

SCAN



MARCH 2013

SCAN 427 AT-A-GLANCE DIARY MARCH 2013

BROWNIES – Every MONDAY term time, Sherington Pavilion - 5.30 – 7 pm - contact: KERRIE MAXWELL 07917610115 / 01908 60144 OR PATSY CLIFTON 01908 616009
FRIDAY AFTERNOON TEA , St. Lauds, 2.30 – 4.45 pm: contact Paula 01908 216925 see page 20
SHERINGTON YOUTH CLUB : 7 – 9 pm Wednesday Nights (term time) contact Jay: 07799005568
SHERINGTON FOLK WORKSHOP : 8 – 10 pm Sherington V.H. - 2nd Thursday of month –Liz 07941 403492
NORTH CRAWLEY BABY & TOTS GROUP , The Institute, MONDAYS 9.30-11.30 am (term time)

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 1 am – ALTER CLOCKS ONE HOUR FORWARD

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6	Chicheley Lent Lunch – Village Hall	12 noon	8
	NECAF MEETING – The Pavilion	7.30 pm	27
7	New Thursday Group – Village Hall Sherington	8 pm	35
8	North Crawley Historical Society – Talk, plus Fish and Chip Supper - The Institute -	8 pm	17
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	North Crawley W.I. – Village Hall	7.30 pm	18
21	New Thursday Group – Sher. Village Hall – Open Evening	8 pm	35
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26	Tuesday Coffee Morning – 4 Park Road	10.30 am	19
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11	SCAN Parish AGM – Chicheley Village Hall	8 pm	3
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Cranfield Bridge Club meet at Astwood Village Hall virtually every Sunday at 6.55 for 7 pm start to play. A small friendly, EBU affiliated Bridge Club. Details on <http://www.cranbridge.org.uk>, or ring Paul Goddard, 01234 881409

LEARN BRIDGE at Astwood Village Hall, Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 pm, with tuition by EBU trained Club Teacher for Cranfield BC. Details as above.

Mandy writes.....

One of the joys of my position as Rector in SCAN Parish is being able to visit our village schools on a weekly basis.

As you will know we are blessed to have two Church schools within our parish, in Sherington and North Crawley. I am privileged to be invited in to take assemblies and share in Christian worship with the children. The children attending our schools are only young, aged four to seven years. They are just beginning to explore for themselves what it is to have a relationship with God. Because of their status as Church Schools the children who attend them, I believe, are blessed in many ways not least because of the Christian ethos of the schools. The children are introduced to Christian values such as love, compassion, forgiveness, etc. They are encouraged to respect and care for God's created world. They are provided with opportunities for spiritual, social and moral development. They learn about worship, prayer and celebration.

Personally, I enjoy being able to share with the children the treasure of God's story of his love for us told in The Bible. Sometimes we act out the stories. Recently we heard about the story of the wedding at Cana in Galilee when Jesus was a guest and the wine ran out and Jesus miraculously turned water into wine. The children re-created the wedding celebration and danced to an Israeli tune. They had great fun. Or then there was the time when we acted out the story of how Jesus went with his disciples onto Lake Galilee in a boat and a storm blew up. The children entered into the story with some pretending to be the wind and the waves and others pretending to be the frightened disciples in the boat. They learned how Jesus calmed the sea.

We try to encourage the children to know for themselves that just as Jesus was there to help his friends when he lived on earth over 2000 years ago that He is here to help us today, in whatever situations we may find ourselves in.

It is a real joy to see the children express and discover, albeit a fledgling faith. The children love to ask questions about God and Jesus and the Church. Sometimes I have the answers but sometimes I don't. I hope the children who attend our schools will go on asking questions about God and faith as they get older. Sadly some of us stop asking questions about God when we become adults and we leave Jesus in the memory of school assemblies and Sunday school, but I believe that God is relevant for us all, however young or old we may be. If you would like to discover more about the Christian faith for yourself why not go to the web site rejesus.co.uk There's always more to discover!

God Bless

Mandy

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

'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.'

RIP Jenny Foster of Hardmead. Funeral at Crownhill Crematorium
Thursday 7th February 2013.

LENT LUNCHES

Chicheley Lent Lunch Wednesday 6th March 12 noon Chicheley Village Hall
Sherington Lent Lunch Saturday 16th March 12 noon The Pavilion Sherington
North Crawley Lent Lunch Wednesday 20th March The Institute North
Crawley

'Souper' Lunchtime Get-together

SCAN fellowship, a fortnightly chance to enjoy a simple lunch together
4 Griggs Orchard Sherington home of Pam and John Fielding
01908 616763

12pm -2pm Wednesdays

27 February

13 March

27 March

10 April

All ages welcome (children too!)

SCAN PARISH

The AGM for our churches in SCAN Parish will be
held on

Thursday 11th April

Chicheley Village Hall

8.00pm

Refreshments at 7.45pm

All are welcome.

Please remember to return your Electoral Roll forms (to Christine Girard) by
Monday 18th March at the latest. Thank you.

MARCH SERVICES

3 March

8.00am SCAN BCP* Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley
9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

10 March Mothering Sunday

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington
6.00pm SCAN Evensong – Chicheley

17 March

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington
10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH – North Crawley School

24 March Palm Sunday

9.30am Parish Prayers – meeting room Sherington
11.00am SCAN Service of Holy Communion - Chicheley
6.00pm SCAN Evensong – North Crawley

27 March

8.00pm SCAN Service of Compline - Chicheley

28 March Maundy Thursday

7.30pm SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

29 March Good Friday

10.00-12pm Café Church Easter Workshop – Sherington
1.30-2.30pm Reflections for Good Friday – Sherington

31 March Easter Day

6.30am Easter Vigil – Chicheley (followed by breakfast)
9.30am Easter Family Celebration with Holy Communion – Sherington
(followed by Easter Egg hunt)

*Book of Common Prayer

APRIL SERVICES

7 April

8.00am SCAN BCP* Service of Holy Communion – Chicheley
9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – North Crawley

14 April

9.30am SCAN Service of Holy Communion – Sherington
6.00pm SCAN Evensong – Chicheley

Scats

Scats meet every other Monday. During our meetings we do crafts, baking, charity work and talk a lot.

We also do things outside of the meetings; for example we helped in the Summer Fete, helped organise the Christmas Bazaar, went to Costa (we were treated to a drink and cake, filled a shoe box for a needy child for Samaritan's Purse, and also organised an Easter Treasure Hunt to help raise money for St Laud's. We are planning to organise more events in the future and hope they are just as successful.

Please note our **RED NOSE DAY** Event below

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 15th March **for one day only**

SCATS will be taking over the Friday Teas at St Laud's in aid of Red Nose Day.

Please come in your hundreds to buy, taste and takeaway so we can raise as much as we can for those whose lives are blighted by poverty, disease and lack of education. Thank you.

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STWOOD

ASTWOOD & HARDMEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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01767 641281

MINUTES FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 4th February 2013 at 8.00pm in Astwood Village Hall

N.B. This meeting was solely to discuss proposed planning application 12/02135/FUL at Elm Hall Farm, Main Rd, Astwood.

Present:

Cllrs Powell-Shedden, Hulance, Chapman, Mitchell, and Wood; David Coles (Surveyor, representing A Boswell, Clerk P Reynolds-Nunn, 6 members of the public

The application is for the renovation of existing barn and erection of one garage/workshop/office at the above address; it was discussed at length by the Parish

Council and members of the public were invited to give their views afterwards. David Coles brought along the proposed plans which most residents agreed were very impressive, although it was mentioned that something a bit smaller and in keeping with the village may be preferable. It is established that the property would be outside the village envelope but it was explained that this is a different case, not new-build, but a replacement for one that is already there. This is a barn conversion, not a restoration, although one Councillor felt it looked fine as it is. It was explained that each planning application is looked at on its own merits and this would not set a precedent for building to be allowed all over the village, however the majority of the Parish Council and most of the residents are still concerned that this could be the case. It was told that “precedent” does not exist in planning law. It was expressed that if this goes ahead, it will encourage lots of building applications for dwellings that are also outside the village envelope (something the Parish Council has always fought against in the past) which may or may not be permitted, we have no guarantee and this is a concern. David explained that the government are encouraging existing old buildings to be converted as part of our heritage and not lost altogether, and the difference with this case is it will be built on the existing footprint. The builders will use as much of the original features as possible. Part of the Parish Council voted to support this application but the majority opposed it, so that was the decision. Clerk will write to Planning Department with these views. Whilst the majority of villagers felt it would look much nicer than it does at present, there is a concern on the village infrastructure, broadband, etc, if many more dwellings do follow. It was disputed that the barn was not marketed properly as a business venture before this residential application, but it was explained that the cost of making it suitable for offices, etc, would have been too great and not viable to let. A member of the public suggested that the village could possibly “receive something back” as it will be worth around a million pounds when completed, but this was dismissed thinking back to when Lewenscroft was built and we waited many years for the ‘kick-about’ area. A resident asked if it would be for sale but it is believed it will be for the owner’s daughter to live and work in.

LATE ITEM – 12/02678/FUL – Due to tight time scale for comments, this application was also discussed.

APPLICATION FOR ONE 50KW WIND TURBINE AT ASTWOOD GRANGE, MAIN ROAD, ASTWOOD; Height to hub 24.9 metres, to blade tip 34.5 metres. It was resolved to oppose this application on the terms that Wind Turbines are springing up all over our pretty villages and it will not be long before we are surrounded; they spoil the landscape and we do not want them in Astwood or Hardmead. The meeting closed at 9.00pm and all were thanked for their attendance and comments.

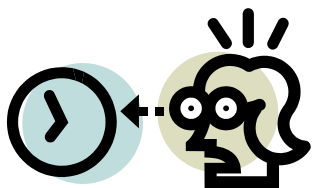
A STWOOD

By the time you read this the first signs of spring will be well on truly on its way. The nights are getting positively lighter, the daffodils are beginning to show their heads and start the impressive display that everyone enjoys. I have even heard on good authority that someone was cutting their lawns at the start of February; I was going to say I got it straight from the horse's mouth, but you would have only thought I had lost it and had been talking to the lasagne and beef-burgers in Tesco's.

It seems January and February are national hibernation months and not everyone seems to have woken up after Christmas. Personally, I can't wait for the magic 65 when I can join the hibernators or better still, the winters sun seekers. However, Astwood did have a few events during February. Two Parish Councils meetings (full details later), but the second was solely to discuss the planning application down Main Street opposite number 27, which the council felt, as it was outside the Village envelope, it didn't want to allow this in case it set a precedent for future applications. There was also the Village Hall committee meeting, who not only have the upkeep of the Village Hall to consider, but also the garden where we are hoping to have a clean up and hopefully a barbeque later - so please keep Sunday 7th April free. Later on in the year, about the beginning of June, another more social function which will give us all an opportunity to let our hair down.

As the Village Hall are considering a new air source heat pump and a new insulated floor we felt before committing ourselves to the project, we ought to see the system in operation so we went to North Crawley to view their revamped hall. North Crawley have a larger hall with higher ceilings than we have, but had similar problems with a damp floor, with heating supplied by storage radiators which meant that the hall was slow to warm up and expensive to run. North Crawley decided to insulate the floor and some walls and install air source heat pumps. To the uninitiated, air source pumps work like a refrigerator in reverse and basically look like an air conditioning unit, in fact in the summer the units can run in reverse to work as air conditioning. Basically, North Crawley now have a heating system that warms the building up in a few minutes, even when the temperature outside is below freezing all this with added benefit that the electricity bill is HALVED. We were very impressed and if we can have a similar installation financed in the main by grants, then this can only be of definite benefit to the hall and our village.

Lieutenant Pigeon



SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 1 am – ALTER CLOCKS ONE HOUR FORWARD

C HICHELEY

I'm writing this on a beautiful sunny morning, still a bit cool but a pleasant change from the recent snow. The wild birds are eating the food we put out for them and flocks of pigeons are devouring whatever they can find on some recently drilled fields. However none of them are of the size of a visitor that our farming neighbour John has been entertaining. It is about 6 feet tall, can run at 30 mph on its long legs, and is enjoying the contents of his bird feeders. What is it? It is a Rhea, a South American ostrich, very unusual for Chicheley but it has obviously heard about how we entertain our inhabitants and visitors. That brings me nicely to tell you about what is planned for the next few weeks.

On **Saturday 2nd March** will be a **celebration of St. David's day**. This will be in the evening 7.00pm for 7.30 and have a suitable menu and entertainment. I mentioned in last month's SCAN that items for the entertainment from the assembly will be very welcome, so how are the party pieces coming along folks? Please contact either Mrs Townsend on 01234 391367 or me on 01234 391371 if you would like to come. Tickets are £7.50.

Wednesday 6th March is when **Chicheley's Lent lunch** will be held in the village hall from noon, or thereabouts. This is usually a well-attended event but we are always pleased to see new faces. A donation is requested for church funds.

Chitchat will be on **Tuesday 12th March** from 10.30am until noon in the village hall. The pancakes were very welcome on Shrove Tuesday, thank you Christine, as is the usual selection of biscuits.

We are also holding a **Quiz evening on Saturday 16th March** from 7.30 pm in the village hall, for church funds. There will be refreshments. If you would like to take part, either with a team, or to make up one on the night, please contact Judith Duncombe on 01234 391233. The entrance charge is £10 per person.

Teas will be available as usual on **Good Friday, 29th March**, in the village hall from 3 pm. All are welcome. This is timed to fit in with the church services on that day.

You will see elsewhere in SCAN details for all the **Easter services**, which **at St. Lawrence's** include 11.00am on Palm Sunday 24th March, Compline at 8pm on Wednesday 27th March and out dawn service at 6.30am on Easter Sunday 31st March. Following the latter will be our usual breakfast for the worshippers in the village hall.

A brief note about Compline. The service is short, about thirty minutes, follows a traditional pattern, includes time for quiet reflection, and is a way of completing what is

for many, a busy day. As for all our services this is for all of SCAN parish, no matter in which village you live. Why not give it a try?

February's Burns Night supper and the Coffee Morning on the 16th February swelled the village hall funds by a total of £489, a very pleasing result.

Looking back at my notes it seems Chicheley will be very busy in March, so hope to see you at some of the planned events.

David

NORTH CRAWLEY SCAN NEWS AND COMMENT.

First of all congratulations to those public spirited people who cleared the snow from the pavements in front of their houses, and in some cases cleared the pavements for their neighbours as well. If everyone of sound body was like minded, then all the paths would be cleared and the snow would not get compacted and turn to ice. It was also mentioned to me that part of the road and a slippery corner around Kilpin Green were de-iced with the help of the grit bin contents. Unfortunately the grit bin ran out very quickly, so it would be interesting to know if this was due to it being half-empty, or perhaps another bin is needed on the other side of the green.

Did you know that the village now has a radio star in its midst? Gary who is a chef at the Cock Inn, recently appeared on Radio 2 in the 'Pop Master' quiz. During his appearance he managed to put in a good word for Gary and Jackie his bosses at the Cock Inn, and also mentioned Gary and Tracey at the Chequers. It quickly became apparent that there are a lot of Garys in the village. He did well in accumulating 22 points which was enough to beat his opponent on the day. By coincidence I happened to be coming out of a fuel station that morning, when I switched on the radio and heard the words 'North Crawley', which caught my attention so I managed to hear a good part of his performance. Gary well done, you are a credit to the village.

Next a moan about dog fouling which still is an ongoing problem on village play areas and footpaths. There really is no excuse for not clearing up after your dogs, as bins are readily available around the recreation area and other visible locations in the village. If, whilst roaming around on a footpath, your dog deposits something in the middle of it, please clear it up. If you have forgotten your bags make sure the deposit is flicked into a ditch or somewhere it is not likely to be trodden on. The monthly village walks on the

footpaths are run for all ages, and the participation of parents and children is to be encouraged, but who wants to go if the kids are wading through dogs mess. To those of you reading this and knowing that I don't have a dog, please be informed I have first hand knowledge of the techniques involved in clearing up after them, as I regularly walk a neighbours dog at lunchtime.

Cricket Club news.

Great progress to report on the cricket club's strategy to set-up a youth development programme to attract youngsters to the game. Part of the plan is to build new cricket nets that meet the latest ECB standards. Having established that a large amount of money was required to do this, Sport England was identified as a possible sponsor and so an application was submitted in 2012 for their 'Olympic Legacy' funding. The Parish Council (as the landowner) have thrown their support behind the application, and the required information was assembled with much input from the cricket club. Just before Christmas news of an award was communicated to the project manager, but this was under a news embargo until 25 January when Sport England was making national press announcements. It has been difficult to keep this news under wraps for so long, but it is now in the public domain, so can be shared. This is a great achievement by all parties involved, as the competition for this funding is fierce, and only about a third of applicants are successful. All things being equal, it is hoped that the nets will be in place for the 2013 season.

Bowls Club News.

As reported last month the club is always on the lookout for new players; all ages and levels of skill are welcome (contact Sheila Hart (sheila-hart@supanet.com)).

The **AGM** this year is on **Tuesday 12 March** and will be held in the **Village Hall**.

Traffic Calming/Residential safety.

Following some recent discussions between the Parish Council (PC) and Milton Keynes Council (MKC) it has become apparent that many of traffic calming options that were thought to be on offer, no longer fit in with latest plans to tighten budgets etc. This is particularly annoying for some members of the PC who have worked for at least 7 years on this project. However there is still a chance that the village will get something, but the PC have to prove once more to MKC that villagers want certain measures to occur, and so have been asked to collect names of people in support. However this can only happen when it is absolutely clear what measures are allowable in the eyes of MKC. As you can tell this is a very convoluted situation and very frustrating for your Councillors.

Village walks.

Please support your village walks which are on the last Sunday in the month. The walks are suitable for young and old alike and are up to two hours in duration.

The next walk is on **Sunday 24 February 2013**, followed by **31 March and 28 April**, all **at 10 a.m.** meeting outside the Institute

If anyone would like to contribute newsworthy information, please don't hesitate to send it to Hawk-eye before the Scan deadline (around the 18th of each month), to the following email address: hawkeye.scan@hotmail.co.uk

From time to time I receive a few puns and strange phrases, so here's a recent example. 'I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.'

Hawk-eye.



NORTH CRAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday 5th February 2013.

Planning

12/02590/FUL – Single and two storey extensions to the rear and side of Tythe Barn, Brook End. The plans were discussed with no adverse comments.

12/02652/FUL - 35 High Street two storey side extensions, two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension with balcony. There were no adverse comments.

Trees

Trees in need of trimming will be done as soon as the weather improves; Cllr Hatton has now obtained a plan from MK Council identifying all the trees for which they are responsible. This helps to clarify those which are the responsibility of the Parish and which are the responsibility of MK Council.

Disabled Parking

The IMC have agreed to site one disabled parking space in the Institute car park. Cllr Flower will arrange with MK Council for the necessary marking to be carried out.

Drainage

MK Council has suggested two options to route the runoff water from the recreation field past the houses in Kilpin Green across North Crawley Estates land. Mr. Boswell is to decide the favoured option.

Ward Councillor's Report

Keith Mclean reported that No 1 Bryans Crescent is beyond economic repair for renting and is to be sold off probably by auction.

Applications for a share of his Ward budget was still under consideration,

The Local Government Boundary Commission is meeting next Monday regarding the Boundary of Milton Keynes North & Milton Keynes South which will affect the Wards and how we are represented.

There is likely to be a change in Planning Policy. Parish Councils are likely to get only one week to comment on planning applications; largely due to staff reductions in the Planning Department. There is a proposal that Parish Councillors will get refresher training on assessing applications to streamline the planning process. We can expect a consultation document in the near future.

Finance Matters

There were no payments or receipts in January 2013.

Our asset register had been reviewed, particularly in reference to our insurance cover.

We have been advised to maintain our own Public Liability Insurance to cover the children's playground although it is covered by MK Council. We need to ensure the necessary inspections are carried out by MK Council in order to keep the equipment up to standard.

It was agreed that starting this year, the Parish Council would provide a wreath for the Memorial Day Service in November

NAG Report

Cllr Hunt reported that Adrian Cardan had agreed to put a bid in his budget to buy the new generation SIDs so that so that equipment would still be available for deployment and collection of traffic data. It was agreed that NAG volunteers would be responsible for their placement to keep the service running. It was also suggested that the old equipment could still be used in the short term and could augment Speedwatch to some degree.

Gas in the Village

Cllr Hatton is working on this project and has agreed to persevere despite a rather negative response from British Gas. Cllr Keith McLean suggested we consult Jeremy Draper of MK Council for his advice on the best way to proceed.

Traffic Calming

Cllrs Hatton & Flower have met with Rachel Kingsley, Head of Highways at MK Council. Discussions are on-going in respect of traffic calming and residential safety in view of the fact that plans that had been prepared are no longer viable. It is not clear if the £30,000 allocated for this year can be carried over into 2013/14, especially as the only reason it has not been spent is due to the time taken by MKC to start the project. However, Cllr Hatton and Cllr Flower will not give up considering the time and effort that has been spent over many years.

Councillor Items

Cllr Flower reported that he had completed the tender report for the new cricket nets and the cricket club had decided on the successful contractor. It was pointed out that the Parish Council, as the Landlords, must insure the new nets. The Cricket Club has agreed to reimburse the cost.

Cllr Flower also reported that Mr. Graham Kinns had suggested a simple way of increasing the fence height to the children's play area on match days which was agreed.

Cllr Stapleton reported that the guttering is now being repaired at the Institute.

Cllr Stapleton had observed that the pavement from The Chequers to the end of the village was in a very poor state of repair. Cllr Hatton agreed to report this to MKC.

Cllr Rogers agreed to look into the legal question of what was the minimum width for a pavement. The section between Nixies Walk and the Institute was very narrow and was particularly hazardous when school children were alighting from coaches and also attempting to cross the road.

Cllr Hatton has been liaising with Cranfield Parish Council and the University regarding bus services. The University is trying to help obtain a bus service into Newport Pagnell and a link between Bedford- Cranfield-North Crawley-Milton Keynes. Both of which could help North Crawley.

The date of the next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hunt

News from North Crawley Church of England School



Ouse Valley Partnership



North Crawley CE School & Stoke Goldington CE First School

'Together in Learning - Sharing Excellence and Expertise'

The children in Years 1 and 2 of North Crawley School have certainly been relishing their topic about 'Homes'. You may have seen them around the village observing new and old homes and the examining differences between the two. As school always tries to make learning fun, the children visited the 'Farm House' at Milton Keynes Museum. Stacey Hill Farm was built in 1847. The farmer and his family lived in the farm house that is now home to the museum. The downstairs rooms are used for displays which attempt to recreate the household of the Victorian farmers who lived at Stacey Hill. In particular, the parlour is set out like a typical living room of the era. Here the children could see numerous pieces of furniture, ornaments and household items which included a polyphon or 'music box', a pianola 'mechanical piano', sewing machine, a child's high chair, a chaise lounge, shuttered windows and an open fireplace. In the Edwardian kitchen the children examined the large cooking range that was powered by wood and coal.



The range includes an open fire, small cast iron and large brick lined oven typical of those found on many farms over a century ago. Elsewhere in the kitchen the children saw dozens of tools, gadgets and accessories used to prepare and store food in the days before ready meals, frozen food and microwaves.

The children enjoyed playing with metal hoops, riding an old Victorian rocking horse, spending time in the kitchen and laundry room and finding out about what school was like in the Victorian times. The general consensus was that the children much preferred the more relaxed educational system in place in 2013!

Back in the classroom the children have enjoyed finding out about the Hindu faith and have been fascinated by the different stories. They made some traditional Hindu sweets which were very popular with staff and children alike!



Meanwhile our youngest children have been looking at different festivals with Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and St Valentine's Day all falling in the same week. The pancakes were a particular favourite!

Next half term the children are looking forward to Book Week with lots of exciting activities being planned as well as the ever popular dressing up day!

If your child is due to start school in September 2013 telephone Head Teacher Mrs Kathryn Crompton on: 01234 391282 for more information and to arrange a visit or view the school website www.northcrawley.milton-keynes.gov.uk Come and see for yourself the small class sizes, the caring and nurturing environment and the inspirational learning both in the classroom and outside.



North Crawley Bowls Club

Affiliated to Bowls England & Buckinghamshire Bowls Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2013

The Annual General Meeting for our Bowls Club will be held in North Crawley Village Hall, on Tuesday 12 March 2013 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 a number of players who compete at County level.

Our 2013 season starts in 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 have a fully qualified coach on hand to 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 Tuesday, 6th March. If you would like further details, please ring either of the following people:

Chairman (John Clifford) on 01234 391551

Secretary (Sheila Hart) on 01234 750221

THE SCAN TEAM SEND MANY THANKS FOR DONATIONS THIS MONTH FROM READERS IN

☺ WOBURN SANDS

☺ OLNEY

☺ SHERINGTON

☺ NEWPORT PAGNELL

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THE HANSLOPE MURDER – AN EDWARDIAN MYSTERY SOLVED?

a talk by **ROGER DRAGE**

with Fish & Chip Supper

Friday, March 8th 2013

8 p.m. in the Institute

(Please note the later than usual start time)

On a sunny Sunday in 1912, the Squire of Hanslope was murdered on his way home from church – right in front of his wife and within 80 yards of the entrance to Hanslope Park. The perpetrator committed suicide within a couple of minutes of the murder.

So why – a hundred years later – does this crime and its aftermath still resonate? Come along and hear about the social shock waves, the suppressed details, the loose ends, the cryptic message inscribed on a gravestone and how an account of the story which was published on the Internet triggered new information.

“The Hanslope Murder – an Edwardian Mystery Solved?” is coming your way. The link to North Crawley is that local PC Robert Cooper attended the murder.

Cost is £6.00 per head (£7 for non-members)

and will include fish and chip supper.

Please book with John on 01234 391365

NORTH CRAWLEY W.I.

Our meeting on the 20th February was opened by our President Lynda Barber who welcomed everyone on such a cold night and presented flowers arranged by Pat Myhill to ladies celebrating birthdays this month.

Lynda reminded us of the many events taking place including the Monet exhibition in London, the B.F.W.I. annual Council meeting in Aylesbury, the speaker Michael Portillo, this should be very entertaining. There is a trip to the old showground at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire for "Britain in Bloom" in June, a coach leaving from Stony Stratford **(watch this space for details)**. Can I remind you of our table top sale on 1st April details on the village notice boards.

Lynda then introduced Ann Lark from Age U.K. who spoke on the varied work they do in and around Milton Keynes, I must admit I didn't realise how much they are involved with the communities, it's quite comforting to know help is always available.

Teas were provided by Pam and Joan thank you, raffles were won by Jan, Dee and Jill and the most unusual postcard competition won by Barbara, well done all.

Next month on the 20th March will be an open meeting and the subject will be "Hats and Accessories" please bring a hat, scarf and jewellery and most of all a story about the event you wore them, should be fun and hopefully that's what our meetings should be all about.

For our April meeting Lynda and Barbara have managed to acquire Mr. Kingsnorth from the RSPB who will talk about our garden birds, many thanks to you both.

We send our sincere condolences to Betty and Mary.

JL

Searching Questions?



New series of conversations about science and belief
Excellent new DVD presentations by Prof Russell Stannard
The group will continue to meet in our house (4 Griggs Orchard,
Sherington

This new series is a good opportunity for new people to pop in!

NEXT MEETINGS 8.00 – 9.30 PM

alternate Tuesdays between 12th Feb and 9th April Prof John Fielding 01908 616763
john_fielding@hotmail.com.



Mailbag and Announcements

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

MARCH 5th Pam Ellis, 3 Hillview
 12th Pearl Teasdale, 33 Crofts End
 19th Doris Stephens, 1a Church Road
 26th Ella Field, 4 Park Road



Gwen and Arthur Goodman

would like to thank family, friends and neighbours
for all their help and kindness over the past few months.

BERNARD CROOK GARDEN SERVICES LTD.
SHERINGTON NURSERIES
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Re: Planting of Jubilee Wood Sherington Nurseries

In conjunction with the Woodland Trust and Forestry Commission we have planted 1300 woodland trees. The aim is to plant a total of 6 million trees to mark the Queens Jubilee. The planting of the wood will be entered into the Royal Record so future generations will be able to see why the trees were planted there. Also an Oak tree will be supplied from the Queen's Estate to mark the occasion.

Peter Crook

Willen Hospice – 2013 House to House Collection in Sherington

We still need two or three volunteers to help with the House to House Collection which takes place during the month of April. If anyone can spare an hour or two, to enable us to cover every road in Sherington, please ring Julie on 615043. Thank you.

To everyone in Sherington, Chicheley, Astwood, North Crawley
and surrounding villages, come along to our

Easter Workshop

*Did you go to Sunday School as a child, but have forgotten the Bible stories?
Come and learn with us again.....*

**Venue:- St Laud's Church, Sherington Time:- 10 – 12pm
Good Friday 29th March 2013**

“Building and Easter Garden”

We are learning about the Easter story through stories, songs
and crafts for ALL children
(with crafts suitable for 4 to 11 year olds)

Older children and extra adults always welcome to help them!

** Children must be accompanied by an adult **
(www.scanparish.org.uk)

EASTER LILIES

If you would like a lily placed in Church in memory of a loved one, please contact
Jill Burgess (611163) or Ella Field (610560) by 20th March.

LENT LUNCH

Sherington's Lent Lunch will be held in the Pavilion, Perry Lane on Saturday 16th
March from 12 noon. We look forward to welcoming friends from all over the
SCAN Parish and beyond. Make a note of the date on your calendar and come
and support us.



MARCH THUMBSTICKS WALK

First Sunday in the month – 9.30 am.

Please drive down to the Knoll for an easy meander of something over 3 miles of relatively flat ground from a neighbouring village and using public footpaths. We may see hare, deer and some early hedgerow flowering on our way. No dogs. T & M.

Thumbstick Walk on Sunday 7th April

9.30 am from the Knoll. Please bring cars as we shall be visiting another local village for about 4 mile walk. No dogs please. We look forward to seeing you all. Kate & Graham



Friday Afternoon Tea – new dates!

Our huge thanks go to everyone who has supported us.



It's amazing what your company, a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake can do!

- *Bring friends and family!*
- *Books only £1 each!*
- *Hold your end of week meetings here!*

Fridays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March and



'15th March'

is a special Red Nose day event to be run by our village SCATs group – do come and support Red Nose day!

2:30pm to 4:45pm

(Funds being shared – St Laud's Church and Sherington CE School)

Paula Noble – 01908 216925

Friday Afternoon Tea

Our knitted squares are for

Lathbury Manor Residential Care Home

Thank you so much to everyone busily knitting squares for 'Afternoon Tea' blankets for Lathbury Manor Residential Care Home. Thank you to everyone who has donated wool to us. If you know of anyone else in need of a warm homemade blanket, please do let us know.

The square is knitted up diagonally across the square to make the shape firmer. Even if you are unable to make it to Afternoon Tea, but would like to add to our blanket, here are the details we will be working to:

1. Needles: 3¼ or no.10
2. Double knitting wool (any colour)
3. 12 ins of wool are left either end of the square to use to sew the squares together.
4. Cast on 1 stitch
5. Knit into front and back of 1st stitch
6. Next row – slip 1. Increase in next stitch
7. Knit to end
8. Repeat to 43 stitches (*or however many you need to ensure the finished square will be 5 inches square*)
9. Next row – slip 1, knit 2 together. Knit to end of row
10. Repeat this row until 1 stitch remains.
11. Cast off.

Paula Noble 01908 216925 – Many thanks!

"Sherington Community Shop is a year old!"

"It only seems like yesterday that the shop opened but in fact it was a year ago on 18th February, which was followed by the grand opening in March last year.

A big thanks goes out to everybody that has supported the shop over the last 12 months, and we know that Udi and Dina would encourage you to continue to give the shop your patronage as it is proving to be a valuable village amenity.

They also welcome any feedback or suggestions you might have for stock that you'd like to see in the shop.

In the very near future we will be arranging an AGM for all shareholders in order to give them an update on how the shop is progressing and to discuss future plans.

Sherington Community Shop Committee"



DEADLINE

Copy for APRIL SCAN - 17 MARCH to:

THE EDITOR, Mrs. Betty Feasey MBE,
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Tel 01908 611587

E-mail betty.feasey@btinternet.com

OR hard copy can be put in the SCAN box (next to front door at No. 13).

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Sherington Synopsis by Jack Daw

As we progress into March this should be the time to prepare the garden for planting in the spring. However, having had a look round the ground is still waterlogged and is not really suitable for digging over yet, my Wellingtons sank into the ground and I had difficulty in extracting them. Now we have had snow again which only compounds the situation. I feel sorry for Michael Cook and other farmers who must be frustrated by the ground conditions and wonder how this will affect this years crop planting. I've seldom seen the fields near Sherington Bridge so wet for so long and so often.

Talking about the garden I was surprised recently to look out and to see a large and handsome cock pheasant wandering about grazing on our grass. Pheasants are not unusual in the country but I have never seen one in the garden previously. It did a couple of circuits of the whole garden and at one point our neighbour's little cat, Biscuit, decided to investigate this visitor. She crept up behind it but Mr Pheasant noticed, turned round and stretched his neck up to full height which must have been some 18" or more and made the sort of cackling noise that they make and the cat thought better of it and hastily beat a retreat. Interestingly I had a text message on my email the following day from someone saying that they had a pheasant feeding in their back garden by their patio but there was no name on the message, just a mobile 'phone number that I did not recognise. The day after that Mrs D saw it fly into our garden again from the

Small House, spend some time here and then depart into a Carters Close garden, perhaps it has decided that there is less chance of ending up in an oven by taking up residence here. Not so unusual but nice to see is the green woodpecker who has spent a while in the garden a few times recently but we haven't seen the jay around for a while.

Likewise in the garden there are lots of snowdrops out and other bulbs are showing shoots above the ground and most of the shrubs and fruit trees have the first signs of getting ready to produce this years' growth, I just hope that I will be able to get some vegetables into the earth come spring.

Enough of things rural, on the evening of 8th February the Bozeat Windmill Singers in connection with the Sherington Twinning Association put on a musical event at the village hall. It was extremely well attended with only 4 tickets left unsold which meant that there was an audience of 76, which with the 27 members of the choir pretty much filled the village hall. There was a nice selection of nibbly things on all the tables, savoury during the first half and then sweet during the second. The show was introduced by René from 'allo 'allo and then the songs began. The singers have a very varied repertoire (including some rather risqué jokes) and sang songs from productions such as les Miserables and Phantom. Everything was very well received with a standing ovation at the close and I think that the audience would have liked the music to have continued into the small hours if it had been possible. Altogether a most successful event.

The picture below shows René on the right with two of his staff, Ian on the left and Barry in the centre. ('photo courtesy of Julia Hindler')



On the subject of Twinning March 22nd will see the return of the very popular Big Quiz Night, again at the village hall. The ticket price of £8 includes a fish and chip supper so tickets will need to be ordered in advance to allow the correct number of meals to be catered for. There was an issue last year with the scoring and so this time the quiz master will be a qualified doctor (not of medicine) with the necessary expertise to ensue a fair and impartial result. As in previous years the hall will open at 7pm so that the quiz can commence promptly at 7.30pm. Tickets can be obtained from president Bill Lewis on 613171, myself on 216214 or from any other committee member.

We are grateful to North Crawley for advising us of the proposed road closure in Sherington High Street on 4th March but I don't know where Hazelmead Farm is. It does not appear on the Royal Mail postcode website and I have asked a number of residents (some who were born here) and so far no-one is any the wiser, we are also unaware of the reason for the closure and for how long it might continue.

A message from Tony P:

Walk report Feb.

The February Thumbsticks walk saw quite a few more of us willing to brave the elements than in previous months, such is the rush to get some outdoor exercise after Christmas perhaps? Brave people; the wind bit hard and chilled finger tips and ears alike! A helpful warning received earlier suggesting Wellingtons should be worn was well founded as we were often slithering through ankle deep mud, BUT what a fantastic adventure we had over the boundary into North Crawley and Cranfield – The aerodrome perimeter still holds some history when you walk past via the “back door” at Wharley End. A great morning and 4.6 miles in wellies (and....talking of Cranfield, I knew someone who managed to fly quite regularly in Wellingtons)! TP

Shock horror! I am sure that many of you will have noticed that a Sold notice has appeared on the old Swan pub, admittedly ‘subject to contract’. This has sparked a lot of speculation as to who has bought it and for how much? I know nothing more at this time but if I find anything out I will let you know.

A matter of great concern was mentioned last month with news that our most worthy editor Betty is looking to stand down. I know that she is not going immediately but I hope that someone out there can take on the mantle that she has worn so well and professionally since April 2002.

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

A note from Sharyn Stein regarding the concert above:

Julie Williams and I are members of the Bozeat Windmill Singers who had the pleasure of singing for the Sherington Twinning Association in the village hall on the 8th February.

This is one of the last concerts we will be doing with our musical director Marion Brown as she is leaving after starting the choir up more than 20 years ago and who is 'simply the best' in our eyes.

The audience was one of the most appreciative that we have sung to and I would like, on behalf of the choir, to say a great big thank you!

This is another reason you can't beat the Sherington folk!!

Sharyn Stein

PARKING & TRAFFIC ISSUES:

Following last month's parish council notes in SCAN, TVP's PC Andy Perry wishes to clarify and expand on the main points that were covered:-

- 1) **Parking:** PC Perry confirmed that Police deal with the offences of 'causing an unnecessary obstruction' and 'parking in a dangerous position' whilst the Council deal, via their appointed wardens, with double yellow line offences and, where designated, parking on the verges etc. Unnecessary obstruction offences are dealt with on a case by case basis and PC Perry gave some examples of what may constitute an unnecessary obstruction.
- 2) **Speeding:** PC Perry said that he would arrange some police speed enforcement in and around the village, which indeed has now begun. He also spoke about the Community Speedwatch Programme which is an initiative taken up by the Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGS) of the Rural East/North and Rural West. The initiative is neither enforcement or confrontational but is something that empowers the community to take part in (together with a PCSO) addressing a local concern by way of monitoring vehicle speeds with the use of a speed detection radar and handheld device, recording the details of speeding vehicles and passing them to the police who send out, on behalf of the scheme, advisory or warning letters in the first instance. The initiative has been run around the villages within the NAG areas for about 2 years now and is proving to be a positive tool. It has not been used in Sherington as the device is owned by the NAG'S and Sherington, to date, has not engaged with the NAG process and has no representatives on the NAG for the area it sits within. If anyone from the Sherington community is interested in joining the Rural East/North Neighbourhood Action Group or coming along to see how it operates they can get details from PC Perry at Newport Pagnell police station by calling the single point of contact number for TVP (101). PC Perry also mentioned the Speed Indicator Devices (SID'S) that we used to see quite regularly around the villages and informed the meeting that the NAG and MKC were in the early stages of negotiating to see if and how they can be re-introduced.
- 3) **Other issues** around traffic and traffic calming through the village were discussed but would need to be referred to MKC.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Rural East/Rural North Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) next meets at Newport Pagnell Police Station on Thursday 14th March.

The NAG now only has one priority: speeding, which affects most of the rural villages and it is hoped that the actions taken by the NAG will reintroduce Speed Indicator Devices back into the rural sector.

Sherington does not yet have a representative at this public forum. If you would like to get involved please contact Karen Goss at kanngoss@aol.com or telephone 01234 241892

An analysis of data for Sherington Parish from the 2011 Census is available on the village website at <http://www.sherington.org.uk/census2011parish.htm> together with links to the detailed results tables. Sherington Parish Council invites comments relating to the census data from residents in writing only to the Clerk at wendy543@hotmail.com or 12 Carters Close Sherington.

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2013

1 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

As no one has come forward, the Parish Council is now free to co-opt a new member. The usual notice will be placed in SCAN.

2 CENSUS 2011 RE SHERINGTON PARISH

Cllr Collinge's analysis of the parish data from the 2011 census shows that the percentage of people over 60 has increased significantly and that the percentage of very young children and adults in the age 30-39 bracket has significantly decreased since 2001. Councillors commented on the potential impact of these findings. The analysis and data tables will be made available on the website.

3 FLOODING IN VILLAGE

Cllr Keene reported concerns of owners of property on the High St next to Masons field which had been flooded in recent heavy rain; it was noted that remedial action has been taken. The Parish Council will monitor the situation,

4 PARKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES FOLLOW UP

Cllr Denman will monitor and put forward suggestions for more parking in Perry Lane. The council agreed to investigate having a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to reduce the speed limit in the village.

5 NEW WOODLAND TREES

It was agreed that the school could arrange to plant trees, which it has obtained from the Woodland Trust, at Stonepits Copse where there are spaces and where the original trees have died. Some could also be planted near the shop. It was agreed that a limited number of pine saplings which have been offered could be planted in a corner plot on Stonepits rather than spread about.

6 PRECEPT 2013/2014

At a meeting on 8th January 2013 the parish council agreed to ask MKC for £20972 which when topped up with the new government funded allocation of £1021 brings the total sum to £21993 which represents a reduction from last year of 0.3%.

7 MKC HIGHWAYS CAPITAL SCHEME

The parish Council agreed to apply to this scheme to have the remainder of the small residents' car park on School Lane near the junction with Crofts End converted into further parking. This should ease parking problems in that part of the village

8 VILLAGE MOWING AND PERRY LANE GROUNDWORK CONTRACT

The council has accepted the offer of a three year renewal of this contract at the same price.

9 FUNDING FOR MKPA PLAY SESSIONS

The council has again been unsuccessful in its application for funding but has allocated £2000 from its 2013/2014 budget to fund sixteen sessions over the spring and summer.

10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

1 Leys View – Tree maintenance in a conservation area. This had already been permitted by MKC before any comment from the parish council.

25 High Street Approved by MKC

1 End Farm, Water Lane Approved by MKC

11 NECAF

The next meeting of the North-East Consultative Area Forum will be held in the Pavilion at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th March

12 WHITE HART LICENCE VARIATION

The parish council has been invited to comment on the application to extend the White Hart opening hours to 00:30 from Monday to Thursday, 01:00 Fridays and Saturdays and 23:30 on Sundays. Councillors were made aware of several residents' objections and three residents came to the meeting with concerns regarding public nuisance. After discussion the consensus reached was that small businesses in the village should be supported, but the variation could exacerbate current parking and noise disturbance issues. The chairman then proposed to meet with the pub's landlord, or his representative, to discuss ideas for compromise and conditions that could be imposed to mitigate any public nuisance. Cllr McLean also offered to contact the Licensing Officer and enquire about Temporary Event Notices and the consideration of a compromise to the current application.

13 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th March 2013 and on Tuesday 2nd April 2013 in the Village Hall.

Cllr David Hyde

SHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

URGENT VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

**Would you like to make a difference?
Are you looking to give something back
to your community?**

**Do you have a strong interest in what goes on in Sherington?
Can you use your expertise to contribute to our decision making?**

Can you spare a few hours each month?

Meetings held on 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm

**If you can answer "Yes" to these questions
we would like to hear from you**

Please contact the chairman or the clerk ASAP

David Keene, Chairman,

6 Crofts End, Sherington. Tel. 218150

Wendy Austyn, Clerk,

12 Carters Close, Sherington. Tel. 616283



SHERINGTON C OF E SCHOOL NEWS

Federated with St Andrew's C of E School

The Spring Term progresses with only the barest signs of the season - a few snowdrops seen outside the Reception Class door. The Reception class celebrated the Chinese New Year with vegetable stir-fry, traditional money envelopes containing gold (chocolate) coins, research into real snakes and some fierce-looking dragon puppets for role-play and story making.



A pink fairy hunt was organized and conducted by Y1 whereby 100 numbered pink fairies were hidden around the playground and when collected reassembled into a number line or grid for work in Numeracy.

Key Stage 1 have been enjoying Literacy activities based around traditional tales from other cultures such as *Siegfried the Dragonslayer* (echoes of Wagner) or *Robin Hood*. Additionally KS1 Design Technology has involved designing and making winding mechanisms. History has been the warming topic of *The Great Fire of London* with amazement that Samuel Pepys safeguarded his favourite cheese and wine by burying them in the garden!

Mrs Betty Feasey continues to support the school in many ways (lately a date with pancakes on Shrove Tuesday) while Rev's Mandy (Jewish dancing in assembly) and Pam (construction of a sewn and embroidered banner) also add their community support. Mrs Jane Castle from the Bridgebuilder Trust has lent her expertise to the latter project as well as illuminating Bible stories with her 'magic' painting the style of which has been added to the children's artistic repertoire. We welcome B.ed. student Simon Spillings who will work within the KS1 team.



JEWISH DANCING

Before Christmas the children wrote heartfelt 'get well' letters to Malala Yousafzai who, injured by the Taliban for promoting the rights of girls to go to school, has been much in the news. We all made a 'Kite for Malala' on Universal Children's Day and gave a great degree of thought to how lucky we are at Sherington to enjoy a good education.

Dear Malala,

... We hope you get better... You were right, girls should go to school, it would not be fair... If I didn't go to school I would not be able to give you this letter... You are right and very brave... I hope you have fun and learn lots of things... I'm lucky because I go to school... You're a very special girl... You have very good ideas...

Our future citizens have followed this remarkable girl's recovery with a continuing interest in current affairs. Now we just need to find those last few fairies! CS

If you have a child due to start school in September 2013 and would like to visit Sherington CE School to see us at work then please call or e-mail us.

01908-610470

sheringtonf@milton-keynes.gov.uk

www.sherington.org.uk

NEWS FROM SHERINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

As the second half of the Spring term commences, we would like to welcome Preston, Amberlie and Saoirse. We hope you enjoy your time playing and learning at Sherington Pre-school.



We were excited to welcome Karen Cox from Osborne, a family-owned construction, civil engineering and property services company, operating from Mercers Manor Barns in Sherington. Karen very kindly presented the Pre-school with a cheque for £575. We are very grateful to Osborne for this incredibly generous donation. Thank you again to everyone involved.

Our recent theme, 'Winter Wonderland' really captured the children's imagination. They enjoyed making a big collage from materials such as sand, cotton wool, glitter, tissue paper, tinsel and paint and the finished art work is currently on display at Sherington Village Hall.

The weather duly supported the winter wonderland theme and there were many trips outdoors to play in the snow.

The children delighted in sledging in the park and excitedly embarked upon a Gruffalo foot-print hunt. Back in the setting, we made



delicious Gruffalo Crumble to enjoy at snack time. The wonderful story book, 'Stick Man' further inspired the children to make stick men and flags. These little stick models were then used in the children's experiments to make a variety of stick-shadows on the outside walls.

Our recent open morning on the 14th February invited prospective parents and children to, 'Fall in Love' with the Pre-school. We were pleased to welcome so many visitors and see many new faces. Our visitors were warmly greeted, shown around the setting and tempted with home-made heart shaped biscuits and other refreshments. Love was most definitely in the air as the children made Valentine cards and created some impressive collages using a selection of red materials.

The children have been celebrating Chinese New Year and the Year of the Snake. They enjoyed eating noodles and making slithery snake book marks. Some of the children also helped to make a brilliant snake head from a painted card board box. They all took great delight in covering themselves in a green cargo net as they slid and crawled along the floor pretending to be snakes! The play and learning about different cultures and festivals was nicely rounded off by watching a 'Wendy Woo' holiday promotions DVD kindly supplied by Camborne Travel in Newport Pagnell. On the run up to Easter, our themes will include 'Dinosaurs' and 'Under the sea'.

Our student, Jenny, leaves us to continue her college course with a placement at Lavendon Nursery. We wish her every success with her future studies. We are pleased to report that Jenny has said she would like to return in summer term and has enjoyed, 'learning through play' with the children.

The children have been busy setting our seed potatoes to chit. The varieties we have chosen this year are 'Rocket' and 'Lady Chrystal'. We intend to visit Tom's Garden soon so we can make the necessary preparations for the next round of planting.

Our letter sounds activities continue to prove very popular. The special, 'Silly Soup' song is a huge success and has led to some of the children writing letters and drawing pictures for a new alphabet line which will to pride of place in the setting.

The brand new Sherington Pre-school Face book page has proved popular with parents and carers; it is most rewarding to get parental feedback and to share more details of what the children are engaged in during their daily play and activities. We take feedback very seriously as it promotes a rich thinking and learning environment for the children, the staff and the committee who work hard to make our Pre-school such a success.

Should you wish your child to start Pre-school at Sherington then look at our website at www.sherington.org.uk/preschool, telephone Jo Tough on 617685/07866409169 or call in to Sherington Village Hall, Church Road, and Sherington any term-time morning Monday to Thursday between 9:15 and 12:15



SHERINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

email: SheringtonHS@yahoo.co.uk

Tuesday 12th March

Annual General Meeting

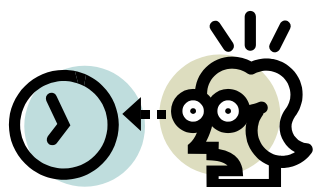
8 pm

Village Hall

All Welcome

We will be sharing the new season's events for the first time and refreshments will be provided while you chat with other members and view some of the archive .

Should you wish to stand on the committee or make a nomination, but are unable to come along, please let me know in advance. Thank you, Kay Turrell - 612153



SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 1 am – ALTER CLOCKS ONE HOUR FORWARD

THE NEW THURSDAY GROUP

7th March **Modelling with Marzipan**

Cake decorator, Ann Ockendon will demonstrate her hobby of creating exquisite little models out of marzipan.

21st March **Bee Keeping**

Fiona Eelbeck will inform us all about these important and intelligent insects and what is involved in keeping bees.

This is an Open Evening, gentlemen are welcome.

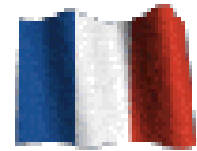
4th April **In-House Meeting**

Pat and some of our members will share some funny stories and readings with us. Come and be amused!!

The New Thursday Group meets in Sherington Village Hall on the first and third Thursdays in 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.



**SHERINGTON
TWINNING ASSOCIATION**



**THE BIG QUIZ
AND
FISH AND CHIP SUPPER**

Friday 22nd March at Sherington Village Hall

Doors open at 7.00 pm for prompt 7.30 pm start

Make up teams of 6 or come on your own and join a team

ALL WELCOME

TICKET ENTRY £8.00 TO INCLUDE FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

Licensed bar - beer, lager, wine and soft drinks

Raffle

Tickets from Bill Lewis 613171 or Mick Inskipp 216214

or any other committee member

NEWPORT PAGNELL SINGERS
FAURE'S REQUIEM
AND MORE.....

FEATURING HARPIST
ELIZABETH SCORAH

A new arrangement of the Faurés Requiem by
David Hill,
scored for Harp, Violin, 'Cello & Organ

Saturday 23 March, 7.30 pm

**St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church
Newport Pagnell**

All tickets £10 – Available from:
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Pat Kearsley, 01908 610623
www.newportpagnellsingers.web.com

Charity of the year: Friends of Willen Hospice

GREAT BRITISH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER
- FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2013
For SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION

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