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OUR READERS*



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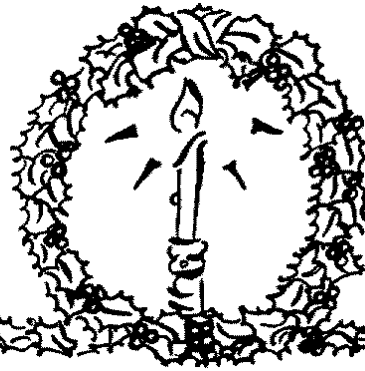
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TO OUR READERS, CORRESPONDENTS, ADVERTISERS,  
AND TO ALL WHO HELP IN ANY WAY TO PRODUCE, DELIVER,  
OR DONATE TO SCAN, WE WISH A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND  
A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR

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## *CHRISTMAS GREETINGS*



**DAVID, SHARRON, OLI & TOM WRIGHT  
HOPE THAT YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS  
AND WISH YOU A HAPPY, HEALTHY, FUN-FILLED 2016!**

**In lieu of cards, we will make a donation  
to the Neonatal Unit at Milton Keynes Hospital in memory of  
our little star.**



**Michael and Christine Bearman wish all their friends and  
neighbours in the SCAN group of villages  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
(a donation will be made to Willen Hospice in lieu of Christmas cards)**

**PAUL, MAXINE, GEORGE & HARRY O'DELL  
WISH ALL THEIR FRIENDS  
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**  
(A donation will be sent to Willen Hospice)



*A very Happy Christmas and New Year  
To all our friends in SCAN Parish  
John and Jill*



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR 2016  
TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS IN  
NORTH CRAWLEY AND THE SCAN VILLAGES**  
from Riki Fay  
Donation will be sent to Willen Hospice



**DAPHNE & MAC**

**WISH FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS  
IN SHERINGTON & NORTH CRAWLEY  
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR**  
Donations to SCAN and Friends of St Firmins



**SHARYN AND NIGEL**  
would like to wish all our friends in Sherington  
**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

Donation to Scan



**TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS  
WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND  
A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**

**Barbara and Ro**  
Donation to SCAN in lieu of Christmas cards



**JOY AND JOHN OSGOOD**

**Wish all SCAN readers  
A Happy and Blessed Christmas and New Year**



**SEASONS GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL,  
BE THEY NEAR OR FAR,  
FROM TIM AT NUMBER 27**



**“AND ALL THE BELLS ON EARTH SHALL RING”  
A Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year  
From All at Yew Tree Farm, Sherington**



**BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND A PEACEFUL 2016  
TO ALL FRIENDS IN SHERINGTON,  
CHICHELEY AND NORTH CRAWLEY**

**Many thanks again for all the support I have  
received during 2015. Sheila Quinn**



**Christmas Greetings And Best Wishes For 2016**

**to friends in Sherington and in the SCAN villages  
from David Hyde**

**Donation to Willen Hospice instead of sending cards locally**



***To my friends and neighbours of North Crawley,  
I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and  
Best Wishes for the New Year***

*Phyllis Couch*

**Donation to SCAN**



**SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL FRIENDS  
AND NEIGHBOURS IN  
NORTH CRAWLEY AND ASTWOOD  
from ALICE PEACOCK**

**Donation to SCAN**





Mark, Helen, Jessica and Doug Vale  
would like to wish you all  
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,  
Hoping all the best for you, along with a festive cheer!



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS  
IN NORTH CRAWLEY AND THE SCAN VILLAGES**



from Christine Barry  
Donation to Willen Hospice in lieu of Christmas cards



John and

Kim Durden

would like to wish everyone in the SCAN Villages  
a Very Happy Christmas and Health and Happiness in the New Year.

We are making donations to Willen and SCAN this year  
in lieu of Christmas Cards, hope no one minds!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
to all our neighbours and friends  
in the SCAN area and further afield.

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*CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES  
TO ALL MY KIND FRIENDS  
WHO HELP ME BEAR THE TRIALS OF OLD AGE*

*Doris Stephens*

Donation to SCAN



**WE WISH ALL FRIENDS IN SCAN PARISH  
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR  
Doris Collier and Family**

**Donation to SCAN**



*CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS  
FROM PEARL TEASDALE in SHERINGTON  
TO GOOD FRIENDS IN THE SCAN PARISH*

*Best wishes for a glorious Christmas and blessings for the New  
Year, which I sincerely hope will be a peaceful one.*



**JUDY & ALAN PLATER**

**send 'Greetings for Christmas'  
to all friends and folk in CHICHELEY & SCAN villages  
(Donations made (in lieu of cards) to Hillside Animal Sanctuary and  
SCAN)**





Robin and Viv Storey  
Send all their friends in the village  
Very Best Wishes  
for a  
Wonderful Christmas and a  
Happy New Year



**SCAN IS GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS RECEIVED  
THIS MONTH FROM READERS IN OLNEY & CHICHELEY**

***AND***

**ALL THOSE WHO HAVE THOUGHT OF US DURING THIS  
FESTIVE SEASON -.**

**Everyone concerned with producing SCAN are volunteers  
(including the Editor, and Treasurer/Advertising Manager).  
We rely on our advertising revenue and donations to meet the  
printing costs every month -**

**YOUR DONATIONS REALLY DO HELP TO KEEP OUR PARISH  
MAGAZINE GOING**



Dear Readers,

Are you dreaming of a White Christmas? I'm fairly sure most of you will know the tune, and probably some of the words to the title song of the 1954 film of the same name. It was sung by Bing Crosby and we have it on an old vinyl record that occasionally is played during the Christmas season. This is the time when familiar songs can be heard on the television, radio, in shops, on your mobile devices and in the streets, about sleighs, bells, a bearded man in a red suit and that solitary partridge in his pear tree. There are many to choose from and again I'm confident that some will know the tunes and accompanying words.

Music is powerful. It can stir emotions, cheer you up, help you relax or just be a part of the background to your daily life. You may have been fortunate to have heard one of the great voices of our age singing, the human voice is a wonderful instrument, or perhaps been with a mass of others singing songs to rouse the efforts of your favourite team. I remember once someone telling me that he had been out on a military exercise and at the day's end had to march back to their camp. They were tired after the day's effort but were met, whilst still having some way to go, by a pipe band. When the music struck up, it lifted their spirits and drove away their fatigue just when it was needed. I enjoy traditional folk dance music, it makes the feet tap for the same reason.

At Christmastime we have some particular songs, or as they are better known as, carols. Many of those are based around traditional tunes, but perhaps what are more important are the words and the stories they tell. They begin with a baby, named Jesus, being born in a stable, of shepherds being frightened by an angel who tells them to leave their flocks and go to see the baby and of wise men (or kings) coming from afar to bring precious gifts. You may choose to believe the stories, or perhaps not, it is entirely up to each of us to make up our own minds. Much has been spoken and written about this by many learned people for over 2000 years and that will continue, so we are in good company.

Of course the story did not end there and continued as the baby grew into a man, who gathered friends around him, who taught them and others, leading to another story that we Christians know as Easter, but that is for another time.

2015 has been a year of change in our SCAN parish. Mandy has moved on, Pam, Robert and John plus other clergy have continued to care for us spiritually as we progress our search for our new church leader. We pray that by this time next year that will be resolved. In the meantime I wish you a Happy Christmas and a Good New year.

Churchwarden, David

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Funerals

RIP Sandra Gasson of North Crawley whose cremation took place on 21<sup>st</sup> September followed by a memorial service in church.

RIP Arthur Allen Read of North Crawley whose cremation took place on 25<sup>th</sup> September followed by a memorial service in 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'*

## SERVICES

### DECEMBER

#### 6 December

10.30am 'Something Different' – Sherington

#### 13 December

9.30am Holy Communion – North Crawley  
3pm Evensong with Carols - Chicheley

#### 20 December

9.30am Morning Worship (Brownie Pack Parade)

#### 24 December

#### Christmas Eve

5pm Candlelight Service – North Crawley  
11.30pm Christmas Night Holy Communion - Sherington

#### 25 December

#### Christmas Day

9.30am Family Service – Sherington  
11am Holy Communion (Traditional form) – Chicheley

#### 27 December

9.30am Holy Communion – St Peter and St Paul's Newport Pagnell

## JANUARY

### 3 January

10.30am 'Something Different' - Sherington

### 10 January

9.30am Holy Communion – North Crawley

6pm Evensong - Chicheley

### 17 January

9.30am Holy Communion – Sherington

### 24 January

11am Holy Communion – Chicheley

6pm Evensong – North Crawley

### 31 January

11am Songs of Praise – Sherington

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



Pam and John Fielding

4 Griggs Orchard Sherington

01908 616763

12pm - 2pm Wednesdays

2 December (Holy Communion at 11.30am)

16 December Soup Group Christmas Nibbles



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All ages welcome (children too!)

## **‘Something Different’ – a unique church experience at St Laud’s**

**‘Something Different’** is held in an informal environment in which our ‘God’ questions and thoughts are positively encouraged. Join us for fascinating presentations, prayers, songs and hymns (all the words are on a screen!) – with activities suitable for ages 1 to over 100! There is something for everyone. If you would like to explore the Christian faith with other Christians full of questions too, in a group held in church but not so rigid, where children feel welcome, then do join us. Give it a try. We are an evolving group of existing and new churchgoers all looking for **‘Something Different’** from our church experience. Join us on the first Sunday of each month from 10:30am (for refreshments) until 11:30am. We would love to see you there!



**Bulb Planting at St Laud’s Church** – many thanks to everyone who turned out on that rainy weekend to plant miniature narcissus bulbs in the church yard. There are still some holes that need bulbs in, so if you were unable to support this fundraiser before, please pop along to the church porch to select your bulbs and plant them in time for next Spring’s glorious spectacle! Thank you!

**St Laud’s Church cleaning** – do you have a little time to spare to help us to keep our church clean? There’s a job rota on the notice board in the kitchen – choose a job, leave the date and your name it was done so that the next kind volunteer knows what is left to do. Your help is very much appreciated. Ring Paula on 01908 216925.

# 'SINGING FOR ALL'



*from Olney returning by popular demand  
singing carols and other Christmas delights!*

*North Crawley Church  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
7.30pm*



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*Tickets £10 (includes mulled wine and mince pies)*

*Janice Freeman 391350*

*Ann Kearney 391692*

*Joan Shaw 391517*





# A STWOOD

As the end of another year fast approaches I find myself thinking about the year that has just gone and what the coming year will bring. Astwood has seen quite a few new arrivals in 2015, and it's great to see some new faces and young families in the village. Who can forget the immensely entertaining (and fiercely fought over!) music quiz held in the pub in April, it brought out the true competitive spirit of the village and along with the great success of the Harvest Supper auction, made a substantial contribution towards the running of the Village Hall and Green.

The last event of the year is the lovely Christmas Carol evening being held this year in the Old Swan on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 7pm**. The Sherington Folk Band will be joining us, along with the Newport Pagnell Singers, for a festive sing song to get us all in the mood for Christmas. We also have a charity raffle on the night. If anyone in the village would like to run this raffle for a charity of their choice they are very welcome to do so, just let us know at the email address below and we would be delighted to help. If anyone has a raffle prize that they can donate we would be very grateful, please just bring it along on the evening. The tickets are just £5 and include a glass of mulled wine and a delicious mince pie or two; children are very welcome and are free.

**Tickets are available from Bob & Janet in the pub or via the new Astwood Village Hall telephone number and email: [astwoodvillagehall@outlook.com](mailto:astwoodvillagehall@outlook.com) or call 07507 764648.** We look forward to seeing you all there!

The Village Hall Committee is always looking for help. The time commitment is very small; we hold three events a year in the village and meet a maximum of six times a year only. All the money raised by the committee is put towards the upkeep of the Village Hall and the Village Green. Apart from some funding given to us from the Parish Council all other costs have to be met from the funds raised and I for one wouldn't want to see the hall or green fall into disrepair. In fact you may have seen that the Village Hall has two lovely new windows and is about to get a lick of paint in the coming weeks, all paid for from the funds we raise. So if you have a bit of community spirit and feel that you can spare a bit of time during the year, we would love you to join us. The next Village Hall Committee meeting is on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 8pm in the pub (an added bonus!). Just come along on the evening or email us if you want any further information.

We were all sad to hear the news that Sheila Hodgkins passed away in September. She lived in the village for over 56 years with her husband Hubert (Bert) and their

three daughters. Along with her friends in the village she worked hard to keep the Village Hall and Astwood Church going and keep them open for all to use. She organised many fundraising events and those that were in the village at that time have lots of fond memories of children's fancy dress parades and jumble sales in the Village Hall. Together with Bert they were part of the team of volunteers who put Scan through the letterboxes of Astwood. Sheila was a talented singer and sang with the Newport Pagnell Singers. Sheila and Hubert moved to Willington, Beds in 2008 to live near their eldest daughter Susan. Hubert sadly died in June 2013.

Her funeral was held in St Lawrence Church, Willington in October. Our thoughts are with all her family.

We would like to welcome Andy, Natalie and their daughters who have recently moved to their new house on Main Road. We hope that your move went well and you enjoy your first Astwood Christmas.

So all that is left to say, is a very Happy Christmas and Merry New Year to all Scan readers and Astwood and Hardmead villagers. Here's to a great 2016!



Cuckoo



## **C** HICHELEY SCAN Notes for December and January 2015

I may be tempting fate here, but so far the weather in November has been remarkably warm with no frost, at least in Chicheley, as yet. Abigail did not deliver her full force to us, the same cannot be said in other parts of the UK. We have friends, one of who used to play the fiddle for our harvest suppers in Chicheley, who have just moved to the Orkney Isles. What a welcome Abigail has given them. I read somewhere that back in 1946 there was a similar mild November which was then followed in 1947 with one of the nastiest winters in recent memory, let's hope that does not occur again.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> November James Ruck-Keene and Rebecca Seaman were married at St. Cuby's Church, Duloe in Cornwall. They are now living at Home Farm in Chicheley and we wish them a long and happy life together.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> November a poppy wreath was laid at the village war memorial by Chris Errington, the short service being conducted by John Fielding, with around 25 villagers, past and present, attending, with the service then continuing in the church.

If you enjoy singing carols come along to Chicheley Church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm for an evensong with carols followed by light refreshments in the church. On Christmas Day our service of Holy Communion is at 11.00am, you will be most welcome.

ChichChat should be on as usual on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday mornings in the village hall from 10.30 am until noon in December and January. There will be a social evening in the village hall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30pm. We hope to have the handbells, you will be welcome to try your hand at this traditional pursuit, by ringing some carols and Christmas songs. As in previous years bring along some food to share and eat, liquid refreshments will also be available. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> January we will once again be celebrating Burns Night in the village hall with the usual menu. If you would like to attend please let me know.

Christmas and the New Year are always a good time to refresh friendships and say thank you. In our village we have many who just quietly contribute in many ways to make our community a pleasant place to live in, we are very lucky. On the wider front we must thank Betty, our SCAN magazine editor and Christine, the SCAN treasurer for all they have done in the past twelve months, at times it must have been very difficult for them. This magazine is still an efficient and informative way to keep our few villages aware of what is happening, and thanks also to those willing to advertise in it, enabling the magazine to be free to we readers. I hope this may long continue.

David



# **NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Council met on Tuesday 3rd November 2015.

## **Planning:**

31 Kilpin Green – Double storey extension to rear of property – Permitted.

New proposed development of residential dwellings at North Crawley Road, Newport Pagnell – Pending.

## **Cranfield Developments:**

A new Aerospace Integration Research and Development Centre is proposed for Cranfield University.

An additional 135 houses will be built to the East of Mill Road, Cranfield in the same area where the construction of 230 dwellings has already started.

Central Bedfordshire Council will be contacted with concerns over extra traffic through North Crawley resulting from the development.

## **Ward Councillor's Report:**

Ward Councillor Peter Geary reported on the following issues:-

1. Minerals Local Plan went through Council on 21<sup>st</sup> October and a 6 week consultation period will begin on 4<sup>th</sup> January. The Site Allocation Plan is unlikely to affect North Crawley.

2. Plan MK was officially made public on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October at a meeting with all Parish Councils. The Milton Keynes Citizen had previously reported on the plan. The proposal is for a new core strategy starting 2018 for the next 15 years. It is envisaged that over the next 50 years Milton Keynes will require another 87,500 new homes. Four options have been suggested, which include expanding MK to the south

west; to develop across the motorway towards the west which would incorporate North Crawley and other villages; satellite developments of 5,000 to 10,000 homes in rural locations, possibly including North Crawley; to infill within the open spaces of the original MK development area.

There is a Cabinet meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November and, if the proposal is adopted, there will be a 12 week consultation period starting 25<sup>th</sup> November to review and analyse public opinion. In the meantime a meeting is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> November where parishes can discuss how best to register their concerns.

### **NAG Report:**

The next meeting is in a week's time, although Andy Paulden of TVP has indicated he has some ideas on how to address North Crawley's speeding challenges.

### **Web Site:**

It was decided to engage the services of a professional company to develop and maintain the Parish Council's website. Other village groups will be encouraged to use it.

### **War Memorial:**

Although the War Memorial will be professionally cleaned next spring, a working party of Councillors cleaned the memorial ahead of the Remembrance Service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Residential Safety:**

The pavements have been replaced with what should have been installed from the outset. There has been excellent feedback from villagers, especially in view of the bollards which have been placed at the school crossing point. They will provide additional protection for the school children.

A road safety audit is planned to find a solution for the residents in Chequers Lane who find it dangerous exiting onto the High Street. Until an acceptable and practical solution is determined, it would be greatly appreciated if, in the meantime, drivers could be a little more considerate and refrain from parking right on the corners outside the Old Bake House and the Chequers.

### **Councillors' Items:**

Although some of the hedges at Brook end have been trimmed, the Highways Dept. and Landlords, will be notified that further work is required.

A new rubbish bin has been installed in the Toddlers area.

Concern was expressed over a resident consistently driving too fast in Kilpin Green.

A resident in Kilpin Green has kindly cleaned the bench at Nixies Walk. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks.

### **Questions from Residents:**

The street light in Nixies Walk is still not working, although the fallen lamp standard has been replaced, MKC have advised that it will take up to 28 days for Western Electricity to complete the job.

A resident reported the poor condition of the pavements in Orchard Way and Nixies Walk.

Several trees and bushes overhang the pavements and need trimming. Oliver Rose will be contacted.

The path from Violets Close to the High Street is overgrown and needs attention. Cllr Hatton will report all of these issues.

**The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Tuesday 1st December 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.**

**Cllr Trevor Stapleton**



## **Parish Councillor Contact**

Please attend the PC meetings to have your say, or send your comments through the Clerk via email address: [patclerkncpc@btinternet.com](mailto:patclerkncpc@btinternet.com)  
The above advice is the best route to follow in most cases and ensures that points are formally recorded, but of course if there is a real emergency that cannot wait, contact your Councillors by whatever means possible.



**NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE**

**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

## **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Yet again and despite an advance notice being put in Scan, more notices and cones being put outside the Church and War Memorial requesting people not to park their cars in the area coned off as there would be a Memorial Service for the laying of poppy wreaths at 6pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, three selfish drivers not only ignored the notices but also moved the cones in order to park their cars. . The cars involved were a Mercedes, VW and a Clio. What part of the above request did they not understand and how inconsiderate and disrespectful.**

**Cones are put there for a reason not as a reserved parking space for you!**

## **NORTH CRAWLEY CHURCH CLOCK**

I am sure you will have noticed that the clock is now striking again, after several attempts by a church clock company to get it striking correctly and their final solution of a full clock refurbishment at a cost of over £2,000. Our thanks go to Graham Kinns, Oli and Matt Rose for putting it back in working order at no cost at all.

Graham provided a new metal rod for the striking mechanism and Oli and Matt spent a lot of their time refitting and adjusting the striking mechanism.

Our thanks go to all of them.

St Firmins DCC

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## **DAPHNE AND PETER JEFFREY - A REMARKABLE COUPLE**

With the very sad news of the death in October of Daphne, an era has come an end. Daphne and Peter were for many years the heart and soul of North Crawley - hard working, dedicated and tireless in their efforts for the benefit of the community over many, many decades. From footpaths to fun-days, scarcely a village event took place without the unstinting assistance, guidance and support of this grand couple. Nobody could turn out scones and cakes of such quality and quantity as Daphne, at the drop of a hat if necessary, and Peter's potent special home-brews and wines, often sourced from the very village hedgerows with which he was so familiar, were legendary. We arrived in the village in 1975 and were immediately welcomed by Peter and Daphne, and soon signed up for duty on the Parish Council, the Institute and the Church. What fun we all had, from mowing the churchyard, overseeing the improvement of the Institute, organising (with many others) the Village Fun Days and August Bank Holiday street frolics, field walks and many other activities. In all of these Daphne and Peter were pivotal. We left the village in 1995 for pastures new in France but the memories of those days are pleasant reminders of happy times and our friendship with Peter and Daphne.

Anne & Vic Briggs (formerly of Hackett Place)

## Friends of St Firmins December 20015

Welcome to our newest members and thanks for joining Friends of St Firmins. Your support in helping to repair and restore our village church is much appreciated. If you haven't joined yet we'd love to have you. Perhaps YOU will be our 100<sup>th</sup> friend.

News on the state of the building is that the nave is currently experiencing a problem of rising damp around the bottom of the box pews which it is essential to address fairly urgently. The architect believes it may be caused by a blockage in the French Drain. In order to remedy this Malcolm Rose (churchwarden), is proposing to organise a working party on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup>. If you feel you could help, please email Malcolm at [high5@tesco.net](mailto:high5@tesco.net). I'm told on good authority that the solution will involve digging pilot holes so wellies and a shovel will probably be in order.

The previously mentioned note cards based on a Barbara Hilliam painting of the rood screen are now available in packs of 10 for £5 from Brian Parsons on 01234391962. Coming with an envelope and in a cellophane wrapper, they are excellent value for money and suitable for all occasions. However, they do make a truly original Christmas card. Now there's a thought!

Our website is finally operational thanks to Tim Casalis de Pury. The address is [www.friendsofstfirmins.co.uk](http://www.friendsofstfirmins.co.uk). Do have a look: if we have enough hits the web address will start to appear automatically as people search. It's our intention that a Friends' newsletter will appear there soon and become a regular feature so please encourage us with regular visits and feel free to send in appropriate items for inclusion. Make it your website. Our email address is: [friendsofstfirmins@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstfirmins@gmail.com), do get in touch.

*For now it just remains for me to wish you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

Ann Shaw

Secretary 01234 391797

# NEWS FROM NORTH CRAWLEY CE SCHOOL



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

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## Children in Need.....

On a wet and windy Friday morning the children of North Crawley School set off on a ramble around the village in support of Children in Need. Dressed in warm woolly hats, gloves, scarves and wellington boots they were not to be missed! On their return, slightly wet and dishevelled, they were treated to hot chocolate and biscuits. A grand total of £75 was raised for Children in Need - a big thank you to all who made a donation.



## The Reptile Man....

Visitors are always welcome at North Crawley School but no one was prepared for the visit from 'the reptile man' with his many "friends" The children were able to handle snakes, lizards, millipedes, a tortoise and an amazing frog! The children were also able to look closely at scorpions and cockroaches. The Foundation Stage children are enjoying their topic on "Animals" and this was a valuable experience for all. The children are now looking forward to bringing into school their own pets over the next few weeks! Residents of Church Walk beware.....!





More lovely pictures:



### **Christmas....**

The children are looking forward to an exciting December when they can get into the Christmas spirit. There will be a trip to watch the popular pantomime 'The Snow Queen' at the Royal and Derngate Theatre in Northampton together with the annual Nativity play which this year is a production of 'Away in a Manger'. The Nativity is always a wonderful show into which the children put a huge amount of enthusiasm and effort.

***Everyone at North Crawley CE School would like to wish our local community a very happy Christmas and prosperous 2016.***



For visits to North Crawley CE School - telephone: 01234 391282 or email [office@northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:office@northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk) or visit our school website via [www.northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk](http://www.northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk)

**Don't forget.....** The closing date for receipt of an application for children due to start school in September 2016 is **15 January 2016**. Visit our school website for further information on admissions <http://northcrawley.milton-keynes.sch.uk/mk/primary/northcrawley/site/pages/keyinformation/admissions>

## NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.

We have had our Annual Meeting and although we tried, I am afraid it's Pam, Barbara, and Maimie to keep the W.I. going, but we have two extra members for the tea committee, Angie and Jessica. We welcome them.

We travelled to Stoke Goldington Village Hall where Ravenstone W.I. were running our Group Meeting. We had some lovely food and a very enthusiastic lady who sang 50 to 70 songs. Amazing how many we knew!

Really, this month none of us felt like singing. After attending Daphne Jeffrey's funeral, we were horrified to hear that her son, Howard, had had a fatal accident on the A509. Most of us knew Howard and his two brothers. We all send our love to Jane, his three stepdaughters and the two youngest, Anya and Danielle. We know these two girls so well as they used to come to Daphne's in holiday times and they came and worked, even when they were little, at all WI and Church events. I have lived in North Crawley for 47 years and that means the first time I met Howard he was six. He was a handsome and lovely man, and a very good father.

Our next meeting is our Christmas Lunch at The Cock on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and our January meeting is on 20<sup>th</sup> January. This is a surprise meeting to us and our speaker at the moment. Watch the Village Hall for information on our usual poster.

Pam.

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR







## **MAIL BAG AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We send belated Birthday Greetings  
to Mr. Archie Whatton, Sherington's oldest resident,  
who celebrated his 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### **TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

8<sup>th</sup> December – Doris Stephens, 1a Church Road  
12<sup>th</sup> January - Harriet Milner, 5 Hillview

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### **FLOODLIGHTING ST. LAUDS**

Many people have commented on how welcoming it is when the Church is floodlit for a longer time over Christmas and New Year. In view of this we thought, once again, people might like to sponsor the lighting.

If this idea appeals to you, please contact Ella, , 4 Park Road,  
or 'phone 01908 610560. Many thanks

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### **PEARL'S CHARITY COFFEE MORNING**

Many thanks to those friends who supported the Charity Coffee Morning in November. Donations of over £200 were received which will be shared by Willen Hospice and Karibuni Trust. Sale of Fair Trade goods amounted to just over £500.

## **Thumbsticks Walk – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

We are walking from The Knoll at 9.30 am prompt to West Lane House, Emberton where we shall enjoy breakfast by kind invitation of Mrs. Caroline Ellis. This has now been a tradition for more than twenty years, but it has been agreed that this will be the last such occasion. No dog please. J & A

## **Thumbstick Walk Announcement, ALL WELCOME.**

Subject only to rain, Kate and Graham will be leading our traditional Boxing Day Thumbstick walk from the Knoll at 9.30 am, about 1½ hours out of the village. No dogs please,

Kate and Graham will be leading the Thumbstick walk on February 7th from the Knoll at 9.30, we haven't planned the walk yet so no decision about cars at this stage, expect about four to five miles.

Again subject only to rain, no dogs please.

Kate and Graham

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## **Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell**

With the approach of Christmas, our Club will be making bucket collections, primarily for Willen Hospice, but also for other charities. Look out for us at Frosts Garden Centre, Newport Pagnell Lights, and outside Olney Co-Op.

We donate Christmas Trees to 13 local schools and have just placed the order for this year.

Arrangements are progressing well for the Schools' Technology Tournament, Young Musician, and Young Chef organised with other Rotary Clubs in our District. These events take place early in 2016.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Jaipur Limb charity dinner will be held at the Jaipur Restaurant, MK on 29<sup>th</sup> February. This event has raised over £30,000 for the provision of low-cost prosthetics to amputees in developing countries. We always fill the restaurant to capacity, but tickets are currently available.

Another event being organised for 2016 is the biennial Choir Concert.

Finally, may we wish all readers of SCAN, and the hard-working team that produces the magazine, a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

If you would like to know more about Rotary please e-mail [rotary.np@btinternet.com](mailto:rotary.np@btinternet.com).

Our Club is also on Twitter and Facebook. We meet at 7pm every Wednesday at the Swan Revived Hotel.

# Newport Pagnell Singers

presents

## *A Christmas Concert*

Saturday, 19 December, 6pm  
St Laud's Church, Sherington

● *Musical Director*

● Roger Windmill

● *Accompanist*

Ed Tomlinson

**All Tickets: £10**

Inclusive of mulled wine & mince pies

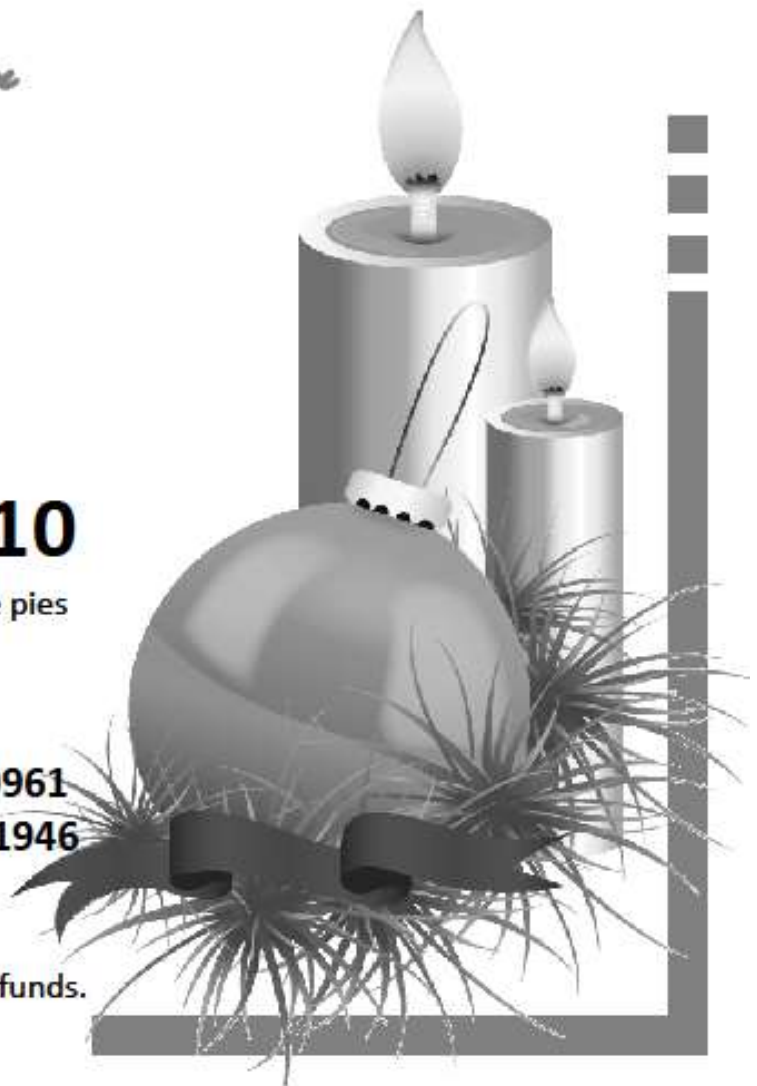
Available from:

Deborah & Ben Smith 610961

David & Bess Williams 611946

Rev Pam Fielding 616763

All Proceeds to St Laud's Church funds.





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

Here we are again nearly at the end of another year and with Christmas looming large upon us. Weather wise it has been quite an unusual year and as I write we have a very strong westerly wind that started over a week ago and shows no sign of abating in the near future. We find this quite depressing as it has a very adverse effect on our wood burning stove. The garden has been quite a trial this year with a few failures or poor crops with the exception of our cherries, grapes and walnuts. Also my newish asparagus bed is starting to get established and so we may have some to eat next year.

Still on matters natural I was very pleased that on 30<sup>th</sup> October I saw a great spotted woodpecker rootling around in the dead leaves and then he flew to our washing line post and started to peck at it. I don't think that he found it to his taste though and he soon left for other gardens. The day before we had fairly regular visitor and that was a green woodpecker who comes looking for ants.

I was forwarded an article that appeared in The Times on 16<sup>th</sup> October listing the 30 most expensive British high streets to live on and would you believe it Sherington High Street was listed there at number 25! Apparently the average price here is £617,625 which is an increase of 16% over the last 10 years. I find this quite surprising but it must be good news for any High Street dweller looking to sell their property.

I am sorry to report the passing of Anita Arnold who lived at the Clock Shop in the High Street with husband Norman for many years. Norman died some years back but Anita continued to live in the same house until a while back when she went to live at Park House at Tyringham where she passed away peacefully on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Our sympathy goes to sons Stuart and Bruce. Bruce incidentally moved into the Clock Shop house soon after his mother left there.

A reminder that the Salvation Army Band will be playing at the White Hart on 11<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.00pm. Please give your support to this popular evening event.

As is traditional at this festive time of year we should thank all those people who serve our community in any way and that includes our paper boys and girls, our milkman, our shop and Post Office keepers, the crews who light the church and Christmas tree and most importantly the good folk who deliver this magazine every month (except January). A Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year.

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

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## **Notification of Appeal Date**

**Planning Inspectorate APP/Y0435/W/15/3133886:  
Land at High Street, MK16 9QP**

The hearing for the Planning Appeal has been confirmed as

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 10am.**

This will be held at:

Milton Keynes Council  
Civic Offices  
1 Saxon Gate East,  
Central Milton Keynes  
Milton Keynes  
MK9 3DW

# **SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR**

1. There is a vacancy on Sherington Parish Council caused by:

Cllr Ian Collinge

2. A bye-election to fill the vacancy will be held if within 14 days (not counting Saturdays and Sundays) from the date below, ten electors for the parish give notice in writing claiming such an election to the Returning Officer.

3. The address of the Returning Officer is:

CAROLE MILLS  
RETURNING OFFICER  
MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL  
CIVIC OFFICES  
1, SAXON GATE EAST  
MILTON KEYNES  
MK9 3EJ

4. IN THE EVENT OF NO SUCH REQUEST FOR AN ELECTION BEING RECEIVED, THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL FILL THE VACANCY BY CO-OPTION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

5. ANY QUALIFIED PERSON WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Dated: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Signed



Clerk

Hannah Balazs, Clerk, Sherington Parish Council,  
130 Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, MK16 9BH

# Vacancy for Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Sherington Parish Council

The Parish Council is seeking an enthusiastic and organised individual to work from home for up to 25 hours per month, flexibly with some evening work to attend Council meetings.

The successful candidate will be expected to:

- Have excellent communication, interpersonal and administrative skills.
- Be computer literate including Excel and Word and email capability
- Facilitate at least 11 evening meetings per year for Sherington Parish Council, including preparation of agendas and taking of minutes.
- Facilitate the Annual Parish Meeting once a year
- Deal with correspondence and emails and follow up actions agreed by the Council.
- Keep up to date accounts and co-ordinate the annual audit.
- Liaise as required with Milton Keynes Council as well as other representative bodies/public utilities and their agencies

Starting salary from NALC SCP15 (currently £8.61 per hour), dependent on qualifications and experience. Training will be provided as appropriate.

For an information pack email the current clerk at [clerksheringtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerksheringtonpc@gmail.com)

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

Cllr Anita Thatcher – Vice Chair of Sherington Parish Council  
130 Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, MK16 9BH  
Email: [AnitaThatcherSPC@gmail.co.uk](mailto:AnitaThatcherSPC@gmail.co.uk)

Closing date for applications is **14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015** The parish council intends to interview suitable applicants during **4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016** so please indicate your availability and give full contact details with your application.





## 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.**'*

### **Update**

The Neighbourhood Plan continues to gather momentum as the Steering Group have now produced the first drafts of the policies with which we will define the Neighbourhood plan. We will be using these policies to assess all the sites along with the Milton Keynes council criteria. Possible sites open to development are highlighted on the map on the NP website.

A short summary of each policy;

A1.

**"Protect the fabric and setting of Sherington Parish's Heritage and Community Assets, as listed in Schedules of the Plan, and updated from time to time. **Planning applications which could cause any degradation in the fabric, setting or enjoyment of these assets will be resisted.**"**

B1.

**"Encourage and support existing and suitable new, small scale service businesses to thrive in Sherington Parish.** In particular the NP will support applications to change land and building use to

accommodate existing businesses experiencing growth or displaced by development elsewhere in the Parish.”

H1.

**“Support sensitive, small scale housing development and a consequential extension of the existing Settlement Boundary as defined on the revised proposals map in Appendix”**

H2.

“Ensure that new housing developments are of a scale that can reasonably be expected to become an integral part of the Village.

**Only individual developments of up to 12 dwellings will be supported.”**

H3.

“Require prospective Developers to engage in constructive dialogue with the PC, early in the process of formulating their plans to ensure that plans fully reflect the wishes of the community, as set out in the NP. **To facilitate this it will be necessary for developers to submit pre-applications before submitting planning applications.”**

SH1.

**“Designate the fields, which constitute the Historic Green Heart of Sherington as a Green Space, excluded from any form of built development.”**

These have been reviewed by MK Council Planners to ensure that they are compliant, relevant and deliverable however **these are only first drafts** not yet set in stone.

We are now looking for your feedback. We need your thought on whether these are in keeping with village wishes to ensure evolution within village values. We expect to roll out a survey by email, social media and door to door with which to capture your views and you'll be able to view the full drafts of these policies on the NP website shortly or on paper by request from Will Bush.

Please take the time to review them fully and to engage with us.

- Pass on your contributions to the Parish Council by contacting
  - **Will Bush, Chair of Steering Committee email [nplan@sherington.org.uk](mailto:nplan@sherington.org.uk) or call 07834 997577**

- **Sign up for updates** by contacting [AnitaThatcherSPC@gmail.com](mailto:AnitaThatcherSPC@gmail.com)
- **Come along to the meetings** – the last Tuesday of the month@ the Pavilion – 7.30pm.
- **Become a volunteer** - work towards the future of the village and our community.

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Please support the Neighbourhood Plan  
**Anita Thatcher** on behalf of the Parish Council

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## **SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL**

Time at the pre-school continues to flypast us at a rate of knots. We have been getting prepped and readying ourselves to get into the festive spirit, ready for the big red man. Hopefully he will make a special visit to us just before though...checking his list,

The committee have been busy organising a variety of fundraising events, such as the Barrow of Booze, Chocolate Bouquet. Not to mention the village Christmas Bazaar. A massive, massive thank you to all that donated items to each of the events and helped to see raffles tickets, as always your support and generosity with supporting us in every single one of these events is very much appreciated. Your community spirit humbles me and makes me very proud to be a part of the Sherington community.

We would all like to welcome a new Bank Staff member, Nicole, Noa's mum, to the team and I'm sure you join me in wishing her every success in her role.

The children have the theme of Frozen and activities relating to the theme to look forward to when we return after the Christmas break.



We welcome Liam and Albert and their families to Sherington and hope they enjoy their time as they begin their journey with us.

We return after the Christmas break on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. On behalf of us all at Sherington Pre-School I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you all in 2016!



*The children observing the minute silence in respect of the fallen soldiers for Remembrance Sunday*

*Tasting poppadoms and mango chutney for Diwali week.*





# SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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

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

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

## **Anita Arnold**

It is with some sadness that I have to report that Anita Arnold passed away in early November. Anita was the wife of our founder and first Chairman, Norman. They were both keen to get the Society up and running and Anita was the first to be in charge of the catering, supplying the tea and cakes / biscuits for the meetings that started up in the Pavilion, before the marvellous extension, where they would go up and turn the heating on to try and warm up the room a little before we arrived for the meetings.

She was quite a country girl at heart, a caring person with a good sense of humour, and I remember always having a chuckle with her about something when we met. She spent some of her early life around rural Middlesex and Bucks, as she had family in this area. She also had a cousin Ian who was in a famous pop band (The Small Faces).

I am led to believe that Anita and Norman met at a cycling club as Norman in his day was quite a keen cyclist. They married and settled down, and had two sons; Stuart and Bruce. After the boys had grown up Norman and Anita decided to have a career change and moved up to Hanslope and opened a Clock Shop there, but found it wasn't working for them in the location so cast around and found the house in Sherington where they settled and Norman opened the Clock Shop in Sherington, where both of them saw out their days. I was just looking through Phyllis' book "A walk around Sherington" and Anita entered a poem:

**Onion skins very thin, Mild winter coming in**

**Onion skins very thick and tough, Coming winter cold and rough**

So perhaps a good time to go and check your onions!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Stuart and Bruce and their families.

## **10<sup>th</sup> November Meeting: Members can Talk**

Thanks to Caroline we had an interesting evening with a selection of speakers. Gillian gave us a taster of her family tree, with some interesting facts and figures, including a link to Nevil Shute the Australian author. This was followed by Caroline herself who talked about the Picts. We all did a little about them at school about fighting the Romans, but she talked more about the arts and culture of the race, again very interesting. Mark followed with a talk about his trip over to Dunkirk as part of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dunkirk Evacuations in May. We then broke for tea and afterwards Philip shared some interesting slides of places, people and events in and around the village. We were smaller in number this time, but those who were, enjoyed it so thank you to our speakers,

## **8<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Party**

Christmas Party time again - bring some nibbles to share for an evening of fun. Not so historical this meeting, just some fun for the members. Hope you can come and join us.

## **January: Members Meeting (12<sup>th</sup>) and January Jolly (19<sup>th</sup>)**

As there is no SCAN in January, just wanting to put on the radar the events for us in January. On the 12<sup>th</sup>, we have our members meeting, filing and catch up from over the Christmas holidays. Then the 19<sup>th</sup> is the date pencilled in for the 'Jolly'. Again this will be held at the White Hart. Please talk to Pearl or Sheila Q, if you are interested in coming. It's a great night out with friends, so if you can make it, you will enjoy it.

Happy Christmas to our members and to all in SCAN,

and see you all rested for the New Year

MV

## **Sherington Bell Ringers:**

It is with great pride that your correspondent can report that on the 11<sup>th</sup> November (Armistice Day) that he rang his first Quarter Peal "inside". It was rung at S.S. Peter & Paul's in Newport Pagnell. This took something like 45 minutes, although I forgot to time it, but it was 1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles. As this was Armistice Day the bells were half muffled.

Quite a ringing milestone for me and I would like to thank all who helped. So in good ringing tradition the details are sent to the Ringing World magazine to register, therefore in the next edition that quarter peal will be printed. (see below)

### Practice nights

We are moving our schedule around a little for 2016, so we are now going to be in Sherington on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month and then on the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday we will be at Chicheley. This does not mean too much change as there are only about four 5<sup>th</sup>'s in the year, and looking at my calendar these are March, June, September and December.

So our next few practices will be:

10 <sup>th</sup> December 7.30 pm – Sherington	
14 <sup>th</sup> January 7.30 pm – Sherington	28 <sup>th</sup> January 7.30 pm – Sherington
11 <sup>th</sup> February 7.30 pm – Sherington	25 <sup>th</sup> February 7.30 pm - Sherington

If you want to come and have a look or 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.

Happy Christmas to all,  
Mark.



On Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire  
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Liz Wagstaff
- 2 Mark Vale
- 3 Charles J Knight
- 4 Mick Nimmo
- 5 B Douglas Hird (C)
- 6 Keith Wagstaff

1<sup>st</sup> inside 2. Rung half muffled on the middle six.



## THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

3<sup>rd</sup> December      **Festive Fun**

A relaxing evening with a light supper, mulled wine plus one or two activities.

7<sup>th</sup> January      **Cheese Tasting**

Brown's of Stagsden are bringing a selection of their cheeses and other produce from their farm shop for members to try.

*The New Thursday Group meets in Sherington Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 8.00 pm, unless otherwise indicated. It is open to all ladies from the village and surrounding area and new members are always very welcome. There is a varied programme of talks by visiting speakers, outings and events throughout the year. If you would like more information please contact Julie Smith on 01908-615043 or, alternatively, just come along to the village hall for one of the meetings.*

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*More from those wonderful Church ladies and their typewriters:*

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

The eighth –graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

# SCAN DIRECTORY

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**Associate Priest:** The Reverend Pam Fielding, 4 Griggs Orchard 01908 616763  
**LLM** Professor John Fielding 01908 616763

*(Licensed Lay Minister)*

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**Church Website** - [www.scanparish.org.uk](http://www.scanparish.org.uk)

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