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- BRIDGE at 7 pm-10 pm THURSDAYS contact Neil Plumb 01234 391040
- **CRANFIELD BRIDGE CLUB** meets at Astwood Village Hall virtually every **SUNDAY** at 6.55 for 7 pm start to play. Details on hppt://www.cranbridge.org.uk, or ring Paul Goddard, 01234 881409

PILATES: Monday at 8 pm – contact Helen Terry on Helen@1to34pilates.co.uk

BROWNIES: Every **MONDAY** term time, Sherington Pavilion - 5.30 – 7 pm -

contact: Rebecca Harrington, 15 Carters Close, Sherington

PILATES 10 a.m., YOGA 11 a.m., NORTH CRAWLEY INSTITUTE Thursdays. Call Debbie 07764 391687

SHERINGTON FOLK WORKSHOP: 8 – 10 pm Sherington V.H. - **2nd Thursday** of month –

Contact Liz 07941 403492

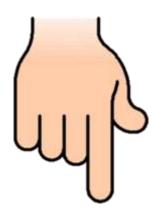
SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB: Monday 2 – 4 pm and Friday 7 – 9 pm

contact Sheila 211153 or Bob 01234391436

SHERINGTON YOUTH CLUB: Village Hall 7 – 9 pm **Wednesday** Nights (term time)

contact Jo: 07780 987034

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CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends

As I write this letter, I am looking through the window at the overcast sky, rain and windblown trees. Here we go again, gloom and doom – same old message. However, there are also primroses, daffodils and snowdrops. Hopefully, when SCAN reaches you in March, spring will have sprung, with the promises of things to come.

I have lived in North Crawley long enough to see four rectors come and go. Once more, we are seeking a new priest. Same old procedures and formalities to go through. Here we go again. However, this may lead to exactly the right priest for our parish, someone with the vision and energy to stimulate us all.

Easter falls at the end of March, bringing the usual special services and activities. Here we go again – same old thing. Does familiarity always breed contempt? Some people find comfort and security in the familiar services while others want and need something different. Our church provides all, from a traditional prayer book communion to the "Something Different" service (which is exactly that).

So the message at this time of year is "the same old thing - here we go again". However, is it gloom, doom and contempt or is it signs of promise, hope and challenge?

Happy Easter

Churchwarden Janice

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

- RIP Enid Pepper of Sherington who's Service of Thanksgiving took place on 25 January in St Laud's
- RIP Suzanne Birt of North Crawley whose funeral service took place on 5 February at St Firmin's (followed by a cremation at Crownhill Crematorium)
- RIP Irene Carter of Sherington whose service of cremation took place on 18 February at Crownhill Crematorium

'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'



LENT LUNCH in NORTH CRAWLEY

St Firmin's Church
Lent Lunch is back on the menu this year and we hope you will be able to
come:

- Saturday 5 March
- 12pm
- The Institute North Crawley

For a bowl of homemade soup (with bread and cheese)

- Suggested donation £5 pp (£2 child)
- Contact : Cheryl Dunkley 391931 Julia Chinn 391976

Proceeds will be donated to the charity 'marysmeals.org.uk'

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SCAN PARISH CHURCHES

AGM 2016

Will be held on Tuesday 26th April

Chicheley Village Hall 7.30 pm

All are welcome

'Souper' Lunchtime Get-together

Scan fellowship, a fortnightly chance to enjoy a simple lunch together



Pam and John Fielding
4 Griggs Orchard Sherington
01908 616763
12pm - 2pm Wednesdays

9 March (Holy Communion at 11.30am) 23 March

6 April (Holy Communion at 11.30am) 20 April

All ages welcome (children too!)

CHURCH SERVICES

MARCH

6 March Mothering Sunday - a Parish wide service for everyone

10.30am Scan 'Something Different' service – Sherington

13 March

9.30am Scan Holy Communion – North Crawley

6pm Scan Evensong – Chicheley

20 March Palm Sunday

9.30am Scan Holy Communion – Sherington

24 March Maundy Thursday

7pm Scan Holy Communion – Chicheley

Holy Week & Easter

25 March Good Friday

12pm Scan Reflections for Good Friday – Sherington

27 March Easter Day – a Parish wide service for everyone

10.30am Scan Easter Family Celebration with Holy Communion –

North Crawley

Astwood

We are now well into 2016 and another year is rolling along. However despite still being deep into winter with even the threat of snow as was suggested on last nights weather forecast, there is some distinctly Spring like intentions. The evenings are drawing out, in fact by the time you read this it will probably still be light at 6.00pm and today we had the benefit of glorious sunshine, even if the wind had a bit of a chill about it.

It has been suggested that the rainfall figure for this year is about average, all I can say is that for many of the previous years it must have been well below average. One blessing of the mild winter is the early appearance of daffodils well certainly in my garden and even the ones in the village are threatening to put in an early appearance, I do think they definitely have an uplifting effect.

A friend of mine often maintains that a house is not a home without a dog, and in our humble abode it has been about 12 months since I surprised my wife with a puppy for Christmas and I must admit that it is wonderful to come home and find my dog waiting for my arrival at the patio door so she can race round to the back door to greet me with a wagging tail and the relative trials and tribulations of the day. This is our cue to start a game of chase the ball which, unfortunately for our neighbours, results in my dog barking, so they certainly know when I come home, thank heavens for their patience.

Whilst talking about dogs, naturally we take our pooch for her daily walk and we always carry poo bags which are used whenever the occasion rises, as does every other responsible dog owner. However, I have noticed that someone is letting the side down, so <u>every</u> dog owner please pick up your dog's deposits, thank you.

In the forthcoming events you will notice a pubic meeting on the 9th March at 7.30 pm in the Village hall to discuss the MK Plan, which is basically the strategic plan by MK Council to give building plans for the future of Milton Keynes leading up to 2031. Basically they are planning to add 20,000 new houses, which would mean approximately 50 - 60 thousand people. Of course this would mean new schools, new roads, new shopping and new facilities, including business premises. Although this doesn't directly affect Astwood, increasing Milton Keynes by 20 - 30% is bound to

have a knock on effect and this will be your opportunity to have your say and to represent your views, whether it is in favour or against the plan.

One aspect that does effect our lives currently is speeding traffic and although the accident last week happened outside the speed limit, down towards Green Valley farm, when a mini decided to leap the hedge, I still believe we ought to encourage drivers to take the speed limit seriously, so we hope to have use of the SID which are the flashing signs that indicate how fast cars are going; just got to go on a course and then we can get started.

Lieutenant Pidgeon

The Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) will take place on Tuesday 26th April 2016 at 7.30 pm in Chicheley Village Hall. All are welcome, but if you wish to vote you need to be on the Church Electoral Roll. If you wish to be put on to the Roll, please contact me for an application form at christine.girard@btinternet.com or on 01234 391489.

Christine Girard, Secretary to the SCAN Parish PCC.

From Pierre Girard, co-ordinator of Chicheley Neighbourhood Watch; It is ironic that, two days after distributing a NHW pack to all households in Chicheley, there should be an incident to remind us of its need. On Monday February 1st, a cottage was burgled at Little End in broad daylight. The police are on the case but the situation is no less distressing for its residents. Even if your property is secure, the means to break in can be found in less secure outbuildings. Take appropriate action and revise your security precautions.

It may not have been entirely clear from my handout that I would like to receive email addresses for Chicheley residents. The reason is to establish a more comprehensive mailing list than my new Facebook group 'Chicheley Neighbourhood Watch' which you can also join. Send me your details to: pierregirard@btinternet.com and be safe.

I hope that the police will have found enough forensics to apprehend the burglar. 2nd March will see a Lent lunch being held in the village hall from 12.30 pm. A "frugal" repast in the Chicheley tradition, all are welcome.

19th March "An airman's story". A reminder that Ted Duncombe's filmed memories are to have a repeat showing from 7.30 pm in the village hall. If you would like to attend please contact me on 01234 391371. Refreshments will be provided and you are welcome to make a donation during the evening.

You will see elsewhere in SCAN details of the church services planned for Easter in our villages. At Chicheley there will be a service of Holy Communion at 7 pm on Maundy Thursday 24th March. For this year there will not be a dawn service at Chicheley on Easter Sunday.

25th March is Good Friday and teas will be served in the village hall from 3 pm.

5th April is the date for the next Chicheley parish meeting at 8 pm in the village hall. Chicheley does not have a parish council, as do the three larger villages in SCAN parish, so this is the opportunity of the electors in Chicheley to come along and have their say on matters important to them.

23rd April is St. George's day and to celebrate that there will be a supper in the village hall. Please contact me on 01234 391371 to book your place.

ChichChat will continue as usual on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings in the village hall from 10.30 am until noon.

I suppose our parish magazine is a very small part of the media, although I don't think we have yet been quoted on any of the news quizzes. We are really local and seemingly not concerned with the humanitarian and financial storms that daily we are informed about by the larger media. Having said that, I'm quite sure that there are many in our villages that do care and try and do something about it. Perhaps, occasionally, they might like to pen a few words about their achievements and how we could help? I would be happy to include such items from any Chicheley residents.

Finally on the 21st February 1916 began the battle of Verdun in France. Not as well known to us now, but still of great significance to the French nation. The battle lasted 303 days, with the usual appalling loss of life and injury. During that battle the allied offensive we know as the battle of the Somme began in July, in part to take pressure off the Verdun front. 1916 became a critical year during the First World War, its consequences are still with us today.

On that reflection I will close. Pierre.

ORTH CRAWLEY NEWS AND COMMENT

The predominantly wet, warm, windy winter weather continues, and watching the national news it does feel that we in the south have a lot to be thankful for as many in the north attempt to keep water from their doors. It does help that North Crawley is one of the highest points in the area and above most of the land between here and the east coast, so should a tsunami or stray whale come from that direction it shouldn't affect us in the village. A comforting thought I'm sure you'll agree.

It has been noted that the Queen is 90 years of age this year and to celebrate the village could have a party, possibly along the lines of a picnic on the recreation ground one Sunday afternoon in May or early June. If you have any ideas regarding activities, entertainment for both children and adults please pass them on to the Parish Council and they will do their best to accommodate your wishes. Perhaps a bouncy castle?

Once more people have passed on accounts of drivers mounting the pavement in the High Street just to gain a few seconds on their journey to and from work. It seems to occur mainly in the rush hours, but is incredibly dangerous for residents who are attempting to leave their properties on the High Street whether in cars or on foot, and obviously for children on their way to school. It is a fact that more and more vehicles are passing through the village at peak times which leads to this behaviour, and with an expanding Cranfield (both jobs and housing), it is difficult to come up with a solution, but for the sake of residents there may well be a move to install a few more bollards on the North side of the High Street to prevent this anti-social, impatient and mindless conduct.

Which leads onto another anti-social behaviour of not picking up dogs mess. Most village dog walkers are very good at carrying (poo bags) and picking up. In fact doing a bit of dog walking for friends we have got to know quite a few dog owners who would be the first to condemn those who let the dog walking community down. The worst example lately has been along Church Walk, near to the school and then same lane but further down towards Folly Lane. Small children walk these routes daily to school and it was inevitable that at least one or more would tread in the stuff. Now I hope the guilty party understands the long term problems this stuff can cause children and make the appropriate adjustment to their behaviour.

I try not to rant but it only takes a few neglectful people to upset the many in the village who go out of their way to be conscientious friends and neighbours.

ARE YOU PLANNING TO TAKE UP AN APPRENTICESHIP OR GO TO UNIVERSITY THIS YEAR?

If so, please note that grants are available from North Crawley United Charities. In fact, one young person in the village who is doing an apprenticeship successfully applied for a grant at the end of last year to help with the purchase of tools. He was very grateful and said it will most certainly help with his training and future career.

The trustees of the charity will consider anyone for a grant who is taking up an apprenticeship, studying at college or university or training for a profession. The grants can be used to put towards the purchase of tools, equipment, books or anything that may help anyone with their studies or training. With many young people starting new jobs or getting ready to go to college or university later in the year, now is the time to apply.

With Spring not far away, you may be encouraged to grow your own vegetables, fruit and flowers. It is a fantastic hobby giving you plenty of exercise and you get to enjoy the fruits of your labour. United Charities do have plots available at Town Lands at a very reasonable rent.

Please contact the clerk to the charity, Chris Stapleton, about either of the above. Chris.Stapleton23@gmail.com

North Crawley Institute - A date for your diaries:- Saturday 12 March.

Entertainment will be a 'Gary Priestly Cabaret evening', who is back by popular demand following last years very successful event. Songs from the past and present across different genres, all delivered by this top class entertainer. Audience participation is encouraged and a great time was had by all on the last occasion.

Ticket cost is £10 per head (incl. refreshments) and can be bought from Joan Mitchell 391542, Fred Flower 391480 or just ask other IMC members. It is a 'bring-your-own' liquid refreshment occasion.

<u>Village walks</u> If you want to broaden your knowledge of the paths please join in the monthly organised walks on the last Sunday in each month, which start at 10 A.M. meeting outside the Institute.

Historical Society

Contact John Brandon on 391365, or Chris Stapleton on 391205, for further details of future events.

To finish on a less serious note after rants above:-

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

I wondered why the cricket ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me! (Note NCCC).

If anyone would like to contribute newsworthy information, please don't hesitate to send it to:- christopherflower@btinternet.com



Hawk-eye.

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 2nd February, 2016.

Apologies

Councillor Hobbs plus Ward Councillors McLean and Hosking.

Planning

No local planning to review.

Cllrs Hatton and Small attended a meeting in Cranfield, we have requested their Traffic Management Plan in order to understand whether this will affect North Crawley.

Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Geary provided an update:

- MK budget for 2016/17 is currently under final review. Of interest is a proposed change to the way we recycle our household waste, plus proposals to save on road sign lighting.
- The Plan MK document that was issued in early January actually contained errors and the new document is due to be re-issued in early February. The final date for residents to respond to the plan remains at 6th April, despite this

- delay / re-issue. All residents are encouraged to write to MK Council expressing their views on the four proposed housing development schemes.
 Additionally, MKC has met with developers looking at the area east of junction
- 14 for light industrial use (this is further to the proposed Plan MK housing initiative).
- NCPC questioned Cllr Geary on the recent discovery of a smaller scale building topic paper that was proposed by a local land owner in 2014. It is thought that this will have no bearing on the Plan MK exercise, it was stressed that NCPC were not aware of this document until mid-January this year.

Dog Fouling

A number of incidents of dog fouling have been reported this month; of particular concern are both an incident in Church Walk near to the school and several reports of fouling in the recreation ground. NCPC will ask the IMC committee for permission to deploy signs around the recreation ground reminding dog owners to control their pets and be mindful of other users of the field.

Finance

A total of £962.00 had been spent in the previous month, all to cover expected items. Receipts totalled £245.00.

As of 1st October, 2016, all employers will need to offer a pension to eligible employees. This includes NCPC (who employ the Clerk and the Finance Officer, despite them not earning the minimum required amount to qualify), we will make arrangements in case this becomes an issue in the future.

Website

RFO Bushnell will attend a training course to set up and understand how to maintain the new website.

NCPC Equipment

It was agreed that the PC would purchase a digital projector so that in future meetings documents can be viewed by members of the public. Cllr Stapleton will be able to provide a laptop computer. The Clerk will apply for partial funding from the Ward Councillors budget.

Residential Safety

After reports of more incidents of cars driving on pavements it was decided that we should seek further advice from MKC on how to stop this. Additional bollards could be a solution. The latest incident will be reported to the police, as the resident managed to capture the car registration number.

Landscape

The small path behind Bryans Crescent will be registered, therefore enabling the PC to complete repair works.

The street light in Nixies Walk has been repaired.

Councillor Items

Cllr Flower tendered his resignation and will leave the PC following the March meeting. We now have vacancies for two Councillors which will continue to be advertised.

Cllr Hatton proposed that the village celebrate the Queens 90th birthday with an event (street party, picnic or similar). This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Resident Items

A question was raised about the size of the grave yard, particularly in light of proposed village expansion. It is estimated that there is currently capacity for 20 to 30 years.

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

Cllr Keith Rogers

Plan MK Details

Further to the report above, the consultation papers can be viewed at the following: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/PlanMK
MKC Civic Offices
MK libraries.

Responses can be made online through Milton Keynes Council's consultation portal at http://miltonkeynes-consult.objective.co.uk or you can send them by email to planmk@milton-keynes.gov.uk or by post to:

Development Plans Team, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ.

Please do not be complacent this could affect all of us. If you are worried about the plan but don't bother to object, your village could end up losing its rural identity. North Crawley and surrounding villages could become almost twice the size of Bletchley. SO MAKE SURE YOU SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO MKC before it is too late.

Responses must be in by 5:00pm on Wednesday 6th April.

North Crawley Village Shop

Please ensure you use the shop. In order for the shop to keep going we must all support it on a continual basis. Prakash and his wife have, and still do, work hard to ensure the shop is a success. It can only thrive with our support so let's make sure this village amenity stays.



Interested in making a difference in your community and representing others?

If so, why not nominate yourself to be a Parish Councillor? The elections are due on 5th May 2019 taking place every four years but we are able to co-opt you now; you must be prepared to give some of your spare time and attend regular monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month.

For further details please contact

Pat Reynolds-Nunn (Clerk) on 01767 641281 or 07899801719

NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

North Crawley Bowls Club

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 14th MARCH 2016

The Annual General Meeting for our Bowls Club will be held in North Crawley Village Hall on Monday 14th March 2016 at 8.00pm, when a review of our past years results will be held, as well as appointing our new committee for the forthcoming year

Although we are a relatively small club, we are recognised by our bowling neighbours, both within and beyond Bucks County, as having a top-grade green, and some players who compete at County level.

Our 2016 season starts towards the end of April and we have another full programme organised for the season. We would like to expand our membership and would welcome new members to our friendly Club, especially those from North Crawley Village and the surrounding areas. If you are an inexperienced bowler and would like to improve your skills, or you are interested in beginning to play the game for the first time, we can help you along the way. Our AGM. will be an opportunity to hear more about North Crawley Bowls Club, and to meet our members. So we would welcome anyone who is contemplating taking up bowling, or is already a player, and ask that you join us in our Village Hall on Monday, 14th March. If you would like further details, please ring either of the following people:

Chairman (John Kayne) 07969 238588
Secretary (Sheila Hart) on 01234 750221
Club Captain (Anne Larr) on 01234 391496
Committee Member (Graham Kinns) on 01234 391544

NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.

Our speaker in January was Robin Morgan, a volunteer from Marston Vale country Park. He explained that they have a large area which originally belonged to the Brick Works at Stewartby. It has a large lake with paths around for cyclists and horses and large marshy parts that attract all kinds of birds and they have made good hides to watch them. They have planted over 20 year's five million trees to begin the forest. The tree seeds are collected by The Woodland Trust and begin life in Lincolnshire. They are a charity so they send all types of trees to Marston. The site has a large restaurant, shop and rooms for conferences and it faces a lake full of wild life and it is a good place to tire out children as they also have a playground to one side. They organize events during school holidays and weekends with walks and cycle rides around the lakes. You can even hire bikes there and it has a large free car park. It is a good place for a family outing on a nice day. If you pick up the Cranfield News from our shop, you will see the programme every month.

The great news is we have three new members.... Amazing! We do hope they enjoy our company.

Our next meeting is Wednesday March 16th at 7.30 and our speaker is Maria Greenhill, on "Designing a Garden for Easy Maintenance. Pam

CONGRATULATIONS!

Two families have become grandparents, one new and the other an old hand. Bridget and Graham Cookham's daughter (who now lives in Cranfield) gave birth to her baby girl in Bedford Hospital after worrying times, including the Doctor's strike.

The other baby girl belongs to Angela and Garry Adderson's daughter, Sarah, who gave birth also in Bedford, but in January instead of March so the baby is still in hospital but doing well.

DELIVERY OF SCAN MAGAZINE IN NORTH CRAWLEY

I am asking, please, for three lovely people to deliver Scan for me in Orchard Way, Chicheley Road, and half the High Street.

I have lost two of my hard working deliverers.

It is only once a month, NOT January, and it does not take long....that is if you do not meet anybody!

I am just getting older and it is a lot more walking to do.

Thank you, Pam

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MAIL BAG AND ANNOUCEMENTS



TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING

March 8th Doris Stephens, 1a Church Road

To Editor:

Feeling really sad and upset that Sherington is not the nice village I thought it was. On Tuesday 19th January around 3-4 pm our cat Daisy was SHOT and it has fractured her leg and damaged the nerves. I know cats can be a nuisance in gardens and some people dislike cats, but surely this is an extreme way to treat a domestic pet. Beware animal owners; some deviant is living in this village. If they would like their pellet back (the Vet has given it to me, after removing it from the bone) do pop around. I will gladly hand it over, along with the Vet's bill!

Melanie Morton, Knoll Close.

SHERINGTON'S LENT LUNCH will be held in the village hall on Saturday 19th March from noon onwards. We welcome support from Sherington and all the Scan Villages.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like a lily placed in Church over Easter in memory of a loved one, please contact Jill Burgess 01908 611163 or Ella Field 01908 610560 by 16th March. Cost £3 per name.

THUMBSTICKS WALK - Sunday 6th March

Please drive down to The Knoll for 9.30 am. We shall be driving to Stone Pit Field car park near the Black Horse Public House and we will be making a circular walk around the Great Linford Lakes. This walk is easy but some parts may be muddy. It is approximately four miles in length. No dogs please. J&A.

SHERINGTON FOLK BAND

The Sherington Folk Band are putting on a ceilidh on Saturday 12th March in Sherington Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. The cost is £5 with all profits going to Willen Hospice and Macmillan. Tickets are selling fast. Please contact Liz on 07941 403492.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Having missed the deadline for December SCAN, this is a very late 'Thank You' for all the gift-filled shoe boxes donated for Christmas 2015.

Twenty-five boxes were sent this time. The charity Samaritan's Purse distributes the boxes. They go to several different countries. If payment towards transport costs is made on-line you can find out to which country your box was sent.

Pam Ellis





Sherington Life

Think of March and the first thing that springs to mind is the Daffodil, but at the moment we're not sure there will be many left by the time we reach St David's Day. The combination of a very mild winter and the destruction caused by Storm Imogen really seems take have taken its toll. So much to look forward to now as the Spring Equinox fast approaches and the evenings become lighter, everyone seems so much happier. But wasn't it a shock to wake up on a Sunday morning and hear Sir Terry Wogan had passed away? Another National Treasure gone. He was pivotal in many of our lives through the years – either as a friend on the radio (he always said he only had one listener), Blankety Blank (those under 40 -Google it) and his top ten hit 'The Floral Dance'. From his radio show, the Janet and John stories stood out as pinnacles of the double entrende! Dusting off their tackle and polishing their rods (ho ho!) the White Hart Danglers are deep in preparation for their forthcoming season. We look forward to hearing their fishy tales of "the one that got away."

We are lucky to live in Sherington – it's full of caring people. Recently, Esther Boyce (of Esther and Michael fame) was taken ill with pneumonia and whisked off to MK General. After a lengthy stay we are pleased to hear that she is back at home recovering. Both her and Michael would like to say a massive thank you to all their friends and neighbours for their kindness in sending round food, gifts and giving Michael lifts and all the get well wishes. On the "thank you" theme, Jackie Watts reports that the November British Legion Poppy Collection raised over £700. All down to Jackie and her band of helpers and the generous spirit of Sherington. Here's a riddle – What begins with 'M' and goes around picking up things? Yes – a Mum! Following the golden rule that you never upset your Mother, don't forget that Mother's Day is on 6th March this year. There's a 'Something Different Service' at St Laud's Church - a lovely chance for all the family to celebrate Mothering

Sunday. After this you may want to visit The White Hart where they are serving a special Mother's Day Menu from 12pm-6pm. For many Mums a cup of tea, a bunch of flowers and being allowed to watch 'Call The Midwife' uninterrupted is reward enough (a bottle of Prosecco is also acceptable!)

Easter is quite early this year- the end of March. Thinking about Easter, these birds think that it's a great celebration, families can get together, a long weekend for many, days are longer and we all start thinking that new garden furniture might be a good idea. And all without the stress Christmas planning brings. Oh, and chocolate! See you at the Easter Egg hunt at the WH on Easter Sunday!

A last reminder of The Twinning Quiz on 18th March at 7pm at The Village Hall, tickets going fast – empechez vous perdez mes amis!



See You in April.

Feathered Friends



see also page 32

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2ND FEBRUARY

(These are NOT draft minutes but simply summary of the meeting from Cllr Thatcher–Official meeting minutes will be available from the Clerk after their approval at next meeting on 1st March or online at www.sheringtonpc.co.uk)

4. Matters Arising from last meeting

Plan MK is out for consultation the PC response will be prepared for approval on 1st March

Footpath between Sherington and Newport Pagnell is on the highways work list but if not done before nesting season it will be done later in the year.

New Clerk appointed Tracey Young

Cllr Vacancy – still searching for volunteer

New Contractor to mow Council areas is still being sought

New website is now live www.sheringtonpc.co.uk please let us have your feedback for improvement or what you would like to see.

Precept has been agreed and submitted for next year

5. Proposal to contribute to legal costs of Campaign PlanMK

Agreed to support with £1000

6. Ward Councillors Report

We have until 6th April to respond to PlanMK. MKC Budgets are due to be agreed on 17th Feb. Changes include Kitchener Centre, was proposed for closure has been saved. Some things had not been resolved; Pink sacks being replaced with hessian sacks; charge for green wheelie bins and some play areas closing. The budget is proposing a 3.9% Tax rise. No Bus services affected in rural areas as yet.

7. Clerks Report

Awaiting response from MKC regarding Pavilion Car park repair – approved but not actioned

Email received regarding applying for road closures for Queens 90th birthday if interested in organising something contact the clerk

Report of flooded garden with sewage by resident Cllr Geary to assist if possible with MKC and Anglian Water

8. Neighbourhood Plan

Final policies have been agreed and are being published (see website and NP section)

These are now being applied to site allocation. Cllr Hughes and Cllr Bush took legal advice as to our situation. It is vital we demonstrate a robust

Neighbourhood plan, we already have 2 planning applications in the village and there are likely to be more due to MKC lack of clarity regarding the 5 year housing plan. Moving forward with selection of preferred sites and take representatives from local landowners. The plan and all evidence gathered will be stored and be searchable.

Newport Pagnell's Plan examination meeting was attended by Cllr Caldwell

9. Working Party Reports

Both the shop and the Pavilion now have working parties who will report back every month.

Shop: Cllr Johnstone reported meeting pending with the planning office, FT planning application is as of the end of May to go and see him. It is up until the 31st May this year. Temporary planning is up until 2017

Pavilion: Cllr Johnstone reported we have received a letter from Michael Cook on behalf of Shire Farms. The annual rent became due on the 29th September 2015 and there was no invoice raised. Hannah was made aware of the fact yet the rent has not been paid, which in the opinion of the landowner invalidates the lease. The outstanding amount to be paid immediately and an invoice was requested. Cheques cannot be paid until relevant paperwork is received. The landowner commented that the rent has been £100 per annum for 35 years, and that also the matter "is not a big deal".

3 quotes for building work which is a positive and works will commence forthwith

10. Finance

Bank Account balance 2nd February 2016 - £ 30,659.81 Cheques approved

11. 11. Planning Applications

28 High St – No adverse comments

10 School Lane - No adverse comments

12. Councillor Items

Cllr Constantine: pot holes. Cllr McClean mentioned roads should be checked quarterly and if you see a pot hole report it on the MKC REPORT IT system. Cllr Thatcher directed to Cllr Geary: do you have an update on the reported system? They have decided to spend 3120k on upgraded a system, there is a new front facing system you will see and due to change 1st April and meant to offer major benefits. The new system should be a lot more seamless.

Next Meeting: 1st March @ 7.30pm, Village Hall



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.'

March Update

All Policies are agreed and are therefore adopted as below;

A1. Protect the fabric and setting of Sherington Parish Heritage and Community assets, as listed in Schedules X and Y of the Plan, and updated from time to time. Planning applications which cause any degradation in the fabric, setting or enjoyment of these assets will be resisted.

Historical buildings and features (to be defined further but including)

St Lauds Church, the Knoll, the White Hart, Historical open land at the heart of the Medieval village, Bancroft Field, Manor Moat, Church Fields, The Laurels, Mercers Farm House, Yew Tree Farm, The Swan, Lines Thatched Cottage, Civil War Land in Gun lane.

Business

B1. Encourage and support existing and appropriate new, small scale industries to thrive in Sherington Parish.

Applicants will be expected to discuss matters of design and integration, within the village, with the Parish Council beforehand. In addition a brief, illustrative, non-commercially sensitive business model will be required to demonstrate sustainability. In particular the Neighbourhood Plan will support applications to change land use or use of buildings to accommodate existing businesses experiencing growth or displaced by development elsewhere in the Parish.

Housing

H1. Support sensitive, compliant small scale housing development of between 20 and 24 new dwellings.

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.

A priority should be to deliver small affordable starter homes to achieve a more balanced

community mix rather than an emphasis on larger properties.

H3. Require prospective Developers to engage in constructive dialogue with the PC, early in the process of formulating their plans to ensure that proposals 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 formal applications.

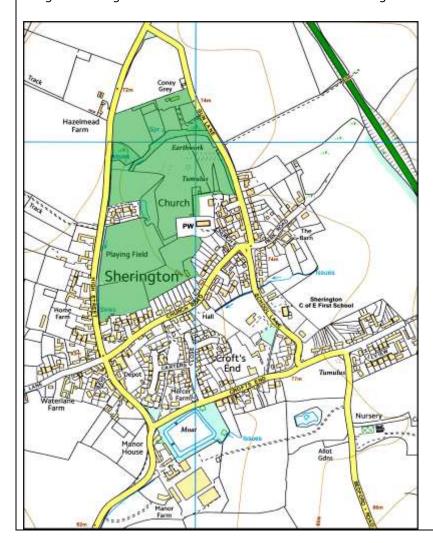
Where planning gain is required or offered a voluntary 'Heads of Terms Agreement' needs to be in place to ensure that the benefit can be captured by the village, without dispute, on implementation of a relevant planning permission.

Heritage

SH1. Designate the fields (*shown on map below*) which constitute the Historic Green Heart of Sherington as a Green Space, excluded from any form of built development. The Local Green Space will be delivered and implemented in the context of NPPF (paragraphs 76 and 77). Furthermore the Parish Council will actively support and encourage the improvement of the Local Green Space, with the collaboration of the land owner(s), where appropriate.

Policy SH1 has been significantly informed by authoritative independent, advice and guidance. Which includes:

- Recent, detailed location specific study by MKC planners
- Village Plans and Character Studies dating back to 1974
- Planning history of the whole area dating back some 50 years
- English Heritage Statement Article 4 Direction and Heritage



Using all these policies we have begun to assess the sites available in the village towards allocating sites via the Neighbourhood plan. **Initial findings** below in no particular order

Site	Description N F		Policies					Other Local Matters	
		Α1	B1	H1	H2	Н3	SH1	X - infringes NP policies o - has no impact on policies	
R13	Smith's Yard	0	Χ	0	0	0	0		
R14	Bancroft Field	Χ	Χ	0	0	0	Х		
R15	High St North East	Χ	0	Χ	Χ	Χ	0	A smaller site in this location could be considered	
R16	Field to rear of school	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	О	Landowner withdrawn, understood not interested	
R28	High St (Playing Field)	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		
R29	High St North West	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		
R30	Masons Field	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		
R31	Gun Lane West	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Х		
Extra Sites									
1	Gun Lane East (Winyards)							Not Available, we understand owner not interested	
2	Perry Lane north	Х	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	О		
3	Bedford Rd, between Hillview & Nurseries	О	0	0	0	0	О	Small scale housing and commercial on edge of village	
4	Adj site 3 and Rec ground						0		
5						_		Could consider for very small development and	
	Field off Water Lane to North	0	0	0	0	0	0	passing place improvements on Water Lane	
6	Smith's Paddock south of Water lane	О	0	0	0	О	О		
7	Water Lane Farm Field and shooting ground	Х	0	0	0	О	О	Landowner has expressed an interest	
8	Paddock W of High St opposite Manor							Not available, we understand owner not interested	

We will be using these initial results as our starting point to investigate further, in priority order, those sites that are, according to criteria, suitable for development. These will also be filtered through Infrastructure and Ecology to ensure suitability and sustainability is robust in its application.

This is ongoing work and therefore correct at time of going to print and subject to change.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ENGAGE IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY

- Pass on your contributions to the Parish Council by contacting
 - Will Bush, Chair of Steering Committee email chair@sheringtonpc.co.uk or call 07834 997577
- Sign up for updates by contacting AnitaThatcherSPC@gmail.com
- Come along to the meetings @ the Pavilion last Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm.
- Become a volunteer work towards the future of the village and our community.

Continue to support our Neighbourhood Plan **Anita Thatcher** on behalf of the Parish Council

Sherington CE School A fun filled month with a surprise visitor

As January drew to a close, our Sparrows, Robins & Owls took part in a lovely Christingle workshop with Rev. Pam Fielding where they made their own Christingle and learnt about the meaning of Christingle. Later in the afternoon they took part in a wonderful service at St Laud's Church where parents and carers were treated to a rousing performance of the children's favourite song of the



moment "Hallelujah"! Thank you to the PTFA for providing coffee and cakes for everyone to enjoy after the service.



The PTFA have also been busy arranging an extra special visitor for all the children – MK Lightening Ice Hockey mascot, Pucky, arrived at school along with MK Lightening's manager to surprise the

children ahead of the special match for families on Saturday 13th February. Lots of the children will be attending the match and they look forward to ice skating together afterwards.

Here at Sherington, we continue to encourage all the children to keep active



and enjoy sports and outdoor activities. As you can see from this photos we have fantastic outdoor facilities including a large playground with equipment, extensive playing fields and 2 purpose built outdoor classrooms. Every morning and afternoon we have lots of fun taking part in Activate – a programme designed "to activate the bodies and minds of children

with repetitive movement patterns to music" and once a week they enjoy Energy Club where they play structured games with our very own Mrs Missing. On top of this, Nigel Willard of Olney Tennis Club comes into school on Wednesday afternoons to help the children improve their tennis skills and he also runs our free after school sports club.



If you have a child starting school and you would like to look around our small, friendly school with great outdoor space and facilities, please call 01908 610470

SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Well last term saw us celebrating Pancake Day by holding our very own Sherington Pre-School Pancake Races. The children never fail to amaze me when we run events. Even in the bitterly cold weather, they all showed such good sportsmanship by encouraging and cheering their friends and loved ones on throughout. A good time was had by all and big thanks go to those that turned out to support and join in with the fun. It was a great event and one we wish to continue for years to come.





We also celebrated Chinese New Year by embracing the year of the Monkey with monkey masks and making mooncakes too. They were delicious if I do say so myself!

The last of the terms celebrations was of course Valentine's Day. We made love wreaths for the ones we loved and spoke about those who are important to us and why.

Term 4 sees us celebrate World Book Day. The children and staff will all be dressing up as their favourite book character.

We also celebrate Mother's Day, St David's day and St Patrick's Day too. Leading us up to Easter celebrations where we will be basing our activities and crafts and participating in our very own Easter Egg Hunt.

You may or may not have seen advertised a Cheese and Wine tasting evening being held at the village Hall, Saturday 19th March, as a fund raising event for the Pre-School. It would be lovely to see as many faces as possible to support the event. If you are interested at all then please get in contact with the pre-school on 01908 611398.

Sherington Pre-School's



THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

3rd March

My Life in Hollywood

Jamie Evans from Carters Close will tell us about living and working as a Television Producer in what we may believe to be the glamorous area of Los Angeles.

7th April

"Dancing with Diana" - OPEN MEETING

Former policeman and ex bodyguard, Colin Hill will provide us with a 'sneak peek' into his fascinating career as a protection officer working with members of our Royal Family during the 1970's and 1980's.

All Ladies and Gentlemen from the SCAN Parish are welcome to attend.

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

Thumbsticks Walk - Sunday, 6th March

Please drive down to The Knoll for 9.30 am. We shall be driving to Stone Pit Field car park near the Black Horse Public House and we will be making a circular walk around the Great Linford Lakes. This walk is easy but some parts may be muddy. It is approximately four miles in length. No dogs please. J&A



SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Generally the Society meets in Sherington Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Entry: £2 for members, £3 for non-Members, this includes refreshments.

Embroidery Unveiling:

As promised, please see below three of the pictures taken by Norman Arnold at the unveiling of the village embroidery.



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DEADLINE FOR APRIL – 19TH MARCH

February Meeting: Ox and Bucks on the Somme

On the 9th February the evening started very atmospherically with the "house band" (Liz, Caroline, Dave and Tony) giving a rendition of the Hamish Henderson song 2Battle of the Somme". This was followed by a fascinating talk by Stephen Barker about the "Ox and Bucks on the Somme". He was able to add information about the men named on the War Memorial in the Church and detail the battles that they would have been involved in where they fell, as well as talking about the battle and its successes and impacts on the war. A very good evening.

Wild Sherington, Photo Competition:

At Sherington Village Hall on the 20th February between 2-4 pm the finalists were displayed and the chosen winner was announced. So well done to Oliver Powell who won the over 19's category. You can see all of the photos on the Societies website (as above).

March meeting: AGM, March 9th

Meeting starts at 8 pm sharp, so come and bring your committee to account for the last 12, as well as the next 12, months. A project for the following few months will be to review the buildings file and to try and fill in the gaps with a current photograph as well as any information that is known or can be found about the property. This may well be started at this meeting. If not then we shall start this in earnest in April.

A NOTE to other Sherington groups/organisations. As you might be going through changes of contacts after having your own AGM'S, please check whether your Welcome Pack details are up to date. The village website has the latest copy and if you want this updated with your new details then please forward them on to me at the email address below and I will update the entry.

Mark.Vale@Getronics,com



Practice Nights:

10 th March 7.30 pm – Sherington	24 th March 7.30 pm – Sherington
31 st March 7.30 pm - Chicheley	

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,

Happy New Year to All. Mark.

Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell

In January our Club held a "Frugal Lunch" in Sherington, which raised over £600 for charities supported by Rotary. By all accounts the food was far from frugal and was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

In early February five local Rotary Clubs helped to organise the annual Milton Keynes Secondary Schools "Young Musician of the Year" competition, held at Ousedale School. The winner of the local competition progresses to the national competition also organised by Rotary.

By the time this issue of SCAN is published our Club's 20th Annual Jaipur Limb Charity Dinner will have been held at the Jaipur Restaurant, Milton Keynes on Monday 29th February. The Rotary Jaipur Limb charity provides low cost prosthetic limbs and rehabilitation for amputees in developing countries.

If you would like to know more about Rotary please e-mail rotary.np@btinternet.com. Our Club is also on Twitter and Facebook. We meet at 7pm every Wednesday at the Swan Revived Hotel.

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