ashes were buried in St Laud's on 17 September

'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'





Are you experiencing a time of difficulty?

Perhaps you are suffering, feeling anxious or afraid?

Maybe you are struggling with bereavement, loneliness or sadness?

Whatever your circumstances if you would like them to be prayed for by members of the prayer chain please contact:

Jan Weatherley 01234 391387 jcweatherley@btinternet.com

All requests will be treated sensitively and if you prefer your personal details may remain anonymous when passed along the chain.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"



St Laud's Church

Church End, Sherington, near Newport Pagnell, Bucks, MK16 9PD



Saturday 10th October 2015



7:30pm – 10pm

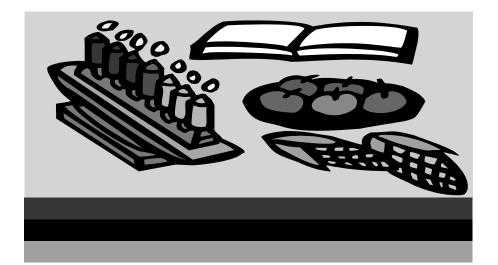
With our popular quizmasters: Neil and Patricia Hodges! Tickets £10 sold in advance



Book soon !! Tickets from Paula 01908 216925

Not in a team? Don't worry!! We can make up teams on the night. To order fish and chips please confirm attendance ahead of the date

> Fish and chip supper from 8:30pm Tea and coffee in the interval Bring own drinks and nibbles Raffle prizes (prizes gratefully accepted) Prizes for the winning team!



ST FIRMIN'S HARVEST SERVICE for everyone 11am Sunday 11th October followed by COMMUNITY HARVEST LUNCH 12.30pm in the Institute

If you would like to come to lunch please let us know by 5th October (and if veggie option is required) : Janice 391350 Joan 391517

No charge for lunch but donations gratefully received for named charity

Please bring tinned and packet goods suitable for MK Foodbank to the service (list in church of their preferred items)

'Come, ye thankful people, come'

Another month has passed and the Autumn chill is already in the air and by the time you are reading this we will be experiencing more hours of darkness than light. In fact there is only 85 days left till Christmas - now that is a scary thought!

Recently we have had some change of personnel in the village. We welcome the new families: Steve and his partner and dogs in Main Road, the Thomas family Emma and Paul and their two children and next door Tracy and Stewart in Cranfield Road. We would like to wish them all a happy time in Astwood.

Also, we now have an additional wind turbine which suddenly made an appearance like the Sword of Damocles hanging over the village certainly when viewed from the top of Cranfield hill, but I am sure many will join myself in thinking that it embraces our 'green' credentials. Every new wind turbine means that whilst the wind blows we are all a little less dependant on oil, which is one of the factors in forcing down the price of oil! Apparently this summer the wind was recorded at a higher level than for the previous 30 years. I am certain this is a true fact as I heard it the other week on Gardeners Question Time on Radio 4. I have also heard that to guarantee wind there is a proposal to mount a wind turbine on a tower 15 kilometres high to benefit from the Gulf Stream, which would give a consistent electric supply to the National Grid and before you say this is not possible, when I was born so was going to the moon and certainly no mobile phones!! Before going any further this not a plan for Astwood or even Great Britain, I think they are thinking of Canada.

I am sure that it has not escaped your notice that the Queen is now the longest serving British Monarch, and although I very much doubt that she reads the SCAN I am sure you all will want to send your congratulations to her. My wife who is slightly younger them me always takes great pleasure to remind me that I have been fortunate enough to know two monarchs in my lifetime. Talking of the Royals I was very impressed yesterday when Prince Harry selflessly gave up his seat in a Spitfire on the Battle of Britain fly past to a disabled soldier, a fine example to us all.

Harvest supper

Despite announcements in previous SCANs it is still not too late book your seat at the Harvest Supper which is now taking place on 5th October, but please hurry with the

last minute bookings. The meal will no doubt be the usual high quality with an auction of produce afterwards conducted by a 'celebrity auctioneer'. So please come and have a good time, all are welcome.

Astwood Golf Society

The village golf society enjoyed a great day out at Buckingham Golf Club on September 14^{th.} Competition was keen but friendly and the weather was kind (or kind-ish, once the hailstones had finished!). The star of the day was John Allcoat who not only won both individual competitions and captained the winning team – he drove the bus which meant the rest of the golfers could enjoy the trip back even more! Well done John and thanks. A big thanks also to Bob who has agreed to get the trophies engraved and to Doug who bought the "mystery prize". It is hoped that there will be a similar day again next year so any Astwood golfers who did not make this year – it would be great to have you along next time. If interested, please contact Dave Emsley

Forthcoming events

5th October - Harvest Supper in Village Hall

21st October - Parish Council

Monday nights - Pilates

Thursday nights - Bridge club

Sunday nights - Bridge club

Lieutenant Pidgeon



Recently a large pile of road chippings appeared in the layby near our house, followed by an assortment of vehicles to use it in repairing roads. As a result the road from the top of Chicheley hill into Sherington and Gog lane, from the A422 to Little Crawley, now have fine, smooth surfaces. We are all swift to complain about the potholes so, for a change, can give some praise to the roadmen for their achievement.

September seems to be flying by, no Indian summer so far, but there is still hope. We personally had an enjoyable 5th September with a quick lunch at Alban Hill, then helping Newport Pagnell Rotary club with a street collection in Olney for Willen Hospice, followed by a warming cup of tea and cake in St. Lauds Church in Sherington (it was good to see so many children enjoying the afternoon) and finishing with an excellent cheese and wine supper at Hill farm in Chicheley. It's surprising what you can pack into a Saturday.

Moving on to our future events in Chicheley:

HICHELEY

On October 3rd there will be a quiz and supper in the village hall. As of today (17th September) I understand this may be fully booked but try 01234 825075 if you still want to enter.

I believe that the farming harvest from Chicheley is now all in storage barns, although we gardeners still have produce in the ground and on fruit trees, so now is the time of year we give thanks for all the good things we have. One only has to look at the television or newspapers to see there are many in the world not as fortunate as we in our little island. If you want to give thanks then an opportunity is on Sunday 11th October in Chicheley Church at 6pm for a traditional harvest festival service. The church will be decorated with produce from the fields and gardens; we will sing some harvest hymns, say our prayers and finish with some light refreshments. If you would like to join in then just turn up.

Having given thanks we continue the celebration on Saturday 17th October with a harvest supper in the village hall, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Our menu and tickets prices will be as usual. If you would like to attend please call 01234 391371 to book your place. If you haven't attended previously then why not give it a try?

On the 13th October our local democracy is at work with a Parish Meeting in Chicheley village hall at 8pm. This is your opportunity to hear from our elected officers

and local councillors what is happening in our village and the local area, and of course for us to voice our comments, questions and concerns.

Finally this month, to look a little further ahead and return to farming, or more particularly a local farmer. The late Ted Duncombe farmed at Grange Farm in Chicheley for many years. He was a much respected and loved part of our community, and in his case one of the generation who fought in the Second World War. Ted joined the Royal Air Force, trained as a pilot and flew a Wellington bomber. On a bombing raid he was shot down and became a prisoner of war. His family eventually persuaded him to talk about his experiences and recorded them on film and they have kindly agreed to share that with us on Saturday 21st November in Chicheley village hall with the details posted below. This promises to be a fascinating evening.

David.

Please come to see An Airman's Story



on Saturday 21st November 2015 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm at Chicheley Village Hall

Filmed memories from the late Ted Duncombe Chicheley's own local hero

Light refreshments

For places, please ring David R on 01234 391371 or Christine on 01234 391489

Organised by Chicheley Village Hall Committee with donations to the British Red Cross and Village Hall funds







ORTH CRAWLEY NEWS AND COMMENT Definitely getting a little more autumnal as we move into October.

As well as being a good year for allotment holders and small scale growers of fruit and vegetables, I'm reliably informed that local farmers have also had excellent yields this season. However it appears that successful crops have not only been countrywide but global, which has led to a surplus, which in turn means a lower price for the local farmer. It appears that too little, and too much, are both unsatisfactory results, and leaves me wondering what does a farmer have to do to achieve a good return for his/her endeavours.

Unfortunately I haven't received a report regarding the annual 'Horticultural Show' staged by the bowls club, but expect it will be written about separately. However I did bump into someone recently in the Chequers with half-a-dozen onions the size of melons. I commented they must have won first prize, but it seems the owner had only displayed two of them rather than three so failed to meet the qualifying criteria. This brought a collective tear to our gathered eyes, but I'm sure next years crop, if entered correctly, will surely sweep the board.

Please note that the IMC annual general meeting is being held in the Institute at 7.00 on Monday 23 November. Please support this event by sending a representative, especially user groups which include the church and the school, as volunteers are required for a number of positions on the Committee. It is also key to note that decisions regarding the upkeep (cleaning, heating, maintenance, hire charges etc.), are made by this Committee, so if you want to influence the decisions made for the benefit of your organisation then you need a representative to attend meetings, which are approximately once every two months. One of the key positions is 'Lettings Secretary' which has proved very problematic to fill since the last AGM. However a good deal of thought has been expended to simplify the process and share out the tasks involved, and there is now an electronic diary that all involved can see and a dedicated mobile number for bookings shown below, that should be used from now on.

To book the hall please ring the new number:- 07711 788 874

Historical Society.

On Saturday 12 September a walk led by John Brandon visited Pateshull Manor as part of the Milton Keynes Heritage Week. The site lies two thirds of the way down Gog Lane near Upend. Along the way John recounted interesting snippets of local history. The walkers then returned to the village hall where tea and freshly baked home-made cakes awaited.

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

North Crawley Cricket Club.

The first team finished top of the premier league for the fifth year in succession and as the captain Richard Bryce explained, it not due to one or two players but a collective effort from all concerned. This is demonstrated by five NCCC bowlers featuring in the leagues upper echelons of leading performances over the season. It obviously helps to have the leagues best performing batsmen in Alex Walker, but there are others who are are high-up in the league batting standings so there is an all round strength within the squad. The Junior section is also popular and growing in numbers which augurs well for the future of the club, and special thanks go out to Sam Howe and his supporting coaches for all their efforts to bring on the youngsters.

There was also an end of season get together of both Junior and Senior players, which was well attended by players, parents and a band of dedicated spectators, including the infamous 'Codgers'. Exciting 20/20 cricket, marvellous barbeque, entertainment, a few beverages and even warm weather made it an excellent way to round off a very successful season.

<u>Walks</u> – The next walk will be on Sunday 25 October, 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 (18th October) to the following email address: <u>christopherflower@btinternet.com</u>

Hawk-eye.

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!

FRIENDS OF ST FIRMINS OCTOBER 20015

The year draws on apace. By the time you read this the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness will be fully upon us and some of you will, no doubt, be asking what happened to the Jeremy Sampson concert promised for September. This is how it turned out: unfortunately, as Jeremy was so heavily booked, it was not possible to find a mutually convenient date, and so we have decided it would be better to try again for next September. I do hope this is not too disappointing for those of you who were looking forward to it; our sincere apologies if this is the case.

However, the good news is that we DO have a concert for you very soon (November 28th in fact), to be held in the church and presented by our own local stars, Richard Duncombe and friends: *WE THREE*. The group's repertoire includes: songs from the shows, comic monologues, music hall, Flanders & Swan and Noel Coward numbers. Tickets, to include light refreshments, are available from me at £15 for adults, £5 for children and will include light refreshments. The group is always extremely well received locally and we'd love to see as many of you as possible, at what promises to be a very entertaining evening.

Other positive news is that a quote has been accepted for repairs to the guttering on the church and that thanks to Tim Casalis we finally have *a Friends* website which will be updated regularly with news of events and developments. In the six months since our first committee meeting we have raised over £7000 and over 60 of you have signed up as regular donors. This is a remarkable achievement and our thanks go out to all of you for your support and encouragement. Our immediate aim is to extend this list to 100 members by the end of the year. The new, improved membership and application forms are now available along with the gift aid form which enables us to claim tax back on your donation. Your consent to gift-aiding does make a significant difference to our funds.

Well let's hope we have a sunny Autumn and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the <u>WE THREE</u> show: a bright spot in a dreary month! Ann Shaw 01234 391797

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council met on Tuesday 1st. September 2015.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Flower and Ward Cllrs. McLean and Geary.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Ward Councillor's Report

Ward Cllr. David Hosking advised that the Minerals Plan due to go before MK full council in July had been deferred until 16th. September.

Cllr. Hatton has been liaising with MK Council regarding start and finish dates for remedial pavement work in the High Street but has yet to hear anything. Cllr. Hosking advised her to contact them again, copying in senior officers who are aware of our concerns.

Cllr. Hobbs complained to Cllr. Hoskins regarding the work carried out on Chicheley Road. The contract had been let to sub-contractors, which he asserted was more costly than using the main contractors. Cllr. Hoskins was unable to comment until he had investigated the matter.

Cllr. Hosking advised that planning consent for a new Sainsbury's store in Olney will be discussed by MK Council on 1st. October.

Parking on the Waste Ground/Village Green

Following discussions it was resolved that parking has to be on a 'first come, first served' basis. Although residents of Church Walk have been able to park near their homes for many years, this may no longer be possible due to the number of other residents now parking their second cars on this area. The only alternative would be to declare it a 'no parking' zone and create a traditional village green for the whole community.

War Memorial Cleaning Update

As this is a special anniversary year it was agreed to go ahead with cleaning the war memorial; work which the Parish Council hope will be completed by 11th. November. Cllr. Hatton will purchase an appropriate wreath to lay on behalf of the Parish Council.

Finance Report

RFO Bushnell reported the receipts and payments for the month.

Churchyard Matters

A site meeting was held in the cemetery on 28th. August to discuss various issues:

- Review of grave spaces it was estimated that there are approximately 20 25 years' worth of spaces left based on current usage. Some trees may need to be removed as necessary but this can be discussed at a future date.
- 2. Memorial request a resident has asked whether a small memorial can be erected to the memory of her infant brother who was buried in the cemetery many years ago; although the areas of the burial is known, unfortunately the exact location of the specific grave cannot be found. This was agreed in principle as long as it does not encroach on any known graves, and the Parish Council is consulted as to the size and nature of the memorial.
- 3. Garden of rest –following discussions concerning a memorial which has been placed without exclusive rights having been purchased from the Parish Council, it was agreed to put a notice in Scan reminding residents of the regulations. This will also serve to make people aware of the need to remove the many decayed plants, flowers and decorations which make the area unsightly.
- 4. Corner area this otherwise attractive location has also become unsightly due to the dumping of soil and rubbish, some of which is not biodegradable. It was agreed that the area should be cleared and gravelled and a seat installed, and a sign erected instructing visitors to use the green bins provided for rubbish or to take it home with them.

Punch Taverns

Following a request from some residents a letter was sent to Punch Taverns regarding the possibility of repainting the outside of The Chequers The Parish Council has since been advised that the premises have now been sold by Punch Taverns.

Councillor's Items

Residential Safety – this has been noted above; the pavement works were last scheduled for the school half term week in October.

Toddler Play Area – A new lidded bin has been ordered for the play area as crows are pulling rubbish and used nappies out of the current bin.

Pavements – Cllr. Hobbs advised that pavements are in bad repair in several areas of the village. This will be reported to MK Council Highways Department.

Kilpin Green – Concerns were raised regarding older children recently using the green to kick footballs around and deliberately kicking them up into the trees and damaging the branches. When challenged, they caused more damage to tree branches before running off. Unfortunately this sort of misuse is not uncommon, so the Parish Council may, reluctantly, have to erect 'no ball games' signs around the green. However, it was agreed that in the first instance the first point of call would be to parents via Scan to ask them to ensure older children use the recreation ground and MUGA, which was built specially for them.

NAG Report

Cllr. Hunt has produced a set of data from the SIDs recently deployed on the roads into the village: 37% of vehicles exceed the speed limit at Brook End, 77.3% and in Chicheley Road (27 vehicles exceeded 70 mph, and many more entered the village at between 50 and 60 mph). Cllr. Flower had provided information from a resident concerning at least four minor accidents, and the Parish Council is concerned that there will be a fatality before measures are in place to prevent it. This information will be sent to the MK Council traffic officer and to Thames Valley Police as evidence of this long running and worsening situation.

Questions from Residents

Residents were concerned over the future of The Chequers, and asked to be kept informed of any developments.

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 6th October at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Cllr. Jo Small

NORTH CRAWLEY CEMETERY

The Parish Council would like to emphasise the situation relating to the installation of memorials in North Crawley Cemetery and Garden of Rest. The regulations state the following:

• All gravestones, memorials, plaques and inscriptions are subject to the approval of the Parish Council and must not be placed in the Cemetery or Garden of Rest unless approval has been granted, the necessary fees have been paid and the Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial obtained.

The Parish Council reserves the right to remove any gravestone, memorial or plaque which does not have the approval of the Parish Council or for which the Exclusive Right of Burial has not been granted.

• The Parish Council will also remove any memorials, wreaths, flowers, etc. which have fallen into decay.

It has been noticed that there are several items which have been placed on graves and plaques which are old and which have become untidy. The Parish Council will therefore remove anything of this nature by the end of October if relatives have not been able to do this beforehand. Any vases, etc. will be kept for a further month to give relatives the opportunity to collect them at their convenience. Please phone Sheila Bushnell on 01234 391501 to make arrangements for collection.

Also, the Parish Council would be very grateful if any members of the family of Jacqueline Whan could contact Sheila Bushnell, Parish Council Finance Officer, on 01234 391501

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NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL

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

On the last day of the summer term all the children of North Crawley School enjoyed a teddy bear's picnic together, with biscuits that they had iced and fruit kebabs which included with some home-grown produce from our lovingly-tended school grounds. We wish all our former pupils all the best of luck in their new schools and hope they have fond memories of their time at North Crawley CE School.



At the beginning of term we welcomed Mrs. Liz Craig as our new School Business Manager and Lilia, Lily, Kim, Eisha, Maddie, Thomas G, Thomas W, Harry, Summer, Jessica and Bella to our Early Years class. As we start the new school year, our Key Stage one children are already 'fired-up' to learn with their 'Superhero' topic. We look forward to seeing some new superhero characters and fantastic adventures being created this term!

OPEN MORNING

Our Open Morning on <u>Tuesday 6th October between 9:15 and 10:30 am</u> is the ideal chance for prospective parents to meet all the staff and to fully experience our Ofsted rated 'Outstanding' School in action on a normal school day.

North Crawley CE School aims to serve its community by providing an inclusive education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief, values and practice. The governors, headteacher and staff recognise their duty to raise educational standards and deliver a creative curriculum that is broadly-based, well-planned and individualised.

- We believe that every child is able to reach their maximum potential to become independent critical, reflective life-long learners.
- We provide an inspirational and stimulating teaching environment so that our children will develop lively minds that are creative, imaginative and enquiring.
- We nurture our children in a safe and secure caring community where they can develop confidence, positive attitudes and feel valued.
- We promote Christian values through our work and relationships so that children recognise their relevance throughout their lives.
- We build positive relationships between children, staff, parents and the wider community which are based on the Christian values of kindness, trust and respect.
- Our friendly village school enables children to build friendships, enjoy learning and have many happy memories.

Further information is available from North Crawley CE School - telephone: 01234 391282 or email <u>office@northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk</u> or visit our school website via <u>www.northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk</u>

NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.

Last month's speaker was a gentleman called Dusty Rhodes who gave us a talk on Superstitions. So we won't buy green cars and not own a black cat as you are bound to be a witch, etc....

Our meeting this month was our Harvest meal, organised by the Committee and be began by drinking a toast to the WI, which was 100 years old on that day. After the meal the WI members gave us readings of poems they loved. All kinds of poems; the ex-teachers gave us readings their "children" loved and laughed at; a lot of us gave readings of poems from our schooldays and also we had funny ones written by Pam Rhodes and even Des O'Connor.

Eight of us are attending the Ravenstone Quiz to keep North Crawley's side up. Mind you, the fish and chip supper, plus a choc ice would appeal more to me!

Next meeting is our Annual Meeting where a new committee will be voted for and maybe from this a new President will come from. After the business, Head Office said "we should lighten the evening", so we will probably have a Bingo Game. We had three new faces this meeting. I hope they enjoyed themselves. We enjoyed their company.

Pam

MORE FROM THOSE LOVELY LADIES AND THEIR TYPWRITERS:

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

MAIL BAG AND ANNOUCEMENTS



Thumbsticks – Sunday, 4th October

Please drive down to The Knoll for 9.30 a.m. We shall be driving to Bromham Mill from where we shall be walking the Two Mills circular walk to Stevington, weather permitting. This walk is approximately 5 miles with no stiles. No dogs please.

J & A

HAPPY DAY

It is not unreasonable to arrange the Kiddies fishing trip in late July, but it was this year because on the day it rained quite heavily. So the leader went to The Knoll at the appointed time to see if anyone turned up and to tell them that the event was called off.

To shorten the story, fifteen Mums and Kids decided they were going, whatever. So they walked from village pump to river, one mile approximately, at 2.30 pm and fished from the bank - the water being too deep for paddling. As Jo said, "They had a lovely time". Home they walked the mile at 4 pm. So the tradition continued.....15 enthusiasts soaked to the skin. You just can't stop 'em!



Join us to add beauty to our gorgeous village! All your hard work paid off last year – the crocuses leading up to the church last Spring were stunning. So let's add more! Keep an eye out for posters around the village for our next bulb planting church fundraiser in November.

SHERINGTON GOLF TOURNAMENT

On August Bank Holiday Sunday the cream of the Sherington golfing world competed at the Bedfordshire Golf Club course at Stagsden for the inaugural competition for the Pat Quinn Memorial Shield.

Seventeen golfers from the village, young and old and all ranges of ability, but with a common affinity to the White Hart as well as golf, played a Stableford competition in the unceasing rain and comparative cold, culminating in a close win by 1 point for Harry O'dell of Church Road with 41 points.

The Pat Quinn Memorial Shield was donated and presented to the winner together with various other prizes for participants, by Sheila Quinn - at the White Hart after the event.

Many remarked on the weather and the fact that Pat would have been the first to quit the course in such conditions, retiring to the 19th hole or the White Hart as a more sensible option.

The aim is to make this an annual event at this time of year. Many thanks to Sheila Quinn, Kevin Durkan and David Williams for organising, all those who took part, and The White Hart for hosting the prizegiving. Donations made by participants and some of Pat's friends who could not take part will be sent to Willen Hospice.

The Shield will be on display in the White Hart where it will have a permanent home.

ST LAUD'S HARVEST SUPPER and Harvest Auction SHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL Monday 5th October 7 pm TICKETS: CONTACT – 611163, 616763, 611083 Please come and bring your preferred drinks. Any contributions to the Auction gratefully received.



ROTARY CLUB OF NEWPORT PAGNELL

Street collections by Club members in Newport Pagnell and Olney raised around £800, primarily for Willen Hospice. A big thank you to all who donated.

Rotary's major project globally is the eradication of polio. This has almost been achieved, with the exception of a few countries that are now starting to relax their objection to immunisation.

Meanwhile, closer to home, Rotary has funded a garden project at Cedars School Newport Pagnell, and is in the process of ordering Christmas Trees that it donates annually to 13 local schools.

Our Club has had interesting presentations at our weekly meetings at The Swan Revived Hotel. We also cruised the Ouse from Bedford on the "John Bunyan" to learn more about the Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterways Trust.

If you would like to know more about Rotary call Ian Townsend on 07785 368101.

SHERINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Vision: 'To secure that the development of Sherington, over the next 15 years, unfolds in accordance with the wishes of those living & working in the parish.'

The Survey Feedback – Thank you

We had over **40% response to the questionnaire** (above average) and 75 villagers took time out of their busy Saturday to attend the Village meeting on the 5th September. If you were unable to attend please visit Sherington Website (<u>www.sherington.org.uk/nplan.htm</u>) or alternatively request a copy from

- Will Bush, Chair of Steering Committee

 email nplan@sherington.org.uk or call 07834 997577,
- Anita Thatcher AnitaThatcherSPC@gmail.com
- Or via the Parish Clerk parishcouncil@sherington.org.uk
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Please Note:

Our plan MUST comply with Milton Keynes Core Strategy which requires 20 - 40 homes in Sherington area. Any less than this will, of course be explored but should at this stage, be considered a bonus rather than a firm option.

A top line summary

- The Village is ageing and most want it to feel the same in the future.
- All of the needs of the village must be considered if we are to move forward with a robust plan.
- Investment is desperately needed in village infrastructure. Traffic calming and alternative road user's a high consideration.
- Business is important, the plan needs to be **more than just housing** it should cover all land use going forward.
- Areas that need protection: St Lauds Church, The Knoll, The White Hart, Historic Open Land, Green Spaces; The Knoll, Recreation area Church road, View of the church from High Street, Pavilion Sports field

Small development preferred, Rural density, Stone fronted or brick style

• More work to be done around identifying housing needs in the village.

This is the challenge for the NP. We need to develop policies that will ensure an evolution which secures what the village values over the next 15 years.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS!!

There is still so much work to be done. Only a Neighbourhood plan gives us the power, as a community, to mould our growth and future development for next 15 years, to be able to set guidelines for look, density and infrastructure requirements.

IT IS A LEGAL FORCE that Milton Keynes Planning and developers have to take into account!!

This process all ends with a PUBLIC VOTE – if the majority of the village does not agree with the proposed plan it goes in the bin and MKC is free to decide where, when and how many we take.

We don't want to let this happen. Help us!

- Sign up for monthly updates by contacting <u>AnitaThatcherSPC@gmail.com</u> to add your email address (for cost effective communications) or postal address for the distribution of a regular newsletter.
- **Come along to the meetings** the last Tuesday of the month at the Pavilion 7.30pm.
- **Become a volunteer,** working towards the future of the village and our community.

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Thank you

Anita Thatcher on behalf of the Neighbourhood Steering Group

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - News

I hope those who attended the Neighbourhood Plan drop-in session on 5 September found it useful and interesting. My apologies for not being there myself – I am writing this at my holiday home in Florida (as advertised in SCAN!). I will be back for the next PC meeting on 6 Oct.

The main news this month:

- Our £3536 grant application for NPIan has been approved.
- MKC is now preparing cost estimates for the Pavilion car park.
- The clerk will now be available for telephone queries on Mon-Thurs from 12.30-2.30 and 8.00-9.30pm.
- The lids fitted by MKC to the VH Play Area litter bins appear to have alleviated the main problems, so the purchase of a new dual compartment recycling bin has been put on hold.

Many of the comments received by the PC relate to MKC services, rather than our own, so I thought it might be helpful to explain who does what. MKC are responsible for anything to do with roads (including footpaths, verges, landscaping, signs, lights), refuse collection, dog fouling, Carters Close green, the Mound, housing. The best way to report problems is online using 'Report It' on the MKC web site – that is what the PC does and if you phone MKC they simply enter it in this system too. This goes direct to the relevant contractor. You get a reference number to use in any follow up and emails notifying you of progress. Comments on MKC services or policy should be addressed to our 3 MKC councillors – Keith, Peter and Dave all take a close interest in Sherington on your behalf.

The PC owns the VH Play Area, shop building and part of the churchyard. We provide the Pavilion and sports facilities at Perry Lane and are responsible for The Knoll and Stonepits Close. The PC provides the dog bins, bus shelters and funds the summer MKPA play scheme. The PC is responsible for the Neighbourhood Plan.

To confuse matters, there are some things where responsibility is split, e.g. the PC purchases play equipment which is then maintained by MKC. In addition, MKC has a duty to consult with the PC on certain issues, e.g. planning, but all the PC can do is to offer its opinion. The powers of a PC are more limited than many people expect. There is actually only one service that a PC by law must provide if there is a demand – allotments. Hence my question last month (the existing ones on Bedford Road are privately owned) – 2 people have now expressed an interest.

Being in the US this month has allowed me to see how the UK and US compare. The equivalent of the PC is the Home Owners Association which provides the communal facilities within Regal Palms. Their annual budget is a massive £1m (for 600 houses) compared to the PC's tiny £22k (for 400 houses). Each householder pays £140 per month. This doesn't even include the separate Resort facilities, which are another £200 per month. Although the refuse collection is twice weekly, there is no recycling, and the refuse charge is £100 per year. The HOA meeting I attended was during the day, starting at 10.30am and didn't finish until 4.40pm – very tedious. Although the PC operates on a shoestring, I think Sherington gets much better value for money!

Ian Collinge (Chairman)



Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

The garden continues to confuse in this very odd growing season. My runner beans took ages to get going and whilst we have probably harvested

around 10 lbs there is no sign of any new flowers so I think that they are now over. I have a large vine on the back wall of the house that is covered in grapes and another vine that we have had for 30+ years that would appear to have died. Other long established plants have also died this year – lack of water perhaps? My tomatoes have taken an age to start setting fruit and in fact it was not until 9th September that I eventually spotted the first little tomato. However, for the first year ever flowers on my olive tree have actually translated into fruit, very small fruit admittedly at the moment, but it has never done that before.

On 5th September a drop-in morning was held at the Village Hall for people to ask questions or express an opinion about the Sherington Neighbourhood Plan. There was a good turn out of probably 70+

interested villagers and the amount of information on hand was quite remarkable. No doubt there will be more about this elsewhere but we heard that the response to the village questionnaire was a respectable 40%, quite a bit above the average for this type of thing. One of the questions was asking people where they might next to be moving to and quite a number responded that their next move would be to the churchyard! Well done to all the committee members and volunteers who had clearly put a lot of time and effort into the presentation.

We took a trip down Bedford Road recently to see what had been going on there and we were surprised to see that the whole of the road had been resurfaced, having heard that only parts of it were to be done. It doesn't look quite as good as the High Street or Church Road but it is a marked improvement and good to see. Apparently the surface is known as 'elastic plastic' by the people who lay it because it is not a tarmac surface and so when it is laid there is no unpleasant hot asphalt smells that would normally be expected with a new road surface.

If you haven't already got tickets for the Harvest Supper and Auction there might still be time to rectify that. It takes place at the Village Hall at 7pm on 5th October. It's always an enjoyable evening and following the meal there will be the opportunity to purchase local produce in the auction.

Advance news of an interesting evening taking place in November. In an effort to do something a bit different the Twinning Association is to host a Mexican Chilli and Bingo Night at the Village Hall, more details are to be found elsewhere in Scan.

It is good to see the re-opening of our village Post Office, I am sure that many of you will have missed this facility and will be pleased to have it back again.

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



SHERINGTON SCHOOL NEWS

A new term and the current and new pupils are settling in well. The school environment is full of colour with the results of last terms creative arts and learning project visible. A whole school activity taking inspiration from Brian Wilsmith's books and illustrations to highlight the schools Vision and Values, a painted bird box was installed inside to allow the children to post their thoughts and reflections concerning their vision and values, and the children made birds carrying these messages. The outdoor space has highly decorative bird boxes made as a basis for on-going work and displays around Vision and values and as part of wildlife haven.

To see our great small school learning environment first hand, feel free to drop in to our School's OPEN DAY on Tuesday 13 October (10-12 am or 1 pm to 3 pm). Read our excellent recent Ofsted report at our website www.sheringtonceschool.co.uk,

or contact us on 01908 610470 to arrange a visit. Claire Lawrence – Schgool Business Manager

SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Well we have all settled back into pre-school and have warmly welcomed all of our new starters who have settled into pre-school life brilliantly, with the help of the staff as well as our work experience student Chloe Pickett, she proved to be a great asset and the children miss her greatly. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Chloe and wish her every success in the future.

We have begun the new academic year learning about Harvest, food and where our food comes from, gradually moving onto the topic Autumn. The children thoroughly enjoyed making bread, and it didn't smell too bad either!



We took our first visit, since being back, to Toms Garden. We picked the tomatoes and the broad beans (which were huge!) and returned to the setting with the tub we grew the potatoes in. The children then had great fun digging for them and they found lots! We enjoyed a week of potato fun, printing, balancing them on spoons around the garden and rolling them down guttering in the garden.

The children and staff learnt and practised the fire drill to make everyone aware of what to do in an emergency. The children were very good and listened extremely well to the instructions given to them.



Everyday lunch club is proving to be a success with numbers increasing on a daily basis. If it is something you may be interested in for your child we run it from 12.15pm -1.00pm, please speak to a member of the team.

We would like to thank various people in the community for your continued help and support, with various donations being made and work being completed that helps with the running of the pre-school. You all know who you are!

If you would like to get in touch with the preschool then please call us on 01908 611398 or 07538 695918.

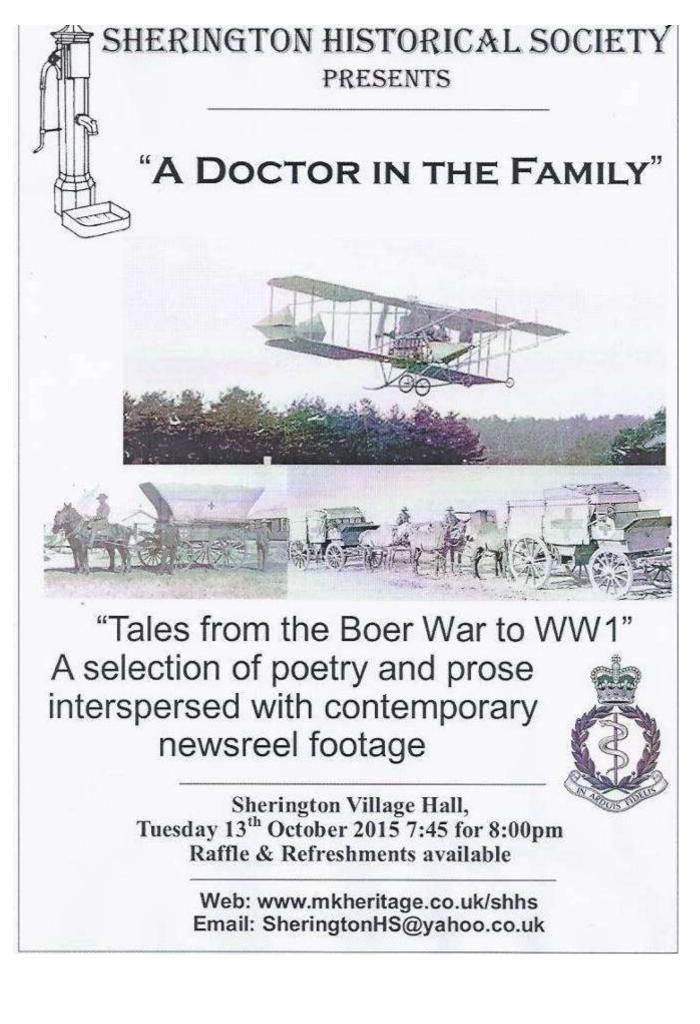
Sherington Bell Ringers:

In times

before smartphones, the internet and even television, before wristwatches had been popularised, The church bells were used to help tell the time. As there was a one o'clock ringing of the treble to tell the farm labours in the feel that it was lunchtime. Our next few practices are:

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

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. Mark Vale



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 on the Month.

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

Open Day: Sherington Authors

Due to the timing of such things, as I write this The Open Day has not happened, but the plans are at a very advance stage and I am sure all will go (has gone!) very well. I would like to thank all who help with the setup and break-down of the exhibition boards and with all the information that has been researched and pulled together; with extra special thanks to Kay, Liz and Caroline. These are always great days and very rewarding.

13th 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 subtitle of: Tales from the Boer War to WW1. A selection of poetry and prose interspersed with contemporary newsreel footage. <u>This will be one to come and see.</u> The poster on the preceding page gives more details, so hope to see you there

10th November Meeting: Members can Talk

As regulars will know, this is where we ask members to come and speak to the group for as long as they would like (*usually between 5 to 50 minutes*) on something that interests them (family history/travels/books, etc) and they feel the group would like to hear. Queries about this to Caroline Leslie (01908 616426)

MV

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

| 8 th October | Visit to Stoke Goldington Thursday Club for 7.30 pm. Lifts will be arranged. |
|-------------------------|--|
| Row | Canada - OPEN MEETING An illustrated talk by retired essional photographers, Ray & Jenny Ison about the beautiful and diverse atry of Canada. <i>This is an open</i> <i>eting - gentlemen are invited to</i> <i>nd.</i> |

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.

HOLLINGTON WOOD HALLOWEEN BONFIRE PARTY ON SATURDAY 31st October 2015 Bonfires lit at 5 pm, fireworks at around 6 pm.

Celebrating fire, the magic of autumn and all things Pagan, arrangements will be similar to last year with a shuttle bus running from Prospect Place, Newport Road, Emberton MK46 5JQ from 4.45 pm to 5.45 pm. Return shuttle 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm. Only limited car parking is available so spaces (£10 per car) MUST be pre-booked via info@hollingtonwood.com or Philip on 07762 441275. In order to cover our costs,

donations will be expected. We suggest adults £10, children £5, families £25. Refreshments including home-made soup, home-grown sausages and mulled wine & cider will be available.

Not for the faint-hearted, but for the reckless and brave fireworks lighting up the trees is an unforgettable experience!



Saturday November 28th at Sherington Village Hall

Doors open at 7.00 pm

ALL WELCOME

TICKETS £5 Price includes entrance and meat or vegetarian chilli with rice.

Licensed bar - beer, wine and soft drinks

Tickets available from Jackie Inskipp 01908 216214 or any other committee member

If you don't like chilli we can arrange an alternative if advised in advance.

Sombreros are optional

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