

# SCAM



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2016

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Well, that's it folks –  
Goodbye from Betty and Christine. We are packing our bags, and handing on SCAN to a group of ladies who will be producing a very professional magazine for our parish news.

## **N.B.**

Please send all your **JUNE** news (**deadline 18 May**) to Betty at her usual email address (see directory) and she will pass it on to the new management team. They will then produce the June edition which will include all the new contact details, etc.

Finally, on behalf of we two, many, many, thanks for all the messages received from our wonderful contributors. They have been a great pleasure to read and it is reassuring to know that our efforts over the years, have been very much appreciated.

Not to “Blow our own trumpets” but just to let the new team know how rewarding it is and have some idea of what great support they are inheriting, here are some of the comments:

- *Many, many thanks for all your hard work as editor.*
- *We are distraught at the thought that you will no longer be able to continue Scan. Your services have always been valued and will now be cherished in memory. Thank you both so much.*

- *North Crawley Parish Council would like to thank Betty and Christine for all their hard work and absolute dedication in producing Scan for many years. We wish them a well earned rest. Let's hope Scan continues for the foreseeable and ensure their hard work was not in vain.*
- *I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your marvellous efforts over the many years as editor of SCAN. You have done a fantastic job and certainly deserve your retirement.*
- *I wish you all the best for the future and well done for all your hard work for the community over many years.*
- *I would like to thank you for editing SCAN so faithfully and efficiently for all this time. You've done such a professional job.*
- *Thank you doesn't seem very much to say for all your hard work over the years. I hope you realize that the whole community will miss you and are so grateful to you and Christine for ensuring everything was perfect. I only hope it continues in the same competent way.*
- *As a SCAN resident, this correspondent values SCAN magazine as the primary source of local news and services. Hopefully new volunteers will step forward to continue Betty and Christine's outstanding service to the community.*
- *I would like to thank the SCAN team that has worked together for many years putting together this great publication. They will be sorely missed.*
- *A big thank you to Betty, Christine and those that deliver the magazine, for all their hard work over many years.*
- *I just wanted to say to Betty and Christine, thank you very much for all your hard work during your tenure of the SCAN magazine. I know it sometimes can be hard work, but it would be a very great shame if this were to be the last edition of this esteemed publication. So I would like to wish you and the publication well for the future.*

*p.s. sorry if some messages got left out – thank you. B.*

## SCAN 462 MAY 2016

You may recall last month on the cover of SCAN was a lovely picture of the Queen in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was born on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1926 but of course she does have an official birthday on the second Saturday in June and I am sure we will all be celebrating nearer the time.

One of the messages that come across when you read about the Queen or hear her talking on the television or radio is how strong her faith is. We often see pictures of her going to church in Sandringham but she attends Church weekly, even when she is on holiday, and she prays daily but never tells anyone to go to church. I am sure this is something we would all struggle to live up to.

She is of course Supreme Governor of the Church of England and Defender of the Faith. These titles date back to the reign of King Henry VIII.

The Queen's relationship with the Church of England was symbolised at the Coronation in 1953 when Her Majesty was anointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and took an oath to "maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established in England".

She is a remarkable woman, we all know that she is the longest reigning monarch in British history, but despite being 90 and a senior citizen she still works 40 hours a week and reads Government papers every day of the year apart from Christmas and Easter. She employs 1200 people but still feeds her own dogs.

During her life time she has travelled thousands of miles and carried out thousands of official engagements. She is of course just as relaxed, visiting a school or ordinary workplace as she is hosting a garden party or official engagement at Buckingham Palace.

Her Majesty has been described as having a remarkable consistency of character, I recently read an extract from her Christmas message in 2002, and it struck me that she gave us all an insight into her faith and a message that could serve us all well, when she said:

*“I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings and to put my trust in God... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel”*

Malcolm Rose

Church Warden, North Crawley

# CHURCH SERVICES

## MAY

### 1 May

10.30am

Scan 'Something Different' service - Sherington

5pm

Rogation Day Service at Grange Farm Chicheley (followed by tea and cake)

### 8 May

9.30am

Scan Holy Communion – North Crawley

6pm

Scan Evensong - Chicheley

### 15 May

9.30am

Scan Holy Communion – Sherington

### 22 May

11am

Scan Holy Communion – Chicheley

6pm

Scan Evensong – North Crawley

### 29 May

11am

Scan Songs of Praise – Chicheley

3pm

Evensong – Hardmead

## JUNE

### 5 June

10.30am

Scan 'Something Different' service - Sherington

### 12 June

9.30am

Scan Holy Communion – North Crawley

6pm

Scan Evensong - Chicheley

### 19 June

9.30am

Scan Holy Communion – Sherington

### 26 June

11am

Scan Holy Communion – Chicheley

6pm

Scan Evensong – North Crawley

## Baptism

*'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Messiah, then your sins will be forgiven and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'*

On 3 April Emily Holley Ann Smith was welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism at St Laud's Church Sherington

*Emily, may you grow to know, love and serve God in your life. God Bless you.*



## A STWOOD

Spring again and what a fantastic display of daffodils lining the village this year. It's a shame that this may be the last ever SCAN entry from Astwood but let's hope not. If no one steps into the breach is there anyone interested in starting a village newsletter? *(Dear Readers: see page 1 for news)*

We would like to welcome Chrissie and Keith onto the Village Hall Committee. New members always welcome.



Last month's big clear-out of the Village Hall revealed an ancient raffle game that was popular circa 1980 where a rolled up paper number was punched out of a board to win a prize. As Keith pushed out the winning ticket (413) which was worth £5 he is wondering if there are any previous committee members who can point him in the right direction for his cash prize!!

As part of the clear-out we've replaced the existing faulty fridge with a new fridge-freezer and will be using funds raised from recent events to have the hall re-decorated inside and out in the near future. As ever the Committee would welcome any joint fundraisers who have a favourite charity they would like to support.

By the time you read this we will have completed a tidy up of the Village Garden and surroundings and the gardener's work there will also be ongoing this summer.

On Sunday 12 June we're planning an afternoon summer barbecue in the Village Garden. This will coincide with the culmination of the celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday so, hopefully, the weather will be brilliant, by Royal Appointment! - more details to follow.

Another date for your diary is the Midnight Moo 10 mile walk in Milton Keynes on Saturday 16 July which starts at midnight, in aid of Willen Hospice. This event has traditionally been well supported by the ladies of Astwood.

Thanks again to Betty Feasey and Christine Barry for all their hard work producing SCAN over the years.

Cob and Pen



## **C** HICHELEY

My regular afternoon walk takes me through fields that were left to overwinter for spring sowing of crops. So I became used to looking at the bare soil until eventually the crops were sown, which this year has been particularly trying for the farmers with the continuous damp and wet conditions. However this week those same fields have turned into what seems to be a magical green carpet as the seeds have germinated and burst through into the daylight. The hedgerows are also turning green again and the trees will soon follow. I like spring with all its colour and display of new life, perhaps you feel the same?

To celebrate our good fortune there will be a Rogation Sunday service at Grange farm, Chicheley on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 5pm. This is a simple service of readings, made at various points around the farm, with some hymn singing back at the farmhouse. The purpose is to bless the crops, animals, those who work in and all who enjoy the countryside and all it gives us. As a tangible reward you can also partake of tea and cake after the service. A collection will be taken for the Addington Fund, a charity that supports those in farming who have lost their homes through no fault of their own.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May a Music Quiz will be held in Chicheley village hall for our church funds. From previous experience this will be a fun event and test your knowledge (and hearing) of all styles and ages of music. Teams are typically of 4 to 6 people, although don't worry if you can't make up a team as they can be formed on the night. As an added attraction there will be a sausage and mash supper at the halfway stage. Tickets are £10 a head and to book your place/team please call Mrs Pat Townsend on 01234 391367. Don't delay, do it today.

With a separate hat on, the Newport Pagnell Rotary club is holding a plant sale in Olney market square also on the 14<sup>th</sup> May from 9.00am. This is also to raise funds for all the various charities we support. We are always looking for potential club members and also for interesting speakers at our regular Wednesday meetings. Our club members are always interested to hear about charity work, special interests and projects. If you would like to find out more please give me a call on 01234 391371.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June there will be an event held in the village to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Details of exactly what, where and an invitation to attend will be arriving through Chicheley villagers letter boxes in the coming weeks.



On July 16<sup>th</sup> a French Evening will be held at Newgate Cottage in Hall Lane by kind invitation of Pierre and Christine Girard. Come and enjoy an evening of good food and company. With luck perhaps a warm, clear sky to observe the heavens. This is also for church funds. Please contact Christine on 01234 391489 to book your place.

Looking much further ahead a date for your diaries is October 1<sup>st</sup> with a quiz plus the usual excellent supper in the village hall.



ChichChat will continue 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.

Over the last few weeks, since Betty and Christine's announcement, I have pondered on whether this will be my final contribution published in the SCAN magazine. However I am generally of an optimistic nature and feel sure that there have been some of our readers contemplating about taking on the editorial and advertising tasks. Now is the time to step forward and take on the challenge. The SCAN community will be very pleased if you do. (*Dear Readers, see page 1 for news. Betty*)

David



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

News from the allotment is all about preparation with a number of days spent turning over the soil and spreading compost over the vegetable beds, and a few weeks later actually planting something. The weekend following Easter was very pleasant weather and the temperature rose above 15 degrees centigrade for the first time for a good while, and happened to be one of the days spent at the allotment. It was quite hot working in the sun and afterwards thought a beer might be a just reward. Several other villagers had been doing something similar to myself and I casually remarked that the wearing of shorts might be better to work in with the temperature being what it was. The response in harmony was 'N'er cast a clout 'til May is out', which was said with such force and conviction it made me jump and think that perhaps such leg revealing activity might cast a blight on the crops. For the record I will be towing the line until June arrives.

Please note that on Sunday 5 June a village event to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday is being staged at the Institute and its grounds. Most of the village organisations are involved in some way or another, with the support of Parish Council sponsorship. There will be a bouncy castle for the younger children, cream teas, Tug-of-War, Fancy dress (1926 style), a 'North Crawley's Got Talent' show, and with luck good weather for all those wishing to bring a picnic. Get the date in your diaries and make sure you come along and join in the fun.

A lady from Hardmead contacted me about an unpleasant encounter she had with three dogs whilst out on a walk through the fields to the rear of the Grange. She happened into a field where two women, possibly mother and teenage daughter, were with an adult dog and two younger ones. Conscious of the fact that the dogs were running free, the lady made her way directly to the next stile, but as she climbed over the adult dog attacked her trailing leg leaving puncture marks. Making her ground on the other side of the stile, she looked back to see all three dogs snarling and baring their teeth at her, all of which was very upsetting. The dog owners did come over and take control of the dogs, but denied that they would ever attack anyone despite evidence to the contrary. The victim being badly shaken up, backtracked to North Crawley High Street, and had to contact her husband to come and pick her up by car. I really like dogs, but do wonder at times about some owners who obviously don't understand their pets behaviour and when they need to be reined in, which appears to be the case above. I do hope it doesn't put the victim off, or anyone else from walking our village paths, especially as this is such an isolated incident. If the dog owners read this, note that the incident was reported to the police.

We have reached that time of year again when the cricket club is hard at work readying the ground for the upcoming season, the first game being the last Saturday in April. The first fund raising event was a 'Wine Tasting' evening on Friday 15 which from what I can remember was well attended and resulted in a lot of giggling towards the end of the evening, and it is unlikely that anyone remembered what had been tasted or why. In fact an enjoyable evening much like those held over previous years.

If you have driven past Wellies lately you will have noticed that the fence fronting the car park has been knocked down. It's been reported that a car left the road and went through the fence and then into two parked cars which luckily had nobody in them. Why it happened is anyone's guess, speed, inattention (mobile phone?), or someone driving wildly from the other direction, who knows. Perhaps it is a warning to us all that extra care and attention is needed coming over the bridge and then rounding the bend just prior to Wellies.

Following on from last month please read another verse from a learned contributor regarding the peculiar nature of the English language, particularly plurals. She wishes to remain anonymous so your secret is safe with me Betty.

Then one may be that, and there would be those,  
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,

And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.  
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,  
But though we say mother, we never say methren.  
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,  
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

### **Historical Society**

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

It does seem very sad that at the time of writing this could be the last Scan article bringing items of news and goings on in North Crawley and the surrounding Parish villages. However it was mentioned that someone from over Sherington way might be interested in taking on the task of running Scan, so let's hope this is the case. Whatever the outcome a big thank you to Betty, Christine and their production staff and those that deliver the magazine, for all their hard work over many years.  
*(Dear readers, see page 1 for news. Betty)*

Hawk-eye



**Joe and Muriel Payne  
celebrated their Diamond Wedding  
at the Institute  
and would like to say a  
BIG THANK YOU  
for such an enjoyable time,  
also for the lovely gifts, flowers and cards.**



## FRIENDS OF ST FIRMIN'S

It is almost a year since we formally set up The Friends on June 1<sup>st</sup> last year. In that time we have achieved a great deal in terms of becoming established and raising funds for the restoration work essential to the preservation of the building. Finalisation of work on the rain ware goods is still, like the rest of us, awaiting a spell of dry weather, but the churchyard gate opposite the school has been extensively repaired. Major stonework restoration to the south doors has been approved, and is likely to cost around £12,000. We have, thanks to a share of the Astwood fabric fund, donations from Friends, and the support of all of you, in numerous ways, enough money for this project. However, I'm afraid the coffers will be empty after that and we will need to start again.

Fortunately, there is still time to book your seat at the "NO STRINGS" a cappella concert on **Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 4p.m.** A number of North Crawley residents sing in this choir and we are very privileged that they have offered us one of only two free annual concerts they give, so please do support them and us. I'm told that they always leave their audiences wanting more and that the tea and cake will be worth waiting for. Ring Brian Parsons 01234 391962 to reserve your place.

In view of the numerous events going on this summer we have decided to postpone the Table Top Sale until next year, but the **annual BBQ at Murtlands Farm** will be going ahead on July 23<sup>rd</sup> as planned. More information to follow next month.

Look out for details of the AGM to be held on May 31<sup>st</sup> in the institute.

Ann Shaw 01234 391797

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Coming Up on **The Friends of Firmin's** Calendar

### **THE NORTH CRAWLEY YARD SALE EXTRAVAGANZA**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**11.00 am – 4.00 pm At Houses all around North Crawley**

Why not "Turn your Clutter into Cash" from your Garden

**To book your pitch contact**

**Alison Armstrong on 01234 391420**

Further information including details on The Scarecrow

Competition to follow on the website

[friendsofstfirmings@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstfirmings@gmail.com) and in next month's scan.

# **NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

The Council met on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

## **Planning:**

### **Cranfield Developments:-**

Cllr Hatton is being kept informed of any developments.

**13, Hackett Place** – single storey front extension to form kitchen, dining room and cloakroom. It was agreed to organise a site visit as soon as possible.

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

Ward Cllr Geary reported on Plan:MK. The deadline for comments was 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016. A new core strategy is definite, The Ward Councillors have suggested pausing the process, extending the time by five years. The 1750 houses to be built over the next five years means that around 700 will be in rural areas. After Plan:MK, MK Council will start another five year process for a vision for the future.

A Neighbourhood Plan was discussed, as to whether we should take steps to have one or not, the cost of setting one up being quite expensive. Cllr Geary advised that it would be a good idea as it would allow us to carry weight on any development; we could have a say in how many houses we are prepared to accept in our village, what type and mix of houses (first time buyers, etc), and where we would like them to be built. It must be driven by villagers with possibly two Parish Councillors support. It will need time and commitment from residents and there would also be a need for exhibitions, surveys etc to be organized. Professional advice would also be necessary. The Parish Council would have time to precept for the extra expense involved.

Under Section 106 the PC would be allowed to request compensation from Developers such as funding for burial space, play areas, village shop, school, doctor's surgery, etc to accommodate the extra housing.

The suggestion was to prepare and send a questionnaire to the village to ask for volunteers and identify what the village needs/wants in the way of housing.

## **NAG:**

Matthew Rose has volunteered to take over this role and is awaiting training. Our thanks go to him.

## **CHURCHYARD MATTERS**

RFO Sheila Bushnell agreed to contact Masons with respect to the cleaning of the War Memorial.

## **FINANCE REPORT – 5 April 2015**

A total of £3,428.19 had been spent in the previous month, all to cover expected items.

Receipts totalled £1,075.00

Cllr J Small agreed to be an additional signatory. A mandate form will be prepared and signed.

## **Residential Safety**

### **Highways:**

The serious incident at Wellies Nursery was discussed. Residents are asking what can be done to stop another incident which could be fatal. Possibly extra signage (children entering, e.g.) or rumble strips. It may need white lines repainted down centre of road, also white lines at the road edge; the visibility is good when the hedges are kept trimmed. Cllr Hatton will contact TVP and Highways to discuss.

### **Landscape**

It was reported that RTM Landscapes, our grass cutting contractors, have recently been awarded IS9001 quality accreditation, therefore they will hold a safety certificate. Congratulations to them.

Clerk had received a letter from a landowner wanting to take out a hedge and set it back from the road. He asked for comments from the Parish Council before writing to MK Council for permission to do this work. It was agreed that the clerk write back to him to inform him that, provided he obtained the necessary planning consent from MK Council, they had no objections to this.

## **Queen's birthday celebrations: "North Crawley 1926" style.**

The date decided on is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016, kick off 2.30pm on the recreation ground. Lots of arrangements are underway, there is a list of activities to take place and looks like a fun day ahead. Cllr Geary has offered a donation of £200 between the three Ward Councillors towards the proceedings from their ward budget the pending suggestions will be discussed further at the May meeting. Flyers will be printed and a notice put in SCAN.

### **Councillors Items**

Cllr Magee reported that all white lines in the road need repainting, including Chicheley Bottoms.

Cllr Rogers mentioned that now he has the projector up and running, we can send issues to him between meetings so he can display them at the meeting. Our thanks to Cllr Rogers for purchasing equipment and setting it up.

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 (to include AGM) at the earlier time of 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be served between the two meetings.

Cllr Trevor Stapleton

**NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY AND NOT TO BE**

**MISSED**

**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

**SUNAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2.30 pm RECREATION GROUND**

North Crawley Parish Council would like to thank Betty and Christine for all their hard work and absolute dedication in producing Scan for many years. We wish them a well earned rest! Let's hope Scan continues for the foreseeable and ensure their hard work was not in vain.

**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

**NEW! NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE HAS NOW GONE LIVE!**

The website will contain all the official documents of the Parish Council and also details of local clubs, organisations and latest news and events in the village

Please have a look at [www.northcrawley-pc.gov.uk](http://www.northcrawley-pc.gov.uk)

If you have any comments to make as to how the site could be improved, please email: [info@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk)





If you needed a new pair of shoes this spring Early Years at North Crawley was the place to be. As part of the topic on Shoes children set up and ran their own shoe shop. From high heels to football boots the choice was amazing only beaten by the excellent customer service! Staff and children were also invited to come to school wearing their favourite pair of shoes which lead to some stimulating story writing.

To inspire the Key Stage One children at the beginning of this term's topic, 'Commotion in the Ocean', North Crawley and Stoke Goldington School joined together for a memorable trip to the Sealife centre in Birmingham. The National SEA LIFE Centre Birmingham is one of the West Midlands most loved days out. The children were taken on a fascinating journey of freshwater and marine life, seeing "the magic of the deep up close making for the most spectacular underwater experience there is". The children got up-close to the amazing creatures in the themed displays. As the brochure explains - the more they see the more they'll learn. Here are just some of the highlights of the school trip:

- Over 2,000 creatures to learn about, including Gentoo penguins, a shiver of sharks, a giant green sea turtle and more!
- Get closer than ever before in the UK's only 360° Ocean Tunnel
- Feeding demonstrations and talks throughout the day.
- Learn about marine habitats ranging from rivers and lakes to deep oceans.

The chance to touch a starfish at our interactive rock pool.



All the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their visit and the children returned to school eager to learn more about this interesting topic!



Before Easter, the Key Stage 1 class joined Stoke Goldington children on a visit to Harrold Country Park where the children got creative with natural art. Initially the children used the colours of nature to make a collage, and then made woven wreaths from the willow growing in the park. Everyone had time for a walk around the lake spotting local wildlife, and had great fun, despite the cold March weather!



In March our Mums were definitely spoilt on Mother's Day. As well as a special Mother's Day Service in St. Firmin's Church and a special card, the Early Years children made their own strawberry jam and scones for a very special celebratory cream tea.

!YUM!



# North Crawley Bowls Club

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association

## Open Day

Sunday 8 May 2016

At the Bowls Club, High Street, North Crawley

2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Have you ever thought of trying your hand at bowls but never got round to it? – Then this is your opportunity. Bowls is a game for both ladies and gentlemen, so whether you are 9 or 90 (or even younger or older), bowls could be the game for you.

Why not come along on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016 between 2.30pm and 4.30pm to our free Open Day and have a go. Our club coach and experienced members will be there to show you the basics and all you need to bring is a pair of flat-soled shoes or trainers – everything else including the bowls will be provided plus tea and biscuits.

What better way is there of enjoying a sunny Summer afternoon, in friendly company and getting some exercise at the same time, than playing a game of bowls. Come along and give it a go – and kids...it's just grown up marbles!!

**For further information about the Open Day, please contact either**

Sheila Hart – Secretary (01234 750221)

John Kayne – Chairman (07969 238588)

Anne Larr – Captain (01234 391496)

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**SCAN IS GRATEFUL FOR DONATION RECEIVED THIS MONTH FROM**

❖ North Crawley Resident

Thank you for thinking of us and helping to keep our free parish magazine coming through your doors (and online!).

## NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.

Our speaker this month was Yvonne Bell, who gave us a talk on Silk Painting. What a woman! And what a lot of her work she showed us. Greeting cards, pictures, a wonderful quilt made with five friends which she was raffling for Willen Hospice/Air Ambulances and then a huge amount of Church vestments, which she specializes in.

No good at art in school she went to University late, one of three oldies amongst the youngsters and made an altar cloth for her Church and it went on from there. Beautiful colours, some modern and some more traditional. Gold or silver paint makes the patterns and then she paints in between the lines. The last thing she showed was a very large altar cloth she had made for a rural Church which was next to a Field Centre on one side and water on the other. It was covered with all kinds of birds, herons, red kites, all kinds of fish and even butterflies and dragonflies. The priest would have a stole to match.

Three of our members are going to Denman College in September for a Buckinghamshire Day; it should be good. W.I. are going to help with the Parish Council's day to celebrate the Queen's Birthday on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Guess we are going to do the teas?

Our next meeting is on 18<sup>th</sup> May, our 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday and our speaker is Terry Penny on the career of Stanley Holloway.

All Welcome. Pam

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### MAY MOTTOES



*"Change not a clout, Till May be out"*

*"Who doffs his coat on a winter's day, will gladly put it on in May"*

*"Shear your sheep in May and shear them all away"*

*"A cold May and a windy, A full barn will find ye."*

*"Be it weal or be it woe, beans blow before May doth go."*

## MAIL BAG AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

May 17<sup>th</sup> Doris Stephens, 1a Church Road



In order to recognise Her Majesty the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Year we are organising a Village BBQ in the Play Area adjacent to the Village Hall on **Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> 2016** starting at 5 pm – going on into the evening.

The village Hall will be available for toilet facilities or in case of adverse weather. Please bring your own food and drink and you may cook your own on the natural fired BBQ provided. We hope this will be a family event. No charges will be made but there will be a Giant Raffle that will call for your full supporting order to cover the known expenses.

The whole event is being organised by The Friends of St. Lauds.

We understand that George Fleet, our lovable old Villager and Dairyman, will be **102** this month and the whole village send him our GOOD WISHES.



## **THUMBSTICKS WALK – SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

We shall be walking from the Knoll on a local walk in the direction of Chicheley or we may divert to see the bluebells at Hollington Wood. Please meet at the usual time of 9.30 a.m. No dogs please. J&A

## **‘P O E T R Y’**

## ***FLOWER FESTIVAL***

***At ST. LAUDS***

***GARDENS OPEN.....SCARECROWS.....  
TEAS***

***25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016***

**There will be a meeting in the Church at 7.30 pm**

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FOR EVERYONE!!**

**THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO EXHIBIT OR  
HELP IN ANYWAY –**

look forward to seeing you

**IT WILL BE GREAT**

A RARE OPPORTUNITY

For something completely different

A day trip by coach to visit:

**SHRI SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR**

Known as the 'Neasden Temple'

A sanctuary of Hindu worship

in North West London

with Buffet Lunch provided

on

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2016**

The coach will leave

- Olney Market Square 8 a.m.
- Sherington Bus Shelter 8.10 a.m.
- Newport Pagnell Market Hill 8.15 a.m.

Total Cost £25 per person (payable in advance) which includes ;  
coach, entrance,

Understanding Hinduism Exhibition and Gujarati.

Vegetarian Buffet at 1.30 pm in the Shayona Restaurant.

*A fantastic door to door opportunity for an enjoyable day out.*

**Limited places** – so be quick to contact **Ella Field 01908 610560**,  
4 Park Road, Sherington, MK169PQ  
*to reserve your places with your friends.*

**Cheque payment to Newport Pagnell Agricultural Club by**

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

*No membership required*



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY OR CALENDAR

16<sup>th</sup> June - Farm Visit by Coach

28<sup>th</sup> July - Visit to Wrest Park, Silsoe

18<sup>th</sup> September - Day coach trip to World of Wedgwood, Stoke-on-Trent

Further details available nearer these dates

From Ella Field 01908 610560

If these visits appeal, why not consider joining the Club to be advised of other events and activities, throughout the year.

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## **FRIENDS OF ST. LAUD'S CHURCH, SHERINGTON**

It is anticipated that as you read this update the Trust will have received Bank documents and charitable status resulting in an account opening balance of approximately £6,500 by way of transfer from the now discontinued fabric fund.

The purpose of the new charitable trust is to continue the objectives of providing finance to maintain the fabric of the church through encouraging fundraising, donations and legacies etc from wherever and whomever with no other commitment, attachment or persuasion being required.

If you are interested in securing the future maintenance of the church building, any contribution you make can only be spent for that purpose via the Trust.

The District Church committee will remain responsible for providing the funds necessary to meet the costs of the Parish Share, heating, lighting, insurance etc. and for costs associated with the engagement of the Diocesan Architect.

Become a Friend of St. Laud's by asking for a form which will explain how you can become involved. Please contact Derek Ferris (or leave a message) on 01908 611083

# Sherington Life

“March winds and April showers bring forth the May flowers.” Well, these Feathered Friends are currently composing this month’s Sherington Life in front of a roaring log fire – and where are the lovely flowers? The Chelsea Flower Show is soon. Hope those garden designers have heavy duty heat blowers to bring the blooms forth! May also brings stress to both students and parents in the form of GCSE and A Level exams. Just when you think it’s all over the older children return from Uni and fleece you once again!

It’s springtime and love is in the air with two recent weddings to report on. Firstly Dan and Ashley Tough were married on 24<sup>th</sup> March at the beautiful Tythe Barn in Oxfordshire. Then on 14<sup>th</sup> April Derek and Gill Wilkinson secretly slipped off and tied the knot in a helicopter above The Land of The Heavenly Slot Machines(No not Blackpool) but Las Vegas. Congratulations to you all.

The Sherington Folk Band’s ceilidh was held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall. This sell out event proved to be a huge success with the proceeds of ticket sales, raffle tickets and donations making an impressive donation of £212.25 to both Macmillan Cancer Support and Willen Hospice. Liz wishes to thank all those who helped and would like to remind you that the band will be playing again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May just after mid-day at The Beer and Sausage Festival. Another fund raising night was held at The White Hart recently in aid of Prostrate Cancer. Nice to see it was well supported by locals and a large contingency of young gents from Olney Rugby Club. A surprisingly entertaining evening of races including pig racing with knitted jockeys on board. The Retro Music between races was well received particularly by people of a certain age! The excellent result was £650 raised for this important charity.

Sheringtonians will no doubt remember the late John Parry

driving his Landrover around the village (probably listening to The Archers!). This superb vehicle has been lovingly restored to its full glory by Tommy Todd, and is now proudly owned by Giles Fern. Sherington Tailor-in-Chief Michael Boyce provided finishing touches to the interior, we hear with matching headgear for Giles. So look out for this lovely Landy around Sherington with Omi and Harvey hanging out the back. Great to see it back on the road. John would no doubt be giving it the thumbs up!



See you in June

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## **SHERINGTON**

### **Parish Council Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> April**

(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 1<sup>st</sup> March or online at [www.sheringtonpc.co.uk](http://www.sheringtonpc.co.uk))

#### **4. Matters Arising from last meeting**

Broughton Walk-in Centre – Cllr Johnstone confirmed he was against supporting it and that resources would be best directed towards the walk in centre at MK Hospital. Cllr Thatcher suggested putting together a proposal and emailing the other absent Cllrs for opinions.

#### **5. Ward Councillors Report**

Cllr Hoskings advised that the application for 36 houses was agreed by the inspector and that the Mineral Local Plan was also with an inspector. Cllr Hoskings also reminded the public of the Elections on May 5th. Mr D Williams asked Cllr Hoskings what the increase in budget would be used for and how would it be ring fenced, Cllr Hoskings replied that it was for Council Tax

and Adult Social Care and would find out how it would be ring fenced.

## **6. Clerks Report**

1 – Still ongoing with landscapers and currently negotiating the quote with the cheapest supplier. Aim is to have a landscaper start this month

2 – Groundworks grant has been submitted

## **7. Neighbourhood Plan**

This note summarises the views of the Chairman of the Sherington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) as expressed at the most recent meeting on the 29th March 2016.

The NPSG has reached a challenging point in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). The success of the High Street Appeal has a number of impacts on the direction that we take.

The first and most obvious, is that there will now be at least 36 houses built in Sherington over the life of the Plan, rather than the 24 houses envisaged by Policy H1. This means that this policy will need to be changed. Further, the Government will soon be introducing a register of Brownfield sites, where housing will be encouraged. The land at Water Lane is likely to be developed during the life of the NP, whether it is allocated or not, and the Parish Council would find it difficult with the current national planning policies to prevent this from happening. This means that the NP will need to contemplate at least 48 new dwellings in order to be robust.

The second impact, is the conclusion reached by the Appeal Inspector that Sherington is a sustainable location for housing development. This in conjunction with MKC acceptance that it does not have a 5-year housing land supply, allowing its policies to be treated as “not up to date”. This makes it highly likely that further planning applications will come forward in Sherington, against which we will need a robust defence.

We believe that the completion of a NP remains in the interest of the Village. The Appeal Inspector made clear in her decision that the policies of an “adopted” NP would be given full weight

in determining an appeal, even if the policies of MKC continued to be treated as “out of date”.

The challenge which the NPSG now faces is to complete the NP in a way which reflects the post appeal reality but with the active support of the Sherington villagers. The NP must be accepted as compliant by MKC and an independent Examiner and then passed by a Village referendum.

At the recent NPSG we agreed two main actions to address this challenge.

1. The existing NP material will be reviewed by our recently appointed Planning Consultant and he will work with the Task Force undertaking the finalisation of the NP. The focus will be on making the plan compliant.
2. A consultation and engagement campaign will be launched to explain to Villagers the current planning situation, key elements of the NP and their necessity. The aim will be to convince a majority of Villages of the need for a plan and acceptance of its key elements.

## **8. Working Party Reports**

Shop: Cllr Johnstone confirmed that he would like to extend permanent planning and advised that permission would only be for retail. Cllr Johnstone is looking for volunteers (not on the Parish Council), to help with the shop and an advert to go onto the PC website.

Pavilion: Cllr Caldwell advised the building works are done other than the storage heaters which it has now been discovered that the Pavilion does have an Economy 7 meter but the heaters were not linked. A storage heater along with timers is all that now requires replacing and this will be done next week. Bookers to be advised but there should not be any disruption. Regarding the lease, this needs to be amended with the landlord.

## **Finance**

Bank Account balance 2nd April 2016 - £ 17,610.10

### **Approve Cheques for payment**

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Jane Coles – Village Hall Hire                  | £35.80  |
| Jane Coles – Village Hall Hire                  | £13.00  |
| Pitch Care – Paint for Pavilion Pitch           | £68.28  |
| Anglian Water – Utility Bill for Pavilion       | £70.37  |
| SGS – Football Pitch Cut and Paint at Pavilion  | £160.80 |
| Tracey Young – Clerks Salary                    | £432.65 |
| Tracey Young – Pavilion Bookings                | £50.00  |
| Tracey Young – Expenses                         | £85.52  |
| Lee Brooker – Caretaker Salary                  | £187.50 |
| Reform Fire Ltd – Extinguishers & alarms tested | £30.00  |

## **10 Planning Applications**

10.1 Reference 16/00354/FUL 3 High St. No adverse comments

10.2 Reference 16/00384/FUL 26 Gun Lane – require drawings.

## **11 EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

None

## **12 CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW CONSULTATIONS**

None

## **13 RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John mentioned flooding caused by silt in the ditches along the High Street and Gun Lane. Environmental services TBA.

Mr D Williams asked Keith about parking for the Beer Festival and Keith advised that he would be arranging for a satellite bus to go between villages to pick visitors up and that he would encourage people not to bring their cars.

Anna from the Preschool requested PC help as a third party to contribute to improvements to the pre-school outdoor area. It was agreed this subject would be added to next month's agenda.

## 14 COUNCILLOR ITEMS

Cllr Thatcher mentioned the budget for MK Play and were the other Cllrs happy to spend budget from May and get the MK Play back every month which they agreed. Cllr Caldwell mentioned improving the signage and it was agreed the money from the dormant Cricket Club fund would be used. Cllr Caldwell to obtain quotes.

**15 Next meeting: Village Hall, The next Parish Meeting will be at the village hall on Tuesday 3rd May 2016, 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting ended at 2100hrs**



## Sherington Neighbourhood Plan

### May Update

**Do you think that the high street appeal is the end of housing development in Sherington?**

Whether you feel elated or disappointed by the news that the 36 new houses at the end of the High Street has now been granted permission, you may be thinking that is it, we have our allocation. It's all done and dusted so there is no further need for the neighbourhood plan. Right?

**That couldn't be further from the truth!**

For the following reasons;

1. Milton Keynes Council **DO NOT** have 5 years land supply, a requirement by the UK Government.

2. As a result, **Milton Keynes housing policies carry little or no weight** at appeal, as highlighted at the appeal regarding the High Street development.

**Sherington is defenceless against further applications for development in the Parish which are in the pipeline.**

3. The appeal inspectors finding that Sherington is a 'sustainable' location for development is a green light to other prospective developments.

**This adds up to the reality that without a robust, compliant, ratified neighbourhood plan we will be helpless to protect our village community from extensive development, way above the village's desired number of 20 -40 houses or less.**

To be compliant our plan **MUST**;

1. Allocate sites for future development – we stipulate over what time period
2. Meet Local and National planning guidelines
3. Contain complaint policies to measure site suitability
4. Be approved by the majority of voters at referendum

Only a Neighbourhood plan gives us any power to mould our growth and future development, to be able to set guidelines for look, density and infrastructure requirements for future developments.

**IT IS A LEGAL FORCE that Planning Inspectors and developers do take into account! But ONLY when the plan has been ratified with a PUBLIC VOTE!**

Our Vision remains unchanged.

**VOTE YES and save our village** or VOTE NO and the proposed neighbourhood plan dies and the developers and the appeal inspectors decide our future.

**USE YOUR VOTE TO PROTECT OUR VILLAGE  
GET BEHIND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

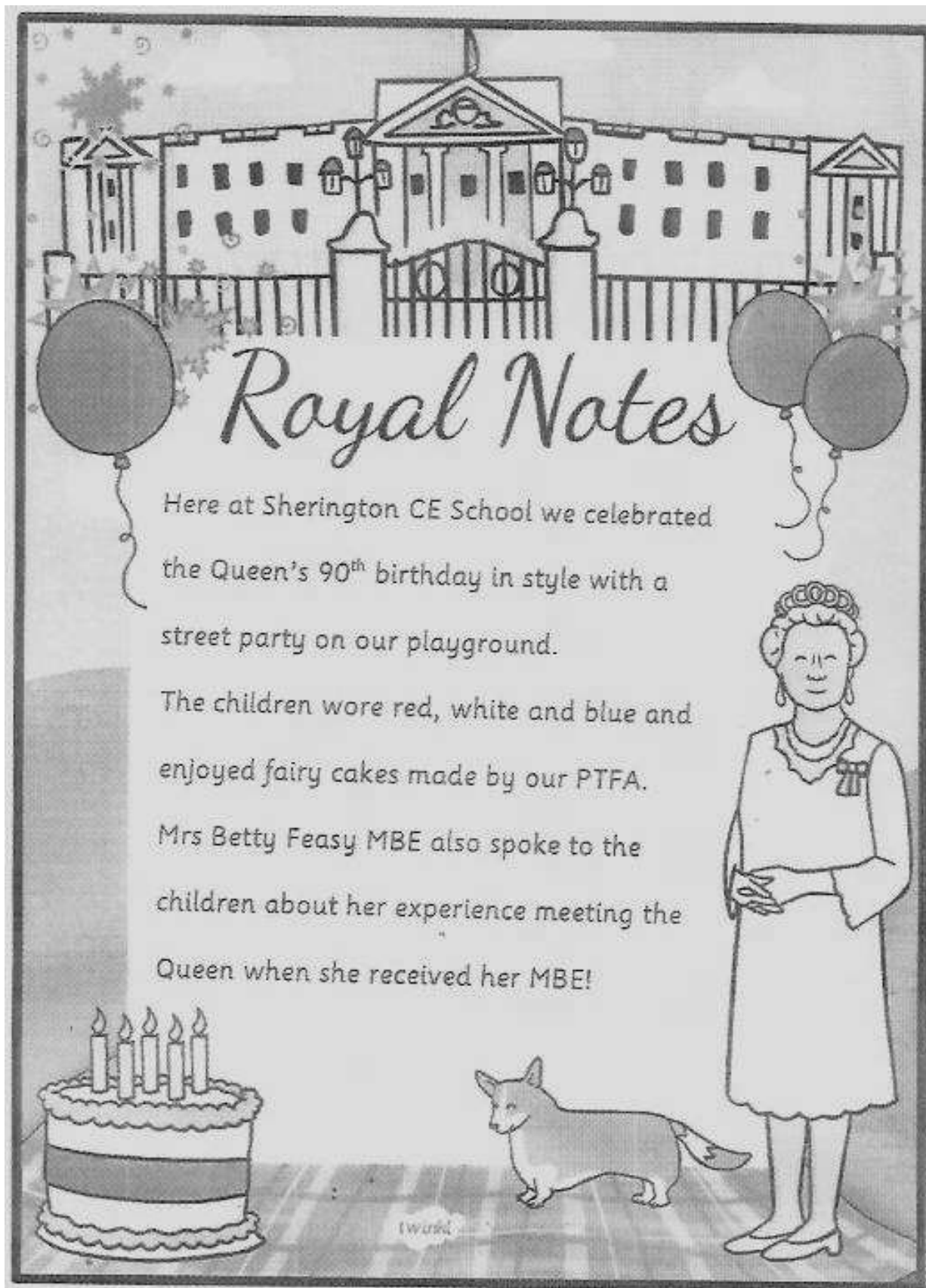
**Need more information? Come to the next steering group meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the Pavilion at 7.30pm**

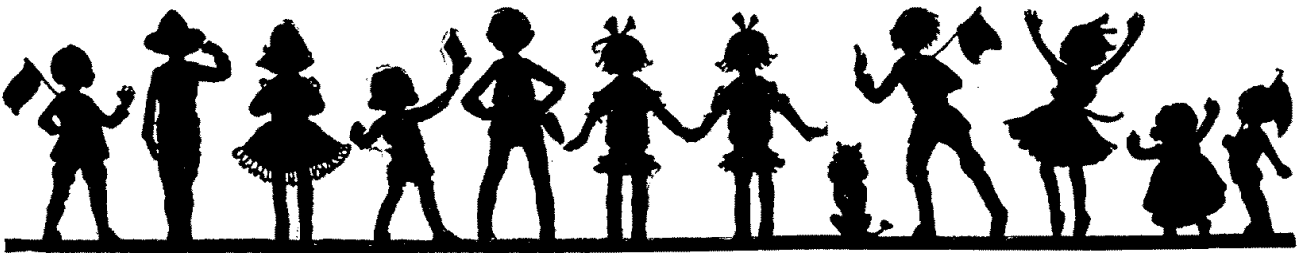
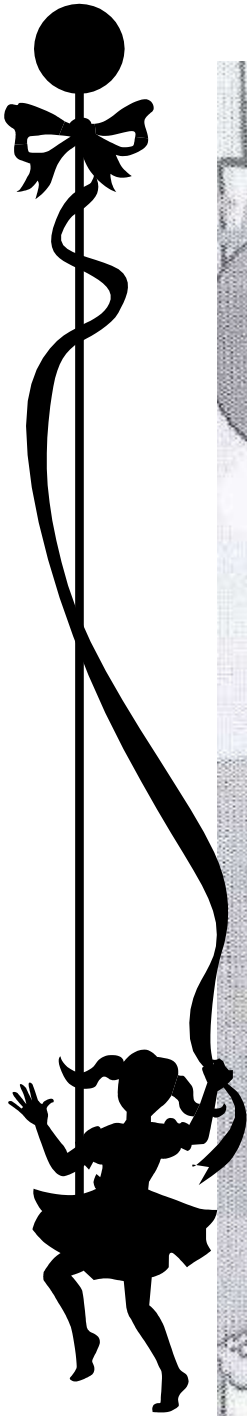
Continue to support our Neighbourhood Plan

**Anita Thatcher** on behalf of the Parish Council



# SHERINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL





## **SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL**

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We have all recharged our batteries and are ready to face the term ahead of us. This term we will be focussing on Our Bodies and Our Senses. We will be learning about the different parts of our bodies and exploring our 5 senses, Touch, Taste, Hearing, Sight and Smell with a variety of activities.

This month is also Pet month, (I read it somewhere!), so we are inviting parents, carers and friends of the Pre-School to bring in their pets to introduce them to our children. On Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> to kick start us off, we met Jo Cowley's tortoises Sid and Sheldon, they were very well behaved and the children enjoyed feeling their shells and finding out interesting things about them...Did you know that they don't drink water? Neither did we!

We also had a visit from Sally at Tatty Bumpkin. Sally provided two 30 minute sessions of Yoga for the children. The children absolutely loved it! So much so that we have invited Sally to come and see us again very soon!



The fundraising committee held a Silent Online Auction and I am pleased to announce that they raised a fantastic £1700!!! On behalf of the children and staff at Pre-School, thank you to all that were involved. This is a fantastic amount raised to help the pre-school.

We have a new updated website, please check it out at [www.sheringtonpreschool.co.uk](http://www.sheringtonpreschool.co.uk). Many thanks goes to Heather for all of her hard work and many hours she has put into it.

By now the children, who will sadly be leaving us in July, will have found out which schools they have been allocated. We look forward to helping each one of them in their transition process in preparation for school in September.

Please note that we will be holding an Open Day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of May (see page 35). If you know of anybody that is thinking about starting their child at a Pre-School, then please let them know and tell them to come along and see what Sherington Pre-School is all about and what we have to offer their children.

If you wish to get in contact, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at the Pre-school on: 01908 611398




*Come along and join in the May Day Celebrations on The Knoll, Sherington, 11 a.m. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Dancing, Stalls, Refreshments, and a wonderful way to keep an old tradition alive.*

## SHERINGTON


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### Youth Club



Wednesdays  
during term time  
7pm to 9pm  
Village Hall

*Hang out with your friends in a warm, dry and safe environment. Optional planned weekly activities. Youths aged 9+ welcome from Sherington and surrounding area. £1.50 weekly subs payable.*



Supported by MKC;  
DBS checked volunteers;  
parental help required

**For more information:**  
Tel: Jo Cowley 07780 987034

Sherington Pre-School's



open day

**THURSDAY 12th MAY**  
**9.30-11am**

Come and visit Sherington Pre-School and see how  
we can cater for your child's needs

- \* Village location \* Personal + Friendly \* 'EYFS' Curriculum
- \* Strong partnerships with local schools \* Smaller than average ratios
- \* From 2 years - school age \* Stimulating \* Caring \* Safe
- \* Learn through play + develop friendships

**Call: 01908 611398 or 07538 695918**

**Email: [supervisor.sheringtonpreschool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:supervisor.sheringtonpreschool@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Visit our FaceBook page or website: [www.sheringtonpreschool.co.uk](http://www.sheringtonpreschool.co.uk)**

Sherington Village Hall, Church Road, Sherington MK16 9PB

If you wish to get in contact, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at the Pre-school on: 01908 611398



# 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 of the month.

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

## **April Meeting Members Meeting, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

April's members meeting went well. We managed to move through most of the Building files with a long list of photos to take. So if you see Liz and Dave walking around with a camera you will then know what they are about. It seems quite surprising how many properties do not have a dedicate photo for it.

## **May Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

As previously promised we are going to be on the Knoll this year. This time we have a quiz for people to have a go at. The quiz will be for free, but no prizes, just a bit of fun for the day. We will also be making available the entry form for the SCARECROW COMPETITION that will take place on the Open Gardens weekend (25/26 June). After the festivities on the Knoll the forms will be available from the Village Shop.

## **May Meeting, Coaching Inns, 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Julian Hunt is returning to us to give a talk this time on the Coaching Inns of Buckinghamshire. Sure to be interesting and enjoyable. Raffle and Refreshments available.

## **June Meeting, Members Outing, 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Nick Brand will be giving us a guided tour of the Church and caves at Gayhurst Manor, bring a nibble and I am sure we can make a picnic of it as well. Meet at the Village Hall for 6.30 pm to be at the Manor for 7 pm.

## **July Meeting, Black Propaganda, 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Michael Kushner is to give a presentation of the tactics employed by the home forces to confuse the European enemy.

## **Wild Sherington / Sherington – Sights and Seasons, Photo Competition:**

Just a quick reminder to submit those photos. All photos for both competitions must be taken within the Sherington boundary and taken this year (2016). Please send us any photos you take through the year, letting us know the location, time and date. All images should be emailed to the following email address: [shs\\_photos@mediadrome.co.uk](mailto:shs_photos@mediadrome.co.uk). If you would like submit prints of just send an email to the above address or call 01908 612306 and talk to Liz about how best to submit.

A NOTE TO OTHER SHERINGTON GROUPS / ORGANISATIONS. You might be going through changes of contacts as you are having your own AGMs. Are your Welcome pack details up to date? The Village website has the latest copy. If you want this updated with your new details then please forward them on to me at [mark.vale@getronics.com](mailto:mark.vale@getronics.com) and I will update the entry.

## **SCAN**

The SHS is a relative newcomer to village organizations, only starting in the year 2000, but we have found the use of the SCAN magazine very useful and important way of communicating what we are doing to our members as well as the remainder of the SCAN readership. I just wanted to say to Betty and Christine, thank you very much for all your hard work during your tenure of the SCAN magazine. I know it sometimes can be hard work, but it would be a very great shame if this were to be the last edition of this esteemed publication. So I would like to wish you and the publication well for the future. (*Dear Readers, see page 1 for news. Betty, Editor*)

MV

Sherington Historical Society



In April there is an event set up to run on St George's day (23<sup>rd</sup>). We are going to attempt a "Ringing wave", similar to the Mexican wave seen at major sporting events, the idea is to create a single ringing wave, which will travel from Church to Church across Milton Keynes and North Bucks. We are aiming for the bells at each ringable tower in the Branch to be rung for 30 minutes; the subsequent tower will start ringing 15 minutes after the first and so on.

We are timing this event to coincide with the request from 'Ringing for England' for all bells to ring out in celebration of St. George's Day.

Our local towers are to ring at:

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| North Crawley | 16.30 – 17.00 |
| Chicheley     | 16.45 – 17.15 |
| Sherington    | 17.00 – 17.30 |

This is a sponsored event and we are raising funds for The Oxford Diocesan Bell Fund and the Association of Ringing Teachers. The Oxford Diocesan Bell Fund has given grants totaling £26,785 to support repair and renewal of the church bells within the North Bucks Branch between its inception in 1974 and the end of 2013. It is a capital fund which means that every penny it receives is



invested and the returns of these investments are used to fund grants for approved works.

The Association of Ringing Teachers has and will continue to provide our Branch with support to help us ensure we can teach the next generations of ringers and keep this quintessential British skill alive.

Of you would like to make a donation or sponsor me (post event) please let me know or call me on 01908 216543.

### **Practice nights**

The next few practice nights are:

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 12/05/2016<br>7.30 pm – Sherington | 26/05/2016<br>7.30 pm Sherington<br><b>PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM</b> |
| 09/06/2016<br>7.30 pm – Sherington | 23/06/2016<br>7.30 pm – Sherington                                |
| 30;06/2016<br>7.30 pm – Chicheley  |   |

Finally I would like to thank the SCAN team that has worked together for the fourteen years putting together this great publication. They will be sorely missed.

Mark \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*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.

## THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

5th May            **Light Lunch at The White Hart**, 12.30 for 12.45 pm  
As the Village Hall will be in use as a Polling Station on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, we have arranged a 'Get Together' for lunch.

2<sup>nd</sup> June            **"Silk for Sundays"**  
Yvonne Bell is a Christian Artist and Vestment Designer. Yvonne will talk on the subject of silk painting & Church Vestments and will be bringing some of her beautiful designs with her.

\*\*see previous page

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### Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell

On 30th March our Club presented a cheque for £3,000 to Willen Hospice, represented by Councillor Derek Eastman. Most of the money was raised by bucket collections at Frosts Garden Centre and in Newport Pagnell and Olney in the approach to Christmas. A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated.

We will be making more bucket collections for Willen Hospice with the Rotary Club of Bletchley at Dobbies Garden Centre on 28/29 May and 30/31 July.

Our annual plant sale will be held in Olney Market on 14th May. Proceeds are passed to local charities, so please support us.

Our Club has enjoyed a wide range of talks at our weekly meetings covering topics including re-enactment of Civil War battles, lighthouse keeping, the work of a circuit judge, and historical photos of Newport Pagnell.

If you would like to know more about Rotary, or if you are interested in joining, 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.

Finally, the Rotary Club of Newport Pagnell would like to wish Betty Feasey and Christine Barry a thoroughly enjoyable and relaxing retirement from producing SCAN magazine. As a SCAN resident, this correspondent values SCAN Magazine as the primary source of local news and services. Hopefully new volunteers will step forward to continue Betty and Christine's outstanding service to the community.

## SCAN 462 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY MAY 2016

| <b>ASTWOOD VILLAGE HALL:</b> contact Andrea on <a href="mailto:andrea@edoneinvestments.com">andrea@edoneinvestments.com</a>   |  |               |        |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BRIDGE at 7 pm-10 pm THURSDAYS</b> - contact Neil Plumb 01234 391040</li> <li>• <b>CRANFIELD BRIDGE CLUB</b> meets at Astwood Village Hall virtually every <b>SUNDAY</b> at 6.55 for 7 pm start to play. Details on <a href="http://www.cranbridge.org.uk">http://www.cranbridge.org.uk</a>, or ring Paul Goddard, 01234 881409.</li> </ul> |  |               |        |
| <b>PILATES:</b> <b>Monday at 8 pm</b> – contact Helen Terry on <a href="mailto:Helen@1to34pilates.co.uk">Helen@1to34pilates.co.uk</a>   |  |               |        |
| <b>BROWNIES:</b> Every <b>MONDAY</b> term time, Sherington Pavilion - 5.30 – 7 pm - contact: Rebecca Harrington, 15 Carters Close, Sherington   |  |               |        |
| <b>PILATES 10 a.m., YOGA 11 a.m., NORTH CRAWLEY INSTITUTE Thursdays.</b> Call Debbie 07764 391687   |  |               |        |
| <b>SHERINGTON FOLK WORKSHOP:</b> 8 – 10 pm Sherington V.H. - <b>2nd Thursday</b> of month – Liz 07941 403492  |  |               |        |
| <b>SHERINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB:</b> Monday 2 – 4 pm and Friday 7 – 9 pm contact Sheila 211153 or Bob 01234391436  |  |               |        |
| <b>SHERINGTON YOUTH CLUB:</b> 7 – 9 pm <b>Wednesday</b> Nights (term time) contact JO 07780 987034  |  |               |        |
| Date  | Group/event/venue  | Time          | Page   |
| 1   | Rogation Sunday – Grange Farm, Chicheley                         | 5 pm          | 7      |
|   | Thumbsticks Walk – The Knoll, Sherington                         | 9.30 am       | 22     |
| 2   | Sherington Folk Band at Beer & Sausage Festival                  |               | 25     |
| 2   | May Day Celebrations, The Knoll, Sherington                      | 11 a.m.       | 35     |
| 3   | North Crawley Parish Council Meeting (includes AGM) Village Hall | 6.30 pm       | 14     |
| 3   | Sherington Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall                  | 7.30 pm       | 30     |
| 5   | New Thursday Group ‘Get Together’ Lunch                          | 12.30 pm      | 41     |
| 7   | Tuesday coffee Morning, 1a Church Road, Sherington               | 10.30 am      | 21     |
| 8   | ‘No Strings’ Concert, Friends of Firmins, North Crawley          | 4 pm          | 11     |
| 8   | North Crawley Bowls Club Open Day                                | 2.30 pm       | 19     |
| 10  | Chichchat – Chicheley Village Hall                               | 10.30 am      | 8      |
| 10  | Sherington Historical Society ‘Coaching Inns’                    | 8 pm          | 37     |
| 12  | Sherington Bell Ringers Practice Night                           | 7.30 pm       | 40     |
| 12  | Sherington Pre-School Open Day, Village Hall                     | 9.30 – 11 am  | 36     |
| 14  | Rotary Club Plant Sale – Olney Market Square                     | 9 am          | 7      |
| 14  | Chicheley Music Quiz – Village Hall                              |               | 7      |
| 18  | North Crawley W.I. (65 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) Village Hall      | 7.30 pm       | 20     |
| 18  | Flower Festival Planning Meeting, St. Lauds                      | 7.30 pm       | 22     |
| 24  | Chichchat – Chicheley Village Hall                               | 10.30 am      | 8      |
| 26  | Sherington Bell Ringers Practice Night                           | 7.30 pm       | 40     |
| <b>JUNE</b>   |  |               |        |
| 1   | Coach Trip to Neasden Temple                                     |               | 23     |
| 2   | New Thursday Group, Sherington Village Hall                      | 8 pm`         | 41     |
| 5   | Queen’s Birthday Celebration, North Crawley Institute            | 2.30 pm       | 8 / 14 |
| 9   | Sherington Bell Ringers Practice Night                           | 7.30 pm       | 40     |
| 11  | Queen’s Birthday Celebrations – Chicheley                        |               | 7      |
| 11  | Queen’s Birthday Celebrations – Sherington, BBQ in Play Area     | 5 pm          | 21     |
| 14  | Sherington Historical Society Members Outing – Village Hall      | 6.30 pm       | 37     |
| 18  | North Crawley Yard Sale  | 11 am-4 pm    | 11     |
| 23  | Sherington Bell Ringers Practice Night                           | 7.30 pm       | 40     |
| 25/26   | St. Lauds Flower Festival, Gardens Open, Scarecrows & Teas       | 11 am-5.30 pm | 22     |
| 30  | Chicheley Bell Ringers Practice                                  | 7.30 pm       | 40     |
| <b>JULY</b>   |  |               |        |
| 12  | Sherington Historical Society Meeting – Village Hall             | 8 pm          | 38     |
| 16  | French Evening – Chicheley                                       |               | 7      |
| <b>OCT</b>  | 1 <sup>ST</sup> Quiz & Supper Chicheley Village Hall             |               | 7      |

# SCAN DIRECTORY

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| <b><u>Rector</u></b>   | To be appointed  |                                |
| <b><u>Associate Priest:</u></b>                              | The Reverend Pam Fielding, 4 Griggs Orchard  | 01908 616763                   |
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| <b><u>Churchwardens</u></b>                                  |  |                                |
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